



ALL SAINTS' *MALDON* PARISH NEWS

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First Sunday	08.00 Holy Communion	Fr John
1st	09.30 Worship for All	Mary, Hannah and Jordan
Trinity 17	14.30 Baptism	Fr John
Thursday	08.00 First Eucharist following Priesting	Rev Jordan
5th		
Second Sunday	08.00 Holy Communion	Fr John
8th	09.30 Holy Communion	Fr John
Trinity 18		
Third Sunday	08.00 Holy Communion	Rev Jordan
15th	09.30 Holy Communion	Rev Jordan
Trinity 19		
Fourth Sunday	08.00 Holy Communion	Fr John
22nd	09.30 Holy Communion	Rev Noelle
Trinity 20		
Fifth Sunday	08.00 Holy Communion	Fr John
29th	09.30 Holy Communion	Fr John
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The Parish Letter

Dear friends,

As I write this early in September, I am looking forward to two important occasions in the life of our parish. The first will be on 30th September when our curate, Jordan will be ordained as a priest in the Church of England and the second on Thursday 5th October when he will celebrate his "First Mass" at All Saints' Church. I am sure there will be great rejoicing on these two occasions.

Recently, I was speaking to a young woman who had been brought up as a Roman Catholic in Poland. She asked me lots of questions because she was rather puzzled by the Church of England. She had assumed that it was like other Reformed (Protestant) churches with simple services of the word led by ministers or pastors. However, now she lived in England, she had discovered it had priests, like her own Roman Catholic church. Furthermore, she had been to Midnight Mass last year and discovered the service was the same as in the Roman Catholic church. She said to me, "The service was the same and the priest even wore the same type of vestments."

This confusion had arisen because the Church of England is what we might call a hybrid church. It is both Reformed and Catholic. It contains elements of both strands of Christianity. Those of you who study church history will know that at periods in the past there have been struggles between those who wanted the Church of England to be a fully Reformed church and those who were keen to stress its Catholic roots. This is reflected today by



people who describe themselves as low church (stressing the Reformed tradition) and those who describe themselves as high church (stressing the Catholic tradition). Thankfully today most people accept the integrity of both strands in the Church of England.

So what are the features of the Church of England that reflect the Reformed tradition? I would identify two main features. The first is the recognition given to the laity in governance and ministry. The church is not governed by priests and bishops. Important decisions are made by churchwardens, parochial church councils and the various synods. The church also encourages lay ministry such as Readers and Authorised Preachers, who lead services and preach the word.

A second feature of the Reformed tradition is that the Church of England encourages its members to read, digest and think about scripture. Preaching is encouraged and most churches have bible study groups, discussion groups and Lent courses. Members are encouraged to

form their own opinions rather than dogmas being proscribed from above. Our own diocesan Course in Christian Studies is a good example of this where members study and debate the Bible, ethics, church doctrine and history.

What are the catholic strands of the Church of England? I would identify the first as the prominence of the Eucharist in our liturgy. Until recently, it was church law that all churches should have a celebration of the Eucharist every Sunday. This has only been amended because of clergy shortages. At All Saints' we celebrate the Eucharist Sunday by Sunday and meet the Risen Lord in word and sacrament. Most churches use the word "eucharist" for this service, following the example of the Greek Orthodox church, although some like St Mary's use the word Mass, following the example of the Roman Catholic church. However, it is the same service. At All Saints' we use the same eucharistic vestments used by the Orthodox and Roman Catholic churches to emphasise that the meaning of our service is the same as in those two churches. As I wrote earlier, this was noticed by my Polish friend.

The second catholic strand in the Church of England is that it has maintained the ancient threefold order of ministry, bishop, priest and deacon, in line with the Orthodox and Roman Catholic churches. These orders of ordained ministry should not be confused with job titles. A priest can be a

curate, a vicar, a chaplain, a dean or an archdeacon, to give a few examples. These are the jobs priests are appointed to do.

Jordan is about to be ordained priest in this complex organization we know as the Church of England. Priests are intermediaries between the people of the church and God. This can best be seen in the Eucharist. On our behalf, Jordan will offer our gifts and sacrifices to God represented by the bread and wine. Then, in the eucharistic prayer he will invoke the Holy Spirit so that these gifts become the body and blood of Christ so that God's presence is with us in a physical form. Our imperfect gifts have been transformed into the perfect gift which is given to us as we receive the sacrament. This is a paradigm for Jordan's new role in the church and community. He will develop and offer our gifts to God and he will reveal God's presence among us by his teaching, preaching and works.

All of us ordained priests feel we are unworthy of this calling. However, the church has discerned that Jordan is being called by God to be a priest in his church and we at All Saints' church rejoice at that. Our prayers are with Jordan at this important time and we look forward with great anticipation to his priestly ministry amongst us.

With very best wishes and prayers,

Father John

The Unsung

"For the growing good of the world is partly dependent on unhistoric acts; and that things are not so ill with you and me as they might have been, is half owing to the number who lived faithfully a hidden life, and rest in unvisited tombs."

George Eliot, "Middlemarch"



CHURCH NEWS

A brief look at current Church events

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God will help Ukraine to 'destroy evil'

The Primate of the independent Orthodox Church of Ukraine, Metropolitan Epiphany (Dumenko) has praised the dignity and "self-sacrificing love" shown by Ukrainian soldiers. He said that God would help the country to "destroy evil".

He said: "We are fighting for fully understandable fundamental values: for our independence and territorial integrity, which the whole world has recognised for 30 years.

The Russian invaders constantly invent delusional, incomprehensible excuses for their attack. But these will not help them, since evil

is always overcome and punished."

The Evangelical Baptist Union of Ukraine has urged its congregations to pray for "the spread of God's light in all spheres of social life."

Meanwhile, a former President of the Russian Union of Evangelical Christians-Baptists, Yuri Sipko, has fled to Germany to escape arrest in Russia. He said: "A criminal case has been opened against me – they are looking for me to put me in prison because I've spoken the truth that Russia waged war on Ukraine. People are dying and everything is being destroyed. It's criminal, and they should not be doing this... I think everybody should be speaking out

against it.”

£9.4 million approved for additional curate posts

The Church of England is going to spend more money on curates.

Funding to the tune of £9.4 million has been approved to support dioceses with the costs of nearly 70 additional stipendiary curacy posts across the Church of England.

The grant, approved by the Strategic Mission and Ministry Investment Board (SMMIB), will support 68.5 additional stipendiary curacy posts for deacons ordained this year.

The funds have been made to ensure that there is no shortfall in the number of available stipendiary curacy posts. A further £8.4 million has been approved by the Board for additional curacies in 2024.

The Revd Helen Fraser, Head of Vocations and Deputy Director of the Ministry Development Team for the Church of England, said “Once again I am delighted that dioceses will receive this support in their ongoing provision of excellent training in curacy.”

Group to meet ahead of November Synod

A group drawn from across different traditions within the Church has recently met, as part of ongoing work in the Living in Love and Faith process.

This is ahead of the November General Synod, which will once again consider proposals to enable same-sex couples to come to church following a civil marriage or civil partnership for prayers of dedication, thanksgiving and for God’s blessing on the two people.

The group was created at the invitation of the Co-Chairs of the Living in Love and Faith Steering Group, Bishop Sarah Mullally and Bishop Philip Mountstephen. It brings together a wealth of knowledge from prior involvement in the LLF process, as well as a range of lived experiences.

The group was given an update on the ongoing work on pastoral guidance and pastoral assurance in relation to the Prayers of Love and Faith, and members were asked to provide their insights and reflections. These will be fed into discussions at meetings in the autumn of the College and House of Bishops, ahead of the November Synod.

The Bishop of London, Sarah Mullally, said: “The House and the College of Bishops have a real desire to create a loving, generous, ecclesial, and pastoral space, despite deeply

held differences of opinion, in which we can share our ministry and implement the motion agreed by the Synod in February.

“There is a desire to joyfully offer a pastoral response to loving, faithful and long-term same sex relationships. There is at the same time no intention of changing the doctrine of marriage as expressed in the canons and the authorised liturgy of the Church of England.

“Holding these commitments together is at times painful and complex. As part of this we are seeking to listen to people’s hopes and concerns and to ensure that they are satisfied that their views have been taken into consideration.”

Membership of the group will be published at a later date.

Recommendations for collaboration between dioceses

The Church of England’s Dioceses Commission has shared the themes which emerged from a recent consultation looking at bishops and their ministries.

It is part of a series of ‘listening exercises’ exploring how the Church of England can best serve the nation in the 2020s and beyond, and also make best use of resources.

Recommendations included suggestions for new collaborations between dioceses in areas such as Net Zero, Racial Justice, Ministry Training and Education, either on a regional level or between a number of dioceses.

The consultation also considered how dioceses might cooperate to use resources better, as well as how the ministry of suffragan and area bishops can best be delivered. There will not be any centrally led structural changes to dioceses, or combinations of dioceses, as a result of the consultation.

Public opinion and a ‘prophetic’ voice - Bishop Nick responds to newspaper survey

The Church has a duty to challenge popular culture but also to listen and be challenged by it, the Bishop of Leeds Nick Baines, has said.

He was speaking as a recent survey in *The Times* newspaper highlighted views among some clergy on a range of questions. The findings were based on replies by clergy who responded to a list of email questions this past summer.

Bishop Nick said it highlighted the challenge the Church has faced in every generation in seeking both to listen to public opinion but also being a “prophetic” voice.

"The Church is the Church, and, as such, not a club, he said. "It has a distinct vocation that does not include seeking popularity. As God's Church, it is made up of people who love God, His world and its people. Worship, love, and justice lie at the heart of its vocation.

"This means that the Church – in every generation – has to live with the tension of being prophetic (challenging the way the world is) whilst listening to the challenge the world brings to it.

"'Repentance' means being open to changing our mind in order that society should encounter both love and justice. And this means sometimes going against the flow of popular culture, however uncomfortable that might be.

"What this survey seems to show is that clergy aren't detached in an ivory tower, but really wrestling – thoughtfully and prayerfully - with the kinds of questions our society is also addressing. This is how it has always been and should be.

"Evidently, the Church hasn't always got it right, but cannot escape the demands of its calling to be faithful to God in loving His world."

Religious Studies on the decrease

The number of students taking Religious Studies (RS) at A-level has decreased by 3.5 per cent in England, and by 24 per cent in Wales. This is despite an overall increase in the total number of students taking A-levels.

14,690 students took an RS A-level in England in 2023, compared with 15,216 last year. In Wales, the numbers were down from 982 to 748.

The chair of the Religious Education Council said that the decline shows "the really concerning impact that teacher retention and recruitment is having on the subject. "Between 2003 and 2022, RS was one of the fastest-growing A-level courses, with a 39-per-cent rise in student numbers. The recent drop in numbers has coincided with concern about the training and retention of specialist RS teachers.

The Children's Commissioner for England, Dame Rachel de Souza, recently called for better provision and resourcing. She emphasised the importance of RS as a "safe space" for discussing "important and exciting philosophical, religious and moral conundrums".

Bible Sunday – 29th October

The Bible isn't a single book, but a library of 66 books, composed by some 44 writers over 1500 years in a range of styles including history, poetry, prophecy, letters and apocalyptic (looking at the end times). Despite having a number of different writers, it claims one authority - God Himself! *'All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work'* (2 Timothy 3:16). The Bible is inspired (*'the word of God in the words of men'*) and equips us to live for God in every aspect of our lives. We also have the promise of the Holy Spirit to guide us when we read: *'when the Spirit of truth comes, He will guide you into all truth'* (John 16:13).

How should we read the Bible? Let's consider the following guidelines:

Right time: We need a regular routine, which will meet our needs. This will vary according to our circumstances: e.g., a mum at home with young children, somebody with a demanding job or a retired person.

Right Place: We need to find a space where we can be undisturbed (e.g. lounge, bedroom, train or kitchen).

Right Version: We need a version of the Bible which we can readily understand and use. A number of versions are available (e.g. NIV, The Message), as well as Bible apps we can access on our phone.

Right Help: Reading notes also help us to understand a passage and apply it to our lives.

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BBQ at All Saint's Vicarage

The weather was definitely not on our side when the vicarage barbecue started but a reasonable number of business owners accepted Rev Jordan's invitation, at the end of August, to pop in meet him and the PCC and grab a bite to eat and something to drink. It was an attempt to arrange a social gathering of the Maldon business community after work for an hour or so. At least nine businesses were represented and all things considered it was a jolly meeting. The sausages and burgers disappeared pretty quickly thanks to chefs Julie and Mike's expert cooking, and so did the drinks! And despite threatening to—it didn't rain



we came to Fairstead and the church of St. Mary the Virgin.

TEN to *TEN* the Rambling Group

Our September walk was brought forward to avoid a clash with the Heritage weekend. However, as only three people turned up for the walk, it would seem that many of our regulars were either on holiday or had other commitments. Never mind, those of us that came enjoyed a lovely stroll through the delightful countryside around Terling.

Setting off from the village hall, we made our way along footpaths and quiet lanes towards the hamlet of Fuller Street. This area of rolling fields and small woods is surprisingly rural and sparsely populated. However, I did see from a notice pinned to a tree that there are plans for a 5000-acre solar panel farm here. The locals are not impressed!

Heading back towards Terling, we came to Fairstead and the church of St. Mary the Virgin. This attractive old church is quite isolated and I do wonder how long it will be able to survive with what must be a very small parish community. Carrying on, we passed Terling windmill, now a private house and sadly missing its sails. Then on back through the village to our starting point. Welcome refreshments were taken at the Rayleigh Arms before returning home.

Our next walk will be on Saturday 14th October and will be from Burnham to Creeksea via the Parlour café. Everyone welcome! Meet at 9.50am at Burnham Riverside Car Park, Millfields Road which is free. Postcode CM0 8HS.

For more details, please contact Sue Smith, 01621 854056.

Peter Holmes

Deputy Warden's Chat

I still get that 'back to school' feeling at this time of year. I may not be planning for the new school term any more, but life at church seems to come to life again after the summer break. Dates for meetings are written into diaries, planning for future events and, should I say it, even for Christmas!

It has been a strange summer, weather wise, many saying due to climate change. Here in Britain, however, we have not suffered the dramatic natural disasters that have affected other countries around the world. Seeing the sufferings inflicted by earthquakes, floods and fires to many hundreds of people has surely touched the hearts of many of us. We can only perhaps contribute what we can afford to the various charities that offer support, little though it may seem, and remember the people who have suffered loss of family, friends and homes in our prayers.

The Open the Book teams are back in schools, and those of us helping with this Bible Society project had a training day to learn about the new programme of stories, written by Bob Hartman. Open the Book has been going for twenty years, although Churches Together in Maldon have only been involved for about ten years. Today children across the world have teams telling the Bible stories going into their schools.

This month we look forward to Jordan being ordained priest and pray for him and his family as he continues in his ministry here in Maldon.



Lastly I must give our best wishes to Linda Anthony and her husband as they move house and leave our church family. Linda has been part of All Saints for many years and served the church in several capacities. We wish them well in their new home.

Love Jenny.

A BURNING BUSH

The last time I did Worship for All, it was with Noelle, who made me feel quite honoured to be playing Moses! Well that was until I realized that a snake was involved in the story of Moses and the burning bush !! There is NO way I am acting with a snake!!!!

Well we got round that by leaving the shepherds' crook on the ground, you know the one that turns into a snake, but all I in fact had to do was pick up the crook again. Well that was Ok, but next came the burning bush, actually I quite enjoyed putting a burning bush together with a pot plant provided by Noelle, I put lights on it as well as flames!! And we liked the effect, but it made me think, what in fact was the burning bush.

I have been lucky enough to see what is claimed to be the original place of the bush on Mount Sinai and what one sees now is an actual cutting from the original!!! It has a fence round it now to stop tourists taking cuttings!

There are in fact bushes in the desert which do burst into flames, and the most likely one to be the biblical bush is called *DICTAMNUS ALBUS*. For most of the year this is a normal bush, but in the hot summer it produces a sticky flammable substance, and in the heat the vapours produced can quickly spark and cause flames, but this happens so rapidly that the bush does not burn and is unscathed. Well that is the science bit, but the miracle bit is of course is that God spoke through the flames to Moses.

Vicky

Congratulations to Ken & Jean

on 65 year's of marriage (1958 to 2023)



and the card from Buckingham Palace reads:

My wife and I were so pleased to hear that you are celebrating your 65th wedding anniversary on September 6th 2023. This brings you our warmest congratulations and heartfelt good wishes on this happy occasion.

Signed: Charles R. Camila R.



Readers' letters

On Tue, 5 Sept 2023 at 10:59, Geoff Dickman <geoff.h.dickman@gmail.com> wrote:

During the war packs of German U-boats sank Allied ships in the Atlantic Ocean with impunity. On 19th December 1944 one such ship was the "Dorchester" with the loss of 674 lives lost and only 230 saved.

Of particular note were four chaplains: Lt. George Fox, a Methodist; Lt. Alexander Goode, who was Jewish; Lt. Clark Poling, a Minister of the Reformed Church; and Lt. John Washington, a Roman Catholic.

They remained on board as the ship very quickly sank giving their life jackets to four terrified young men. On 19th December the chaplains were each awarded posthumously the Distinguished Service Cross and in January 1961 President Kennedy awarded them a Special Medal for Heroism. Never given before nor given again.

Giving one's life to save others is a supreme sacrifice. The Bible says "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends". - (John 15:13)

Regards, Geoff.



The Chair

No it's not the Grand National fence that we're worried about - it's our humble pew replacement. Some of these chairs have had the audacity to move about under their own steam! One or two have even slipped into the D'Arcy Room

and got all the other innocent chairs into trouble as well. They haven't got that chunk of steel sticking out of their legs and are quite harmless. But the main church chairs are vicious and have been known to injure innocent users. And so an immediate ban has been put on them. Under no circumstance must they leave their appointed place, they were told, and to make sure they get the message they have been shown a pile of fire wood—that's what could happen to them if there's a next time !!!





ALL SAINTS'

Christmas Tree Festival

FRIDAY 8th - SUNDAY 10th DECEMBER

Please keep the dates free

planning is already underway and groups and individuals will be contacted.

If you would like to offer any help please get in touch with me julieovenden@hotmail.com

(or see me in church - Julie)



ALL SAINTS' WEBSITE change

As most will know, All Saints' Church has its own website, and has had one for many years. What you may not know is that the site has now had a change of design. As from September 2023 our host has improved the look with new "headers" and

"footers" and increased the standard page size. We have also tried to simplify the site by reducing the number of folders and pages we use.


None of this needs to be remembered, but I have had people telling me they are finding it difficult to find us. Well our website address is the same as it always has been and that is: **www.allsaintsmaldon.com** (NB: don't forget the "www" at the beginning.)

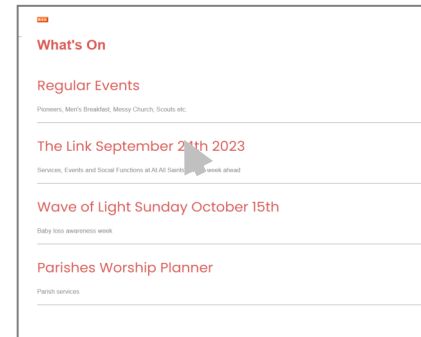
When you type that address into your browser you are immediately taken to our "frontpage" (see opposite). Every site has one of these—it tells you where you are and you can select ("navigate to") any folder you want to look at.

These folders are listed right at the top of the "frontpage" (*white letters on a blue background strip*). When you move your "cursor" over these and click on any one it opens up and shows you a "menu" (orange letters on a white background).

These are the pages. When you move your cursor over them they also open up, revealing the subject you have been looking for.

For example if you were looking for this weeks Link - start on the website's "**frontpage**" go up to ("navigate to") the white letters on the blue background at the top of the "frontpage"

Click on the "**what's on**" folder - it opens with a list of "pages" (the "menu" orange letters on a white background) move the cursor arrow () to select the page headed



FRONTPAGE

FOLDERS (white on blue background)



“The Link September 24th 2023” and click on it - it will open, revealing the familiar looking “Link” - the only difference is it may be in colour. Now scroll down (using the mouse wheel or the scroll bar on the right) to view the various pages.

Easy—but if you are still having problems let me know and I’ll try my best to sort them out.

Mike K. (webmaster)

Only Joking

Looking through Parish Pumps “Smile Lines” this month I couldn’t resist these ...

OK to Pray

Poster in a public school in South Pasadena, California: “In the event of nuclear attack, the rule prohibiting prayer in school will be temporarily suspended.”

Sin

A very earnest member of the local church was praising the obvious spiritual gifts of the new vicar, adding, “We never knew anything about sin until he came.”

Quiet

A Sunday School teacher asked her children: “And why is it necessary to be quiet in church?” One little girl replied helpfully: “Because people are sleeping.”

Bible story

The minister called all the children up to the front for the weekly Bible story. She said, “The man named Lot was warned to take his wife and flee out of the city, but his wife looked back and was turned to salt.”

Very concerned, one youngster asked, “What happened to the flea?”

You can’t teach a new mouse old clicks.



Arthur Ballard

Jean and Ken's grandson, Arthur Ballard, has had more successes in his Triathlon competitions. Last July, Ken mentioned the successes his grandson was having in his chosen sport and predicted a bright future for him—this month we see him stepping up the pressure ...

This year has been a breakthrough year for Arthur in Triathlon. In the British Super Series he has competed throughout the summer and across the seven races achieved four 1st place finishes, one 2nd and two 3^{rds}, which resulted in him being the **British Super Series Youth A Champion**.

Arthur was also selected as part of the Great Britain Elite Youth team, competing in Banyoles in Spain at the European Youth Festival, his first

international individual Triathlon and as part of the mixed relay team.

Arthur also had the chance to train in France when the England triathletes joined the French team in Vittel. This has enabled him to make many new friends in France.

As well as competing Arthur has this summer helped to coach the 12-14 year old's in the East Region squad as they prepared to compete at British Triathlon's Inter regional championships.

Crossword Answers

ACROSS: 1, Deacon. 4, Appear. 7, Wits. 8, Heavenly. 9, Argument. 13, Mob. 16, Broken-hearted. 17, Ran. 19, Suddenly. 24, Obstacle. 25, John. 26, Enable. 27, Market.

DOWN: 1, Dawn. 2, Afternoon. 3, Nehum. 4, Again. 5, Prey. 6, All to. 10, Users. 11, Ephod. 12, Trace. 13, Metalwork. 14, Body. 15, Eber. 18, Alban. 20, Uncle. 21, Dream. 22, Stab. 23, Gnat.

A CAUTIONARY TALE FOR HARVEST

Being the Untimely Demise of an Eminent High Churchman

"And I was delivered out of the mouth of the lion"
2 Timothy 4:17

*Come, ye thankful people, come,
And hear the end of Canon Thrum,
Who told his misbegotten sinners
They were a shower of old dog's-dinners;
And, if he were the Lord Himself,
He'd simply leave them on the shelf.
The Canon made no bones about it,
And, preacher-like, he'd rage and shout it!*

*Full many a year his flock would thank it
If, on a sudden, the Heavenly Banquet
Would summon Thrum from baleful life
Where there was so much noise and strife.
They prayed Jehovah might act quickly
Before they got too pale and sickly.*

*As things impossible to men
Are proven by the Lord again
To be within His disposition;
So, not a trace of a suspicion
Fell, when, at clanging sanctus-bell
The Canon squeaked, 'I don't feel well!'*

*The long-expected moment came;
The people raised their hearts again,
And felt a weight lift from their mind.
They winked, and nodded, and looked kind:
Might it not be described as "Grace"?
Or was it – "Arsenic and Old Lace"?*

Canon Dr Graham Blyth.





St George's Church Heybridge Basin

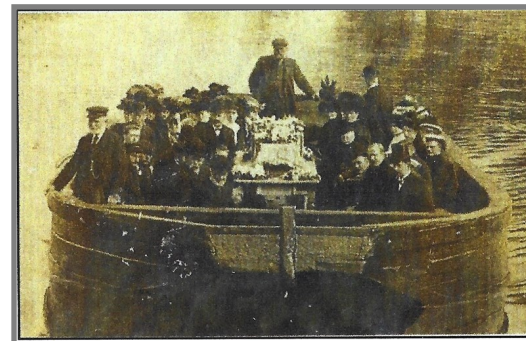
A brief history
extracted from the Centenary
booklet 1920-2020

St. George's church in Heybridge Basin is a modest building but one with a singular past. It owes its creation to a famous family of industrialists, an aerodrome dating from the early days of flight and the unfortunate death in the Great War of Second Lieutenant Ernest Hammond Bentall. St. George's is a building born out of sorrow but which has brought solace, happiness and community to Basin life over the past one hundred years.

The village of Heybridge Basin came into being in 1793 with the building of the Chelmer and Blackwater Navigation which connected Chelmsford to the Blackwater Estuary and open sea by-passing Maldon, but it was to be more than thirty years before a place of worship was built. In those early years church worship entailed a walk or ride to St. Andrew's Church in Heybridge, within which lies the parish of Heybridge Basin. It was in St. Andrew's that baptisms, weddings and funerals would take place.

The canal towpath was a more direct route than the road for walkers to Heybridge and, for some villagers their final journey, to the churchyard or later to Heybridge cemetery, was made aboard a canal boat.

By the 1830s the village had grown sufficiently to support a place of worship and a building was provided by John Sadd for the Bethel Chapel still in existence to this day although now derelict. The chapel played an important role in village life. A



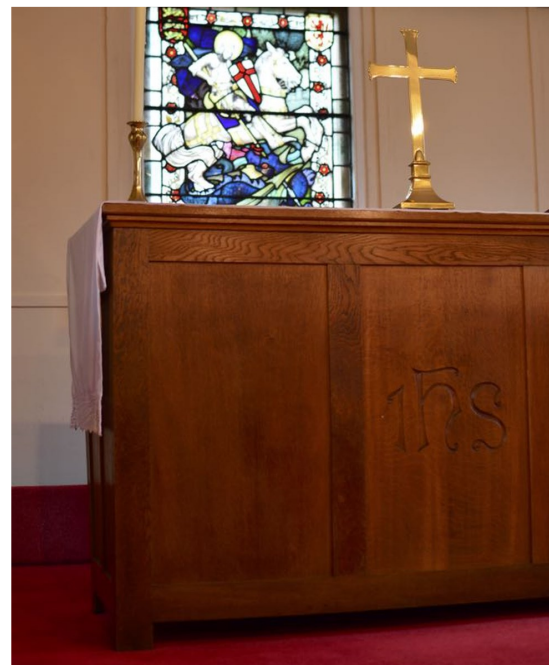
reading room was added, Band of Hope meetings were held, and a well attended Sunday School operated. The chapel continued in use by the Congregational Church, later the URC, until its last member in the village, Rene Chilcott, died in 2004.

By 1916 Church of England members were also holding services. At first these meetings took place in a room provided, for an annual rent of £4, by Samuel Purkiss who ran a general stores and post office in the Basin. There is no record of the number of worshipers who gathered in that room but the earliest surviving records show that contributions to the collection, amounting to between two and three shillings each week, were used to pay the rent and to cover expenses such as service books, coal, and a brush for the stove.

Once St. George's church was opened in 1920, a weekly Evensong service was held at 4pm, whilst on the second Sunday of the month there was also a service of Holy Communion at 9.30am, with an average of five communicants. On February 11th 1923 there was the first recorded baptism taking place at St. George's, but the first recorded funeral was not until 1971, and the first wedding as recently as 2008.

In early days heating was provided by a coal fired stove and light by oil lamps. The County of London Electric Supply Company appear in the church accounts for the first time in December 1936, supplying power for lighting.

In 1938 accounts show that the coal burning stoves had caused a fire in the church. Even with the luxury of a Valor oil heater the services that winter must have been uncomfortably chilly. In October 1938 a further £59. was spent on church repairs, though it is not known if these were connected to the fire damage. Eventually in November 1941 the church was wired for electric stoves.





Modern Halloween celebrations have their roots with the Celtic peoples of pre-Christian times.

In those long-ago days, on the last night of October, the Celts celebrated the Festival of Samhain, or 'Summer's End'. The priests, or Druids, performed ceremonies to thank and honour the sun. For there was a very dark side to all this: Samhain also signalled the onset of winter, a time when it was feared that unfriendly ghosts, nature-spirits, and witches roamed the earth, creating mischief. So the Druid priests lit great bonfires and performed magic rites to ward off or appease these dark supernatural powers.

Then the Romans arrived, and brought their Harvest Festival which honoured the Goddess Pomona with gifts of apples and nuts. The two festivals slowly merged.

When Christianity arrived still later, it began to replace the Roman and Druid religions. 1st November - All Saints' Day - was dedicated to all Christian Martyrs and Saints who had died. It was called 'All Hallows' Day'. The evening before became an evening of prayer and preparation and was called 'All Hallows' Eve', The Holy Evening, later shortened to 'Halloween'.

For many centuries, however, fear of the supernatural remained strong. During the Middle Ages, animal costumes and frightening masks were worn to ward off the evil spirits of darkness on Halloween. Magic words and charms were used to keep away bad luck, and everybody believed that witches ride about on broomsticks. Fortune telling was popular, and predicting the future by the use of nuts and apples was so popular that Halloween is still sometimes known as Nutcrack Night or Snap-Apple Night.

Today, Christians have learned to turn to prayer instead of charms to overcome the powers of darkness. And the deeper, true meaning of All Hallows' Eve, should not be forgotten. As Christians, we all draw closer to Christ when we remember and give thanks for our loved ones and for others who have gone before us through the gates of death.

Have you ever wondered what a Christian is to make of the unseen world of evil and the occult? Where do evil spirits come from, anyway ?

The Bible takes the unseen world of evil spirits very seriously indeed. It tells us clearly that evil spirits were once part of the created angelic order (Genesis 6). They were not created as evil beings, for all of God's original creation was good (Genesis 3:1). The Bible relates how a number of angels, headed by Satan, or Lucifer, rebelled against God's authority and fell (Isaiah 14:12-15; Ezekiel 28:11-19).

Satan, who disguised himself as the serpent in Eden, is leader of the fallen angels, and opposes himself to God. But evil and good are not co-equal! Thus, the idea of 'dualism' (belief in the equal and permanent existence of evil alongside the good) has no place in the Bible. Unlike goodness, evil has a beginning and an end. Satan's final destruction is already assured (Revelation 12:12; 20:10).

So, what is the world of the occult, then? The word 'occult' comes from the Latin: *occultus*, 'secret', 'hidden', and is our intrusion into the forbidden territory of superstition, fortune telling, magic and spiritism. Its downfall one day is promised us through Jesus. His early ministry established a bridgehead against the evil unseen world: no wonder the hostile, and sometimes violent, reaction of the demons! (Mark 1:23-27; 32-34).

But Jesus had no fear of demons, and neither should you, if you are a Christian. Further, it is important not to become obsessed with the unseen world – don't let it intimidate or fascinate you. Occult films can have deeply disturbing after-

effects on people. Avoid them. A Christian has better things to think about.

While the occult world is certainly there, we are wise not to imagine, as some do, that every sin we commit, every bad habit, illness or misfortune we meet is due directly to an attack on us by Satan himself, and that therefore we need to be 'exorcised'. Terrible damage has been done in this regard by Christians who mean well but who are uninformed.

The kingdom of spirits is real, but so too is Christ's authority. Before Christ, the spirits shrink and retreat. Magic spells and charms have no power over the true Christian (provided we do not open ourselves to their influence) for "the One who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world." (1 John 4:4)

If ever you are frightened by anything occult, remember some sound biblical advice: resist the devil, and he will flee from you. (James 4:7). But remember, a Christian has no business dealing in anything occult. All occultism is to be ruthlessly shunned (eg Leviticus 19:31; 20:6; 1 Samuel 28; 1 Chronicles 10:13; Isaiah 8:19,20; Acts 19:18-20.)

The demonic world is very real, very powerful, but it is also already doomed and defeated. (Colossians 2:15; Hebrews 2:14,15). Why? Because the death of Jesus Christ has achieved this victory.

So – be confident in Christ, but not complacent in your everyday life. Satan's kingdom is alive and well in this present world, and it will still not admit its defeat at the Cross. The final destruction of all things occult will not come until the return of Christ.

PP Looking at God oct23

Portion creep

Bet you didn't notice this, but dinner plates have got bigger. In the 1950s, a dinner plate measured 25cm across; now the usual is 28cm. And take a look at those very old wine glasses in the charity shops: our grandparents served wine in what looks like liqueur glasses to us now. These days, many wineglasses seem to hold nearly half a bottle....

WHERE HAVE ALL GONE LONG TIME

Remember when you had to wipe
The insects off with more than a swipe?
Windscreen blurred and headlights dim
Grill and number plate covered to the rim.
Remember when garden parties were lost
When a wasp bullied and plates were tossed?
Or swatting the buzzing flies off the fare
Was more tedious than finding a hair.
Remember when ant armies climbed the wall
And the butcher shop zapper crisp roasted all?
How roaches scuttled across night floor
Yet disappeared next morn out the door?





ALL THE INSECTS ONE ME PASSING

To hear not drones of mowers but bees
As we sat in our gardens for afternoon teas?
Flitting butterflies colouring our lives
And swallow battalions practising dives.
Remember *I Spy Wildflowers* on a country lane drive
Now nothing a council verge mower can survive.
Mangrove and sea grass ripped from the coast
No birthplace for fish or sea life to host.
Farmland and rainforest lost to more houses
How much ire in our hearts this really arouses?
The chain of Nature we have sorely decimated,
Ecosystem breakdown is surely fated?
-Insecticides and chemicals fill every shop shelf,
No natural remedies to protect our health.
We have passed the point of no return
So no attempts to recover should we spurn.
Surely saving the Planet is our main fight
And so few chances left to get this right.

D Trueman

A Bear called *Paddington*

It was 65 years ago, on 14th October 1958, that Michael Bond's children's book, *A Bear Called Paddington*, was published. It marked the debut of the lovable Paddington Bear, who is now a household name after appearing in two irresistible films.

Paddington starred in more than 20 books written by Bond, who died aged 91 in 2017. The original story was inspired by the author witnessing Jewish and British evacuee children passing through Reading station. Bond wanted the bear to have come from "darkest Africa", but this was changed to Peru when his agent pointed out that there were no bears in Africa.

Many people have found Christian characteristics in the bespectacled, kind, red-hatted, innocent Paddington, who always tries to do the right thing but often gets into trouble as a result. He is invariably polite, but has a "hard stare" for those who behave badly. The two hugely successful films, with Ben Whishaw voicing Paddington and household names in other roles, established the bear in the national psyche – a natural successor to Winnie the Pooh.

A stuffed toy Paddington Bear was chosen by British tunnellers as the first item to be passed to their French counterparts when the two sides of the Channel Tunnel came together in 1994. The books have been translated into 30 languages and have sold more than 30 million copies.

Paddington has also reached the very top of society. Comedian and later President of Ukraine Volodymyr Zelensky dubbed him in the Ukrainian version of the films, and to cap everything, Paddington joined the late Queen in one of her last public appearances – a brilliant comedy segment in the Platinum Party at the Palace on 4th June 2022, in which the Queen 'revealed' that she always carried a marmalade sandwich – Paddington's favourite food – in her hand-bag.

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Those endless roadworks

Do you keep encountering roadworks? No wonder. There have been more than 200,000 of them in the UK over the past three years – due to the need to fix faulty water pipes.

Here is another depressing statistic: an average of 159 road repairs has been carried out every day since the start of 2020, again, because of the leaks.

A recent investigation by the Liberal Democrats uncovered the scale of the problem. Tim Farron, Lib Dem environment spokesman, says: "The water companies have caused misery right across the country. From pumping out raw sewage into our waterways to now causing traffic jams, they are a complete shambles.

"Whilst they have been stuffing their pockets with dividends and bonuses, people have suffered at their lack of investment in infrastructure. It is time to get tough with the water companies." Mr Farron wants "a new regulator with teeth that can hold these firms to account



St James the Least of All

On the perils of Harvest

The Rectory
St James the Least

My dear Nephew Darren

In the unlikely event of ever being put in charge of designing the course for those being trained for ordination, I would make a few significant changes. Modules on doctrine, Church history and Greek would all be dropped as unnecessary. In their place, I would add courses on how to run a tight jumble sale, ways to keep your church council in order – and especially close to my heart at present, how to negotiate Harvest.

The first skirmish starts in early Summer when it becomes clear that the flower arrangers' plans mean that the choir would disappear behind a huge array of chrysanthemums. The choir then retaliate by announcing that their Harvest anthem must take place just when the Sunday School intended to re-enact the parable of the Good Samaritan. They, in turn, raise the stakes by insisting that a stage will be needed for their performance, thus ensuring that I will be separated from the congregation by an impenetrable barricade.

In September, therefore, there is the traditional meeting to iron out all these little difficulties. This inevitably results with the annual act of the verger handing in his resignation, of the bell ringers threatening a mass walk-out, and those who organise coffee afterwards demanding that my sermon lasts no more than three minutes, so there will be plenty of time for socialising after the Service.



I greet all suggestions with a spontaneous burst of indifference, smile, agree with it all – and do nothing (this, incidentally, is a good policy for all decision-making). Inevitably, everything goes ahead exactly as it has always done for the last century.

Come the day, there will be the usual arrangement of eggs round the font, with the strategically placed card saying 'Given anonymously by Elsie Jones' and the pyramid of apples temptingly near the choirboys, so designed that when someone tries to pinch one during the sermon, the whole pile disintegrates as they roll all over the chancel.

On the following Friday, all will leave after the Harvest Supper saying that the entertainment was worse than the previous year and that the absence of red cabbage had quite ruined the hot pot. Everyone therefore has had an enjoyable evening.

My Harvest training course would be compulsory and a pass mark of 90% would be needed before ordination could be considered.



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Is now a good time to grow old?

Editor:

***forced online banking - apps to park your car - self-service checkouts
Where will it end?***

“Don’t grow old,” a parishioner of advanced years warned me some while back. “You won’t like it.”

Sadly, that dear woman is no longer with us, and I’m a whole lot older than when she offered me that kind advice. But was there wisdom in her words?

It’s true that generally people are living longer and in better health than in generations before, but there are increasing challenges for older men and women in our society.

My friend, Maggie Dodd is an ‘Anna Chaplain’ for older people. She is one of around 300 such chaplains up and down the country. They spiritually support people – of strong, little or no faith – in care homes, sheltered housing or in their own homes.

Maggie has told me how life is becoming harder for older people, and we’ve swapped notes on what we have both observed.

She told me: “Some of the basic services older people need are becoming more difficult to access. I hear about doctor’s surgeries asking for patients to print out their own forms or send photos to or from smartphones. Banks are phasing out high street branches, pushing everyone towards online banking. Many older people

feel very uneasy about going online, worried of being scammed out of their savings.

“A trip to the shops is also becoming more complicated. Checkouts in supermarkets are increasingly self-service. Mobility can also be affected as car parks often need an app to be uploaded onto a smartphone to park. In many car parks there is no option to pay by card or cash!”

Plans to remove the ticket offices at train stations will make matters worse for many older would-be rail travellers.

Maggie told me “This gradual marginalisation of people can leave them feeling lonely and isolated. Loneliness can have a huge detrimental effect on health and wellbeing. Prolonged social isolation and loneliness are the equivalent of smoking 15 cigarettes a day.”

It’s good that many churches run special events and activities for older people, as well as groups for all ages. But is this enough? Christians are called to follow Christ’s example and speak out for those at risk of being marginalised in our society.

Today, that could be our older brothers and sisters.

PP You oct23

Wave of Light



Sunday 15th October 2023

All Saints' Church,
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6.45pm

All Welcome



Please join us as we remember and light a candle for our loved and lost babies

THROUGH THE FURNACE

Continued from last month:

BY F.E. READE

"How good you are to me," said he gratefully. "You do everything for me, and yet you never fuss; I have not been petted like this since I left Aunt Caroline." Margaret looked at him quickly. She longed to know his past history. He read the wish in her eyes, and said, "Come and sit near me and let me tell you all my story."

She drew up a chair and fixed her eager eyes upon his face.

"When my parents died," he began, "I was adopted by my Aunt Caroline, a rich widow. Her husband had made his fortune in trade, and although she did not pretend to be a lady, she lived in a comfortable way and gave me a good education. She would have put me into some profession, but I was always rather delicate, and I am afraid rather idle. Music was my great hobby, and I was always happy at the piano. When she found out that I had really a constitutional delicacy, and would never have the strength or pluck to fag hard at work and make my own way in the world, she set her heart upon my making what she called a good marriage. She picked out good-natured, vulgar kind of girl, with a large fortune, and cheeks like peonies, and wanted me to make love to her. I refused point blank. In the first place, I could not possibly take to the girl, and in the second place, I don't think that an unlucky fellow like me, with a tendency to consumption, ought to marry at all. Well, my Aunt, who has a fine temper of her own, took the huff. She would not give in, and I would not give in, so the end of it was that we parted. She was very fond of me, poor old soul, but, as the poet says, 'To be wroth with those we love, doth work like madness on the brain,'

"She sent me away with a small allowance to get on as best I could, and my private belief is that she has regretted it

ever since. I fared badly at first, but now I am all right. I cannot tell you how thankful I am to have a home like this, and a companion like you, for I shall never marry."

This last sentence was said with an affectionate look at Margaret, which caused her to thrill with a feeling that was half pain, half happiness.

"But—Edith Bond," exclaimed she, with a sudden recollection of what Amy Brandon had said.

"Oh, that little creature? Oh no, poor little thing. She is privately engaged to my cousin in India, and I am the go-between, that is all. Besides she is not at all the type of woman that I admire. I am the sort of fellow who likes a woman whom he can lean upon."

He looked again at Margaret as he spoke, and now pure gladness filled her heart. She rejoiced to feel that she was strong. Strong in mind and strong in body. Yes, he could lean upon her, and she would do her best to protect him against all the ills of life.

"Are you really happy here?" asked she, softly.

"How could I fail to be?" returned he. "I was cut out for home life. I never did care for racketing about like the other fellows, and I was afraid that a real home could never be mine. But now I have all that I want, a cosy room of my own, books, music, and above all, a congenial companion. I am indeed content."

Margaret's heart bounded. What was contentment to him was happiness to her. And this happiness, so new and so precious, would be certain and lasting. He was content. Every evening would bring him home to her. Every day she would find new ways of pleasing him. His smile, his gay words, his friendship were hers; he belonged to her and she to him.

The evening had fled and they were startled by hearing Mr. Harvey's voice below. He had evidently let himself in with his

key, and had brought someone with him. "Oh, there is father," exclaimed Margaret, starting up, "and I never thought of keeping up his fire, and I promised to have cocoa ready, and who can he have brought in?"

"Ask them up here. I will amuse them while you make the cocoa," said Newlyn, quickly.

Margaret ran down and found her father standing in the cold desolate looking room, with a young man by his side.

"Mr. Pervis—my daughter," said Mr. Harvey, rather stiffly. "I brought Mr. Pervis in to have a cup of cocoa, my dear, but—."

"I am sorry that the fire is out, father," said Margaret, quite nervously for her, "but Mr. Newlyn wants you both to go upstairs. There is a good fire in his room, and I will bring the cocoa as soon as possible."

"Very well," replied Mr. Harvey, amiably, "I want to introduce the young men to each other. We will go up."

Margaret made the cocoa on her gas stove, cut some bread-and-butter, and arranged a tray. When she took it up she found that a lively conversation was going on. Newlyn was exerting himself to the utmost in order to carry off the little unpleasantness, and was now in the act of promising that he would sing at the next Temperance meeting, if the night should be fine. Pervis, whose office it was to provide for the lighter part of the programme, was delighted to find someone so ready to help him. The young men formed a strong contrast as they sat side by side. Pervis, who was tall and broad-shouldered, looked a very tower of strength, and his countenance was a perfect mirror of truth and honesty. Newlyn, slight and pale, was yet far from insignificant, for his features were full of expression and he had the indescribable gift of fascination.

Margaret served the cocoa, and then sat down by Pervis, for she knew that her father would wish her to be polite to him. The young man looked at her with shy admiration and responded eagerly to her rather disjointed attempts at conversation. Mr. Harvey, who had been examin-

ing the piano, presently turned to Margaret and said,

"Mrs. Pervis was at the meeting this evening, and we saw her home. I told her that it would give you great pleasure to call upon her, my dear."

"Oh, yes, father, certainly," replied Margaret, and her pleasant smile brought a grateful look to young Pervis's face.

Margaret remembered the strong impression that Mrs. Pervis had made upon her, and felt a great desire to see her again. She only hoped that she was not aware of having been refused by her as a border.

Margaret was also glad of an opportunity of pleasing her father, for her conscience pricked her for having neglected his comfort that evening. She resolved to pay the call as soon as possible, and, on the following afternoon, as soon as her manifold duties would allow, she went upstairs to get ready for her visit.

It was a bright, frosty day in December, and Margaret took out an old-fashioned hat, which had already served for two winters and was now trimmed with crape, and looked at it with a feeling of regret. "I meant to have had a new one, but now it is quite impossible," thought she. "I mean to give him cream every day, and all the nourishing things that I can think of, and after all it does not matter about my hat; *he* only sees me indoors and on Sunday evenings when we go to church."

She brushed her hat, mended a hole in her glove, gave one glance at her bright, intelligent face in the glass, and went out.

She had not gone very far before she met Amy Brandon, in all the glory of a new felt hat with white wings.

"I was just coming to see you," said Amy. "I want to know how you like Mr. Newlyn; he told Mr. Bond the other day that he has not seem so comfortable for ages, and you keep him all to yourself, you selfish thing; he has not been to see us for ever so long."

The Good Samaritan

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...WHO IS MY NEIGHBOUR?

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HE WAS ATTACKED BY ROBBERS!!

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HELP!

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LATER A PRIEST PASSED BY, BUT DID NOTHING TO HELP - NOR DID THE RELIGIOUS MAN FROM A TEMPLE!

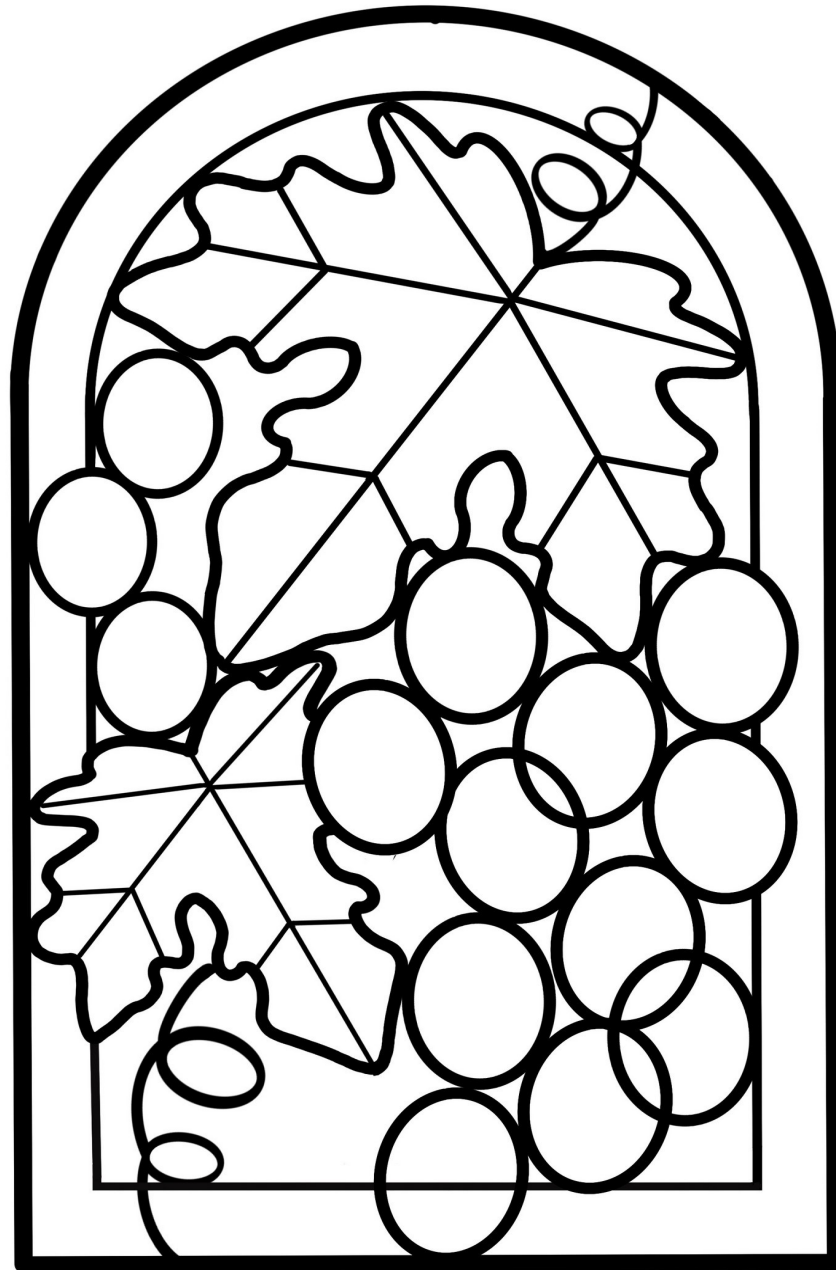
BUT A MAN FROM A FOREIGN COUNTRY STOPPED TO HELP THE INJURED MAN. HE DRESSED THE MAN'S WOUNDS AND EVEN PAID FOR HIM TO STAY AT AN INN.

JESUS THEN ASKED "WHO WAS THE NEIGHBOUR?"

- ☐ PRIEST
- ☐ TEMPLE MAN
- ☐ FOREIGN MAN

WHICH DO YOU THINK WAS THE ONE THE LAWYER CHOSE?

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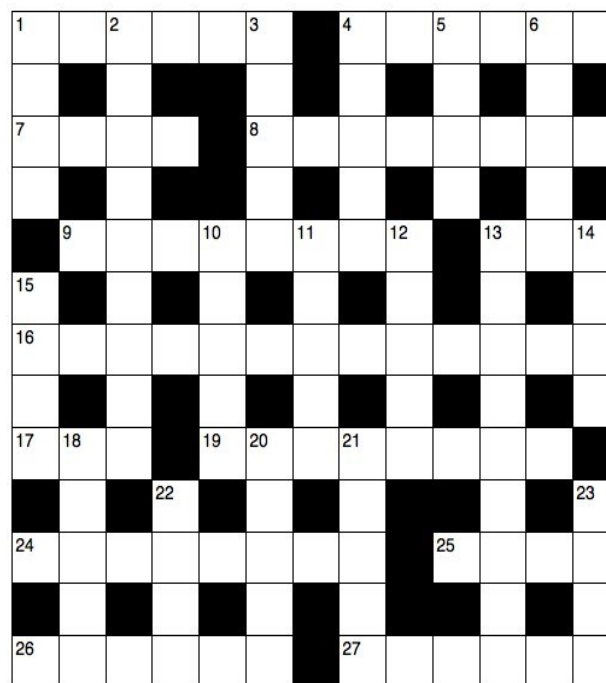
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Across

- 1 He must be 'the husband of but one wife and must manage his children and his household well' (1 Timothy 3:12) (6)
 4 'For we must all — before the judgement seat of Christ' (2 Corinthians 5:10) (6)
 7 'They reeled and staggered like drunken men; they were at their — end' (Ps 107:27) (4)
 8 See 19 Across
 9 It concerned who among the disciples would be the greatest (Luke 9:46) (8)
 13 Formed by the Jews in Thessalonica to root out Paul and Silas (Acts 17:5) (3)
 16 'He has sent me to bind up the — ' (Isaiah 61:1) (6-7)
 17 Moved rapidly on foot (Matthew 28:8) (3)
 19 and 8 ' — a great company of the — host appeared with the angel' (Luke 2:13) (8,8)
 24 Hindrance (Romans 14:13) (8)
 25 Comes between Luke and Acts (4)
 26 Empower (Acts 4:29) (6)
 27 'Get these out of here! How dare you turn my Father's house into a — ' (John 2:16) (6)

Down

- 1 Sunrise (Psalm 119:147) (4)
 2 The part of the day when Cornelius the Caesarean centurion had a vision of an angel of God (Acts 10:3) (9)
 3 He was one of those who returned with Zerubbabel from exile in Babylon to Jerusalem (Nehemiah 7:7) (5)
 4 'No one can see the kingdom of God unless he is born — ' (John 3:3) (5)
 5 Animal hunted or killed as food (Ezekiel 22:25) (4)
 6 'He encouraged them — — remain true to the Lord' (Acts 11:23) (3,2)
 10 Ruses (anag.) (5)
 11 Jewish priestly vestment (Exodus 28:6) (5)
 12 Visible sign of what had been there (Daniel 2:35) (5)
 13 This was the trade of Alexander, who did Paul 'a great deal of harm' (2 Timothy 4:14) (9)
 14 'This is my — , which is for you; do this in remembrance of me' (1 Corinthians 11:24) (4)
 15 One of Noah's great-great-grandsons (Genesis 10:24) (4)
 18 Traditionally the first British Christian martyr (5)
 20 Relationship of Ner to Saul (1 Samuel 14:50) (5)
 21 Jacob had one at a place he named Bethel while on his way to Haran, fleeing from Esau (Genesis 28:12) (5)
 22 Bats (anag.) (4)
 23 'You strain out a — but swallow a camel' (Matthew 23:24) (4)



Prayer Diary October 2023

1	Trinity 17	Newly Ordained Priests
2		Peace in Ukraine
3		Emergency Relief Charities
4		Charities for the homeless
5		Rev Jordan Palmer and his family
6		Those who do not have enough food and drink
7		Bereavement Counsellors
8	Trinity 18	Chelmsford Street Pastors
9		Social Workers
10		Youth Chaplains
11		Those suffering from Diabetes
12		Those fighting drug addiction
13		People facing redundancy or unemployment
14		Those caring for others at home
15	Trinity 19	Medical Missionaries
16		Retired Clergy
17		All who work in Healthcare
18	St Luke	Churches dedicated to St Luke
19		All who provide work in our town
20		Local Government workers
21		Those attending Messy Church
22	Trinity 20	For all who live in our Parish
23		Age UK
24		Mothers struggling with young children
25		The work of the United Nations Organisation
26		All School Teachers and other staff
27		Emergency and Rescue organisations
28	Simon and Jude	Churches dedicated to St Simon and St Jude
29	Last Sunday after Trinity Bible Sunday	The Bible Society
30		All members of our extended families
31		Those trying to cope with bereavement

FOR YOUR DIARY

OCTOBER 2023

	All Saints 08.00	All Saints 09.30	All Saints 18.30 April- October 16.00 November- March	St Giles 09.30	St Andrew's 11.00	St Georges 09.30
First Sunday 1st Trinity 17	Holy Communion Fr John	Worship for All Mary, Hannah & Rev Jordan 14.30 Baptism Fr John		MP&P Irene & Gerald	Holy Communion Fr John	
Monday 2nd						Holy Communion Fr John
Thursday 5th			7.00 First Eucharist following Priesting Rev Jordan			
Second Sunday 8th Trinity 18	Holy Communion Fr John	Holy Communion Fr John	Evensong Alan	Holy Communion Rev John Brown TBC	Holy Communion Rev Jordan	
Monday 9th						Holy Communion Rev Jordan
Third Sunday 15th Trinity 19	Holy Communion Rev Jordan	Holy Communion Rev Jordan	19.00 Baby Loss Awareness Rev Jordan	Holy Communion Fr John	MP&P Lynne	
Monday 16th						MP&P Rev Julia
Fourth Sunday 22nd Trinity 20	Holy Communion Fr John	Holy Communion Rev Noelle		Holy Communion Rev Jordan	Holy Communion Rev Jordan	
Monday 23rd						Holy Communion Rev Jordan
Fifth Sunday 29th Last in Trinity	Holy Communion Fr John	Holy Communion Fr John		11.00 United Benefice Service at St Andrews Rev Jordan		
Monday 30th						Holy Communion NO SERVICE

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Flower Group	Betty Smith	01621 854143
Childrens Society	Elaine Brown	01621 850484
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Prayer Group		
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