

Farewell to our friends Rev Liz & Doug

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Rev Liz's leaving events



Sadly Rev Liz leaves us this month, after fifteen years of dedicated service and Ministry to the Parish of Capel and latterly the United Parish of Capel & Ockley. She and Doug have been an integral part of our church life and village life here and I know, will have touched the hearts and lives of many people.

Please do join us for Rev Liz's final service on **Sunday 4th October, 10.30am at St John the Baptist, Capel**. There will also be a '**Bring and Share Lunch**' after the service and all are welcome.

We will then look forward to Liz returning for the '**Sung Concert**' on **Saturday 17th October starting at 3pm** - please see details below.

Please do join us if you can for one or both of these celebratory events, allowing us all to say farewell and thank you to both Rev Liz and Doug.

Sung Concert

Saturday 17th October 3.00pm at St John the Baptist, Capel

The music has been chosen by Rev Liz to commemorate her Ministry with us over the last 15 years. The choir, with the expertise of Anthea are practising hard for this concert. All are welcome.

To include:

Byrd - Mass for Four Voices
Mozart - Ave Verum Corpus
Tallis - If ye love me
Lauridsen - O Magnum Mysterium



The singing will last for about 45 minutes followed by some fizz and cake!

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Our needs will never exhaust God's supply. - Anon

Never say never when it comes to what God can do. - Anon

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Rev Liz writes - Her final letter

Dear friends

As I sit down to write what is my final Vicar's letter to you all on a beautiful sunny mellow September morning I am reminded of the day we moved in some fifteen years ago. It was also such a day. How time has flown by and so the day is drawing near that we have to move from this very beautiful place which we have had the privilege to call home. And it really has been home for us. Our grandchildren have only known this house and village and for both Doug and myself these past fifteen years have been a time of real joy and friendship.

Living in Capel has been a delight. A delight which eight years ago included extending my ministry to Ockley also. It has been an incredible honour to live and to serve in both communities, to share both the joys and the sorrows that we have to face in our lives. When I first arrived there were many more faces which are sadly no longer with us. One such lovely lady was Gwyneth Drummond who we heard has died at the grand age of 95 and a half. Many of you will remember Gwyneth and her husband Chris who was a retired parish priest. It is Gwyneth's funeral that will be my last duty to conduct in Capel. There are many more such wonderful folk who welcomed us and whom we have travelled alongside since 2011. However we have welcomed many more who have moved into the villages and some have become a part of our worshipping community so we thank God for them.



Scott Broadwood has been an integral part of my ministry here as well. Serving as a school governor and taking weekly assemblies as well as welcoming the school into church on special occasions was always the highlight of my week. You cannot possibly be downcast in front of a hall full of small children. They have such a pure energy and joy that is impossible to find elsewhere! I still cannot get my head round the fact that the five year olds I met back in 2011 are now 20!!

At my last PCC (Parochial Church Council) I estimated that I have probably chaired 90 such meetings. Far too many for one person!! I wonder how many of these magazine letters I have written then?! In sorting through my study I came across various magazine letters I wrote during Covid. What a strange time that was wasn't it? Perhaps I shall call them the Covid Letters as they give a potted history and timeline of all that we went through as a community!

My final Sunday is the 4th October and I will be speaking and presiding at a family communion service in Capel. This will be followed by a bring and share lunch in Capel Memorial Hall which will commence at 12.00pm. Please do drop by and say hello. If you would like to bring a plate of anything that's very welcome but otherwise just come along. All are welcome to either or both events and we would love to see you! In the meanwhile please know that Capel and Ockley will always hold a very special place in our hearts and prayers. We are not moving very far away so you may well see us from time to time. Contact details will be available in due course and so I leave you as always with my love, prayers and God's richest blessings in His precious name.

With my love and prayers, as ever,

Rev Liz

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Rev Liz's Licensing in Ewhurst

Please note that for anyone that would like to attend, Rev Liz's Licensing service in Ewhurst will take place on **Monday 9th November 2026 at 7.30pm.** Details of the church address can be found on our Services & Events page.

CHURCH SERVICES AND EVENTS - OCTOBER 2026

at St John the Baptist, Capel & St Margaret's, Ockley

October

Friday 2nd

11.00am Funeral of Gwyneth Drummond - Capel

Sunday 4th Trinity 18

10.30am Parish Communion - Capel
This is Revd Liz's and husband Doug's last Sunday in the Parish. ***All welcome to come and say goodbye and join in a bring and share lunch following the service!***

Sunday 11th Trinity 19

10.30am **Harvest Festival** with The Sunday Session - Capel
Join us to celebrate Harvest at Capel with Bob and the Band
Donations of non perishable goods for Dorking Foodbank

6.00pm **Evening Prayer - Ockley**

Saturday 17th Sung Concert for Rev Liz

3.00pm Concert to mark Rev Liz leaving our Parish (Full details see page 2)
Followed by hot drinks, cakes and bubbly!

Sunday 18th Trinity 20

9.30am Parish Communion CW - Ockley

Saturday 24th Baptism - Ockley

Sunday 25th Trinity 21

9.30am Holy Communion BCP - Ockley
10.30am Morning Worship - Capel
12noon Baptism - Ockley

November

Sunday 1st All Saints and All Souls

9.30am Matins - Ockley
10.30am Family Communion
3.00pm All Soul's Service of Comfort for the Bereaved
(followed by Teas at 4pm)



Monday 9th Liz's Licensing Service at Ewhurst

7.30pm St Peter & St Paul Parish church, Ewhurst - All are welcome
St Peter and St Paul Parish Church, The Street, Ewhurst, GU6 7PX

LAST DATE FOR CHURCH TEAS 2026

Sunday 29th November 3-5pm Capel Church

All this information and more available on our Parish website: <https://www.capelandockleychurch.org.uk/>

NEWS from the Pews

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PCC Meeting Dates for 2026

16th November

PNP Meeting Our next **Parish Needs Process (PNP) meeting** will take place on the morning of Saturday 17th October at 10.30am. All are welcome.

Churchyard Working Party

Thank you to all who helped on Saturday 26th September. More dates to follow...

Andy and Stuart



From the Registers

Holy Baptism

We welcome into the family of the Church

Andrew Peter Stuart Sutcliffe

Niall Joseph Winchester

Zoe Helen Cordner

2nd September 2026

Mia Odette Elliott

12th September 2026

Henry Richard Capsey

20th September 2026

Rafe Henry George Peters

29th August 2026

Weekly Notes Editor needed!

Would you like to edit the weekly Weekly Notes that we produce as a parish? You will be fully supported by our clergy and churchwardens.

Please speak to Rev Gill or Rev Liz if you think you might be interested?

Thank you



NEWS from the Pews

Used stamps for UK Air Ambulance Services

The UK's Air Ambulance Services are charities which receive no government funding and rely entirely on charitable donations to continue flying and responding to life threatening medical emergencies. All funds raised will be donated to the Association of Air Ambulances to be distributed equally to all UK Air Ambulance Services. All you need to do is cut or carefully tear the stamped corner from any envelope or packet that you receive in the post and start a collection.



Once you have a large bundle, would you please put them in a bag and take them into St John the Baptist, Capel to place in the marked box. Sue Partridge is going to post them when we have a good amount to send. Thank you to Sue.



Gwyneth Drummond

Many of us will remember Chris and Gwyneth Drummond who were much loved members of our church family for many years. Following Chris' death, Gwyneth moved to Eastbourne to be near her family. We have heard that Gwyneth died peacefully in her care home aged 95 and a half. A service to remember Gwyneth will be held at St John's, Capel on **Friday 2nd October at 11.00am** to which all are invited.

We pray for Gilli, Pete and all the family at this sad time.

Rev Liz



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(Updated August 2025)

by Alan Smallwood

These are all made in aluminium foil trays which, as the hungry hordes devour the contents, the empty trays pile up; every one a testament to more satisfied customers. I'm keen on recycling so I took them home and carefully washed each one. Once dry I then stacked them according to their exact dimensions so they ended up as a neat stack of 42 trays. It took a couple of hours altogether. Feeling virtuous I took their picture and, out of curiosity, I weighed them all;- just over 1kg of aluminium without any cake! before I took them to the council tip to be put into the metal recycling. I looked up how much 1kg of aluminium was worth.

Notwithstanding my efforts, scrap aluminium like that is apparently considered “contaminated” and 1kg is worth approximately £1. My time may be free but I probably got through several washing-up bowls-full of hot water and 1/10 of a bottle of soap. Was that £1’s worth? We did, however, save them from going to landfill and they can be recycled into drinks cans or more trays for next years’ cakes. Should I still be feeling virtuous? Is my aluminium halo really worthless? Should I mind? I’m content to do the same thing again next year. Does that make me a (bigger) mug? Maybe not if I can look forward to another piece of cake next year! Some of the things we do may appear worthless but somehow they help, even if we do not see how. A bit like Christianity really.



Capel Churchyard and Memorial Garden

Like all Church of England churchyards, Capel churchyard is open to all. Not only to visit, but also for internment irrespective of religion, colour, nationality... We are here to serve the local community.

Last year we opened a Memorial Garden in the South Western corner of the churchyard for the internment of ashes. This was because we realised the churchyard managed by Capel Parish Council was becoming full. The council gave a grant which was needed. There is a wall for the placing of memorial tablets and it is laid out with two gravestones nearby. It is a peaceful area and is tended by Andrew Jones, who is grateful.

* The design envisaged some benches near the centre of the garden for visitors to sit and reflect. We do not
* have these yet, but would welcome anyone wishing to sponsor a bench, or to give money to help buy one.
* The benches we intend to buy are the same design as the latest one in the parish burial ground to the west
* of the churchyard, pictured above. They are locally made of oak from local trees by volunteers for the
* National Trust. The cost for a four foot bench is £750, and this can be reduced if we are able to claim Gift
* Aid. Unlike garden centre ones, being of oak these are expected to last 20-30 years.

* If you are interested in donating or sponsoring a bench, please let Andy or Stuart know. Our details are on
* Page 3.

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* **Stuart Cole**



October 2026

HARVEST

We've been hearing a lot about harvest over the past few weeks - or rather, the lack of it! Day after day of relentless sun and hot weather has taken its toll on crops. You only have to read John Dale's report on the annual July rainfall in last month's magazine to realise what an impact the long dry spell has had. And, irony of ironies, in the middle of all the sunshine.....a solar eclipse! Capel was spared the incessant glare of the sun for a few minutes - but still no rain came.

You know how I go on each month saying how helpful the bible (Basic Instructions Before Leaving Earth) can be? Well, here we go again! There's a famous story in the book of Genesis where Joseph (he of the Technicolour Dreamcoat) has long since left behind the mess his brothers left him in and finds himself in a senior position in the Pharaoh's Egyptian court. The Pharaoh has a couple of troubling dreams and asks Joseph if he knows what they mean? God gives Joseph the interpretation Pharaoh has been seeking. The harvests in Egypt were excellent but God revealed that there would be 7 years of famine coming and the Pharaoh should store 20% of the harvested grain in advance for the years of famine. He duly followed God's instructions and, when the promised famine came, Egypt was not only able to feed its own population but provided for others too.

Who else is under the impression that we do very little forward planning in this country? We don't seem to have enough food reserves, gas reserves, oil reserves etc. and people's reserves of patience are being tested. I'm not making any political point here, by the way. I'm just saying that there are biblical principals that would serve us and the rest of humanity well if only people were not so dismissive of God. In fact, you don't even have to believe in God to believe in the idea of saving something for a "rainy day".

It's not only practical things that we can store up. How about making sure that we somehow have a reserve of love, patience and understanding so that when those difficult people or circumstances come along, we have those reserves in place to draw on instead of reacting in a way that inflames situations?

How can we ensure that we store up good things in our lives so that we can "harvest" them in times of need? The Gospel of Matthew (chapter 6) can help. *"Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."*

So, at we approach another season of Harvest Festivals, let's give a thought to our amazing farmers who work so hard for us. And while they are trying to store their grain, why don't we set about storing up "treasure in heaven"? *"For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."*

Bob Cranham

Farewell to Rev Liz & Doug

We would like to thank Rev. Liz for her time here with us. For her relaxed attitude and sense of humour. For holding a lovely service of celebration for our 25th wedding anniversary in July 2024. We will miss her.

With our love,

Sue Phil Rachel and Matt Partridge

"Thank you for your time, hard work, commitment and care given so selflessly. You have brought me closer to God, taught me so much about Him, people and life. Definitely the best TI ever!"

May God bless you and your family in your next season.

With love, Gill"

Thank you, Liz. ...

Have you ever heard God speak? I mean, really "heard" the voice of God talking directly to you? I have. Once. It happened about 40 years ago - and it rocked me to my core. It was a very simple statement. "I want you for a preacher." 40 years ago I was a very early in my spiritual walk and nowhere near ready to stand up in front of people and preach.....even if I wanted to.....which I didn't!

Scroll forward to 9 years ago when Judy & I moved to Capel. Not long after arriving we had supper one evening with Liz & Doug. I was talking about my history of being in various churches, my involvement with Christian music and my past experience of small leadership rolls. "It's Café Church next week. Would you like to come along and play your guitar for us," said Liz? "I'd love to", I said. Then words I never expected to hear. "Would you like to preach, too!" I declined on that occasion - but shortly after I started taking more of a leading role in the Café Church services and today, we have what has developed into the Sunday Sessions service.

Why am I telling you this? Because Liz was the person that God had decided decades earlier would be the church leader who would allow His promise to me to be fulfilled. I struggle to think of another church, especially within the Anglican communion, where someone with no formal training or qualifications would be trusted to lead an "alternative" church service and given the authority to do it. So, I owe a massive THANK YOU to Liz for her courage and vision in giving me the opportunity to grow and learn as much as I have while preparing our monthly services and for hearing those echoes of what God had said to me - 40 years ago.

Thank you.

Bob

Dear Liz,

It has been a pleasure serving with you within the Deanery and thank you for allowing me the privilege of leading and preaching at St Margaret's and St John's. Your ministry among the community here in Capel and Ockley has been much-valued and we will all miss you. Every blessing to you and Doug as you 'half-retire' and move just a little bit west around the bottom of Leith Hill into Ewhurst. "May the God of hope fill you (both) with all joy and peace as you trust in him" (Romans 15:13).

God Bless,

Graham

Dear Liz,

I just want to say a huge thank you for your friendship and support over the past 9 years. It has been a privilege to work alongside you. We will miss you and Doug but Ewhurst isn't that far away! Wishing you both and the rest of the family lots of love and happiness.

Helen (Burt) x

Dear Liz & Doug,

How we are going to miss you both and of course Ginger! The mornings just won't be the same without his little face at my kitchen door scratching the glass waiting for something to eat unless the door is open, of course, in which case he just strolls in and helps himself from Raffy's bowl!

I hope you are both very happy in your new home but that you will come and visit us all in Capel regularly.

Love
Helen (Berry) xx

Some fun memories from Sylvie, our Pastoral Assistant ...

"My proudest and my most treasured moment with Rev Liz was when she presented and introduced me to Bishop Andrew at my confirmation service."

"Probably one of the funniest moments I can remember is when we went to the 02 by coach to see the Strictly Tour. It was a night of a hurricane and it is a long walk from the coach park to the 02 Arena. It was pouring with rain and by the time we got inside, we looked like a couple of drowned rats (we had taken a lot of trouble to look nice too!). We then went to the Bar and were presented with a bill for £24 for 2 SMALL gin and tonics in flimsy plastic glasses and they didn't even include ice or lemon ...!!).

Some thoughts and memories from Joy ...



Joy remembers recruiting Liz fifteen years ago. She recalls that she and Peter Bradley as Churchwardens thought as they interviewed Liz - is Capel ready for a female vicar as the advert had stipulated 'male'? She says that both Liz and Doug have been a brilliant team, outgoing and sociable—they have both fully supported church and village events. They have extended kindness to several individuals over the years which went way beyond Liz's Ministry. She wanted to start 'Messy Church' and it worked well for several years until the Covid pandemic came along. She has supported the village school, Scott-Broadwood Infants throughout her long ministry with us and Joy says that the children loved her! She has been passionate about our church choir over the years, being a regular participant and working closely with Anthea, our organist and Choir leader on choosing music and being a part of the Good Friday special musical events. This love of music is evident in her desire to have a sung concert on Saturday 17th October at St John's, where she will be singing with the combined choirs of Capel and Newdigate. She brought to life her desire for a 'Flower festival' in 2022 with the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations. Joy commented that Liz has done a wonderful job combining the Parishes of Ockley and Capel for the past 8 years, which is something she didn't expect to happen when she joined us. She said that the Vicarage has been very much a Richardson family home with their grown up children and now grandchildren enjoying the Vicarage in Capel. Also, Joy remembered that Liz managed to persuade Doug to have a couple of kittens from John Dale senior many years ago and Sooty and Ginger came to live at the Vicarage, joining their much loved Labradors Henry and Alfie. In later years, it has been home to Ruby, their chocolate Labrador. Liz has introduced and led many things including Advent and Lent courses, Alpha and confirmation. They have both been a wonderful addition to village life in Capel. What a team! Good luck Liz and Doug in all you do next.

With love,
Joy x

*Joy reminds us of some of the things Liz has introduced ... *Service for the Bereaved on All Souls * Pet Service * Palm Sunday procession through the village * The wonderful lifesize Nativity in the garden at the Vicarage * Vigil for the centenary of the beginning of World War One * Sean who has done such wonderful repairs to our Churchyard walls* Our wonderful new Memorial Garden **

Our Parish will be taking part in this again this year. Bethlehem Baubles is a non-political organisation. For every bauble you buy, our church gets £3.

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The Curate's Diary - October

Well, it has finally happened. The long hot summer is over! The grass is looking greener and the trees are looking a lot happier as the ground water reserves are gradually replenished by the most welcome rain.

September has seen the start of term, and a new school, for the children at the Weald. I have been so privileged to be on the gate to see the infants begin to settle in and having attended the INSET days with the staff am very conscious of all the hard work which has been undertaken to prepare the school, the buildings and the timetable for this year. With the amalgamation of Scott- Broadwood school and the Weald, life will be different for the whole community, but this is an exciting time as a new vision and new school values are decided upon!



These last few weeks of having Liz as our vicar have flown by. There has been the usual round of Sunday services and some happy baptisms as well as some sad funerals. By comparison with August the month has been incredibly busy with some fun "extras".

Liz and I attended the three day Festival of preaching at Cambridge where we experienced first-hand some of the realities of preaching on sensitive topics and saw how some of the priests who preach on the global stage manage the repercussions. It has been marvellous to spend time with Liz and talk and talk before she ceases to be OUR vicar and my training incumbent.

The three performances of the Murder Mystery have all been greatly enjoyed with the different venues and different times of day with appropriate food much appreciated!

The parish now enters a time of vacancy while the process of finding a new incumbent begins. I remain as curate in the parish and the churchwardens are responsible for ongoing church life until a new vicar is appointed.

An exciting season of festivals and special services is drawing near beginning with our Harvest celebrations, continuing with our All Souls service for the bereaved, Remembrance Day and then into December's own special time.

The PCC (parochial church council) have agreed a few tweaks to the usual monthly programme of services and with the very kind assistance of Graham Everness from Dorking and Rev Jo Elvidge from Horsham it is hoped everyone will be able to participate in the form of worship services which they enjoy. Bob's Sunday Sessions remain a highlight of the second Sunday of the month!

Please do contact me with any prayer requests;

Rev Gill

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Churches invited to pray for all affected by drought, heatwaves and wildfires

British churches have been using prayers written for times of extreme weather.

As five successive heatwaves hit the UK this summer, bringing drought, extreme heat and wildfires, local churches have been helping the people affected, both through practical support - and prayers.

The prayers they used are found in *A Time for Creation*, a newly expanded C of E service book (Church House Publishing).

There is a section headlined 'Prayers in times of extreme weather' and 'A prayer for the farming community in a time of crisis', as well as intercessions for those affected by extreme weather through drought, lack of clean water, storms, flood, wildfires and other events.

The Bishop of Lichfield, Dr Michael Ipgrave, Chair of the Church of England's Liturgical Commission, has encouraged churches to draw from the prayers.

He said that this continues "a longstanding tradition going back to the 1662 Book of Common Prayer", which even includes a Prayer for Rain.

"For centuries, the people of England have turned to prayer in times of extreme weather of all sorts," he said. "The prayer book asks that we may receive 'in our necessity such moderate rain and showers' as we need. Our prayers invite us to ask, to wait and to know the glory and awesomeness of God when they are answered."

Meanwhile, the new Festival of Creation was launched last month (September) by the C of E. It sets out the Christian understanding of the environmental crises facing the world, rooting care for creation in the biblical story of creation, redemption and renewal.

May God grant you courage - message of solidarity with the people of Ukraine

The Bishop of Worcester, Hugh Nelson, who is the C of E's Bishop to the Armed Forces, recently went to Kyiv to join Ukrainian church leaders, other religious leaders and government officials at the National Prayer Breakfast in Kyiv. Bishop Hugh also met with the leader of the Orthodox Church of Ukraine, His Beatitude Metropolitan Epiphany.

Bishop Hugh brought a message from the Archbishop of Canterbury, Sarah Mullally. She promised that the Anglican Church would continue to "stand in prayerful solidarity" with Ukraine, and she acknowledged the "immense sacrifices" which the Ukrainians are making "in defence of your country, its people and the values of freedom and human dignity".

Archbishop Sarah also commended Ukraine's constitutional commitments to freedom of religion and conscience. She rejected the language of "holy war" used to justify the attempts to occupy and subjugate Ukraine by the current regime in Moscow.

"We pray for those who have lost their lives, for those who mourn, for the wounded, the displaced, and all who live under the daily shadow of violence and fear. May the peace of Christ, which surpasses all understanding, guard your hearts and minds in the days ahead."

Aid workers in need of more protection

One thousand aid workers have been killed in the past three years, caught up in various global conflicts.

So reports the Christian relief charity, World Vision. It is calling for stronger protection of humanitarian workers, independent investigations, accountability, and consequences for attacks on humanitarian workers, healthcare facilities, and other civilian infrastructure.

World Vision also wants the humanitarian consequences of drones and other emerging military technologies to be addressed.

World Vision says: "When aid workers are attacked or blocked from reaching people in need, children are left waiting for food, medicine, and protection that may never come. Too often those risking their lives to help are local people and members of the very communities caught in the conflict."

How Tyndale affects what you say - today

It is 500 years since William Tyndale printed the very first English translation of the New Testament.

And hundreds of millions of people today are still quoting him, though they don't know it. For in 1526 Tyndale invented what would become some of the most famous idioms in the English-speaking world.

For instance –

"The salt of the earth"; "Go the extra mile"; "The powers that be"; "Eat, drink and be merry"; "A city on a hill"; "The apple of his eye"; "In the twinkling of an eye"; "Signs of the times"; "My brother's keeper"; "Fight the good fight"; "Broken-hearted"; "Fallen flat on his face."

These phrases were all invented by Tyndale, during his translation from the original Greek of the New Testament.

As a young Catholic priest in England, Tyndale had been inspired by Martin Luther's groundbreaking translation of the Bible into German, and he went to work doing the same for English speakers. No wonder that the Bible Society describes Tyndale as a 'background radical' during Henry VIII's reign (he's mentioned in *Wolf Hall* but doesn't get involved in the action).

Tyndale invented words, too, when he couldn't find a direct English equivalent for a Greek or Hebrew concept. Here are just some:

Scapegoat: To describe the goat burdened with the sins of the people and sent into the wilderness.

Atonement: Literally "at-one-ment", created to describe being at one with God.

Passover: Coined to describe the Jewish holiday where the angel of death passed over the homes of the Israelites.

Busybody: Invented to describe someone who meddles in other people's business.

Tyndale's work has survived multiple revisions of the Bible down the centuries. It is found in the Authorised Version of the Bible, the RSV, the ASV or the ESV, among others.

More at Bible Society's website: <https://www.biblesociety.org.uk> Just type 'Tyndale' into its 'search' box.

PRAYERS, PROSE & POEMS

A Prayer for Rev Liz as she begins a new Ministry at Ewhurst.

Heavenly Father,

I need your presence and favour as I begin this new time of life. Go with me, go before me, and protect me from behind. Guide me and let your face shine upon me to give me peace in every circumstance. Keep me close to you, and bless the work you have for me.

In Jesus' name,

Amen.

Prayer: <https://www.christianity.com>



The Faraway Country

There's a faraway country we dream of
Where the street is paved with gold,
No more tears or hidden fears
Where time has lost its hold.

The portals of heaven are waiting
Where a place has been reserved,
Bought at a cost, by a Saviour's cross
Not one of us has deserved.

God's love is so embracing
For He longs the world to save
Into realms of glory, resurrection's story
And for this His Son He gave.

Let's be part of God's plan for redemption
Of a world still trapped in sin,
As we seek His face for saving grace
That all may enter in.

By Megan Carter

Prayer for harvest

Dear Lord,

As we give thanks for the harvest and pray for the farmers who have struggled through the summer's drought and heatwaves, we also give thanks and pray for those who work to share the good news of Your kingdom, to bring in Your harvest of people who are searching for You.

May we, who know You, join those workers and share the good news that Jesus brings. So many people are lost and without hope or direction. Help us to reach out to them, maybe with an invitation, or simply a smile, or an act of kindness. May they see Your love reflected in us and turn to You.

May they put their trust in Jesus, who alone is the answer to all life's great questions.

Lord, may we be workers in the harvest field where You have placed us, for Your glory.

In Jesus' name. Amen.

By Daphne Kitching

Autumn Nocturne

Chopin's quavers tumble in their chords,
Nocturnes gently soothing as they play;
Arpeggios – saying more than words
As autumn shades replace the summer day.

Sapphire skies give way to rainy grey
The heat is gone from damp and misty air,
The maple sheds its fire of yesterday
The moonlight shines on boughs now stark and bare.

Hands of gentle skill caress the keys,
The nocturne soothes our spirits as it's played.
We sigh not for the baring of the trees
Nor for the coming of the winter shade.

Forgotten soon the frozen frosty ground
The mem'ry stowed beside our winter coats;
As warm we sit, enfolded by the sound
Of Chopin's Nocturne and his graceful notes!

By Nigel Beeton

Nigel Beeton writes: I am a pretty hopeless pianist, I can just about manage a Grade 2 piece. The music of Chopin is a long way beyond me! But as October passes, and the clocks change, dark evenings return. Chopin and his Nocturnes come into their own!

Silver Medal. Golden Faith.
Breakfast Together with Olympian Tony Jarrett
9.00am · Saturday 17 October 2026 Oakwood Hill Village Hall

Join us for an inspiring breakfast with former Olympic hurdler Tony Jarrett — a world-class athlete whose story goes far beyond the track.

Tony's 20-year career brought major medals, including 4 x 100 metre relay silver alongside Linford Christie, John Regis and Colin Jackson, and gold at the 1998 Commonwealth Games. Today, he mentors and motivates athletes, students and businesspeople across the UK.

Despite his success, something was missing. Tony will share how when he accepted Christ, the gap was filled — a powerful story of purpose, perseverance and hope.

Book your ticket today: Liz Thorne 01306 628227 or lizthorne2053@hotmail.co.uk

This is a donation-only event — suggested donation £10 per person
for those who are able.

Tickets are limited — book early and don't miss this uplifting morning!

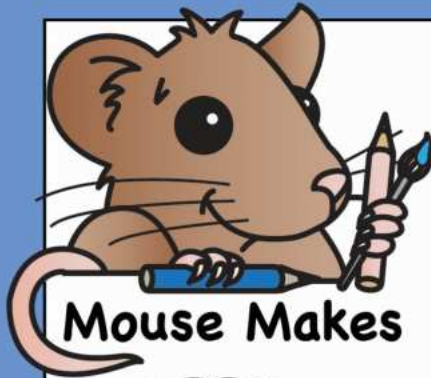
MANIFESTO FOR MURDER

Well done to all involved for a wonderful three performances, together with the meals served at all three too. A huge thanks to the cast and crew, to Director Sylvie and to David Silliman and Helen Berry for supervising the catering at each performance. If anyone would like to write an article (it can be very short!) for the next issue, I'd love to receive one as we could not make any of the performances. Thank you in anticipation!



Did you see the play? Can you spare a few minutes to write up a 'review' and share it with our readers? If so please email Suzanne on: inspire@capelandockleychurch.org.uk

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Mouse Makes

The **Bible** is a collection of books, written by many different people who were helped and inspired by God. The **Bible** includes books of history, law, poetry and songs, wisdom, testimony, letters and prophecy.

The **Bible** encourages us, corrects us and teaches us about God and how we can be friends with Him.



2. Which book of the Bible has the shortest title?

1. How many books are there in the New Testament?

3. The Word of God is sharper than a two edged

Hebrews 4:12



B I B L E S U N D A Y

4. He was an Old Testament prophet that has a book named after him.

5. The first book of the Bible.

6. God's word is like?

A _____
and a _____
Psalm 119:105



8. The last book in the Bible.

9. The Old Testament book of poetry and songs.

11. The last book in the Old Testament.

10. Who wrote the third book of the New Testament?

7. What are the first four books of the New Testament known as?

12. Which book tells the story of the spread of Christianity?

13. The Bible is also known as the

14. A book of the Bible named after a woman

of God.
Hebrews 4:12



High Days & Holy Days: *NEW - 4th October – 800 years since the death of St Francis of Assisi

You'll have heard of Giovanni di Pietro di Bernadone, although he is more probably familiar as Francis of Assisi. On 4th October we will mark 800 years since his death; such was his fame, influence and holiness that he was declared a saint by the pope less than two years after his death.

Francis was born into a prosperous family of silk merchants in Assisi, central Italy, probably in 1181. As a young man he loved clothes, spent money lavishly, and enjoyed a reputation of a jack-the-lad, pleasure-loving and irresponsible. But experience both as a prisoner of war and of illness led him to think deeply about his life, although it took some time for this reappraisal to bear fruit.

Just outside Assisi was the ruined chapel of San Damiano, and it was here that he felt God speak to him, asking him to "repair my church, which as you can see, is falling into ruin". Little did Francis know at that point that 'repairing my church' meant much more than repairing this simple chapel - a task he set about doing.

Francis became known for his devotion to Christ and also his commitment to the poor and bereft. Others were attracted to join him in preaching the gospel and serving the poor. Eventually this was organised into a congregation of poor men (friars), which today we know as the Franciscans.

He established a Rule of Life for these men, later revised as more joined them. A sister organisation, the Poor Clares, was founded for women who wanted to give their lives to God and the service of the poor. Two years before his death, in a period of intense prayer, he is said to have displayed the *stigmata* - the wounds of Christ - in his hands and side. By then he was increasingly ill; blindness and malaria took its toll. He died aged just 45.

Simplicity was a hallmark of his life, which has come down to us in a number of ways. Care for the environment is one way; patron saint of animals is another. World Animal Day is marked on the same day as Francis' death. Many churches will be holding a 'Blessing of the Animals' service, often a cheerful riot of barking dogs, hissing cats, rats and mice in cages, even a stick insect, and horses tethered outside. Is there one in your area where you could take your pet to be blessed?

We should see Francis as a visionary and inspirer, who, impelled by the love of Christ, was able to give himself to, and draw others to, a life of service to the poor, care for the environment, and prayer. By the time he died, there were Franciscan friars over much of Europe. Today, inspired by his legacy, his followers - friars, sisters and lay people - are found all over the world.

Do you have a Rule of Life which you try to live by, one which honours God and seeks the best for humanity? How do you inspire those around you? How do you mark your care for God's creation? You love your pets, but is it time to re-evaluate if you are doing the best by them?

One of Francis' prayers asks God 'to grant us the grace to do for You alone what we know You want us to do, and always to desire what pleases You.' That could be a good rule of life, a star to live by; could you make it yours?

Franciscan Spirituality – Following St Francis Today By Brother Ramon SSF, SPCK, £16.99

As this month we mark 800 years since the death of one of our favourite saints, it's good to remember what was so special about the spirituality of St Francis of Assisi. Can ordinary men and women today, with families, jobs and other responsibilities, even think of following in the way of a 13th century friar?

Brother Ramon, an Anglican Franciscan friar, shows how Franciscan spirituality is marked by spontaneity and emotional freedom, by openness to every human being and love for nature. It treasures both the evangelical and the catholic nature of the gospel. It is rooted in a biblical faith and in reverence for the whole of creation.



Season of Creation

In the church year the *Season of Creation* (September 1st - October 4th) is an opportunity for us to reflect on our responsibility to care for the planet. As the season draws to an end for this year, have you considered:

The world is not ours:

'The earth is the Lord's and everything in it' (Psalm 24:1). The world is not ours, but God's! This means we have a responsibility of caring for God's world: *'The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it.'* (Genesis 2:15). Clearly, we have not done the best job! The effects of global warming have been all too obvious this summer. And 2025 ranked as the third warmest year on record globally, 1.3°C to 1.44°C above pre-industrial levels. This follows the historic peak in 2024, driven by ongoing fossil fuel emissions and high ocean surface temperatures.

Our hope is found in Jesus:

Any hope for the future lies in Jesus Himself. He is the one who sustains creation and will bring everything to completion: *'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). God's plan is *'to bring unity to all things in heaven and on earth under Christ.'* (Ephesians 1:10). We can look forward to the climax of history when God through Christ will restore our broken world and make everything new.

In the present, we are empowered by Christ to take our proper place as stewards of the earth. Simple everyday actions can help to sustain our planet, including recycling of waste, energy saving, choosing reusable options, careful diet and a commitment to simple living can help the planet.

However difficult the climate crisis gets, as Christians, we can engage it with faith and not fatalism!

23rd Psalm for the Workplace

The Lord is my real boss and I shall not want.
He gives me peace, when chaos is all around me.
He gently reminds me to pray before I speak and to do all things without
murmuring and complaining.

He reminds me that He is my Source and not my job.
He restores my sanity every day and guides my decisions that I might honour
Him in everything I do.

Even though I face absurd amounts of emails, system crashes, unrealistic
deadlines, budget cutbacks, gossiping co-workers, discriminating
supervisors, and an aging body that doesn't cooperate every morning,
I will not stop -- for He is with me!

His presence, His peace, and His power will see me through.
He raises me up, even when they fail to promote me.
He claims me as His own, even when the company threatens to let me go.

His faithfulness and love are better than any bonus cheque.
His retirement plan beats every workplace pension there is.
When it's all said and done, I'll be working for Him a whole lot longer
and for that, I bless His Name.

LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Dear friends,

Well we come to the end of an era as Liz and Doug leave us for pastures new. What a marvellous fifteen years we have had with Liz and Doug in our midst. They're very much a team and I'm sure Liz would say she couldn't do the job without Doug's support. They've supported church and village events tirelessly and also found time to befriend one or two individuals whose lives they enhanced and touched deeply. It will be a time of change for us and one of sadness as we say farewell to them both. But I'm sure they will be a great success in Liz's next Ministry in Ewhurst which isn't far away at all! There is so much I could say, but as Editor I've alluded to it in the past two or three issues when sharing details of Liz's leaving events. I would say however, that Liz has been kind enough to give me a free rein with this magazine from the time of its inception in early 2017. I felt called to produce a faith-based publication and she was immediately supportive. Also, she has never given anything other than positive feedback to me. I'm grateful for her unstinting support with being able to produce this magazine each month with complete freedom. She was keen to keep it free of charge for our readers so that price wouldn't be prohibitive, and my sincere thanks to all our sponsors over the last nine years who have enabled that. With her backing, I hope we have produced a magazine to be proud of and one that reaches many people, not just our regular congregations.

You can enjoy other people's memories and greetings to Liz & Doug on pages 10 & 11 and there are photos on both page 27 and 28. They are only a snapshot of the fifteen years with us from 2011—2026, but I hope they capture a flavour of that time - some in church and others off-duty!

This is a slightly shorter edition to enable it to be printed somewhat earlier than usual. This is in the hope that it will be in churches on the day of Gwyneth Drummond's service on 2nd October and Liz's final service and lunch on Sunday 4th October. I hope that it can be a small keepsake of our wonderful times with Rev Liz at our helm, both at St John the Baptist to begin with and latterly as Vicar to St Margaret's, Ockley too. Whilst writing, I must also mention our late friend Gwyneth Drummond. When Chris retired and they came to live in Capel, we were blessed with them in our village and church family for about 20 years. We were so fortunate to have them both. I will never forget listening to many of Chris' wonderful sermons delivered in that wonderful, rich voice that he had. And Gwyneth too, a wonderful Christian lady who was a good friend to so many. Rest in peace dear Gwyneth. How lucky we were to have you.

Wishing Liz and Doug many blessings in their next abode.

With my best wishes,

Suzanne

Our new Quiet corner and the Children's Area in St John the Baptist, Capel

You will have noticed by now that we have created a quiet sitting area in St John's with a sofa, chair and low round table. This was something we identified in our Parish Needs Process meetings over the last year and I was glad to be able to offer some of my parents' furniture to establish this as my sister and I clear my Mum's house in Capel. They both loved our church and I'm sure would be delighted that some of their furniture is now housed in there.

That takes me to the Children's corner near the quiet area. This is a work in progress! I have started to clean all the remaining toys in the church and am going to ensure that there is a little area for children to play or draw at a small table when they are in church. Sadly, over the last few years, we've needed all the toys etc. much less and they had all deteriorated and got very dirty. I was acutely conscious of this when trying to give some toys to small children in a recent baptism. We don't need them often so this will happen gradually going forward. But rest assured something is happening and I hope to make it a welcoming space for children and their families when attending church.

Thank you Suzanne



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With many thanks to everyone for the continued support of the Dorking Foodbank. Thanks to Sylvie who volunteers at the Foodbank, we always have an up to date list of items they need at this point.

Do you have any plastic carrier bags you can spare? Please do continue to donate non-perishable food, personal hygiene including shampoo, body wash and disposable razors, together with sanitary items, amongst other things. **ALL items are gratefully received.**

'DONATE TEN'

Could you donate ten items to the Foodbank,
or maybe make a direct debit for £10 each month or arrange
a one-off donation?

This month's requests for donations:-

*** Tinned soup * Tinned vegetables ***

Toothpaste * Squash *

Tinned meals for one person * Shampoo *



If you would like to hear more regarding this project
please contact: Sylvie Beckett - 07711 849338

The Pavilion Café

**Every Wednesday at Ockley Cricket Club Pavilion
9 am until midday**

Come and enjoy a warm welcome and a delicious range of
homemade cakes and savouries - including gluten/dairy free.
Bacon butties every fourth Wednesday and freshly made teas and coffees.

The Pavilion Café was originally the idea of Kindred Spirits,
the women's outreach group from Ockley, Okewood and Forest Green Parish,
11 years ago. It is run by a team of volunteers in support of charities,
local charitable causes and Ockley events.

If you would like to volunteer, please let Liz know on
either 07951 710176 or lizthorne2053@hotmail.co.uk

High Days & Holy Days: 1st October - Anthony Ashley-Cooper, Poor Man's Earl

Think of Piccadilly Circus, and that small statue of the angel poised with bow and arrow. Most people think it stands for Eros. It does not. It stands for Anteros, his brother, the god of selfless love. It is a memorial to the greatest Christian Victorian philanthropist, politician and social reformer of his generation – Lord Shaftesbury.

Anthony Ashley Cooper, the 7th Earl of Shaftesbury (1801 – 1885) was a devout Christian who spent his life fighting to help ease the plight of lunatics, chimney sweeps, children in factories, women and children in the mines, opium addicts, and children without any education.

His own early life was loveless and bleak – his parents formal and frightening, his early schooldays a “horror” of “cruelty and starvation”. The only love came from the family’s housekeeper, Maria Millis. A biographer wrote: ‘She provided for Ashley a model of Christian love that would form the basis for much of his later social activism and philanthropic work.’ The reality and homely practicality of her Christian love were a beacon for the young Ashley. She told him Bible stories, she taught him a prayer.

After Christ Church Oxford, where he proved an outstanding scholar, Ashley turned to politics. In 1826, aged 25, he was elected as Tory MP for Woodstock. He was eager to serve on parliamentary committees that got things done; his great life’s work had begun.

Lunatics: In 1827 lunatics were kept chained naked in straw, forced to sleep in their excrement. They were washed in freezing cold water, with one towel for 160 people and no soap. There was gross over-crowding and inedible food: asylums were places to die in.

Shaftesbury’s maiden speech in Parliament was in support of a Bill to improve their conditions. He wrote: ‘By God’s blessing, my first effort has been for the advance of human happiness.’

It took years: from 1827 to 1884 he fought for a succession of Lunacy Acts, writing later of ‘the years of toil and care that, under God, I have bestowed on this melancholy and awful question.’

Child Labour and Factory Reform. Again, reform took years, with Shaftesbury fighting for the Ten Hours Act from 1833, 1842, 1844, 1846 and 1847 – when it finally got through Parliament. No child under the age of nine should work in the cotton or woollen industries, and no one under 18 must work more than ten hours a day.

Miners. In 1842 he fought to outlaw the employment of women and children in coal mines.

Climbing boys. Thousands of young boys were dying in terrible pain – scorched, blinded and suffocated by soot, or with cancer of the scrotum. Ashley fought for Bills in 1840, 1851, 1853, 1855, and 1864 until finally the Chimney Sweepers Act 1875 closed the practise down.

Education reform: 1844 Ashley became president of the Ragged School Union that promoted education for poor children. He wrote that if it were to fail, ‘I should die of a broken heart’.

Religion. Lord Shaftesbury was a devout Christian who became a leading figure in 19th century evangelical Anglicanism. He was President of British and Foreign Bible Society for nearly 30 years. He was very sympathetic to the Jews, and advocated their return to the Holy Land.

Lord Shaftesbury’s funeral service at Westminster Abbey on the morning of 8th October 1885 drew thousands of people. The streets along the route were thronged with the poor: costermongers, flower-girls, boot-blacks, crossing sweepers, factory hands and many more. They waited for hours just to see his coffin go by. He was dearly loved by them as the ‘Poor Man’s Earl’.

One biographer wrote: ‘No man has in fact ever done more to lessen the extent of human misery, or to add to the sum total of human happiness.’

The great preacher Charles Spurgeon called him ‘the best man of the age’. He ‘lived for the oppressed’, he was a ‘moral anchor in a drifting generation’, ‘friend of every living thing’, ‘he had a ‘fervent love to God, and hearty love to man.’

Editor: Tim Lenton considers a much-loved bear...

100 years of Winnie-the-Pooh

One hundred years ago, on 14th October 1926, the children's book *Winnie-the-Pooh*, by A A Milne, was published.

It was set in the Hundred Acre Wood, an innocent world described as "largely Edenic" but based on Ashdown Forest in East Sussex, which the Milne family often explored from their home in nearby Hartfield. It came about through the encouragement of E H Shepard, Milne's colleague on the humorous magazine *Punch*, who provided the beguiling illustrations.

Alan Alexander Milne was firstly a playwright and occasional mystery story writer who, again with Shepard, wrote the book of children's verse *When We Were Very Young*, which contained the seeds of *Winnie-the-Pooh* and its sequel, *The House on Pooh Corner*, all of which proved extremely popular.

It was apparently during a family visit to London Zoo, where Christopher Robin encountered a tame bear called Winnipeg, that the book was conceived. Winnie's literary friends, such as Piglet and Eeyore, were originally toys of the real Christopher Robin.

Sadly, the book eventually had an adverse effect on the Milne family. The author said that he felt "amazement and disgust" at the fame his son had had thrust upon him: "I do not want C R Milne to ever wish that his name was Charles Robert." Nevertheless, the son did become estranged from his parents, especially following his marriage to his mother's niece.

The effect of the book on others has been happier. A plaque at Ashdown Forest declares that Milne and Shepard "captured the magic of Ashdown Forest and gave it to the world".

Despite creating a kind of Eden, Milne, who was a pacifist, said little about religion. But he did say on joining the Home Guard that "in fighting Hitler we are truly fighting the Devil, the Anti-Christ ... Hitler was a crusader against God."

The four Winnie-the-Pooh books went on to sell more than 50 million copies worldwide. The first book became the first-ever foreign-language book on the *New York Times* bestseller list.

Accident

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

From the back seat I heard his earnest voice: "Dear God, please don't let those cars block the entrance to McDonald's."

"My favourite childhood memory is having energy."

"My mind is like an internet browser. At least nineteen open tabs, three of them are frozen and I have no clue where the music is coming from."

"It's weird being the same age as old people."

"I like to make a shopping list. I like to guess what's in it when I get to the store and discover I left it at home."

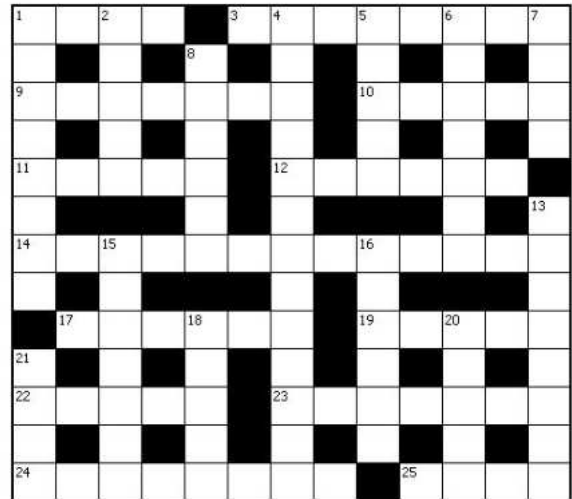
CROSSWORD

Across

- 1 'Those who were standing near Paul said, "You — to insult God's high priest?"' (Acts 23:4) (4)
 3 They were assigned to guard the tree of life (Genesis 3:24) (8)
 9 'Elkanah son of Jeroham, the son of Elihu, the — of —, the son of Zuph, an Ephraimite' (1 Samuel 1:1) (3,4)
 10 Surrender (Joshua 24:23) (5)
 11 Where American livestock can be reared (5)
 12 Listen (anag.) (6)
 14 Alternative name for Kiriath Jearim (2 Samuel 6:2) (6,2,5)
 17 He founded Westminster Abbey, — the Confessor (6)
 19 Hebrew word for the place of the dead (5)
 22 Allies of Persia in the fifth century BC (Esther 1:3) (5)
 23 Where John Wesley was forced to preach a lot (4,3)
 24 Rebellion against God; abandonment of religious belief (8)
 25 Note (anag.) (4)

Down

- 1 Give an account of (Mark 4:30) (8)
 2 'I — — the path of your commands, for you have set my heart free' (Psalm 119:32) (3,2)
 4 'He took the ephod, the other — — and the carved image' (Judges 18:20) (9,4)
 5 'You are a chosen people, a — priesthood' (1 Peter 2:9) (5)
 6 The meek, the merciful and the mourners are all this (Matthew 5:4-5, 7) (7)
 7 Musical Instrument Digital Interface (1,1,1,1)
 8 He was the son of Nun (Deuteronomy 34:9) (6)
 13 'Let the little — come to me' (Matthew 19:14) (8)
 15 'About three thousand were — — their number that day' (Acts 2:41) (5,2)
 16 In John's vision, the wall of the new Jerusalem was made of this (Revelation 21:18) (6)
 18 'Our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly — a Saviour from there, the Lord Jesus Christ' (Philippians 3:20) (5)
 20 'Glorify the Lord with me: let us — his name together' (Psalm 34:3) (5)
 21 Young Men's Christian Association (1,1,1,1)



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Sudoku Puzzles

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Right: Medium

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Puzzle Solutions

Crossword Solution

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Sudoku Easy Solution

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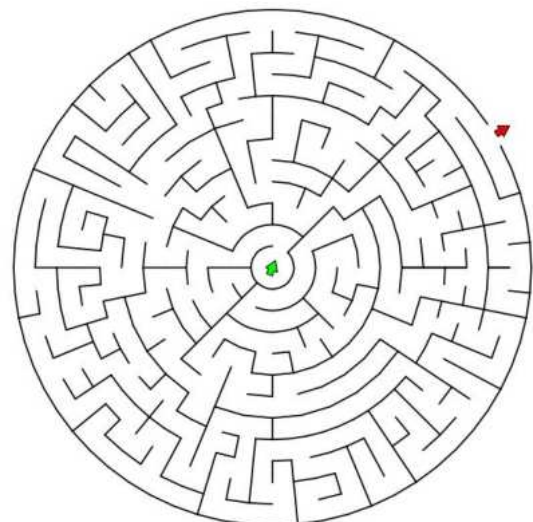
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"Wait a moment, dear, this isn't a tourists'- attraction ratings guide, it's a Health and Safety warning!"

This month's Maze



As we say farewell to Rev Liz and begin an interregnum ...

The Perfect Minister

When looking for a new minister, it may be helpful to bear the following in mind:

The Perfect Minister preaches exactly 10 minutes. He condemns sin roundly but never hurts anyone's feelings. He works from 8 am until midnight and is also the church handyman.

The Perfect Minister lives on a very small salary, wears good clothes, drives a good car, buys good books, and donates £30 a week to the church. He is 29 years old and has 40 years' worth of experience. Above all, he is handsome.

The Perfect Minister has a burning desire to work with teenagers, and he spends most of his time with the senior citizens. He smiles all the time with a straight face because he has a sense of humour that keeps him seriously dedicated to his church. He makes 15 home visits a day and is always in his office to be on hand when needed.

The Perfect Minister always has time for all our church meetings. And he is always busy evangelising the unchurched. He also spends hours preparing couples for their weddings, hours preparing parents for their baby's baptism, and hours visiting the bereaved. But his life is dedicated to solitude, prayer and meditation.

The Perfect Minister is always in the next town over! So, if you think that our minister does not measure up, it has been suggested that we simply send this notice to six other churches who would like to try a new minister. The idea is that we bundle up our minister and send him to the church at the top of our list. If everyone cooperates, in one week we will receive 1,643 new ministers. One of them should be perfect. Have faith in this plan. One church broke the chain and got its old minister back in less than three months.



**Just some of
Rev Liz's
Ministry over
the last fifteen
years.**

**More pictures
on the back
cover.**





Thank You



**Thank you Liz & Doug
for a wonderful fifteen years
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