

The monthly publication for the Parish of Capel and Ockley

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Isaiah 40:8

"The grass withers and the
flowers fall, but the word of
our God endures forever."

The Afghanistan Crisis: Details inside of Emergency Appeals from Unicef and Tearfund, together with prayers for the people of Afghanistan.

**Lots of regular features *Puzzles * News * Local Events & Services * Junior Inspire
* Details of the Archbishop of Canterbury's Visit to our Diocese in September ***

Dates for
the Diary:

The Archbishop of Canterbury's Visit to the Guildford Diocese 24th - 27th September 2021

In late September, Archbishop Justin Welby will be visiting the Guildford Diocese.

From 24th-27th September the archbishop will be attending various events to which any members of our congregations are invited, and for us to invite guests to hear a message about faith in Jesus Christ.

There are two different events. *One is for church members, and one is for guests, so please read carefully.*

An Evening with Justin Welby

All church members are invited to come to an event on:

Friday 24th September 8pm at the Lakeside Centre, Camberley

The Archbishop will speak on the future of the local church and take part in an extended Q and A session. This will be a time of encouragement, support and thanksgiving for all that parishes have been doing during the pandemic. This event is aimed first and foremost at existing church members.

You can book now: www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/an-evening-with-justin-welby-tickets-160856571335

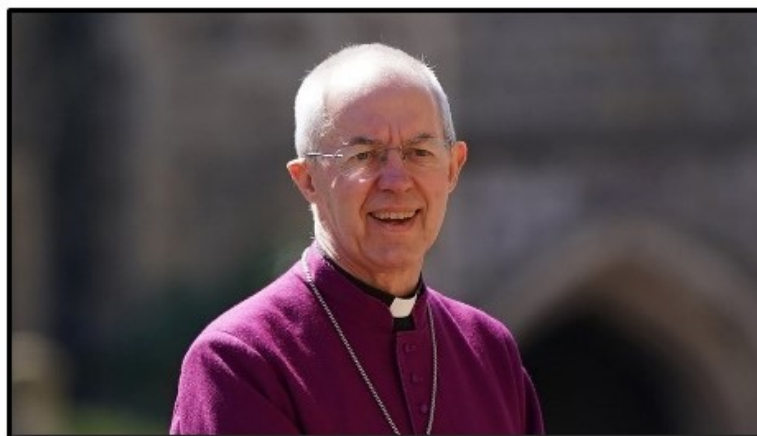
The Big Questions Event

The archbishop will be visiting each deanery for a Big Questions Event, to which we can invite guests who we feel may like to hear about the Christian faith in a 'non-churchy' way. This is a time of great opportunity as people emerge from a pandemic which has shaken the foundations of our worldly security. They are wrestling with uncertainty, asking big questions and increasingly open to faith. The archbishop will spend most of his time responding to questions, which he does with candour and humour, and we are confident that this will engage our audiences and encourage them to explore the source of his hope, faith in Jesus Christ. No question will be 'off limits'.

The Big Questions event for the Dorking Deanery will be on:

Saturday 25 September at 11.30 at Dorking Halls

You can book a place here: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/big-questions-with-the-archbishop-of-canterbury-dorking-tickets-162238043355>



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Ockley - Sunday 5th
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*All of whom are celebrating wedding anniversaries in
September*

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Dear all,

September - a lovely month! I do like the Autumn and especially after the rather tricky summer we have been experiencing. I have spent quite a lot of time growing from seed some vegetables this year but I'm sorry to have to report that they have not borne much fruit. We dug in loads of potatoes and discovered just before we needed some dug up for our Sunday lunch, unbelievably underneath all that earlier growth and covering it up repeatedly, there were none there! Not one potato! Where had they gone to? I guess they just didn't form at all, so that was a bit of a disaster. Then my tomatoes appear to have suffered from too much rain and some are looking rather sickly. The courgettes grew into enormous marrows while we were on holiday and the broad beans covered in Black Fly deteriorated somewhat as well! Oh dear - well I think the pumpkins are still growing although there now seems to be one missing... But at least we live in a part of the world where we can easily get what we need from the shops. If our crops are ruined by rain or drought it's not really a disaster like it is in many other parts of the globe.



Because for others a failure in their crops or a shortage of labourers (the Coronavirus Delta variant has affected many smaller villages in poorer countries) is truly a disaster. Climate change has contributed to the terrible earthquake and tropical storm in Haiti this August leaving many dead and bereaved, homeless and more poverty stricken than before. The charity Compassion UK who organises sponsorship of many vulnerable children in these countries have reported that ten of their sponsored children died in the earthquake along with several caregivers. Some of us in the village support children through Compassion and this news really brings it home as we pray that our sponsored child or children will be safe. So do join us for one of our Harvest Festivals this year or leave donations in the churches. There will be information published as to how to do this. In the meantime let us hope and pray that the United Nations Climate Change Conference of the Parties (COP26) in Glasgow in November really can achieve and accelerate plans to get what they call this 'runaway climate change' under control.

Closer to home and on a happier note I am sure we all want to wish our wonderful Capel & Beare Green magazine editor Corinne and her husband to be, Michael, a wonderful wedding day this month and a very happy married life together forever! Corinne and Michael will also be ringing the bells following their service. This seems to be a bit of a theme this year! Also we have another lovely couple who like Corinne and Michael and so many other engaged couples have had to wait a long time for their special day; Ella and Tom who are marrying at St Margaret's this month. We wish them all God's blessings as they begin the adventure of married life together.

With my love and prayers,
Revd Liz

Revd Liz Richardson liz@hostmyserver.co.uk 01306 711260
Vicar St John the Baptist Capel and St Margaret's Ockley



...er Vicar, it's about that flower Mrs Brindle's brought back from her foreign holiday...

COVID UPDATE

It is most likely that we shall still be observing social distancing inside our churches and advising that people continue to wear face masks as well as the other important precautions we will be putting into place.

Congregational singing is beginning to take place but there are always arrangements for seating for those who don't wish to sing.

Rev Liz

Please see our latest guidelines agreed at PCC in July on page 5 opposite.

CHURCH SERVICES AND EVENTS FOR THE PARISH OF CAPEL AND OCKLEY - SEPTEMBER 2021

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SEPTEMBER		
SATURDAY	4th	Memorial Service for Trevor King at 2pm (St Margaret's Ockley)
SUNDAY	5th	Trinity 14
	9.30 am	Matins St Margaret's Ockley
	10.30 am	Family Communion Capel
	3.00 pm	Teas at St Margaret's church Ockley (3 - 5pm)
SATURDAY	11th	Cottage Concerts present Jacqui McShee in Concert
	8.00 pm	taking place at St John the Baptist, Capel
SUNDAY	12th	TRINITY 15
	9.30 am	Matins at St Margaret's Ockley
	10.30 am	Cafe Church at The Crown Capel
	1.00 pm	Wedding of Ella and Tom at St Margaret's Ockley
	3-5pm	Teas at St John the Baptist, Capel
Saturday	18th	
	1.00 pm	Wedding of Corinne and Michael at St John the Baptist Capel
SUNDAY	19th	TRINITY 16
	9.30 am	Morning Worship with Baptism at St Margaret's Ockley
	10.30 am	Family Communion at St John's Capel
Saturday	25th	Archbishop of Canterbury's Visit at Dorking Halls
	11.30am	The Big Questions Event
		Come and hear the Archbishop of Canterbury, speak about faith in this time of uncertainty answering questions with candour and humour at our own local Dorking Halls followed by lunch or a drink at The Crown Capel with Revd Liz and others to chew over what we have heard! Contact Liz 01360 711260 or email liz@hostmyserver.co.uk for more details.
SUNDAY	26th	TRINITY 17
	9.30 am	Harvest Festival at St Margaret's Ockley
	10.30 am	Morning Worship at St John's Capel
<u>OCTOBER</u>		
SUNDAY	3rd	TRINITY 18
	9.30 am	Matins at St Margaret's Ockley
	10.30 am	Harvest Festival at St John Capel See local details online on capelandockleychurch.org.uk or church notice board for Harvest lunch and teas.

Updated guidelines as agreed at PCC 26th July 2021 following the relaxation of legal restrictions

At both churches:

- ◆ We encourage all our congregations to wear masks during our services, if they can, and to maintain appropriate distance from each other
- ◆ Hand sanitiser will be available for use by the entrance door.
- ◆ Holy communion will for the moment continue in one kind only.

At Capel:

- ◆ We have designated the front pews for those who would like to sing during the service. These pews will have hymn books and kneelers available. Please leave the hymn books in the pew when you leave.
- ◆ Please continue to wear your masks when singing.
- ◆ The back pews are available for those who would prefer not to sing and maintain more social distance.
- ◆ One of the hymns will be designated as an offertory hymn. The bag will be passed round by the sidesperson but should not be handled by others.

At Ockley:

- ◆ We have taken the decision to have no congregational singing at present, this will be reviewed in September.
- ◆ Prayer books will be available, please leave them in the pews at the end of the service.
- ◆ The collection plate will be on the table at the back of the church for donations.

Please also note that St John's is open during the week and at weekends but *St Margaret's is only open at weekends.*



In the name of the father

Someone I knew died this week. I didn't know him well (we only spent a few days together) but his story made a real impact on me. It spoke loud and clear of how important it is to have a father you can know, love and trust as you make your way through life, particularly in those vital formative years before you move into adulthood.

He was happy to share his history with me and spoke without any sense of malice in his words - just resignation and sadness. It turned out that his father had left his mother while John (not his real name) was a toddler. He didn't meet his father again until he was 16 years of age. The problems with drink, drugs and aggression that had prompted his parent's separation had only hardened in the intervening years. John struggled to build any sort of relationship with the man who had been absent during his childhood and eventually discovered that the only way he could make any connection with him was to enter into the same lifestyle. So, alcohol led to drugs led to addiction but led to acceptance in his father's eyes. John then spent many years working for his father ensuring, no doubt, that both his father's career and his addictions were kept successfully under control. When John's father died, he discovered that despite giving twenty or so years of his life to working for him and desperately seeking approval and affirmation, his father had completely cut him out of his will. There was no provision for John. He was abandoned again by the father he thought he had come to know. And maybe the hardest thing of all for John to deal with was that his father was an internationally acclaimed artist adored and loved by countless thousands of people who all but worshipped him. John died this week. He was just 46 years old.

I'm a father. Many of you reading this will be fathers. Whether you are or not we have all had fathers. Our relationship with our father will have indelibly marked our lives - for better or worse. My role as a father will have had a lifelong influence on my children - for better or worse! My sons are now both fathers themselves and will face many of the same challenges in raising their children as I did. How they

react, how they speak, how they behave in good times and bad will mark the lives of their kids - for better or worse. What a challenge it is to be a father. What a joy but what an awesome responsibility.

The most famous prayer in the world starts with the words, "Our Father". They were spoken by Jesus to *his* heavenly father. Was there ever such story of love, trust, devotion and security as that of Jesus, God's son, and his father? A relationship of love and trust that even death could not break. Quite the reverse, in fact! The resurrection of Jesus after his death on the cross displays the ultimate power of God's grace, mercy and love, not only for His son but for all people everywhere. So, I feel an overwhelming sadness this week for John. From our brief conversations it was clear that he could not believe in a heavenly father of love that he could trust without fear of rejection. He never came to know the reality of the verse in 1 John chapter 4 which says, "This is love, not that we loved God, but that He first loved us....." My prayer is that John now finds himself with God's loving arm gently around him; that he has found, at last, everything that he craved from his own father and that he can finally rest in peace.

Bob Cranham

Café Church meets at
The Crown, Capel
on Sunday 12th at 10.30am
when Bob Cranham will be leading
the service.

Free coffee & croissants, a band,
possibly some poetry, definitely lots of
laughter and, hopefully, plenty to think
about!

Miscellaneous observations on Christian life

*With **Back to Church Sunday** this month...*

Local churches are to be thought of not as churches of individuals, but, primarily, churches of families. - *Paul Helm*

There is no place for any loose stone in God's edifice. - *Joseph Hall*

The Lord God hath given us three principal signs and marks by which we may know this His Church, that is to say, the Word, the sacraments and discipline. - *John Hooper*

A church is a hospital for sinners, not a museum for saints.

A cold church, like cold butter, never spreads well.

I believe in loyalty to the local church. I don't believe in that view of the invisible church that makes you invisible at church! - *Vance Havner*

Never futile is the work of the church, for it is a product not of the mind of man but of the sovereign grace of God. - *William Hendriksen*

The church is the only society in the world that never loses any of its members, even by death.

© Parish Pump



COLD BREW COFFEE RECIPE

We've all perfected how to make our favourite cup of hot coffee, but during the summer months, why not try something a little bit different for your morning caffeine hit?

HOW TO MAKE

1. Coarsely grind coffee beans to roughly the same consistency of breadcrumbs.
2. Place ground coffee into a large mason jar and add cold water (1:8 ratio of coffee to cold water).
3. Stir until well combined and leave to steep overnight. (The brew can be stored at room temperature or in the fridge. The colder the temperature, the longer the mixture needs to brew).
4. Strain into a large bowl using a sieve. Discard your leftover grounds - why not pop them into your compost bin?
5. Tuck muslin or cheesecloth or coffee filter paper into cleaned sieve and strain back into jar.
6. Repeat 2-3 times until there is no murky residue left at the bottom of the jar.
7. Serve over ice and add milk or sugar for desired taste.

Our Coffee Expert, Alex, recommends using a light roast coffee like Traidcraft's **Burundi Kayanza** coffee beans or **Eat Your Hat's** Uganda ground coffee, due to their fruitiness.

Last month we featured some Iced Tea ideas from Traidcraft. Why not try this Cold Brew Coffee Recipe?

All Traidcraft items available from Suzanne & Stuart Cole 01306 711449

Or
email: traidcraft@ansford.me.uk

TRAIDCRAFT in church

We were finally able to sell some Traidcraft goods IN church on Sunday 22nd August! This was our first opportunity since we began doing Traidcraft early in 2020, just before the Covid pandemic!

We have a stock of biscuits, cereals, chocolate bars, coffee, tea, honey, jam, some lovely soaps, pasta, rice, tinned fish, Palestinian grains and much more!

We aim to be in church once a month and will find a way to make Traidcraft available in St Margaret's after a service too! We will communicate what we are doing via the weekly sheets/mailout and monthly issues of InSpire.

Many thanks to those of you in Capel church on Sunday who bought some goods. The beer bread mixes seemed to go down particularly well! Ideal either for manual or machine bread-making!

Don't forget you can order at any time! To see what's available, do pick up a brochure from either church or look at the online catalogue <https://www.traidcraftshop.co.uk/traidcraft-catalogue> We will happily order for you! You can reach us on 01306 711449 or email: traidcraft@ansford.me.uk

Thank you
Suzanne & Stuart Cole

DON'T FORGET 10% goes to our Parish Churches!

Don't forget to put the date in your diary ...



The **NEW**
Capel Christmas Fair
will take place in both the
Parish & Memorial Halls
in Capel

on **Saturday 20th November 2021**
from **12.00 noon until 4.00 pm**
with **LOTS** of stalls and plenty of refreshments!

The event is in aid of our Parish Churches & the
Motor Neurone Disease Association

Entrance: **£3.00** to include a cup of tea/coffee

*Another featured stallholder on page 35 of this
issue!*

We are looking for the following help ...

Can you volunteer some time to help on the
day? We need a few pairs of hands to
help on the entrance desk, the Raffle and to help
with the refreshments.

Also, can you or anyone you know of
donate a Raffle prize? We will be making
up a couple of hampers and are looking for
special experiences etc such as a pub meal, a round of
golf, a haircut/style, beauty treatment etc.
Thank you!

Suzanne & Debbie
info@capelchristmasfair.co.uk



Many thanks to everyone for your continued support of
Dorking Foodbank. Debbie von Bergen has kindly told us
what they currently need.

All donations can be left in the labelled box in Capel
church porch. Thank you.

- Washing machine tablets
- Deodorant
- Cat food
- Toilet roll
- Spare plastic bags

Plus:

- Pasta
- Rice
- Tinned vegetables and fruit
- Baked beans

LIVE MUSIC IN CAPEL

Cottage Concerts and St John's, Capel present
**Pentangle's Jacqui McShee in concert with Kevin
Dempsey and Mike Piggott.**

Saturday 11th September 2021 8.00pm
in St John the Baptist, Capel.

Tickets **£15.00** available from Capel Box Office:
www.capelboxoffice.co.uk

NEWS from the Pews

The Pavilion Café

We are open every Wednesday morning from 9 to 12 in the Cricket Pavilion on the green in Ockley.

We serve homemade cakes and savouries and offer a range of teas and fresh coffee. On the last Wednesday of the month we also serve bacon butties which are very popular. We ask for donations and, after expenses, the money goes to charity. We like to donate to our local churches, local amenities and charities and also national ones. We have become very popular over the years and there is plenty of parking and disabled access to the building.

The cafe was started in 2012 by a team of local church-going women called 'Kindred Spirits'.

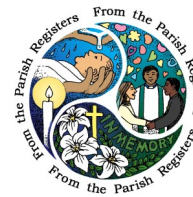
Do you know of anyone who would like to be added to the Church mailing list? This would ensure they received the weekly notice sheets and readings, amongst other things.

If so, please get in touch with Debbie von Bergen:- debbievonbergen@icloud.com

We must have their permission before adding them to the list. Thank you.

Let's stay
connected

FROM THE REGISTERS Capel and Ockley



In Memoriam

We mourn the loss of

David Howard
4th July 2021

Mary Teresa Clement
12th July 2021

Capel Fortnightly Market

Next one is this
Saturday 11th September
8.30 - 11.30 am
outside The Crown pub in Capel.

Any questions please contact:

Dineke van den Bogerd
01306 710087

STAMPS AND OLD PRINTER CARTRIDGES

Don't forget that you can drop off your used printer cartridges in the box in the church porch at Capel. These are sent to a recycling firm who give a small amount towards our church funds.

Also, don't forget to keep bringing your used stamps to church - again a box is in the porch at Capel.
Thank you

SAFEGUARDING NOTICE

'The care and protection of children, young people and adults involved in Church activities is the responsibility of everyone who participates in the life of the church. If you are concerned that someone you know is at risk of, or is being abused, or presents a risk to others, please seek advice from a Safeguarding Adviser or if necessary report the matter to the Local Authority Social Care Services or the Police without delay.'

If you have any concerns contact our Safeguarding Officer Leigh Smith 07732825908 leighdesouza@yahoo.com
or Revd Liz Richardson 01306 711260 liz@hostmyserver.co.uk

*This notice will appear each month in InSpire
and the contact details for our Safeguarding Officer and the Diocesan Safeguarding Advisor
Jackie Broadfoot will be published in our weekly pew sheets as well as in
the Church Contacts section in each issue of Inspire.*



PRAYER DIARY

SEPTEMBER 2021

Compiled by Belinda Kerry

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'Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die.'
John 11:25-26

COMMUNITY continued from August
'Finally, all of you, be like-minded, be sympathetic, love one another, be compassionate and humble.' 1 Peter 3:8
WEDNESDAY 1st

Loving Father, we give thanks for the extended family of our local community assisting with the needs of friends and neighbours who have been confined to their homes. May every gift of love, every encouraging word bring hope into lonely lives and a blessing to the giver.

THURSDAY 2nd

Merciful Father, we lift up to You our friends and neighbours in our community and pray that Your Holy Spirit is working in them now to strengthen them and to use them powerfully in serving You.

FRIDAY 3rd

Lord Jesus Christ, we thank You for the love in our communities, for those who keep in touch demonstrating care and compassion in many ways. We pray that these loving bonds will continue to strengthen our communities in love and grace.

SATURDAY 4th

Heavenly Father, make us a community of peacemakers and bridge-builders. Help us in all our interactions with one another to have humble and gentle hearts. Grant us patience, bearing with one another in love.

SUNDAY 5th

Lord, make known Your will for us in our communities, help us to discover friends among strangers, to meet opportunities and challenges eagerly and to do daily tasks in Your name.

RETURNING TO....

'Strive for full restoration, encourage one another, be of one mind, live in peace.' 2 Corinthians 13:11

MONDAY 6th

Returning to school; Lord God, we pray for all children returning to school this month and especially those who are starting a new school. Take from them all fear of the unknown. Be with them and bring them new and faithful friends.

TUESDAY 7th

Returning to university; God of Wisdom, give new students at universities eager expectation as they begin this stage of their education. Teach them to find treasures in each new day and when this year is ended, may their best hopes be fulfilled.

WEDNESDAY 8th

Returning to God; Precious Saviour, may seeking Your heart be the goal of our lives even in busy and stressful times when we may have thought we could manage without You. We recommit ourselves to You. Teach us to follow You and desire to do Your will.

THURSDAY 9th

Returning to health; Merciful Father, we pray for those who have struggled with illness over the last few months, weeks and days. Comfort them and ease their suffering we pray. Renew their strength and their hope as they return to better health.

FRIDAY 10th

Returning to work; Heavenly Father, we thank You for holidays, for rest and for time spent away from work. As we return to our place of work, help us to remember the power of Your rest, Your presence and Your peace.

SATURDAY 11th

Returning to employment; Lord Jesus Christ, we pray for those looking for employment. May they know the gifts that You have given them and use them to find a suitable job.

SUNDAY 12th

Returning to church; Dear Lord, if we have been unable or unwilling to attend church over the summer months, help us to return with joy as we seek Your presence in our lives. May we know that You are always with us and will never leave us.

CLIMATE CHANGE

'The earth is the Lord's and everything in it, the world and all who live in it;' Psalm 24:1

MONDAY 13th

Loving Father, help us to restore the beauty of the earth, so precious in Your eyes. Bring healing to our lives, that we may protect the world and not prey on it, that we may be fruitful and not pollute and destroy.

TUESDAY 14th

Almighty God, we pray for the world, our common home: that through Your grace we may be moved to protect it for future generations to enjoy. We pray for those people who are already facing droughts, floods and storms: that You may grant them strength and hope for the future as they work to adapt to the changing climate.

WEDNESDAY 15th

Heavenly Father, we pray that You may open our eyes to recognise the goodness of all creation and help us to do what we can to restore and care for the wonderful gift that we have been given. We pray for world leaders: that You may grant them wisdom to make just decisions which respect the earth and its most vulnerable citizens.

THURSDAY 16th

Loving Father, we thank You for the beauty of the world of which we are a part. We praise You for the created earth on which we live. May we, through our prayers and actions, demonstrate to our government that we care about a fair and sustainable world through our love of You.

FRIDAY 17th

God of Wisdom, we pray for the people who have been displaced because of climate change. May we have compassion on them and be determined to change our habits for the sake of those who suffer.

SATURDAY 18th

God of life, we praise You for the beauty of creation, its richness and variety; yet, through greed and ignorance, we scar Your world with plastic waste and throw so much away. Make us more like Jesus, treading gently on our common home, and breathe Your Spirit on us, that we may care more deeply for Your Earth.

SUNDAY 19th

Creator God, for the sake of those facing rising temperatures, drought and water shortages, for the sake of those facing unpredictable weather, disrupted seasons and failed crops, for the sake of those facing flooding, land loss and salination of vital water supplies, in Your mercy, renew this damaged world.

CHURCH

‘Be devoted to one another in love. Honour one another above yourselves. Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervour, serving the Lord.’ Romans 12:10-11

MONDAY 20th

Dear Lord, we pray that You will grant our church leaders with the spirit of wisdom, knowledge and understanding. Holy Spirit, guide them and counsel all church leaders so that they may do Your work and lead Your people.

TUESDAY 21st

Loving Lord Jesus, we pray that all church leaders fix their eyes on You. We pray that they would be refreshed by the Holy Spirit and that You would give them the strength to press on through any difficulties that may come their way.

WEDNESDAY 22nd

Father God, we thank You for our church buildings and all who serve in them. Teach us all to do our part in helping, serving, giving, teaching, or any other area where there is a need.

THURSDAY 23rd

Lord Jesus, help us as a church to know You more. We commit to participate in the study of Your Word, personally and corporately. Father, come alongside us and help us to become more like Jesus.

FRIDAY 24th

Lord, we thank You for our church community for bringing us closer to You. We ask for Your blessings on all church members far and near, that they may worship in unity, love and fellowship and welcome new members with joy and lasting friendship.

SATURDAY 25th

Loving Father, we ask that You may give the members of our churches the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of You, that we may know what is the hope to which You have called us, and what is the immeasurable greatness of Your power towards those who believe in You.

SUNDAY 26th

Dear God, help our churches to grow. Give us a passion and zeal for the Bible and prayer — feed us, strengthen us and move us when necessary so that we become men, women and children of faith, full of grace and truth.

HARVEST

‘Praise the Lord, my soul....

He makes the grass grow for cattle, and plants for people to cultivate - bringing forth food from the earth:’ Psalm 104:1,14

MONDAY 27th

Dear Lord, we pray for all those who make their living from the land. May we be grateful for all that they do and for the generosity of Your provision.

TUESDAY 28th

God of Love, forgive us for food taken for granted or wasted, for the toil behind its production unappreciated and for blindness to the needs of the hungry. In Your mercy, grant us a grateful and compassionate heart.

WEDNESDAY 29th


Lord of the harvest, we pray for the hungry and for the farmers whose crops are poor or whose animals are sick. We thank You for aid agencies and charities who endeavour to provide help for those in need.

THURSDAY 30th

Almighty Creator God, In Your hands are the seeds of life and You have blessed us abundantly. May we in whom the seeds have grown bear the fruits of love and generosity. May we sow that others may reap and rejoice in a harvest of plenty.

A Prayer for Afghanistan from Christian Aid is available on page 19 of this issue.

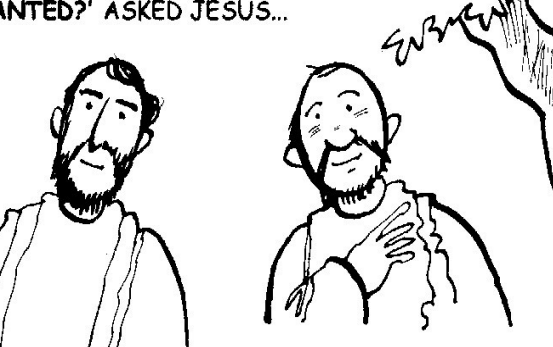




HE ONCE TOLD A STORY ABOUT A FATHER WHO HAD TWO SONS.

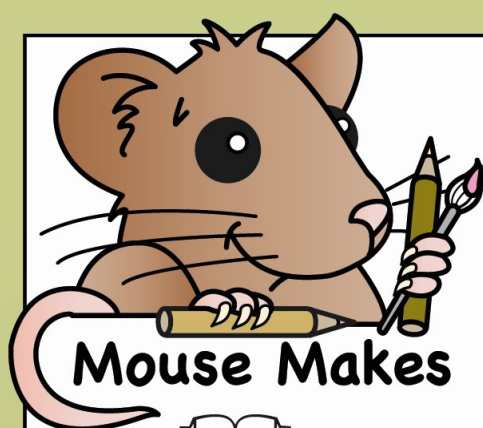
A black and white line drawing of a man's face and upper torso. He has a large, prominent nose, a full beard, and thick eyebrows. His eyes are wide open, looking upwards, and his mouth is slightly open in a surprised or questioning expression. He is wearing a simple, light-colored shirt. The drawing is done in a sketchy, expressive style with bold lines.

'WHICH ONE DID WHAT HIS FATHER WANTED?' ASKED JESUS...



'WHICH DO YOU THINK IT WAS?'

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Read this story in
1 Kings 17:7-16

The bowl of flour and the jar of oil

It had not rained for months and months,
there was a drought in the land.

God sent His prophet **Elijah** to the
town of Zarephath. At the town gate he
saw a widow gathering firewood.

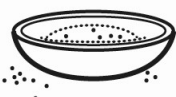
"Please bring me a drink of water
and some bread." he asked her.



She answered "All I have is a handful of
flour and a drop of oil in a jar, it is our last meal."

"Do not worry." Elijah said,
"Make the meal and make a small loaf for me."

The woman did what Elijah had asked and God blessed her ...



... The bowl never ran out of flour and the jar never
ran out of oil until it rained again!



Find these words from the story in the word search:

WORD • LORD • GOD • ELIJAH • SENT • ZAREPHATH • GATE • CITY • WIDOW
STICKS • WATER • DRINK • BREAD • FEED • HANDFUL • FLOUR • LITTLE
OIL • SON • EAT • DIE • FULL • WENT • MAKE • BAKED • ATE • JAR • JUG • MANY
DAYS • LIVE • NEVER • EMPTY

The New Normal?

At last we are able to ring without any restrictions and are getting used to a new normal. Like many people we are still being very cautious. Our ringers are all double vaccinated yet we still maintain distance, sanitise and wear masks in the ringing area. We have been practising for longer now that we are no longer restricted to 45 minute sessions, and with more people, so at least the ringing is more varied, though for the time being only at Ockley where there is more space.

With more ringers in attendance we are able to ring methods as well as call changes and plain hunt again and are working back up to where we left off before the pandemic struck when we were preparing our learners for ringing their first quarter peals.

Although the practice nights are running it is best to check before visiting towers as not everyone is back ringing yet and we have not had many visitors from outside the local towers. We did however have a visit from Paul Olsen who had made a You Tube video about Capel including some footage of the ringing one Sunday at St John's. He has also visited Ockley to film the tenor bell from which the Liberty bell was cast and plans to make a program about this too.

We rang for our ringers' wedding in June and it was a lovely day, with champagne served in the churchyard after the ceremony as it was still not possible to have a reception at the time. We have another ringers' wedding in September, this time at Capel, which after many delays should be free of restrictions. Let's hope the weather cooperates too. There are a few more weddings to ring for this year but nothing like as many as there would have been a couple of years ago.

Ringing is an art which has developed and passed from generation to generation in Britain for over three hundred years and is a wonderful blend of sport, music, exercise, friendship, a challenge of wits and skill which gives great satisfaction when it goes right. We are not yet actively recruiting for new ringers but if you want to find out what ringing is all about and why we find it such a rewarding pastime please make contact and we will try to accommodate you. Practice nights are currently only at St. Margaret's in Ockley on Wednesdays from 7.45 to 9.15pm.

For more information contact **Sue on 01306 627168 or email ockleybellringers@btinternet.com**



20th anniversary of 9/11 – looking back on the horror

The TV pictures looked like some macabre video game, with toy aircraft crashing into matchbox towers. Then incredulity turned into utter dismay. This was real: the most powerful nation in the world had been invaded by 19 airborne Islamic terrorists, with devastating effect. Nearly 3,000 people died.

The US government announced a war on terror. Futile invasions of Iraq and Afghanistan followed, with more loss of life.

9/11 was 20 years ago this month. Five years later, coordinated suicide attacks on London's transport system were carried out, also by Islamists. 52 people of 18 different nationalities were killed and more than 700 were injured. In 2017, 23 people died and 1,017 were injured in the Manchester Arena bombing. There have been other terrorist murders; at least three plots have been foiled during the coronavirus pandemic.

Today, the MI5 estimate of the threat of a terrorist attack in the UK hovers between substantial and severe.

The world isn't as secure as we had once hoped. In addition to the menace of unconstrained violence, our planet is silently protesting against centuries of abuse, and we're only just waking up to our accountability as stewards. At the same time, we must come to terms with the knowledge that Covid-19 and its variations are permanent additions to the list of deadly diseases to be held at bay by immunisation. There will be more to come.

Our forebears, who lived in even riskier times, drew strength from Psalm 91:

*You who live in the shelter of the Most High,
who abide in the shadow of the Almighty,
will say to the Lord, "My refuge and my fortress;
my God, in whom I trust."
For He will deliver you from the snare of the fowler
and from the deadly pestilence ...*

The Psalm is no panacea, or divine guarantee of earthly immunity, but the assurance that God holds the whole world in His hands and His ultimate purposes will not be thwarted.

"To know him is to love him" ... Remembering Sir Harry Secombe

Harry Secombe – genius for buffoonery

One hundred years ago, on 8th September 1921, Sir Harry Secombe was born in Swansea. The comedian, actor, writer, singer and TV presenter was one of the stars of the anarchic 1950s radio series, *The Goon Show*.

His family belonged to St Thomas Church, and his elder brother, Fred, became a Church of Wales priest. Later in life Sir Harry was a presenter of religious programmes, such as the BBC's *Songs of Praise* and ITV's *Highway*.

He met Spike Milligan during the war in North Africa and later bumped into him again at the Windmill Theatre, where he was doing comedy routines. There they also met Peter Sellers and Michael Bentine – forming the team that eventually produced *The Goon Show*. A natural clown with a "genius for buffoonery", Harry was the focus, and he moved on to star in a series of films, including *Oliver!*

He was also a talented and popular tenor. He was knighted in 1981, referring to himself as Sir Cumference in reference to his size – he was later forced to diet for medical reasons, and died at the age of 79 of prostate cancer. His tombstone bears the inscription "To know him is to love him".

by Tim Lenton



Be careful with Covid, urges Bishop of London

The Bishop of London, Sarah Mullally, has encouraged churches and individuals to continue to take precautions to protect the vulnerable from Covid-19.

“Many will welcome the possibilities now before us. However, this is a difficult point in the course of the pandemic. Despite vaccination rates, cases are up, hospital admissions are up and long covid remains an ongoing concern. Therefore, our approach needs to be cautious and careful.

“Taking personal responsibility means taking precautions to protect those more vulnerable than we consider ourselves to be. Local church leaders know their communities and their own circumstances, and we will support them making local decisions to keep themselves and their community safe.”

Growing number of attacks on Christians in India

Release International is calling on India to intervene to prevent the growing attacks against Christians accused of fraudulently converting Hindus.

In the latest attack, a Hindu mob set about a 23-year-old Christian woman with bamboo clubs and steel rods, threatening to kill her for sharing her faith with a Hindu.

Attacks against Christians are rising as the radical nationalist movement Hindutva grows in influence.

Adherents to Hindutva believe that to be Indian is to be Hindu – and nothing else will be tolerated. Under their influence, some eight states have so far passed anti-conversion laws and there are moves to push through a national law to prevent so-called forced conversions.

Christians make up less than five per cent of a country which is overwhelmingly Hindu. Religious nationalism is on the rise, and Christians and Muslims alike have been attacked by Hindu militants.

Meanwhile, Christians have suffered particularly in India during the Covid pandemic. Many have been bypassed for food aid. They believe religious nationalism is behind this, which maintains that Christians and Muslims are not true Indians.

This comes as more Dalits, the so-called untouchables outside the caste system, are coming to Christ. There are upwards of 200 million Dalits in India. The name means literally ‘broken’ or ‘scattered’. Release International partner Kumar Swamy is a Dalit by birth. He is the National General Secretary of the All-India Christian Council.

As a Dalit, Kumar Swamy was brought up to believe that he was less than human. “I constantly used to hear my mother saying we were untouchables – subhuman was the word she used - that we were not human beings.

“Hinduism says there are 330 million gods, but none of these died for a sinner like me. It was only Jesus. It is He who gives me hope. I was told I was created to be less than an animal, but it is Jesus who says, ‘No, I created you in My image.’ That's why I love Jesus.

“Christianity gives value to human beings. There is a dignity in the gospel, and that's what every Dalit longs to hear. He wants to be treated as a human being.”

And that, Swamy believes, is why many of India's underclass are turning to Christ. “Every week, two or three new churches are born. And it's primarily because the Dalits are coming to Jesus Christ in large numbers.”

But as more Dalits embrace Christianity, the backlash from Hindu nationalists has increased. Says Kumar Swamy: “There is an accelerated, escalating violence against the Christian community because of the numbers of Dalits coming to the Christian faith .”

New First Church Estates Commissioner

Alan Smith, Senior Advisor - ESG (Environmental, Social and Governance) Risk and Inclusion, and former Global Head of Risk Strategy at HSBC, is to be the next First Church Estates Commissioner. Alan has also been a Church Commissioner since 2018.

The First Church Estates Commissioner chairs the Church Commissioners' Assets Committee, a statutory committee responsible for the strategic management of the Church Commissioners' £9.2 billion investment portfolio.

Speaking after his appointment, Alan Smith said: "Since I became a Commissioner in 2018, I have seen first-hand the impactful work we do to support the mission and ministry of the Church, and I'm excited to bring my financial services, ESG and risk management experience, and my faith, to this position."

The Church of England's investment and climate change

The Church of England's National Investing Bodies (NIBs) recently updated General Synod on their progress against climate change measures agreed in July 2018.

The Church of England Pensions Board, Church Commissioners for England and CCLA, which collectively make up the NIBs, had agreed with Synod:

- to work with companies in which we are invested to meet our climate hurdles,
- to start to divest in 2020 from companies that are not taking seriously their responsibilities to assist with the transition to a low carbon economy;
- to ensure that by 2023 they have divested from fossil fuel companies that are not prepared to align with the goals of the Paris Agreement;
- and to seek and scale up investments in renewable energy and low carbon technology.

The NIBs in January 2020 committed to their investment portfolios being net zero no later than 2050, in line with the Paris Agreement. As asset owners and a fund manager with holdings across all aspects of the global economy, the NIBs' journeys to net zero are reliant on influencing change in the real economy and policy environment as a whole, rather than solely implementing carbon-saving measures themselves.

Baptists to help incomers from Hong Kong

Baptists Together has appointed a co-ordinator to help the growing numbers of people from Hong Kong seeking refuge in the UK.

The Baptists Together Hong Kong Response Co-ordinator will liaise with church leaders seeking to leave Hong Kong, and will aim to connect them with local Baptist congregations in the UK.

The role came about after the UK Government introduced a new visa at the end of January that gives 70 per cent of the territory's population the right to come and live here. The visa was introduced to the former colony because the Government believes China is undermining Hong Kong's rights and freedoms.

It is estimated that about 300,000 people will take up the visa offer over the next five years. This has been described as the biggest planned migration since Windrush.



Dear Readers,

It seems hard to believe we are entering September already and what a mixed summer it's been with so much rain which has had a far more devastating effect on other regions of the world including much of Europe. I don't recall a wetter summer in all the years I have been walking. Having said that, there have been intervals of sunshine which are most welcome when they appear and I just LOVE that sensation of the warmth on your skin. We haven't gone abroad for a holiday this year, so any warm sunshine has been most welcome! I do miss the opportunity to discover new places and cultures but ultimately feel grateful that I have a lovely home and garden, surrounded by beautiful countryside to enjoy, which is a luxury not afforded to some. The pandemic has had a few silver linings and I do believe that it has made many of us grateful for what we already have.

What devastating news we have had around us in the last month with the people of Haiti once more affected by a devastating earthquake, not many years after a previous disastrous one. Then we have watched the frightening and alarmingly quick takeover by the Taliban in Afghanistan. This has to be one of the biggest humanitarian crises that we have witnessed. It renders a feeling of helplessness amongst most of us and I have found some resources on the opposite page which I hope will aid prayer for the Afghans and an appeal from the Diocese. Added to that, there are emergency appeals from both Unicef and Tearfund if you would like to donate (see links below). In the meantime, it is apparent that we must pray urgently for the country and its people.

<https://www.unicef.org/appeals/afghanistan>

<https://www.tearfund.org/campaigns/afghanistan-emergency-appeal>

This issue features all the regular features including **God in the Sciences** and **God in the Arts, High Days and Holy Days**—featuring a new Saint's day to commemorate **Wilson Carlile, founder of the Church Army**. My thanks to Sue Dixon for her regular '**News from the Belfry**' and as always to Belinda Kerry for her regular **Prayer Diary**. Please do take a note of our **NEW Capel Christmas Fair on 20th November 2021**. We are now appealing for some helpers on the day—see page 8. We need some volunteers to greet people on the entrance desk, run the Raffle stall and help with refreshments. We have a wonderful line up of stalls and refreshments and hope to make this an annual shopping event that just happens to benefit OUR churches and a chosen charity, this time MNDA. There are a couple of interesting articles on page 15 including one '**Remembering Sir Harry Secombe**'. The other is remembering the **events of 9/11 in the United States** twenty years on.

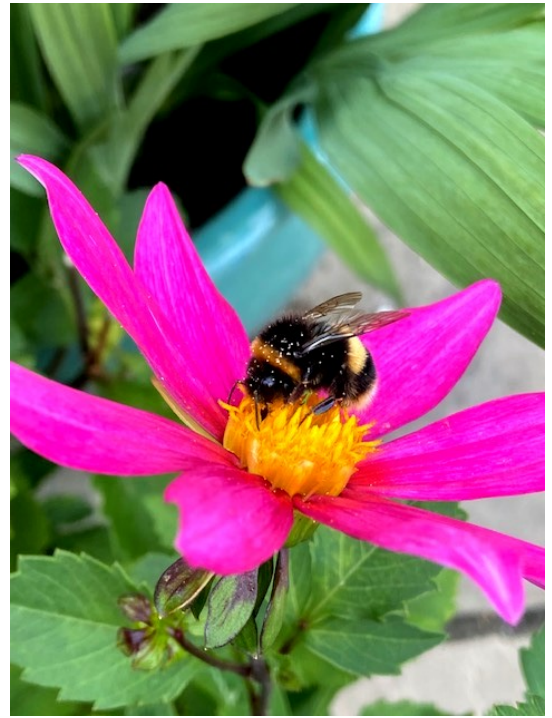
Thanks to Bob Cranham, there are a couple of live music events coming up in Capel - one being the August Bank Holiday weekend '**Capel Blues Festival**' at the Crown pub, Capel featuring three days of Rhythm and blues music. Details can be found on <https://www.facebook.com/bbcblues>. Also, on Saturday 11th September at 8pm, you can see **Pentangle's Jacqui McShee in concert at St John the Baptist**. Tickets cost £15 and are available from Capel box office www.capelboxoffice.co.uk. Our thanks to Bob Cranham for all the wonderful live events he arranges, many with proceeds going to our churches.

Don't forget there are several opportunities for **TEA AND CAKE at Church Teas!** There are two opportunities on the August Bank Holiday weekend—Sunday and Monday at Capel from 3-5pm and again on Sundays 5th (Ockley) and 12th September (Capel). All church teas at BOTH churches will now be from 3—5pm each time. Enjoy them if you get the chance!

With my very best wishes,

Suzanne

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Urgent appeal for Afghan refugees housing

Date: 18 August 2021

Afgans, so desperate to get out of their country they chase an aircraft down a runway, is just one of the distressing scenes beamed around the world from Kabul this week.

The Home Secretary announced today that the government will work with international partners to resettle up to 20,000 refugees in the UK.

But there's an urgent need for accommodation for the refugees coming from Afghanistan now.

Most of the Afghans arriving in the UK are people who formerly worked alongside the British forces and government. It's the primary reason they need to flee.

There's a need for self-contained family accommodation immediately. It will need to be available for letting for at least 12 months but preferably longer and have all the relevant safety certification in place.

Ideally it will be near good public transport links and within walking distance of main services and shops and available at rents at no more or close to Local Housing Allowance levels.

"The Home Office resettlement scheme would meet the refugees' immediate needs and would sort out the resettlement status of the families," says Diane Peters, the Diocesan Refugee Support Advisor. "But it would be lovely if local churches were able to befriend the families and help their resettlement when they arrive," she says.

To find out more: <https://www.cofeguildford.org.uk/whats-on/news/detail/2021/08/18/urgent-appeal-for-afghan-refugees-housing>

Pray for Afghanistan

O God of mercy and of peace,

We hold before you the peoples of Afghanistan.

Be living bread to those who are hungry each day

Be healing and wholeness to those who have no access to health care amidst the ravages of pandemic

Be their true home to all who have been displaced

Be open arms of loving acceptance to those who fear because of their gender, ethnicity, religious or political views

Be peace to those engaged in armed conflict and those who live within its shadow.

Turn our hearts and minds to your ways of just and gentle peace,

Open our eyes to see you in all acts of compassionate care

Strengthen our hearts to step out in solidarity with your suffering people and

Hold us all in your unfailing love.

We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, who emptied himself of all but love in order to bring life in all its fullness.

Amen

This prayer was written by Ramani Leathard, Christian Aid's Head of Region for South East Asia and Afghanistan.

Christian Aid's POINTS FOR PRAYER

- Give thanks that our partners are still able to operate for now and that there is an indication that projects helping communities meet immediate and urgent needs will be allowed to continue.
- Pray for peace and protection for the Afghan people facing great uncertainty and the threat of serious human rights abuses.
- Pray in particular for women, girls and ethnic and religious minorities in Afghanistan, that hard-won advancements in rights will not be reversed.
- Pray for a coordinated and effective international response to the humanitarian crisis.
- Pray for support to reach all those in need of emergency assistance in Afghanistan because of the compounded effects of conflict, climate change and Covid-19.
- Pray in particular for the thousands of Afghan Internally Displaced People who are facing famine and who Christian Aid have been assisting through the hunger appeal launched in July.
- Pray that the devastating cuts to the aid budget will be reviewed, and that increased funding is made available immediately and effectively to Afghanistan.
- Pray for safe and open borders for all those who wish to and are able to leave Afghanistan. Pray that they would be met with sanctuary and hospitality.
- Pray for all who remain, for courage and protection. Pray with all those who 'hope that the situation gets better and we can go back to a normal life with dignity, respect and peace.'
- Pray for the halting of attacks on civil society. For effective political negotiations. Pray for peace.

<https://www.christianaid.org.uk/pray/prayer-afghanistan>

Flying bishop

The new Bishop wanted a bird's eye view of his new diocese, so he had an idea. He rang his local airfield to charter a flight, and was told that a twin-engine plane would be waiting for him. Arriving at the airfield, the bishop spotted a plane warming up outside a hangar. He jumped in, slammed the door shut, and shouted, "Let's go!"

At once the pilot taxied out, swung the plane into the wind and took off. Once in the air, the bishop spent several minutes enjoying the views, and looking for local landmarks. Finally, he instructed the pilot, "Fly down the valley now and make low passes so I can take pictures of some of the best of the old parish churches."

"Why?" asked the pilot.

"Because I'm the new bishop," he replied happily, adjusting his camera, "and I want some good aerial views of my diocese."

The pilot was silent for a moment. Finally he stammered, "So, what you're telling me, is, you're NOT my flight instructor?"

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Something to make you
smile ...

Miscellaneous observations on daily life ...

The most effective way to remember your wife's birthday is to forget it once...

Ask advice but use your common sense. - *Yiddish proverb*

Kind: someone who could tell you all about his operation – but doesn't.

Government expert: one who complicates simple things.

Farm: a portion of land covered by a mortgage.

Nothing is as inevitable as a mistake whose time has come.

I feel so miserable without you; it's almost like having you here. - *Stephen Bishop*

They never open their mouths without subtracting from the sum of human knowledge. - *Thomas Brackett Reed*

He has the attention span of a lightning bolt. - *Robert Redford*

Sharp tongues have a way of sharpening other tongues. - *E Stanley-Jones*

Our eyes are placed in front because it is more important to look ahead than to look back.

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Canon Paul Hardingham considers an urgent problem.

Climate Sunday is this month

Sunday 5th September is being designated Climate Sunday, ahead of the UN's climate change conference, COP26, in Glasgow during November. How should we approach the challenge of climate change?

We have damaged God's creation: God delights in His creation: '*God saw all that He had made, and it was very good.*' (Genesis 1:31). However, we have damaged this world and impacted people, created in His image. The burning of oil or gas and cutting down forests is increasing the concentration of greenhouse gases like carbon dioxide that trap heat in the Earth's atmosphere. The global average temperature could increase by 1.5°C in 2030, resulting in significant damage to our planet. Already, increasing temperatures are melting ice caps, raising sea-levels, changing rainfall patterns and creating extreme climate events. It's the 70% of the world's poorest population who are being impacted most!

Hope is found in Jesus: He has an intimate knowledge of the workings of creation. '*For in Him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through Him and for Him. He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together.*' (Colossians 1:16,17). Our hope for the future lies in what Jesus has done and continues to do in the world. He is the one who sustains creation and will bring everything to completion.

An invitation to respond: Simple everyday actions can help to sustain our planet, including recycling of waste, energy saving and changes in our lifestyle and diet to help the planet. We can fix our eyes on Jesus, as we pray for our world for our world leaders, gathering in Glasgow, asking that they may reach a good agreement for the future of our world.

Canon Paul Hardingham considers how various people respond to God.

The Parable of the Sower

This month we are looking at the Parable of the Sower (Mark 4:1-20). It's the story of a farmer who sowed his seed in different type of soils. These represent the different responses of the heart to God's Word (v15-20):

- 1) *The hard heart: 'like seed along the path...as soon as they hear it, Satan comes and takes away the word that was sown in them.'* (15). Some people, when they hear the message, get distracted eg social media, work or relationships. Personal priorities prevent them from hearing God.
- 2) *The shallow heart: 'like seed sown on rocky places...since they have no root, they last only a short time. When trouble or persecution comes because of the word, they quickly fall away.'* (16,17). These are the people whose heart isn't open to the message. When things become uncomfortable or discouraging, they are ready to quit.
- 3) *The crowded heart: 'like seed sown among thorns...but the worries of this life, the deceitfulness of wealth and the desires for other things come in and choke the word, making it unfruitful.'* (18,19). This soil is most relevant for us today. People crave status, comfort, security and personal desires alongside the things of God. It's a heart that is worried about life getting out of control!
- 4) *The open heart: 'like seed sown on good soil, hear the word, accept it, and produce a crop – some thirty, some sixty, some a hundred times what was sown.'* (20). This represents the open heart that listens and accepts Jesus's word, and is ready to follow Him however difficult things become.

What kind of soil is our heart? Are we hard, shallow, crowded or open? Do we have a heart of faith to follow Jesus in every aspect of our lives?

Sheep's Tale

(Luke 15:1-7)

I didn't know I was lost,
Just thought I'd try a new path,
Walk a different way for a while.
After all, the rest of the flock
Seemed so comfortable, so sure of themselves.
I'd sometimes felt alone
Even with the ninety-nine all around me.
Then there was my voice - always one bleat
behind,
And just because I sat behind that particular bush
Where the ewes always congregate,
I got pushed to the edge of the flock.
So, yes, I'd strayed a bit,
But I wouldn't say I was lost exactly,
Just wandering.

That was until night fell,
And I fell
Deep into danger,
Far from the flock,
Lonely and yes, lost now
And wanting so much to go home,
Not knowing how,
Needing help,
And the night so dark.

Then out of darkness
His voice of light,
Searching,
His arms of rescue,
Saving,

His heart of love,
Rejoicing
Because He found me,
My Shepherd.

He came to look
For *me*.

By Daphne Kitching

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Things to make you smile!

A little girl had been to Sunday School for the first time and was asked by her mother how it compared with her new primary school. "Oh, I like it much better," she said. "There are no exams there, you go only once a week for an hour, and at the end you go to heaven instead of high school."

Bifocals

A preacher went into the pulpit one Sunday morning wearing a pair of new bifocals. The reading portion of the glasses improved his vision considerably, but the top portion of the glasses didn't work so well. In fact, he was experiencing dizziness every time he looked through them. Finally, he apologised to the congregation. "I hope you will excuse my continually removing my glasses," he said. "You see, when I look down, I can see fine, but when I look at you, it makes me feel sick."

How different churches cope with adversity

When a Methodist minister falls down the stairs, he picks himself up and says, "That was an experience, how do I learn from it?"

When a Catholic priest falls down the stairs, he picks himself up and says, "I must have done something really bad to deserve that."

When a Presbyterian minister falls down the stairs, he picks himself up and says, "That was inevitable, I'm glad it's over."

When a Baptist minister falls down the stairs, he picks himself up and says, "Which one of my deacons pushed me?"

When a vicar falls down the stairs, he picks himself up and says, "Will I need a faculty to get the staircase repaired?"

From a church report on renovations at a Youth Centre in Northants: "The lift and the new windows are installed and the non-alcoholic bar is already plastered."



Sarah Eberle's Psalm 23 Garden - design tips for a calm green space

Bible Society, £6.50

Sarah Eberle, winner of 17 gold medals at Chelsea and Hampton Court Flower Shows, has designed the Bible Society's entry garden for the RHS Chelsea Flower Show this month (September 2021).

The theme of the garden is Psalm 23, and this is the full-colour book of photographs to go with it. Based on the themes of rest and peace, it offers a place of refuge and restoration, which is reflected in the meditations and stories within the book.

The book also offers tips from Sarah Eberle on how to create your own peaceful outdoor space.

Talking God – Daring to Listen

By Jacqui Bulman, Lion Hudson, £9.99

Listening is a valuable – and often neglected – tool for spiritual learning.

This book invites you to reflect on the personal beliefs many of us hold towards God through listening in on a series of 11 inspiring interviews with people of Christian or 'Jesus-connected' faith.

Each of these dedicated spiritual pilgrims give their response to searching questions about God, Jesus Christ, and Christianity, offering a wide range of perspectives on issues of faith and spiritual truth.

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Scott Broadwood School has a CLOTHES RECYCLING BIN!

It is for everyone to use. It's just by the school gate so if you've been wondering what to do with all your old clothes that aren't good enough for the charity shop the answer is right here! The school will benefit from all our donations so get decluttering!

NB. Please remember this donation point cannot take duvets, cushions or pillows.



Handmade cards & a request for old cards to recycle!

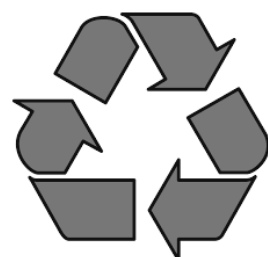
Thank you for your continued support. A small request ... could you please put any greetings cards you've received for occasions such as birthdays into a box in church for me to re-use and 'upcycle'! Not all of them will work, but many will and it enables me to make a quick and inexpensive card which fits in nicely with our eco-church ethos and raises money for church at the same time!

Thank you in anticipation!

If anyone has any requests for special cards, please do ask! I have plenty of materials at home and am happy to discuss bespoke cards!

Best wishes,

Suzanne
01306 711449



Reflected Faith Series: the Bread we eat

The majority of Sunday morning service in churches throughout the world are based on the Last Supper of Jesus.

At the Passover meal, on the night before His death, Jesus took bread, gave thanks, broke it and gave it to His disciples saying, "*This is My body given for you;*" (Luke 22:19a). He also took wine and passed it to each of them and said, "*This is My blood, given for you.*"

These two elements, the bread and the wine, continue to be the central focus for Christians: doing what Jesus asked us to do, '*Do this in remembrance of me*'. (Luke 22:19b)

What we call this service varies between denominations and even between churches within the same denomination.

It is a way of giving 'thanks' as Jesus did (the word '*Eucharist*' comes from the Greek by way of Latin, and it means 'thanksgiving'), reminding us not only of the tremendous sacrifice that Christ had made on our behalf, but also recalling the love and joy that Jesus brings to the community.

The word '*Communion*' comes from something done with others – the community. It's done with Christ. It's done with other worshippers. In sharing the meal, 'I' becomes 'us'.

The word '*Mass*' comes from the conclusion to the traditional service – which was in Latin: '*Ite, missa est.*' 'Go. You are being sent.' Today we use similar words, 'Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord.'

At the moment many churches, especially the Church of England, are only giving bread to the congregation with the priest alone consuming the wine. So the meaning underlying the taking / the giving of bread is more crucial than ever. In some denominations the bread is literally the 'daily bread', whilst in others it is a 'wafer' or yeast free bread – as was used at the original Passover.

This month: Have a look at the bread that is placed into your hands the next time you 'receive'. How does it reflect receiving Christ into your life?

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The Ven John Barton on God's search for us.

Let Jesus Christ find you

Jesus said, 'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling-places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also.' John 14:1-6

We come to church regularly to meet God. But actually, God comes to meet us. He comes to us personally though His Word; and in Holy Communion, Jesus arrives under cover of bread and wine, saying 'this is My body; this is My blood'.

The whole Bible is the story of God searching for us, not the other way round. It begins with Adam and Eve running away and hiding, and that's how it continues to this day. But it ends with a dramatic vision of reunion.

In the meantime, humanity is invited to stop, turn round, and face God who is in pursuit. 'Turning round' is what 'repentance' means.

Becoming a Christian is letting Christ find us; being a Christian is becoming an apprentice in His workforce.

Not long before His crucifixion, Jesus taught His apprentices about His death - and theirs. "I'm going to prepare a place for you, and I will come again and take you to myself, so that where I am you may be also."

When we contemplate dying, it may seem like a journey into the dark. But we will not go alone. Never alone. As we reach out into the darkness, Christ is reaching out to us. Just as He has been reaching out to us throughout our lives, so He is there to grasp us as we breathe our last. "I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also."

For the disciple, death is a union - a reunion with Christ. It's the most natural thing in the world. So, we pray that at our end, we may reach out into the darkness, to find we are grasped by the One who has already prepared a place for us.

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Editor: This comes from a blog by Alistair Birkett, director of Rural Ministries for Scotland and Northern England. You can read more at:

<https://www.ruralministries.org.uk/blog/anticipatingtheharvest?>

Thanking God for our blessings

Our winter barley ripened quickly this year, and soon the combine harvesters were rolling here on the Northumberland / Scottish Border.

As the first trailer load of grain came into the shed, I ran my hands through the golden grains, offering a short prayer of thankfulness as I savoured the smell of fresh cut barley. It was a good harvest.

I've often reflected on the Old Testament festival of the Firstfruits, where the Israelites offered the very first sheaf of the spring harvest to God (Leviticus 23:9-14). I think this act required great faith, as they trusted God for a fruitful harvest to come, something that was far from certain, given their utter dependence on the weather.

I'm not sure about you, but I'm always up for giving thanks *after* the event. I'll sing 'Come ye thankful people come' and rejoice that "all is safely gathered in", but am I able to trust with anticipation for what is *yet to come*?

The festival of the Firstfruits reminded God's people that everything they had came from Him. I am reminded that I must learn (and relearn) to trust in God, who has proven His faithfulness to me, over and over again.

Perhaps right now as a church community or an individual you're waiting for a certain event, standing on the cusp of a new initiative, praying for a certain outcome or anticipating a long-held vision becoming reality. Let's all keep trusting that whatever the challenge, however things turn out, irrespective of what we anticipate, God is going before us and has secured the Firstfruits of an even greater harvest through Jesus, as He rose from the dead.

Just as the grain offering to God in the Old Testament anticipated a harvest to come, Paul reminds us that Jesus' victory anticipates an even greater bodily resurrection and eternal peace (1 Corinthians 15:20-22).

As we continue our journey with Jesus through the challenges of each day, let's do so with a deepening faith and trust. In the meantime, bring on the harvest - I'll see you on the other side!

Becoming new

When a caterpillar changes into a butterfly, it's hard to believe it's the same creature. But at both stages of its life, it has a body that is perfectly suited to living in a particular environment.

This insect can help us understand the afterlife and the significance of the resurrected Jesus. Paul, on his journeys, discovered that some members of the church in Corinth were confused about life after death. So, Paul, wrote a lengthy letter to them to explain the importance of the resurrection of Jesus, and how it affects our future existence.

Paul doesn't mention caterpillars and butterflies but describes a seed becoming a plant. By just looking at an individual seed there is no knowing what it is going to look like! But out of its death comes a beautiful new life form.

Paul points out that all living beings have a body that enables them to live in a particular environment. There are earthly bodies for living in a physical world and a spiritual body for living in the heavenly realms. And so God will give to us a new spiritual body to enable us to live with Him in heaven.

Of course, all butterflies eventually die, but in our resurrected body we will not be subject to decay or death. How do we know this? Jesus said: "Because I live, you also will live" (John 14:19). Jesus pioneered the way for us. He died on the cross, arose from the grave, and so opened up the way for all believers in Him to go to Heaven. Thanks be to God!

Female clergy

In 1992 the Church of England voted to allow the ordination of women. Since 2014 they have also been able to become Bishops. The percentage of female clergy across all denominations in the UK in 1992, the first year it was counted, was 7% (of which 5% was Church of England).

By the year 2000 it was 10% for all denominations, by 2008 19%, by 2016 21% and in 2019, the latest year available, it is 24% (but 29% for Church of England and 23% for their senior clergy).

The Salvation Army has the largest proportion of female officers - an estimated 49% in 2020. The United Reformed Church has also had a high percentage – 36% in 2020.

Likewise in 2020, the Methodist Church of Great Britain had 36%, and the Church of Scotland had 28%. In 2020 the Baptists had 15%, New Churches (especially Vineyard, Newfrontiers and Pioneer) 16%, and Pentecostals 15%. The Roman Catholics and the Orthodox have no women priests at all.

How do these percentages compare with female leadership generally? Globally there are 21 women serving as the head of state or government in 193 countries, which is 11%. In the UK, of the top FTSE 100 companies only 5% of the CEOs are women. Of the MPs returned in the 2019 general election, 34% were women. In the UK regular Armed Forces, 11% are women.

One can always make other comparisons, but by these few examples, the percentage of female ministers is at least comparable to, if not better than, other sections of British society.

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Two thirds of churches in UK plan to keep streaming online, says survey

Almost two thirds of UK churches plan to carry on streaming online, even after restrictions lift.

According to a recent survey by the insurance group Ecclesiastical and The Bible Society, 93 per cent of churches have used new ways to keep in touch with their congregation and over two in five churches (43 per cent) saw an increase in attendance as a result.

Live streaming has undoubtedly helped churches keep their services going during the pandemic, but this research suggests most, 62 per cent, would like the new habit to stay.

In the survey, 93 per cent said that they had used the video platform Zoom since March 2020, while others used Facebook (60 per cent), YouTube (5 per cent) and Microsoft Teams (1 per cent) to stream to their congregation.

Over two in five of the churches who had used these new channels said that they had seen an increase in attendance against their usual numbers, leading most to say they will carry on streaming after lockdown ends.

As one vicar in Norfolk said, "At the height of the pandemic we were getting over a hundred visits to our Facebook page a day, ten times as many as beforehand.

"By using social media we've been able to reach many more people than ever came through the actual church door each week, so it's definitely something we're looking to continue offering. There is certainly more hope now than there was this time last year and we look forward to the Lord leading us from this difficult time into freedom and new beginnings."

***NEW 26th Sept Wilson Carlile, founder of the Church Army**

Wilson Carlile was born in Brixton in 1847, and did not set out to become an evangelist. Instead, he was brilliant at both languages and music, and excelled as a businessman. That is, until an economic recession and serious illness brought him crashing down and finished his career, aged only 31.

Not surprisingly, a serious breakdown followed, when Carlile questioned everything that he had been attempting in life. This search for a new meaning brought him to faith in Jesus Christ, and so turned his world upside down. He later wrote:

I have seen the crucified and risen Lord as truly as if He had made Himself visible to me bodily sight. That is for me the conclusive evidence of His existence. He touched my heart and old desires and hope left it. In their place came the new thought that I might serve Him and His poor and suffering brethren.

Wilson approached two Christians whose passion for ministry was already well known: the Americans evangelists Moody and Sanky, who were at that time in England. Wilson attended their meetings and supplied music via his harmonium. In return, he learned a lot about effective outdoors evangelism.

Carlile then prepared himself for a life of ministry. He was confirmed into the Church of England, studied at the London College of Divinity, ordained in 1880 and served his curacy at St Mary Abbots in Kensington. But Carlile wanted more than comfortable parish life, and soon began outdoor preaching again. He wanted to reach the poor, unchurched, of the community.

Carlile left Kensington to work in a slum mission, and by 1882 he was busy uniting the local Anglican parish missions into one organisation. Here his business skills in planning and organising proved invaluable, and soon he had founded the 'Church Army.' He then founded two training colleges, to train both men and women evangelists. After slight hesitation, the Church of England agreed to incorporate the Church Army into its structure, and even created the office of Evangelist for the Church Army captains and sisters.

In the years that followed, Church Army has done great work in evangelism, as well as in social and moral welfare. It helped support the troops during World War 1. Carlile remained honorary chief secretary until retirement in 1926. He died in 1942.

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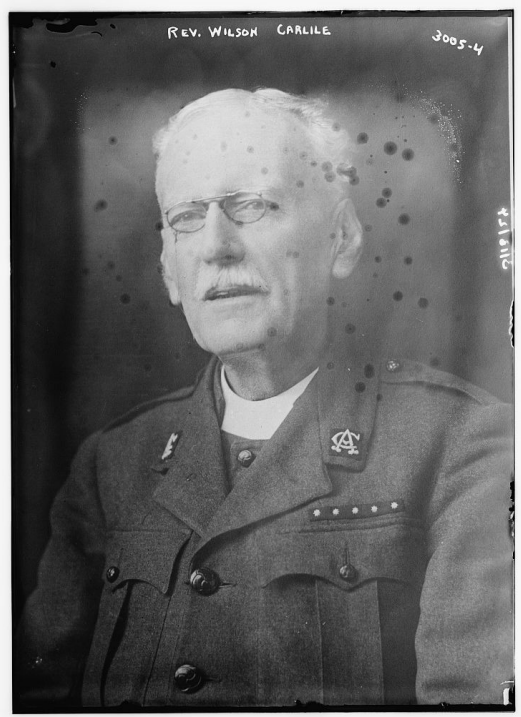



Photo Wilson Carlile © Wikipedia


FAIRTRADE-CERTIFICATION


And why it's just not enough anymore...


Earlier this year, within our spring catalogue (p10-11 for reference), we shared our vision with you; where we see ourselves now and what we are working towards in the future. We also explained how we are hoping to achieve this, with one focus point being on our Traidcraft-branded products.


TO REFRESH YOUR MEMORY –

 We always go further than just fair. You can rely on us to make the right, most ethical decision, for people and planet. Every time.

 We believe that consuming ethically shouldn't mean compromising on quality; our range is carefully and expertly curated.

 We only have one planet, so we're making sure that we look after it; from how our food and drink is wrapped and packaged, to where it comes from.

 We choose who we work with very carefully, we want to work with those who are honourable, truthful and passionate, and those who believe in our vision.

 We believe Fairtrade-certification just isn't enough anymore, and that being organic really does matter.

We were delighted and encouraged by the number of you who got in touch to let us know how pleased you were that we were able to share this sort of information, and how interested you were to hear more in the future. We were equally thrilled that it got many of you questioning us; it's vital you keep us on our toes!

It seemed it was the final bullet point on this list which really got you thinking. 'We believe Fairtrade-certification just isn't enough anymore, and that being organic really does matter.' What do we mean by that? Are we distancing ourselves from the Fairtrade movement? What does it mean to go way above and beyond Fairtrade standards? We appreciate the time and consideration that goes into such questions – thank you. We hope the following helps paint a more nuanced picture of our intent and passion.

Traidcraft – along with virtually every other alternative trading organisation (ATO), would consider themselves to be pioneers. 'We' set up the current Fairtrade concept back in the 1970s and '1980s. 'We', rather than just 'us at Traidcraft', as we are part of a pioneer movement of many hundreds of organisations worldwide.

“PIONEERING MEANS GOING BEYOND, BEING ADVENTUROUS AND OFTEN REAPING A WHOLE LOT OF CRITICISM ON THE WAY”

Certification schemes like Fairtrade, World Fair Trade Organisation, The Small Producers Symbol, Fair for Life and Naturland Fair – all of which 'we' recognise as the true certifiers/valuers of fair trade products and organisations – emerged some 15 to 30 years later, and worked on codifying the systems that we had developed.

One of Traidcraft's senior staff members at the time, sat on the Fairtrade Certification Committee for about a decade, helping Fairtrade International – the umbrella organisation for the Fairtrade movement – capture our learnings about development through

trade in their standards. We effectively handed over our systems and producer register to the Fairtrade Foundation back in the late 1990s, when Fairtrade International was formed. We have always recognised the importance of labels in helping get non-committed businesses or consumers to find an easy or understandable point of entry into our world.

Each of the certification/valuer schemes mentioned above have different focus points, but none of them captures everything that we believe fair trade needs to be.

WHY IS FAIR TRADE MORE IMPORTANT TO US THAN FAIRTRADE?

At Traidcraft, we are much happier using the words 'fair trade' than 'Fairtrade'. Fairtrade (one word) is a single certification system in which producers and buyers agree to uphold certain minimum standards and payments; in return their product can be labelled with the Fairtrade Foundation's Fairtrade Mark.

This certification scheme refers to a limited number of raw commodities (excluding handicrafts, for example).

Fair trade (two words) means that something has been fairly traded, often above and beyond the minimum standards which Fairtrade sets.

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LOT OF CRITICISM ON THE WAY

Back in the mid-2000s, Fairtrade International had many discussions and debates about organic farming. There was a clear decision back then that they would happily promote more sustainable farming, (which it really does), and it has introduced tougher standards), but not go the whole hog and insist on organic.

This was perfectly understandable, and probably right at the time, otherwise the likes of Nestle would never have joined and much good work would have been left undone.

The pioneers, on the other hand, have been banging the drum about organic farming, bio-dynamic farming, circular economy farming, local farming etc. for many years and have led a broad movement of consumers, that stretches well beyond the confines of purist Fairtrade.

Pioneering means going beyond, being adventurous and often reaping a whole lot of criticism on the way.

DID YOU KNOW?
Circular economy farming involves farming methods which utilise unwanted by-products and waste, minimising external input. For example, using crop residues and manures as energy sources.



Our role, therefore, is always to be out ahead of any certification scheme and finding the way forward. In this respect, 'we' (again, meaning the entire ATO movement, rather than just Traidcraft) see ourselves at the very edge of the movement, normalising new concepts for certification schemes to codify in due course.



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Fair trade is much larger than labels. We were out there, the first to sell fair trade coffee, tea, sugar, juice, honey, chocolate, rubber (the list goes on), way before standards and labels even existed. In many cases it was our work that helped create these standards in the first place! We're continuing to look for new ways to do fair trade, pushing the boundaries, going beyond, challenging the norm, and even creating new standards along the way.

Still left with questions? Join the conversation at hello@traidcraft.co.uk

FAIR TRADE LABELS WE SUPPORT

- ✔ **Fairtrade International**
Owned by producers and licensing organisations (like the Fairtrade Foundation), primarily product focused but with no requirements for the organisation to be a fair trade company.
- ✔ **The World Fair Trade Organization**
We helped found WFTO back in 1987 and since 2017, we've been a WFTO Guaranteed Fair Trade Organization, ensuring our residence in an international system which is producer and trader owned, and brings makers, growers, and buyers together in a forum for learning.
- ✔ **The Small Producers Symbol**
Based in Mexico, this is the only system written, owned, and developed primarily by small producers in developing countries.
- ✔ **Fair for Life**
This is an organic and product-focused fair trade certifier. The producers who farm the organic palm oil in FairPalm use this label.
- ✔ **Naturland Fair**
A system owned by organic farmers that makes sure that both the product and the organisation are rooted in doing things fairly.

The Revd Michael Burgess continues his series on God in the Arts with 'A Hill Prayer' by Maxfield Parrish. You can see a copy of the illustration at: <http://www.uh.edu/engines/epi1900.htm>

'How wonderful creation is'

There is a story that someone asked a Father of the early church, Tertullian, to prove the existence of God.

He replied by showing the person a rose. But Tertullian took a risk, for while many appreciate the beauty and wonder of a rose, it is not everyone who sees that beauty pointing to God as its creator.

In one of his hymns, Fr Faber wrote: 'How wonderful creation is, The work which thou didst bless, And O! what then must Thou be like – Eternal loveliness.' A rose can speak of beauty and speak of God to some; to others a rose is just another flower in the garden. William Blake wrote, 'The tree which moves some to tears of joy is in the eyes of others only a green thing which stands in the way.' We know that only too well when forests are cut down in the name of progress, and trees that have stood for centuries are hewn down in a moment.

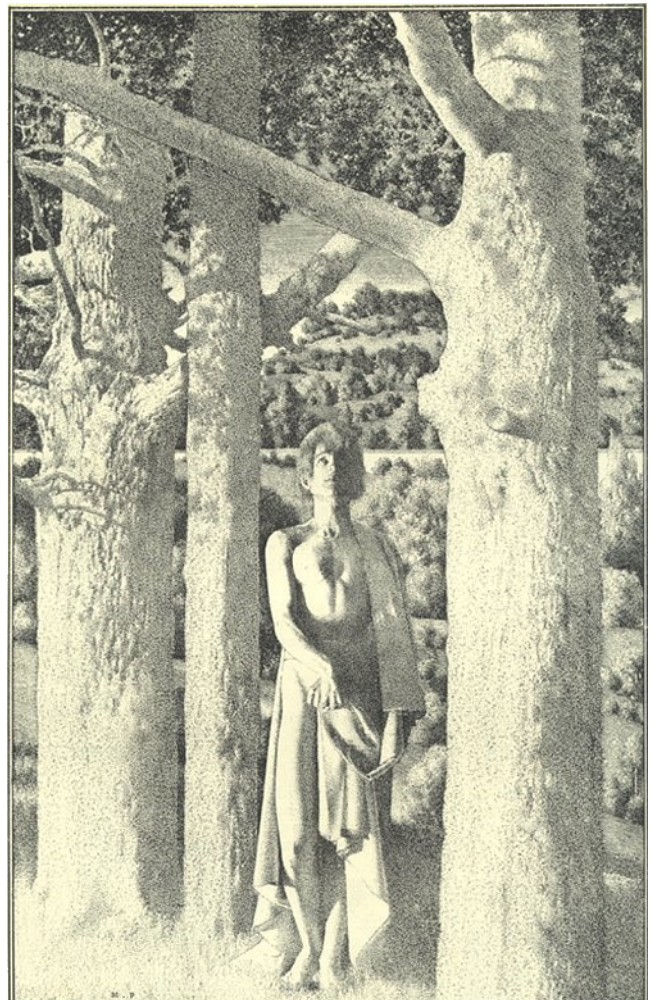
This month's work of art is 'A Hill Prayer' by Maxfield Parrish: it shows a man standing in a forest of venerable and imposing trees, and the hills stretching out behind him. Maxfield Parrish was an American artist, who created paintings of brilliant colour and luminosity. The particular cobalt he used was known as 'Parrish blue.' Much of his work was for illustrations in books and magazines and in advertising. But here is an early drawing of 1897, based in a New England forest, that has a haunting quality about it. He drew it to accompany a poem of Marian Warner Wildman where the writer goes into the forest to escape the doubts and worries of the world and to find release and peace. It ends with the lines:

'I love thee with a beauty-broken heart
And worship thee, be whatever thou art.'

The drawing may evoke for us memories of forests and countryside we have explored, with trees towering above us, reaching to the sky, their leaves rustling in the wind and letting shafts of sunlight through. Like the artist, we may have wondered at their age and beauty and pondered the mystery of creation around us. In their beauty we can glimpse their Creator; in the miracle of their life, we can see the bringer of life and eternal life. For scripture begins with trees: the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil with the story of how human pride exchanges paradise for hard work and toil.

But the final pages of the Bible describe that tree of life once again: this time arching over the river that runs through the heavenly city with leaves that bring healing and restoration. And bridging that tree of Genesis and the tree of Revelation is the wood of the cross: 'None in foliage, none in blossom, none in fruit thy peer may be.' In that tree we can truly glory.

Autumn will soon be with us, and the magnificence of the trees around will fade as their leaves fall and are swept away. After the death of winter, spring will come and bring the miracle of new life to their roots and branches, and once again we can behold their glory, like the traveller in the forest of Maxfield Parrish's drawing – trees that remind us of 'the one and only noble tree': the Cross that is the sign of salvation for all seasons and all lives.



This series is written by Dr Ruth M Bancewicz, who is Church Engagement Director at The Faraday Institute for Science and Religion in Cambridge. Ruth writes on the positive relationship between Science and Christian faith.

Wonders of the Living World

Curiosity, awe, and the meaning of life



Faithful to Scripture, Faithful to Science: Alister McGrath on science and Christian faith

Alister McGrath is well-known as a theologian, but he started out as a scientist. After becoming a Christian as a student, he wanted to learn about his new faith so he studied theology at the same time as completing his PhD in molecular biophysics. He has not lost touch with science, but has continued to write and speak about how science and Christian faith work together. In this extract from a recently released interview, he shares his experience of being a scientist and a Christian.

“I think my most vivid experience of wonder took place in the 1970's when I was on vacation in Iran. We were travelling on a bus in the middle of the night because it wasn't hot then, and the bus broke down. We found ourselves in the middle of this solemn black desert, and the night sky shone with a brilliance like I had never seen before. That just overwhelmed me, it made me think there is something really wonderful here.

“Now, I was a Christian by that time and I knew how Christianity could answer that but it just struck me, that sense of wonder has two possible outcomes. One is science - this universe is wonderful, what's it all about? But of course, it is also about religion, the deeper levels of things that science can't really engage. I think one of the things I have discovered over time is that maybe this sense of wonder both opens the gateway to science and to faith, and that those two together are able to answer questions which on their own they simply couldn't.

“I think science is wonderful at asking questions. Some of those questions can be answered, but very often when you do answer them, they simply open up yet more questions. But of course, there are some more fundamental questions I think science simply cannot answer - they transcend its capacities to answer, and you might think of non-empirical questions like, ‘Why am I here? What is the meaning of life? What is good and how do I live a good life?’

“These are real questions and they're good questions but they're not scientific questions. And the psychologists tell us that we really need answers to those questions if we are to lead a fulfilled human existence. You find some scientists who say, ‘Well because science can't answer them there are no answers to be given’, but actually most realise that there are answers waiting to be discovered - it's just that science can't deliver them.

“Science fills in part of a big picture but there are parts of the picture you have to fill in from somewhere else. Science is part of the answer but only part, and faith supplements it, giving us a vision of life that is exciting and reliable, and also something that we can inhabit meaningfully.”

Find more on wondersofthelivingworld.org

Wordsearch Clues

The Parable of the Weeds (Matthew 13.24-30)

Ever wonder why there is both good and evil allowed in this world? Jesus told a parable that touched on this subject – it is called the Parable of the Weeds. It runs like this: Consider the world as if it were a field where a Farmer has sown good seed. But then an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat. So when the wheat came up, so did the weeds. What to do? Instead of destroying the weeds, and thereby risking the wheat, the Farmer tells his reapers to wait and let both wheat and weeds grow together until the harvest. At the harvest he will instruct the reapers to gather up the wheat, but to discard the weeds. So do not despair when evil seems to thrive in this world – there is a reckoning still to come, and justice will be done.

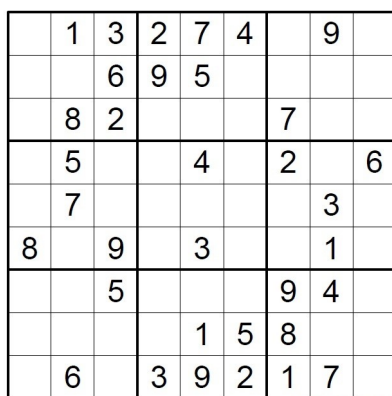
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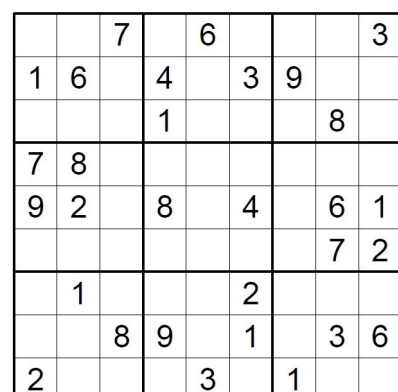
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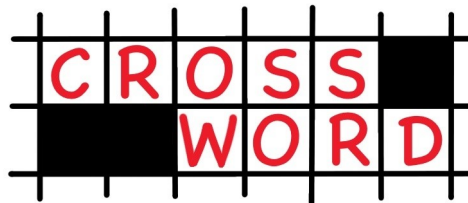
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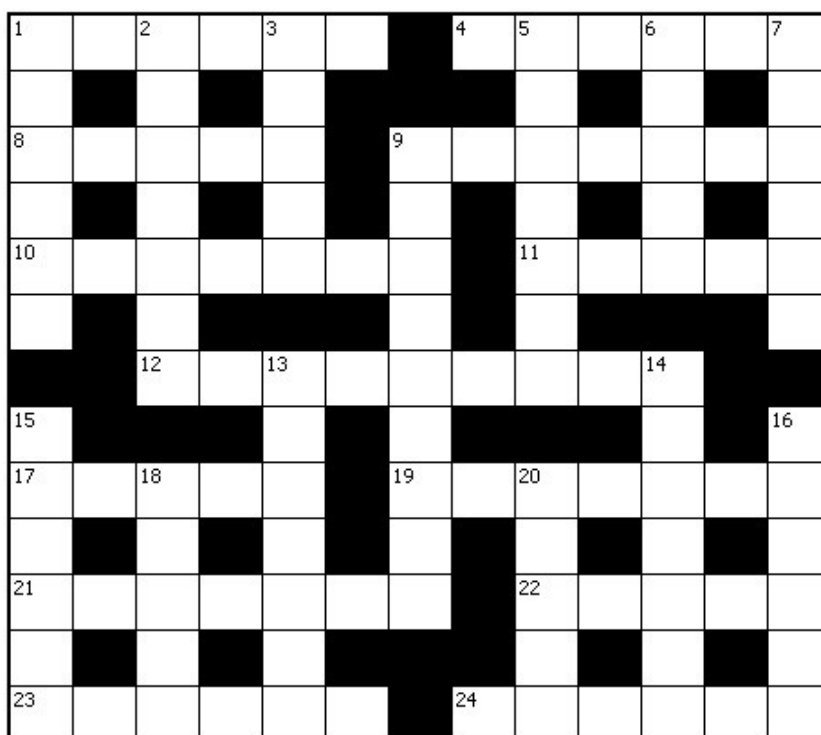
Clues Across

- 1 'Through [Christ] we have gained by faith into this grace' (Romans 5:2) (6)
- 4 Deprives of sight (Deuteronomy 16:19) (6)
- 8 The words of a hymn do this (mostly) (5)
- 9 Faithful allegiance (1 Chronicles 12:33) (7)
- 10 Belgium's chief port (7)
- 11 Where John was baptizing 'because there was plenty of water' (John 3:23) (5)
- 12 Imposing height (Psalm 48:2) (9)
- 17 Jesus' tempter in the wilderness (Mark 1:13) (5)
- 19 Comes between Amos and Jonah (7)
- 21 'Your will be done' ... as it is in heaven' (Matthew 6:10) (2,5)
- 22 Gale (Matthew 8:24) (5)
- 23 Axle, eh? (anag.) (6)
- 24 'Out of the... I cry to you, O Lord' (Psalm 130:1) (6)

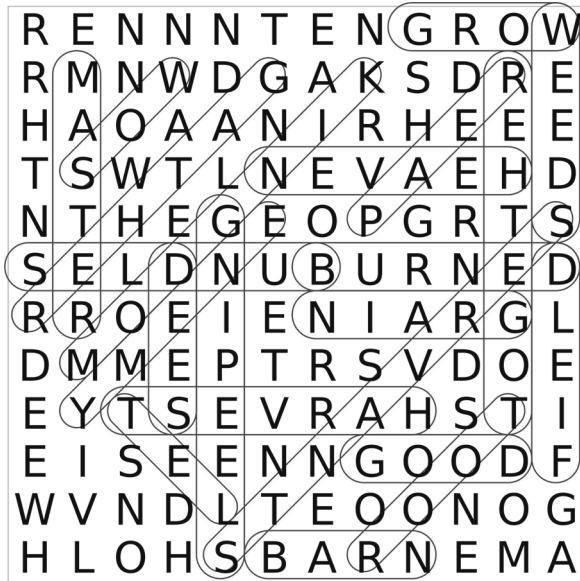
**Puzzle
Solutions
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Clues Down

- 1 Popular Christian author and humorist, Plass (6)
- 2 Transparent ice-like mineral (Revelation 4:6) (7)
- 3 Method of compelling surrender by surrounding target of attack (2 Chronicles 32:1) (5)
- 5 Expose (Isaiah 52:10) (3,4)
- 6 Lonny (anag.) (5)
- 7 Utterance (1 Timothy 1:15) (6)
- 9 Husband of Deborah, the prophetess (Judges 4:4) (9)
- 13 Burial service (Jeremiah 34:5) (7)
- 14 What Christ threatened to do to the lukewarm church in Laodicea (Revelation 3:16) (4,3)
- 15 Simon Peter climbed aboard and dragged the net (John 21:11) (6)
- 16 His response to Jesus' decision to return to Judea was 'Let us also go, that we may die with him' (John 11:16) (6)
- 18 There will be weeping and gnashing of ... (Matthew 8:12) (5)
- 20 Walkway between rows of pews in a church (5)



Word Search solution



Crossword solution

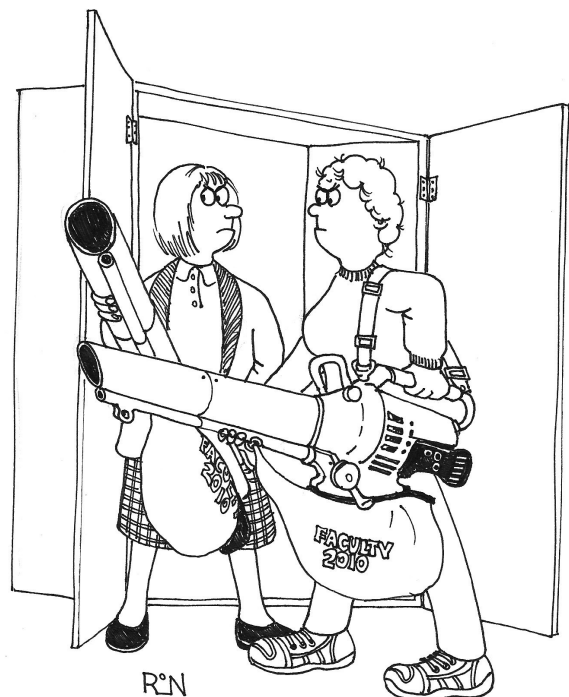


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Each Annie with Alex bag is hand crafted in Hertfordshire, England.

BAGS LOVINGLY MADE BY OUR FAMILY FOR YOURS

Annie with Alex are a mother and daughter collaboration, designing and creating contemporary handmade bags that fit into both yours and your family's lifestyle.

We make bags with purpose and for multiple different occasions. All of our bags are designed and made with specific items in mind and our material choices on the inside and the outside complement the changing demands.

We believe that homemade handbags should be made with beautiful natural fabrics which are tactile in look and feel. We use heavy weight cottons canvas, natural French linens, vintage fabrics and British made luxury woolen fabric from Yorkshire

We love vintage keys and use them on our bags, which means that every bag is unique, it has history and you are unlocking a new adventure where ever you take your bag!

Annie with Alex have been out and about attending fairs including the Hampton Palace Flower Show 2021. We look forward to them joining us on 20th November 2021 in Capel! In the meantime, you can check out their bags, homewares and face masks online: <https://anniewithalex.com>





Many congratulations to James & Irene Moore of Grenehurst Park on their recent Diamond Wedding Anniversary!

Their card from the Queen is pictured.

Along with Her Majesty, we pass on our Congratulations to them both!

Congratulations!

Also congratulations to Tina & Peter Fairbrother celebrating 54 years this September! We wish Peter well as he is about to go into hospital.

Suzanne & Stuart Cole celebrate 31 years and share her parents' wedding anniversary.

Happy anniversary to any others celebrating this September and sending good wishes to those starting out on their married life!

