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Vicar's Letter – October

Well here I am in Truro having a few days of quiet time. I suspect like most of us, it isn't easy to switch off and do nothing and of course no matter how hard you try you don't always quite manage to get all the things you should done before you go away and this is one of them.

For me being on retreat is not working to an alarm clock, or a diary – there is no schedule – you can simply listen to your body, your heart, your mind and simply just be in the moment. You can sleep when you want, you can eat when you want, you can go when you want and you can truly be still and in the silence there is God waiting, always waiting for me, for you, for each of us.

There was the issue of the fuel shortage before I left and like the intrepid explorer and the desperate need for a break I set off not knowing if there would be any fuel on the way!

There was thankfully and hopefully that will be true on my return journey.

So what is the pattern of my retreat? Well slow mornings, praying and reading, then will meander and go out for the next few hours and explore, then return to the Retreat Centre armed with lots of goodies, go for a walk in the grounds and then shower and pj's on. The rest of the evening maybe a nap, definitely some more reading, some telephone conversations – no set plan just what restores and feeds me. It all sounds boring maybe but the idea is to refresh and restore.

It's a privilege to have this time, to be able to get away from everything and so it is important to use it wisely, to let God replenish you and to motivate you for whatever comes next.

And with that in mind we are coming up to a very busy period through October and December and you will notice more things being advertised in the magazine each month. Why not try something new?

Our ABC Group (Adults, Babies and Children) restart on the 6th October at 9.30am, Harvest Sunday is the 10th October at 10.30am (all food will be given to the Local Food Bank), Harvest Lunch at 12 midday in the Parish Hall – 2 courses for £6.00 - proceeds go to a local mental health charity. Please contact Brian Gledhill on 07980 373158 if you would like a Ticket.

Sharon.



Truro Cathedral



St. Ives, Cornwall



Prayerful Thought – Consolation Prize?

Hello there

Have you ever won a consolation prize? I don't think I have, but in any case, not to worry, it was just something I was wondering about as I thought about this prayerful thought.

I was away on holiday recently (mid September) in Gloucestershire and enjoyed really lovely weather which enabled David and I to enjoy cycling for 5 out of a possible 8 days, unprecedented I know, there was plenty of sunshine and not much in the way of wind, ideal conditions really.

Now the thing is, whilst we did have to use roads as part of our cycling, the vast majority of the routes we travelled were 'greenways' or specific cycle routes under the auspices of the National Cycle Network (NCN) you might have seen some of their signs locally they look like this;

Which though not all off road, use quieter roads on their routes and this meant that we were able to really enjoy our cycling without fear of being skittled by other road users (although an incident with a very large tractor was narrowly avoided!).



This altered the pace of our holiday as we weren't dashing hither and thither, but able to enjoy the scenery, hear the birds, watch the narrowboats (when canalside) and the timeless cycle (no pun intended) of the harvest. And all this really helped me to relax after a frantic couple of weeks.

I was trying to find something suitable from the bible, and of

course my faithful online bible friend 'Bible Gateway' came up with the following from Psalm 94:19;

"When the cares of my heart are many, your consolations cheer my soul."

It wasn't so much the 'cares of my heart' more the cares of my stamina! that drew me to this text, but the 'consolations' to cheer my soul.

And so we come back to the idea of a consolation prize.

If we think about a consolation prize it is usually of secondary importance, it's not the first prize so it's not important, well in this instance that wasn't the case at all.

I looked up what consolation meant and the dictionary definition gave three options i) the comfort received by a person after a loss or disappointment, ii) a person or thing providing consolation or iii) (in sport) a goal scored at a point when it is no longer possible for the scoring team to win.

However, it also listed what it called 'similar' words which included encouragement, reassurance and soothing which sound much more like what I was feeling.

That resetting of balance a change of scenery can bring, that change of pace and direction using pathways and roads you might ordinarily whizz past whilst racing to your destination, helped me to unwind and really appreciate the countryside around me (and as I ride an electric bike I wasn't too out of breath either!).

I know we are still on our journey out of the pandemic and I know some of you are still, and rightly so, being cautious about going

far, but if you feel that your heart has 'many cares' it might be time for you to seek your own consolations to cheer your soul.

It might be a telephone call to a friend, it might be writing a letter, or if you're 'tech savvy' even a zoom call. Perhaps it's a walk with your dog, a walk in the garden, or if you're not as mobile as you once were, how about going into the sideboard or wardrobe in the spare room and looking out a photo album or two for those pictures you have of a holiday where you were able to relax and feel your cares ease and the furrows in your brow smooth out.

These well meaning types on the TV and in social media think they discovered 'mindfulness', nah, they just gave it a fancy name! We've known about it all along, it's called relaxing, switching off, and it's as important to our overall wellbeing as anything else.

What I love about it, is, that mindfulness is all encapsulated in those 13 words in our text from psalms, and they were written almost 3 millennia ago.

As we approach autumn and the darker evenings, if we feel that our hearts are a little heavy of care, may we all think about the consolations the knowledge and love of God brings us. Time by a fireside with a good book or listening to music, hot chocolate or horlicks to go to bed with and porridge (with Golden Syrup of course!) for breakfast.

They don't sound like unimportant prizes to me!

With love and horlicks!

Dawn xx

House Box Collection Time



Hi there

Just a little reminder that if you have a Children's Society Collection Box it is the time of year when I need them returned to me so that I can empty them and send off what you have so generously collected to help the vital work of the Children's Society.

If you could return your boxes to me as soon as possible please that would be great, then I can empty them and pass them back to you for another year.

A reminder that if you're not back in church yet, then please contact me (07840 739239) and I can arrange to come and collect your box.

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Thank you to those who have already passed me their boxes, and for your continued generosity.

Dawn Tattersfield

Crumbs!



Hello there

I was trying to find an expression of surprise and came up with dear Penfold from Dangermouse!

The reason for this surprise is that believe it or not, I have been Lay Reader, now Licensed Lay Minister (LLM) at St Mary's for five years.

Poor Reverend Sharon had to put up with me as soon as she arrived, but I must say, I have been truly blessed not only by the support I have received, and continue to receive from her, but also from all of you, my church family.

I don't really know what I expected to be doing once I became licensed apart from occasionally preaching and supporting at services, but I feel that I have been 'allowed', encouraged, and yes sometimes pushed to do things that have developed me, encouraged me and indeed challenged me.

Rev Sharon sometimes refers to me 'growing' in my ministry, and as in the case of any growth we don't see it ourselves do we? Others see it in us.

Five years ago I was 'licensed' by the Bishop of Huddersfield Jonathan Gibbs, and after those 5 years I have to be 're-licensed'.

The Diocese sent me a raft of documents which included a form that Rev Sharon and the PCC had to complete to confirm that they wished me to continue as LLM, I am delighted that they agreed to support me in my relicensing.

I guess that if we weren't coming out of a pandemic, I would probably be attending a service led by a Diocesan Bishop where I would most likely have to renew my declarations of commitment. I'm thinking that if we do have one, it will be online.

Five years ago I made the following declarations, to;

continue as far as in me lies, to promote peace and unity and conduct myself as becomes a worker for Christ, for the good of His Church and for the spiritual welfare of all people.

study the scriptures, to deepen my knowledge of the Christian faith and to grow in my discipleship of Christ.

give obedience to those who are set in authority over me and work willingly and collaboratively with all who are my fellow workers in the gospel.

and

in the strength of the Holy Spirit, continually stir up the gift of God that is in me to make Christ known to all.

I remember saying something on my first anniversary that it was too soon after only a year to say whether I had met any of these declarations as they appeared to be things that one doesn't complete, but build on as the years go by.

I haven't completed any of them, I can't say that I've ticked any off my 'to do' list because they are part of the 'kit' I have on my journey with Christ, and I know that I am truly blessed to be making this journey along with my friends and colleagues here at St Mary's Church.

Thank you for your continued encouragement, support, friendship and prayers.

Dawn xx

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Finding Peace Through Prayer

“I don’t know what to pray. I’m not sure, right now, I know how to pray. I’m not even sure I want to pray, but I know I need to. I’m just a mess.” Ever felt that way? I know I have.



Whether we are facing the stark nature of our depravity, the aftermath of sinful choices, devastation caused by grief, the crushing weight of setback or the sense of just being overwhelmed, we can be so spiritually depleted, or spiritually numb, that the thought of prayer is simply too much. We don’t know what to say, how to feel, what can break through the complexity of our feelings. We know we need to pray but have little spiritual or emotional strength to even begin. That’s when we should say the Jesus prayer, an ancient prayer, only one sentence:

Lord Jesus Christ, son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

In reading quite a few books on prayer, I found that the origin of this sentence is unclear, but I did find the some aspects of meditative prayer such as this ancient prayer date back to at least the time of the monks of the Egyptian desert as seen in the writings of Evagrius Ponticus (d. 339). “The standard form of the Jesus prayer,” writes Kallistos Ware, “is first found in the *Life of Abba Pheimon*. He was an Egyptian monk, living in the sixth century.” John Climacus, in the seventh century, was the first Greek writer to refer to it with the phrase “Jesus Prayer.”

It is clearly scriptural in origin. “Lord Jesus Christ” ([Philippians 2:6-11](#)), “Son of God” ([Luke 1:31-35](#)), “have mercy on me” ([Luke 18:9-14](#)). The Orthodox Church took the prayer and developed its use for prayer and meditation.

The simpler point is that there are times when you have nothing left to breathe out toward God except these few words. And throughout history, even the brevity of this ancient prayer is sometimes reduced to simply praying, “Jesus, have mercy” or even “Jesus.”

Many of us use the longer prayer that Jesus taught the apostles, his followers plus Christian today;-

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

But let us remember that God listens to us whenever we pray it does not matter if it is long or short, he will listen, not only to our concerns but also our thanks for the gifts he has given each one of us, so maybe all we can summon up at times is “Lord Jesus Christ, son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner.” When words fail us we call upon the Holy Spirit who lives in our heart, the third person of the Holy Trinity, who intercedes on our behalf. That is good news I am sure God will think it is more than enough, for it shows that we still love and want a relationship with him.

Gail

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Notice Sheets—If you would like to receive a copy of our weekly Notice Sheet via email—then please drop me an email giving me permission to add you to the list.

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The Power of God?

The last sermon Martin Luther preached was in the second week of February 1546 in his hometown of Eisleben. Two days later, he would become ill and soon after perishing. In this last sermon, Luther preached with passion about his concern for Germany. He observed that after the gospel had been rediscovered—after light had dawned and pushed aside the darkness that had eclipsed it during the Middle Ages—people were now becoming somewhat jaded to the gospel. They could hear it from virtually every pulpit in Germany, but it was no longer something that ignited fire in their bones. Instead, peasants were journeying to see relics throughout various villages in Germany, which signified a return to the system of medieval Roman Catholicism.



The peasants were going to these villages because in one town, they boasted the possession of the trousers of Joseph, and another one had a vial of milk from the breast of the Virgin Mary. And so, people flocked to these places just to get a glimpse of the pants of St. Joseph and the milk of Mary the Mother of Jesus. Luther was very upset about this. He wondered, “Why in the world would peasants anywhere make an arduous journey just to see a piece of cloth that was worn by Joseph?” The answer was very simple: they were looking for power. They believed that the relics of the saints contained power—power to heal, power to forgive, and power to transform their lives.

In his dying sermon, Luther pled with the people not to be fooled by impotent articles that weren’t the real thing. He implored them not to seek after these things as if they were an improvement to the gospel of Jesus Christ.

The problem that Luther had identified is that the people were departing from the power of God.

When Paul introduces himself at the beginning of his epistle to the Romans, he says that he is "set apart for the gospel of God" (Romans 1:1). That's the first mention of the gospel in his epistle, an epistle that is itself an exposition of the gospel. Notice whose gospel it is: he is set apart to the gospel of *God*. Paul is saying that the gospel is God's possession. He owns it. He is its author.

This gospel is the very gospel of the kingdom crystallised into a message about its King. The gospel is objectively about the person and work of Jesus. That's God's gospel. And anyone preaching any other gospel is not preaching God's gospel. The content of the gospel is Jesus.

Paul continues speaking about his indebtedness for having been set apart to preach this gospel. He's a debtor to the Jew and to the Greek, to the wise and to the unwise, to the cultured and to the barbarian, to every place that he goes (Rom. 1:14-15). He has a debt to pay. He has an obligation to fulfil to preach that gospel.

But what he says next is what we most need to understand: "For I am not ashamed of the gospel." Why? "For it is the power of God to salvation to everyone who believes" (Rom. 1:16).

I think that's what Luther was trying to say in his last sermon. Where's the power? It's in the Word, and we're looking for it everywhere else. I doubt if any of us have relic collections, but some churches have added a coffee shop to their church for hospitality for helping with church-growth. These things may not have power, but they help to make a loving and welcoming church.

Gail.



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A Person of Letters

Hello there

I could not possibly claim to be a ‘person of letters’ as described in the dictionary it means ‘*a person engaged in literary pursuits, especially a professional writer. a person of great learning; scholar*’.

However, I am a person who loves writing to family and friends, and with a niece just headed off to University and my sister and her family relocating to Devon, I now have no excuse to put pen to paper.

I don’t know why it is, but I would much prefer to write my friends a letter than send them an email, and in point of fact I’m useless at writing ‘chatty’ emails. I suppose as I used emails so much in my working life I see them as a ‘businessy’ thing not a friendly one.

And as I wrote some letters recently it got me thinking about other letter writers, and of course to that most prolific biblical letter writer Paul.

Now I could never be as prolific a letter writer as Paul, it’s a good job the spreading of the Good News of Christ wasn’t up to me! We owe Paul a debt of gratitude for his amazing letters as 13 of them make up almost half of the New Testament. Paul’s letters are to a variety of new Christian communities around the Mediterranean as well as some individuals eg Titus.

Now of course those familiar with Paul know that he wasn’t a friend to Christianity in his early life, he began life as Saul, a devout Jew passionately committed to ‘the traditions of the

fathers', a Pharisee of intense devotion who began a violent campaign against this 'new religion'.

Then of course there was his astonishing and life changing encounter with Jesus on the road to Damascus (you can read about this in the Acts of the Apostles 9:3-19, 22:3-21 and 26:9-18) and his conversion to become the first and possibly the greatest Christian theologian and missionary.

Paul was the first fully to explain the death and resurrection of Jesus as the focus of God's plan of salvation, he was the first one to understand that the new nature of God's people would be Jews and Gentiles bound together in one 'body' the 'body of Christ' and of course he was the first effective spreader of the Gospels.

I still am amazed that Paul only made three missionary journeys. These began probably in AD47 and over the next 15 years Paul travelled all over the Mediterranean, on occasion with a number of companions. He first preached in synagogues (somewhat bravely perhaps) then he preached amongst the Gentile communities. He stayed for 18 months in Corinth and two years in Ephesus which were great trading centres at the time and therefore enabled him to spread the good news amongst the travellers.

Now of course, because Paul didn't settle permanently in any of these countries, whilst the new Christians were full of enthusiasm whilst he was with them, it was difficult to maintain once he was gone. The problem was that the members of those early churches were drawn from very diverse backgrounds and it was difficult for them to settle down into one new fellowship and so all the letters not just those written by Paul, addressed a

particular need of its readers.

As we are concentrating on Paul, here is a little more information;

1 and 2 Thessalonians (written to the churches in Thessalonika) are probably the earliest letters he wrote and were particularly concerned with Christ's return.

Romans, Galatians and 1 and 2 Corinthians share an emphasis on the gospel which Paul preached.

Paul's letters to the Ephesians, Colossians, Philippians and Philemon contain some of Paul's most profound teaching and are his 'prison letters' as he mentions being imprisoned in all of them.

Then we have the 'pastoral letters', 1 and 2 Timothy and Titus which are concerned with practical matters of church leadership and organisation.

I'm sure some of you will have read some of Paul's letters in the New Testament. I'm looking forward to getting to them in my reading of the bible during this year and seeing how what Paul wrote all those centuries ago can advise and inform us today.

I somehow don't think my correspondence will be as long lasting or as instructive as Paul's, but it won't stop me enjoying putting pen to paper to my family and friends, and as they know I'm what my dad affectionately called 'a bit of a God botherer' I'm sure Jesus will get a mention now and again.

Love and letterly loquaciousness!

Dawn xx

The Mortimers and the Throne of England

The name Mortimer is linked to a small village in Normandy, northern France, called Mortemer en Brai from almost 1000 years ago, and whose current population is less than 100. Bishop Hugh of Normandy awarded his son, Roger, the Lordship of this village as well as other lands. Roger's fortunes turned for the better when he helped the then Duke of Normandy William the Bastard (yes, really!) defeat the King of France (Henry I) in 1054.

It was William who then invaded and conquered England in 1066, supported by Roger – who supplied ships and both of his sons - Hugh and Ralph. Hugh was killed in the battle but Ralph survived and was granted lands in the west around Shropshire. As his father was Lord of Mortemer, Ralph's family name became anglicised into 'Mortimer' – known as one of the Marcher Earls.

William the Conqueror had enough to do in England without having to deal with the Welsh and the counties along its border - known as the Marches. He gave this responsibility to three of his loyal subjects who became the Earls of Chester, Hereford and Shrewsbury. Ralph was not one of these – being a second tier Lord rather than an Earl.

According to the Domesday Book, Ralph was granted extensive lands across England. However, he moved a private army into mid-Wales to extend the area he controlled, close to his home at Wigmore. All his knights and freemen were under obligation to fight for him. As a Marcher Lord he could set taxes, administer justice, and build castles.

The Normans and the Welsh continued to contest borders and land ownership. The Marches included most of south of Wales to Pembrokeshire and large stretches of the Northern coast as well as the lands on the Welsh border. In 1301 there were some forty fiercely independent Marcher Lords: a great asset to the King – unless they turned against him!

In 1086 Ralph Mortimer was recorded in the Domesday Book as the owner of Wigmore Castle in Herefordshire. This was to be the home of

the Mortimers for the next 300 years. They founded an Augustinian Abbey close to the Castle and later also took possession of the nearby Ludlow Castle.

In the 13th Century it was Roger (the names Ralph, Roger and Hugh seem to be favourites and used repeatedly at different times in the Mortimer history) who had to face an increasingly powerful Welsh presence led by the new Prince of Wales, Llewelyn ap Gruffyd. The Welsh re-captured many of the Mortimer lands under the new Prince. Meanwhile King Henry III of England was also in conflict with his own Barons, led by Simon De Montfort. Initially Roger supported Simon De Montfort but by 1259 had swapped sides and was firmly in the court of the King.

The Barons had demanded reforms but the King had not paid them any heed and so in 1264 the barons fought against the King and Roger at the battle of Lewes, capturing the King, his son Edward and Roger Mortimer. The barons however, released Roger due to the presence of the Welsh, sending him to defend England against the threat.

The following year, Roger dramatically rescued Edward from prison in Hereford, taking him to safety first at Wigmore Castle and then Ludlow. Simon De Montfort turned out to be not such a good ruler and many of the fickle barons joined with Prince Edward and Roger to march on De Montfort at the battle of Evesham in 1265. Roger was leading one of the flanks of the attacking army but nevertheless it was he who killed Simon De Montfort and brought about a famous victory.

Henry III died in 1272 and on succeeding to the throne, Edward I relied heavily on Roger Mortimer to defend England against the Welsh – which he did to great effect. By 1282 Roger was elderly and unable to fight but his family was said to have recorded a great victory against the Welsh Prince Llewelyn killing him in 1282 near Builth. Roger also passes away in this same year but the king writes personally to the family praising his contribution to both his and his father's reign. The family have moved to the 'top table' and are now in the first rank of English barons.

Early in the 14th Century, yet another Roger came to be the head of the Mortimer family. He was determined and ruthless and even ruled Ireland for a time. He defeated the rebels of Bristol as well as another Welsh ruler. His own rebelliousness however, eventually became his undoing and he ended up in the Tower of London, seemingly doomed to die. Confined in the Tower with his Uncle he was one of the very few escapees from this foreboding prison. He fled to France and found refuge in the French court.

Things changed quickly for Roger when King Edward II's wife – Queen Isabella – also fled to France when she felt her voice was no longer being heard by the King. It was the influence of Hugh Despenser - the King's favourite – who was the catalyst. They were both determined to get rid of Hugh Despenser and realized that the only way of doing this was by force. With help from supporters in the Low Countries they sailed from Dordrecht in 1326 with a small private army and landed at Orwell. Edward II's support melted away, the Despensers were executed, and Roger and Isabella were soon in charge. They forced Edward to resign his crown in favour of his young son Edward III and then ruled England themselves in his name. Roger made himself Earl of March but his selfish arrogant attitude did not go down well with Edward III and as soon as he reached 18 years old he had Roger arrested and executed.

This was not the end of the Mortimer dynasty though as his Grandson (also Roger) was able to regain the lost wealth and fame. Things began to improve quite early in his life. In 1335 his mother, Elizabeth Badlesmere, married William de Bohun, a close companion of Edward III. With support from other nobles, William appears to have looked after his stepson's interests and Roger was granted some of the Mortimer estates in 1341, regaining control of Wigmore by 1342 at the age of 13. But it was his military ability that really marked him out. He distinguished himself in a tournament at Hereford when only 15. Throughout his life, he was an ardent and loyal supporter of the king and a close friend of the heir to the throne, Edward, the 'Black Prince'. Knighted with the Prince at the

start of the French campaign in 1346, he fought with him at the great victory of Crécy. By 1348, he was important enough to be chosen as one of the founder members of the Order of the Garter and in 1354 his grandfather's earldom was restored and he became the 2nd Earl of March in control of most, if not all, the estates held by the 1st Earl.

Roger Mortimer (1374-1398), 4th Earl of March – Heir of Richard II?

Roger's father died when he was only seven, and from the age of ten he was in the guardianship of Richard II's half-brother, Thomas Holland, earl of Kent. At the same time, he was especially close to his uncle, Sir Thomas Mortimer, who sat on the council that oversaw the family estates. These two relationships were greatly to affect his life. In the heated exchanges of the Merciless Parliament of 1386, Richard II identified Roger as the heir to the throne, apparently in an attempt to thwart the claims of Henry of Lancaster (the future Henry IV). In so doing Richard was ignoring both the accepted rules of succession and the entailment of the throne drawn up by Edward III. It filled the Mortimers with false hope. Richard never officially recognised the Mortimers as having a claim; in fact, he placed them in an inferior position to his uncles in the order of precedence, and pointedly refused to acknowledge Roger as his heir in 1394. Nevertheless, it was widely believed that Roger would be the next king, if Richard died childless.

So if you happen to know a Mortimer, remember - you could be talking to royalty...

David

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Alberts September Quiz

1. During which process does water change from liquid to gas: a) Raining, b) Evaporation, c) precipitation
2. Which traditional board game features two kings and two queens?
3. What are the last set of teeth to emerge in a human adult?
4. What word, beginning with letter O, refers to the Japanese art of paper folding?
5. What is the only type of fruit that has seeds on the outside?
6. In the story of The Three Little Pigs, what did the second pig make his house out of?
7. From which London station does the Hogwarts Express leave from in Harry Potter?
8. How many corners does a hexagon have?
9. In tennis, the word 'love' means having a score of what?
10. What is the Hulk's main superpower?
11. Where do Aladdin and Abu find the magic carpet?
12. What type of sport is a slalom associated with?
13. What type of skirt is typically worn by a ballerina?
14. Which dinosaur has three horns?
15. Which of these landmarks would you find in Peru: a) Leaning Tower of Pisa, b) Eiffel Tower, c) Machu Picchu
16. In the UK, what letter is displayed on a vehicle to indicate a newly passed driver?
17. What is the heaviest land animal on Earth?
18. In Irish folklore, what type of creature can be described as a little bearded man who wears a green hat and coat?
19. What type of flower is associated with Remembrance Sunday?
20. Where is a scorpion's sting located?

(Answers on page 37)

Dates for Your Diary

Sunday 10th October – Harvest Festival

Friday 15th October – Harvest in church- Hilltop Primary 9:00am – 11:00am

Saturday 30th October 12:00 midday – Harvest Supper Ticketed event- 2 courses - £6.00 – surplus to go to Mental Health Charity

Sunday 31st October – All Saints Day

Sunday 2nd November – All Soul's Day – 7:30pm

Sunday 14th November – Remembrance Sunday

Sunday 21st November – Christ the King

Sunday 28th November – Advent Sunday

Wednesday 1st December – Advent Reflection 7:00pm online only

Friday 10th December – Sunday 12th December – Christmas Tree Festival

(times Friday 4:00pm – 8:00pm, Saturday 10:00am – 6:00pm, Sunday 1:00pm -4:00pm finishing at 4:00pm with children's Carol Service)

Saturday 11th December – Christmas Fair – 10:00am – 2:00pm (Parish Hall)

Wednesday 15th December - [Advent Reflection 7:00pm online only](#)

Friday 17th December – Christmas - Hilltop Primary 9:00am – 11:00am

Sunday 19th December – Nativity Service

Sunday 19th December -Carols by Candlelight 4:00pm

Tuesday 21st December – Blue Christmas Service 7:00pm

Wednesday 22nd December - Advent Reflection 7:00pm online only

Friday 24th December – Midnight Mass – 11:30pm

Saturday 25th December – Christmas Day – 10:30am

Sunday 26th December – Feast of St. Stephen – 10:30am

Wednesday 29th December – No 10:00am Service

How do I join an on-line Service?

If you are not so familiar with the on-line world but you would like to join one of the services, here's some good news! It's easy!

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Then select 'Videos' from the side bar.

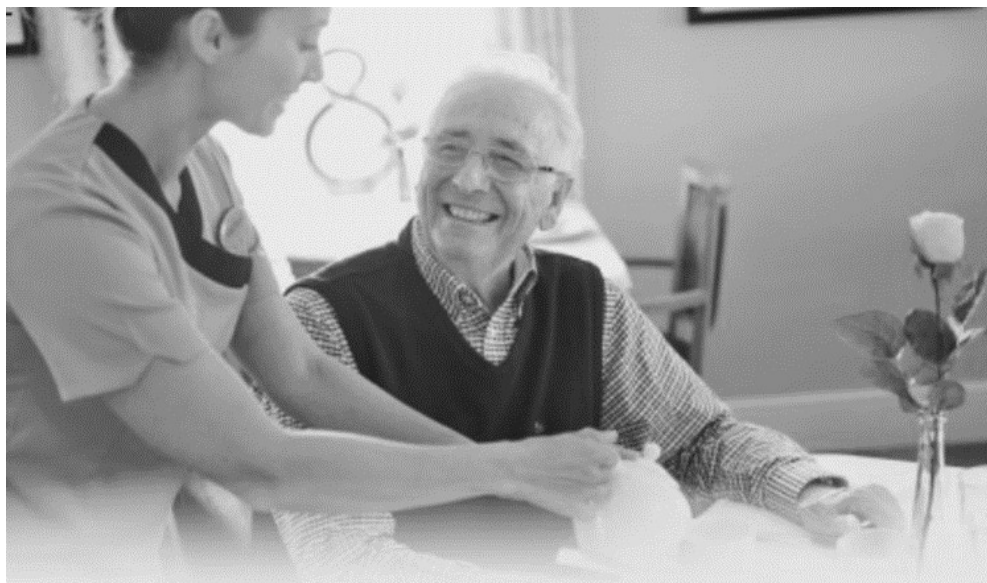
To join a 'Live' service look for the right time on the Diary page. You can also view previous services from the same location.



QUIZ ANSWERS

1.Evaporation 2.Chess 3.Wisdom Teeth 4.Origami 5.Strawberries
6.Sticks 7.King's Cross Station 8.Six 9.Zero 10.His strength 11.In the
Cave of Wonders 12.Skiing 13. A tutu 14.Triceratops 15. Machu
Picchu 16.P (Probationary) 17.Elephant 18.Leprechaun 19.Poppy
20.At the end of its tail.

Albert



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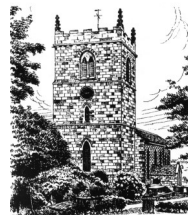
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ABC Group Adults, Babies and Children

Wednesday 9:15-11:00am (Term time)

Cheryl 07948271688

Stepping Stones Sunday Children's Group (3-12 years old)

4th Sunday of the Month

10:30am in Church

Rainbows Thursday 5.30 - 6.30pm

Ruth Osenton-Brown 01924 607393

Brownies Thursday 6.30 - 7.45pm

Hannah Tombling 01924 501892

Keep Fit Class Thursday 8:00pm (Over 60's)

Margaret Hampshire 01924 476721

Young at Heart 1st & 3rd Thursdays 2:00pm

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Beavers Friday 5:00pm to 6:15 pm

Joanne Rutledge 07950 580877

Cubs Friday 6:30pm to 7:45 pm

Marianne Ingham 07778 542302

Scouts Friday 8:00 pm to 9:30 pm

Trevor Holdsworth 0113 253 0927

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Chris Ingham 07816 517838

Diary and Services this Month

Sunday Services.

Each Sunday there will be a Holy Communion Service at 10.30am in Church as well as Online.

Weekday Services

Mondays 9am	Morning Prayer
Tuesdays 6pm	Evening Prayer
Wednesdays 10am	Holy Communion in Church & On-line.
Thursdays 9pm	Night Prayer
Fridays 9am	Morning Prayer

Special Services:

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Wednesday Services will be in Church as well as streamed via St Mary's Facebook Page.

Please see Page 37 for details of how to join a streamed service