

# FORUM

October 2023



*The harvest produce was taken to the old people's bungalows*

# Daddy's Hat



On Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> August, Billingsley church hosted the latest Daddy's Hat concert, with music provided by the wonderful Clee Liberty Band. They entertained us with a repertoire that ranged from Puccini to George Formby, Edith Piaf to Adele. We were also treated to a steady stream of jokes; don't worry if you missed them, as I will be recycling them in my sermons. The versatility of the musicians was amazing. It was said that Sammy Davies Junior could get a tune out of a radiator; Penny, in the best tradition of skiffle bands, went one better to get music from a washing board. The band clearly have great fun with their music and they transmit that to their audience; so many thanks! And the audience was truly national. We had a couple from Northampton, who just had just popped into the church to visit it on their way to their holiday destination and stayed for the concert. We had two ladies who were visiting the church to admire the tapestries; again they stayed to enjoy the music and the refreshments afterwards. And the Holy Spirit danced through the church as the music lifted our spirits heavenwards; even "When I'm cleaning windows" and "Just one cornetto" can do that.

*If you don't already know, Daddy's Hat is an event put on throughout the year at churches through-out our local area. A variety of musicians entertain from classical to folk music and anywhere in between! There is no charge—a top hat is passed around at the end for donations. Look out for the next event! - Ed*

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## *The Butterfly Effect, Kintsugi and other things*

I am no scientist, but my understanding of the Butterfly Effect is that the smallest acts, or even lack of them, can be part of a chain reaction of unrelated events which can have significant consequences. (Take a look at the article on page 29, which explains things more.) The feeling that whatever we, as individuals, do is so small—a mere drop in the ocean—that it won't make a difference, doesn't have to be true. One voice alone might not make much difference amongst a thousand voices, but if a thousand single voices join together in the same cry, they will be heard. Also, we never know who has heard us and has taken to heart what we are saying, or is touched by the smallest of kind deeds.

Out in my garden I often feel deep peace and joy and awe as I look at creation. I also sense horror and fear and despair when I watch the news on television. What is happening to the world that God created for our pleasure and existence?

Whether you believe in the existence of God or not, most people would agree that kindness and generosity actually make the world a better place. Interestingly, both those things are listed in the Bible as being Fruits of the Holy Spirit. *Love; joy; peace; patience; kindness; goodness; faithfulness; gentleness and self-control.* (Galatians 5:22-23) The things that cause unhappiness and trouble in our world are listed prior to those things— *immorality, debauchery, idolatry, hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions and envy.* (Galatians 5:19-21) A lot of those things are to be seen in the desperate situations we see nationwide and world-wide.

I believe that we are all created in the image of God. In other words, we have certain characteristics deep in our spiritual DNA. As we grow, life experiences and choices can sometimes mar or overlay our ability to reflect those God-like qualities, but if we search deep enough, they are still there. It is never too late to restore them.

I was reminded of this recently as I watched an episode of *'The Repair Shop'*. All the items featured in this programme are severely damaged and some look completely beyond repair, but in the hands of expert craftsmen and women, they are restored to their former glory. Some look almost brand new; some still bear a few battle scars of how they have been treated and handled, but this seems to add to their beauty like the Japanese art of *Kintsugi*, repairing broken pottery with gold along the cracks.

I was particularly taken by a painting being lovingly treated by the lady who restores works of art. As she worked, she came across general damage from poor storage, which had caused the surface paint to break down; she came across accidental scratches; she encountered bits that had just flaked off. First she gently cleaned the surface, then she put a protective coat to prevent further damage and then she began filling and slowly mixing paint to blend in with what was already there. It took her hours and hours of slow, painstaking work, but it was worth it.

The restored painting was beautiful. I like to think that is how God works on our lives too.

He is the Great Restorer and his tools are other people in the world who come alongside us with friendship and love and care and patience—not forgetting kindness, goodness, peace, gentleness, generosity—to bring joy back into our lives, where they have been masked by less than positive experiences.

We are in the middle of Harvest season. Look out for ways in which you can scatter some seeds of generosity around over the next few weeks. You never know, you could form a habit and be an unknown influence for good in the world—or at least here in Highley!

Happy sowing!

*Val Smith*

## Operation Christmas Child—Shoebboxes



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Boxes need to be returned to Val Smith or left in St Mary’s Church by the first week of November.

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## *St Mary's Highley*

The summer seems a distant memory as we slip into Autumn with all its busy-ness. Meetings and most groups have resumed and plans are afoot for Harvest, All Souls, our annual Memorial service and Remembrance Sunday.

During September Rev'd Kina and Canev Clayton went to Armenia where they met with people in the Armenian Church and spoke at a conference for women. We pray that they were an encouragement to all who were there.



At the end of September we held a Quiz night at the Parish Hall, organised by Arthur Painting. Thanks go to him for a fun and memorable evening and to all involved, especially Kathryn Painting, Beverly Bevan and the team who provided the catering. It was good to be together as Church family in this way.

Harvest at St Mary's will be on Sunday 1st October. Please bring any non-perishable gifts of food, which will be donated to Bridgnorth Food Bank.

### **From the Registers**

Funeral:            6th September Ian Hoare            20th September Doreen Long

### *A Prayer for October*

*By Daphne Kitching*

Dear Lord and Creator of all things,

In this fast-moving and high-tech world, help us to slow down – just occasionally – to notice the rhythms of Your creation; the beauty of the colours of autumn; the annual of falling leaves and darkening evenings. All part of Your cycle of the year that we often take for granted.

And yet Lord, there are changes in our climate – extremes of temperature, droughts, floods and wildfires. There is evidence that our behaviour might be responsible for damaging Your world.

Lord, we thank You for Your goodness and faithfulness and grace to us. We are sorry when we get things wrong. Thank you for sending Jesus to show us the way to be in a right relationship with You. Help us to put our trust in Him and as part of living Christian lives, to accept our responsibility for caring for the world You created. Amen

## *Missionaries come to Highley*

It may seem like a while ago, but back in the summer you may have noticed some people around the village in green sweatshirts!

Canev Clayton tells us .....

‘On Thursday 20th July a team of missionaries came to the Severn Valley Benefice. They had been brought together from all over the UK by a faith organisation called ‘Through Faith Missions.’ They came to serve the community and to share their faith in Jesus Christ. This is a flavour of their time with us.



On Friday and Saturday the team based themselves in the High Street by the Highley Miners’ statue. Along with some of the congregation from St Mary’s Church they were able to chat to passers by about their faith, with offers of prayer. On a practical level a litter-pick along the High Street also took place, which led to some curiosity and interesting conversations.

On Saturday morning people were given an invitation to come and enjoy an afternoon tea at the Parish Hall. There was a happy and relaxed atmosphere. This even extended to outside where some passersby sampled the treats.

In the evening we held a healing meeting and people had opportunity to hear testimonies of God’s grace, and provision, and to experience being prayed for, with the laying on of hands.

On Sunday we had our usual service with some of the team sharing testimony and an encouraging message. In the evening the team and some of the St Mary’s congregation went to a meeting at Willowdene Farm Fellowship. This was very encouraging and we have now good links.’



(Canev and Rev’d Kina have also recently been to Armenia. Come to St Mary’s on Sunday mornings to hear more about that.)

## *St Mary's, Billingsley*

We had a very successful coffee morning on 2<sup>nd</sup> September, organised by Ellen McConnell at her home at Fairfield. It was well supported, with former residents coming from the Cotswolds and Audlem and we made £300 for church funds. More importantly, the event brought people together.



Harvest festival took place on 10<sup>th</sup> September, with Stewart Page from Highley as the visiting preacher; Stewart took the theme of "the debt of love" and applied this to our harvest offerings. Many thanks to Diane for decorating the church for us, to the Marsh family and George Moreley for grain and wool from their farms and Sue for apples from her orchard next to the church. We were able to celebrate our local produce and our local farmers. Our harvest charity this year is Shropshire Rural Support, who provide support for those experiencing stress in rural communities.

Next month, we have our final 6pm evening service of the year, when, in keeping with our theme this year of journeys, we welcome back Bonnie Garvey, who will speak about her visit to South Africa to work with Singakwenza, a charity that provides educational opportunities for disadvantaged children and training opportunities for their mothers. We have previously supported Singakwenza as our harvest charity.

Can I urge people to consider joining the Billingsley and Glazeley 100 club? For £4 a month, you can purchase a number that is put into a monthly draw; half the money goes in prizes (a first and two second prizes) and the rest is used to support the churches in either Billingsley or Glazeley (you can choose which) and our work in community events, such as the jubilee party last year. Please contact Diane if you are interested; [dstepney@ymail.com](mailto:dstepney@ymail.com) or myself ([d.r.poyner@aston.ac.uk](mailto:d.r.poyner@aston.ac.uk), 0780 100 9693).

## *St Bartholomew's, Glazeley*



I am delighted to report that the church ceiling has now been repaired; preachers no longer need to wear hard hats when venturing into the pulpit. We also took advantage of the scaffold to attend to some tiles that had slipped. Many thanks to Richard and Martin, the local builders who did the work for us. Our next project is to investigate damp underneath the floor in the refreshment/play area at the back of the church. Once this has been fixed, we can move onto the electric heating. At some point we also hope to bring the bell back into operation; it has seized on its bearings.

As I write we are planning harvest festival, on the 17<sup>th</sup> September. Weather permitting, this will take place in and outside the church, so we can bless the fields, the trees and hedges and the livestock that surround the churchyard. We have Deuxhill wool, Billingsley grain and (hopefully) Glazeley hay. As we had no 'Ride & Stride' volunteers this year we are sending a donation to SH Churches.

Looking further ahead, the PCC met in early September to discuss future events. We are looking towards a joint event with Billingsley; a flower festival with an exhibition of old photographs. We also hope to have a coffee morning next year in the church.

Our next breakfast at the Down will take place on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> October at 9am; all our welcome. The cost is £8; please let Marion ([marion.corfield@talktalk.net](mailto:marion.corfield@talktalk.net) or 764585 or 07918559043) know if you intend to go.



# 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.

Your loving uncle,

*Eustace*

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## Letter from Westminster

### Commonwealth War Graves Commission

Last month, in my role as a Commonwealth War Graves Commissioner, I joined a delegation on a visit to war grave sites in Italy, eighty years after the first Allied landings on mainland Europe presaged the end of WW2.



We saw some of the impressive work being undertaken to ensure those who made the ultimate sacrifice in the two World Wars are remembered and honoured by future generations.

It is impossible to walk among the immaculate rows of white headstones and not be moved. As time moves on, and living memory moves to becoming history, such a tangible reminder of the human cost of war is important as we seek to impress upon younger people the sacrifices of previous generations.

For those not aware, the Commonwealth War Graves Commission was founded in 1917, and its mission is to commemorate the nearly 1.7 million Commonwealth servicemen and women who died in the two World Wars, along with the countless others who perished in subsequent conflicts. The Commission operates in 153 countries and territories, ensuring that the final resting places of those who fought and died are well maintained and that their stories continue to be told.

By my estimation there are around 65 CWGC grave sites in South Shropshire, spread all across the constituency. Details of all of these sites, including the names of those commemorated, can be found at the very useful CWGC website: [www.cwgc.org](http://www.cwgc.org). I would encourage readers to find out their nearest site, perhaps in the lead up to Remembrance Sunday next month. The CWGC is always looking for volunteers to help maintain the more isolated graves and the website gives details of how to volunteer to look after a grave near you.

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission draws its Commissioners from political, diplomatic, academic and military figures, from across the Commonwealth nations. I was appointed a Commissioner in 2019 and have been joined on the Commission by senior military officers from each service, with an admiral from the Royal Navy recently appointed as new Vice Chairman, being joined by a senior British Army general and Royal Air Force air marshal this summer, with each of whom I had worked when at the Ministry of Defence.



While known for the upkeep of grave sites, the CWGC's work extends beyond the confines of cemeteries and memorials. Through research and documentation, it seeks to ensure that every individual's story is known and appreciated – reminding us that behind every headstone is a life that was lived, and a family that grieved.

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As custodians of a large amount of outside space, the Commission also has an interesting role to play in pioneering horticultural excellence around the world. Certainly in the larger Commission maintained sites, such as those I visited on my trip, the beautifully maintained gardens and landscaping adds to the tranquil and contemplative atmosphere of rows of headstones and names etched in stone. It is a fitting tribute to those who gave their lives for a more peaceful world. As my own small act of commemoration I was able to plant a rose in the Cassino cemetery, near the graves of those I presumed had fought with my late father-in-law in the Italian campaign in the autumn of 1944 when two battalions of the Scots Guards had landed at Salerno in September 1944, steadily fighting their way up the Apennines to Rome.

My role as one of only two parliamentarian Commissioners of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission is an immense honour and a privilege. The work we do is not just about maintaining graves - it is about preserving the memory of those who paid the highest price for our freedom, ensuring their stories are told and their sacrifices are never forgotten.

**Rt. Hon. Philip Dunne MP**

Photo: Visiting Commonwealth War Graves Commission cemetery at Cassino with MonteCassino behind.

## Loyalty

In Edinburgh, the capital city of Scotland, stands Greyfriars Graveyard. In 1858 a faithful dog called Bobby followed the remains of his beloved master to this cemetery. Here the dog stayed on or near the graveside until his death, 14 years later. This is a story about loyalty. More poignantly, many people have devoted themselves to others through all kinds of circumstances. It's amazing what some people have gone through in giving their lives to someone to ensure their comfort, safety, and well-being.

There are numerous examples of loyalty in the Bible. The widow Ruth refused to return home to Moab to be with her people. Instead, she committed herself to staying with her mother-in-law, Naomi, whatever happened; the young David, many years before he became king, and Jonathan the son of King Saul promised to look out for each other no matter what ill befell them; Moses was faithfully loyal to God. They spoke with each other as if they were friends! He served God endlessly despite the frustrations of leading a vast crowd of people through the desert for 40 years.

What about us? How loyal are we to God? A difficult question, when so much can sway our eyes, our minds, emotions and behaviour in a world that thinks it doesn't need a faithful and loving God to care for them! It's easy to be loyal when times are good, but a different thing when hardships surround us.

Do we ever feel uncomfortable singing hymns about courage, obedience and service? Some provoke a challenge. Do we *really* mean all the words we sing? Consider the popular hymn *Jesus I have promised to serve Thee to the end*. It is a stirring declaration of faith, with prayer requests that we be steadfast in all circumstances. While it is good to sing hymns about loyalty, we should also endeavour to work out what our commitment to God really entails.

Loyalty in all relationships is a joy to behold, but no loyalty is greater than our loyalty to the Lord. Fortunately, God knows our weaknesses and will always pick us up when we stumble and will forgive us when we fail. After all, Jesus is 100% loyal to us and promised "I will never leave you and never forsake you." Amen to that!

## Highley Parish Council

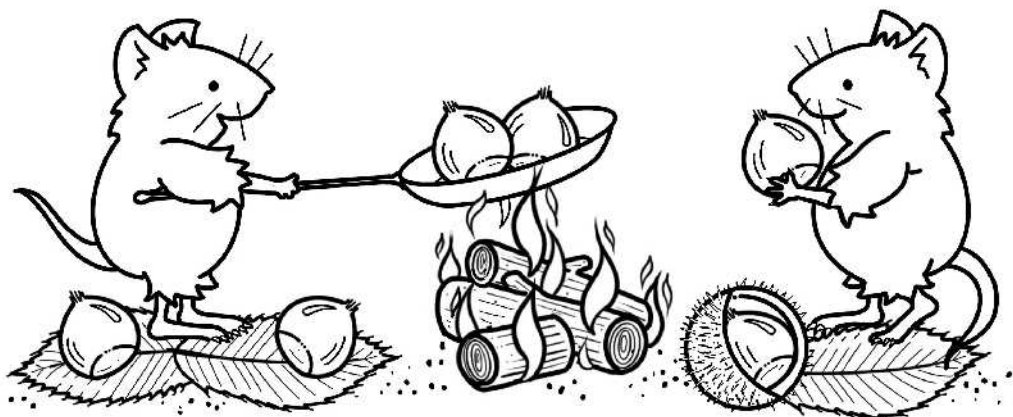
It has been a busy month for the Parish Council with a packed agenda at our September meeting including a few items relating to the smooth running of the council and the services it is responsible for. Thanks to the hard work of our clerks (Holly hasn't quite finished for maternity leave yet!) we were able to review, vote on and ultimately approve updated Standing Orders, CCTV Policy and new tenancy agreements for the allotments we look after.

The work of the Parish Council is varied and covers an assortment of different areas, it is an important responsibility and all our Parish Councillors undertake their roles on a voluntary basis; none of us are paid! For those not aware I have listed the names of our current Councillors below:

- Tom Quinn – Chair
- Tracy Pinches – Vice Chair
- Dilip Thakrar
- June Law
- Peter Vinall
- John Marshal
- Eileen Moore
- Chris Stanley
- James Griffin
- Alan Rodgers
- Emma Aspin
- Alex Edwards



Looking forward, I have several meetings planned to discuss various issues with representatives from Shropshire Council, Halo and The Police but primarily I will be striving to ensure Highley gets the service it deserves from these agencies. I know our parishioners have similar concerns to me and I will be making sure the correct people hear and understand what is important to the village.

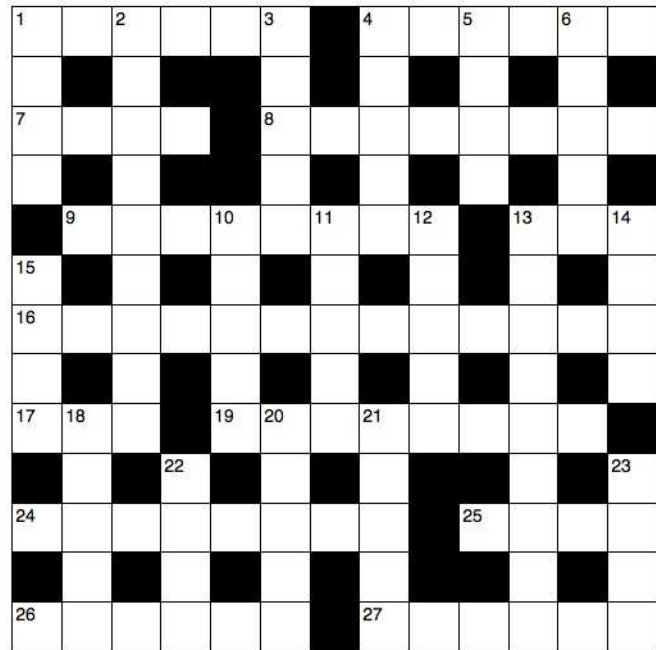


# Puzzles

## Crossword Clues

### Across

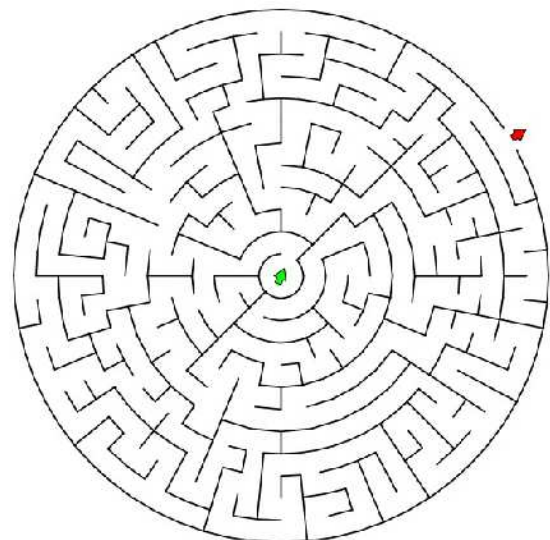
- 1 He must be 'the husband of but one wife and must manage his children and his household well' (1 Timothy 3:12) (6)
- 4 'For we must all — before the judgement seat of Christ' (2 Corinthians 5:10) (6)
- 7 'They reeled and staggered like drunken men; they were at their — end' (Ps 107:27) (4)
- 8 See 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)



Solutions on page 33

### 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)



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# Wordsearch

Answers on Page 23



- |           |            |           |        |         |            |
|-----------|------------|-----------|--------|---------|------------|
| Luke      | arrest     | Good      | women  | lepers  | early      |
| physician | Paul       | Samaritan | Virgin | sacred  | Christians |
| companion | compassion | Prodigal  | Birth  | profane | Jerusalem  |
| house     | parables   | Son       | poor   | pagan   | Rome       |

# Have a go at Sudoku — answers on page 23



Easy

				2		4		
4	8		7		9	5		6
6			3			9	2	
1					2	6	9	
		5				8		
	9	6	1					2
	2	8			5			9
5		1	2		6		8	7
		3		7				

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	1		6		7			
		8			5			9
					3			5
5					1		7	8
3		6			7			4
	2				4			
				5			6	
				9		3		2

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## UCB Word for Today

Mistakes are a part of life. Successful people acknowledge theirs, learn from them, and work to correct them. A study of 105 executives identified common characteristics shared by successful people, but one observation was particularly helpful. Successful people admit their mistakes and accept the consequences instead of blaming others. None of us enjoy reaping the consequences of our actions. When things go wrong, we have a natural tendency to look for someone to blame. It's in our DNA. In the garden of Eden when God asked Adam what he had done, Adam blamed Eve. And when God questioned Eve, she blamed the devil.

The next time you mess up, think about who is really at fault and try to look at it objectively so you can learn from it and do better next time. Somebody said the sooner you fail, the more time you have to improve. Ask yourself, 'What have I learned? How can I turn this failure into success? Where did I succeed besides fail?' People who accuse others for their failures never surmount them; they just move from problem to problem. To reach your highest potential, you must persistently improve yourself, and you can't do that if you don't take responsibility and learn from your errors.

In life you will always have problems. The question is: will you stay down and wallow in defeat, or get back up on your feet and make the best of things by determining to fight another day? Henry Ford said, 'Failure is simply the opportunity to begin again, this time more intelligently.' So, live by the Bible principle, 'A just man falls seven times, and rises up again' (Proverbs 24:16 ).

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## *How olive oil could help prevent dementia*

If you have more than half a teaspoon of olive oil a day, it may cut your risk of dying from dementia by 28 per cent, a recent study by Harvard University suggests.

But nobody knows quite why. Some experts say it may be that the antioxidants in olive oil can pass through the blood-brain barrier, which may have a direct effect on cognition.

One doctor explained: "Opting for olive oil, a natural product, instead of fats such as margarine and commercial mayonnaise, is a safe choice and may reduce the risk of fatal dementia."

There are estimated to be 944,000 people living with dementia in Britain, with the majority suffering from Alzheimer's. The number is expected to increase to more than one million by 2030, with one in three people born in the UK this year expected to develop dementia in their lifetime.

The condition costs the country £34.7 billion annually and is now the leading cause of death. Sadly, there are currently no licensed drugs that can slow down or repair brain damage.



## *Little by little does very nicely*

We've all heard the hype about the need to do 10,000 steps a day, to stay fit.

But recent studies have found that even just walking 4,500 steps a day can bring you significant health benefits. It seems that, compared to adults who take less than 2,000 steps a day, people who take 4,500 steps a day are 77 per cent less likely to have a cardiovascular problem in the following three years.

And it also seems that, no matter what you are currently walking, even just adding 500 steps a day to your distance can bring you significant health benefits.

"We were surprised to find that every additional quarter of a mile, or 500 steps, of walking had such a strong benefit to heart health," says Dr Erin Dooley, an assistant professor of epidemiology at the University of Alabama at Birmingham School of Public Health.

"While we do not want to diminish the importance of higher intensity physical activity, encouraging small increases in the number of daily steps also has significant cardiovascular benefits.

Other recent research suggests that walking between 6,000 and 8,000 steps a day is helpful for chronic heart problems and cancer.

## Remembering the Beatles

Sixty years ago, on 15<sup>th</sup> October 1963, the term 'Beatlemania' first appeared in the *Daily Mirror* newspaper in the UK. It described the intense, frenzied reaction of fans of the Beatles and their music.

The group – John Lennon, Paul McCartney, George Harrison, and Ringo Starr – had been attracting wild adulation in the north of England, notably at the Cavern Club in Liverpool, since the start of the 1960s. But from 1964 Beatlemania spread throughout the country, and then the world – particularly the USA, where the Beatles were transported to concerts by armoured car for their own protection.

Commentators were eager to diagnose the cause of the phenomenon – sometimes not convincingly – but it was agreed that the high-pitched screaming by girl fans had similarities with religious fervour and hysterical worship of young men they saw as gods.

As is well known, in 1966 John Lennon remarked that the group had become more popular than Jesus, but this was a step too far for many, leading to a backlash and violence at subsequent concerts worldwide. This and the inability of the group to hear themselves play above the screams led to the Beatles stopping touring altogether. Their 1965 album *Rubber Soul* already projected a different, more progressive, thoughtful feel.

But a cultural trend had been set, and subsequent boy bands, from the Monkees to One Direction, tended to get the kind of 'worship' from their fans that was undeniably linked to a freedom from authority and convention.



*From Parish Pump*

## Smile Lines

**Those Church Bulletin notes that didn't quite work as intended, typos included**

- \* The Fasting & Prayer Conference includes meals.
- \* The sermon this morning: 'Jesus Walks on the Water.' The sermon tonight: 'Searching for Jesus.'
- \* Remember in prayer the many who are sick of our community.
- \* Smile at someone who is hard to love. Say 'Hell' to someone who doesn't care much about you.

*From Parish Pump*

## All in the Month of October

It was:

- ⇒ 150 years ago, on 1<sup>st</sup> Oct 1873 that Edwin Landseer, artist and sculptor, died. Known for his animal paintings, and for his famous lion sculptures at the base of Nelson's Column in London.
- ⇒ 100 years ago, on 10<sup>th</sup> Oct 1923 that Nicholas Parsons, radio and TV game show host and actor was born. Best known for hosting *Just a Minute* and *Sale of the Century*. (Died 2020)
- ⇒ 90 years ago, on 17<sup>th</sup> Oct 1933 that physicist Albert Einstein arrived in the USA as a refugee from Nazi Germany.
- ⇒ 80 years ago, on 17<sup>th</sup> Oct 1943 that the Burma Railway was completed. The Japanese built it using Asian labourers and Allied prisoners-of-war, thousands of whom died. One of the railway bridges is the famous film *Bridge over the River Kwai*.
- ⇒ 75 years ago, on 27<sup>th</sup> Oct 1948 that the Morris Minor car was launched at the British Motor Show at Earl's Court in London. It cost £358.
- ⇒ 65 years ago, on 1<sup>st</sup> Oct 1958 that Michael Bond's children's book *A Bear Called Paddington* was published. It marked the debut appearance of Paddington Bear.
- ⇒ Also 65 years ago, on 28<sup>th</sup> Oct 1958 that the State Opening of the British Parliament was televised for the first time.
- ⇒ 50 years ago, from 19<sup>th</sup> Oct 1973 to 17<sup>th</sup> Mar 1974 that the 1973 Oil Crisis took place. OPEC suspended oil exports to nations supporting Israel in the Yom Kippur War. It led to major shortages and rationing in the UK, USA, Canada, Japan, the Netherlands, Portugal, Rhodesia (now Zimbabwe) and South Africa.
- ⇒ 40 years ago, on 5<sup>th</sup> Oct 1983 that Lech Walesa, leader of the Solidarity movement in Poland (and later President of Poland) was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize.
- ⇒ Also 40 years ago, on 25<sup>th</sup> Oct 1983 that Microsoft Word 1.0 was released. It was the first version of the popular word processor, and Microsoft's first full-featured application.
- ⇒ 30 years ago, on 15<sup>th</sup> Oct 1993 that South African leaders Nelson Mandela and F.W. de Klerk, won the 1993 Nobel Peace Prize for their efforts to end apartheid.
- ⇒ 20 years ago, on 19<sup>th</sup> Oct 2003, that Mother Teresa was beatified by Pope John Paul II and given the title Blessed Teresa of Calcutta. (She was canonised as Saint Teresa of Calcutta in 2016.)
- ⇒ 15 years ago, on 24<sup>th</sup> Oct 2008 that the 2008 financial crisis 'Bloody Friday' took place. The world's stock exchanges suffered one of the worst declines in their history – about 10% in most cases. About £89.5 billion was wiped off the value of Britain's biggest companies.



*Answers to Wordsearch (from page 17)*



*Answers to Sudoku (from page 18)*

3	5	9	6	2	8	4	7	1
4	8	2	7	1	9	5	3	6
6	1	7	3	5	4	9	2	8
1	7	4	5	8	2	6	9	3
2	3	5	9	6	7	8	1	4
8	9	6	1	4	3	7	5	2
7	2	8	4	3	5	1	6	9
5	4	1	2	9	6	3	8	7
9	6	3	8	7	1	2	4	5

Easy

2	1	5	6	9	7	8	4	3
7	3	8	4	2	5	1	9	6
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5	9	2	3	1	4	7	6	8
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### **Water is precious! - Alastair**

The private water companies are regularly in the headlines for their seemingly record profits and massive number of over spills of sewage in our rivers. There are even many reported dry spills when there is no rain. Overspills often take place when rain water gets into the sewerage network and forces too much water through the treatment plant. This goes into a storm overflow, which, when full, may discharge into the sea or rivers.

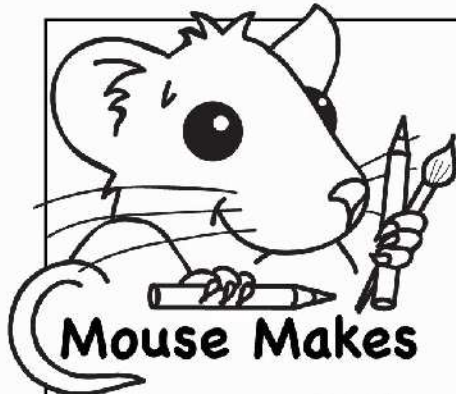
It is clear that our rivers and waterways are in desperate need of help. Indeed the Rivers trust states that 'England's rivers, including 85% of the world's precious chalk streams, (widely agreed to be a national treasure), yet only 14% are in good ecological health, and every single one fails to meet chemical standards'.

From raw sewage, chemical pollution and eutrophication, climate change, habitat loss, drought and water scarcity, pollution and flooding, our rivers have a lot to deal with.

So, other than lobby the government and water companies, what can we do to improve our water quality?

- Reduce the chemicals that we wash down the drain - go for plant based cleaning products, and use more elbow grease instead of nasty cocktails of toxins. If it has a toxic/poison warning on it, why would you want to use it in the first place?
- Value drinking water as a precious resource. If you have plants in pots that need watering, make sure it is rain water from a water butt. Don't water your lawn with drinking water! Grass is very hardy and will come back even after it looks dead!
- When you finish using a water-based paint (most perform just as well as oil based), brush/wipe as much of it as possible off your brushes and rollers before rinsing them in the sink, so that as little as possible is washed down the drain. If you have used a paint kettle, pour surplus paint back in the tin, and let the kettle dry - don't wash it! You can then peel it off and put it in the bin. Of course, never pour used white spirit or solvent-based paint down the sink or into a drain.
- Finally, you can check that your drains are not contributing to the over spill problem. If your rainwater gutters are draining into your sewer, you can install water butts and a soakaway in the ground (which is a big hole full of gravel that lets the water drain away slowly). These reduce the chances of flooding and replenish underground aquifers.

# Mouse Makes



What food did God supply for his people in the wilderness?  
 \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

Numbers 11:7-9 and 31

After Elijah came to visit, what never ran out?  
 \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

1 Kings 17:14

What food did the ravens feed Elijah?  
 \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

1 Kings 17:6

What food did John the Baptist eat in the wilderness?  
 \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

Matthew 3:4

What did the boy give Jesus to feed 5,000 people?  
 Five \_\_\_\_\_ and two \_\_\_\_\_

John 6:9

## CONNECT THE BIBLE FOOD PAIRS

- |         |       |
|---------|-------|
| MANNA   | HONEY |
| OIL     | WINE  |
| WATER   | FISH  |
| LOCUSTS | QUAIL |
| LOAVES  | FLOUR |

What drink ran out at the wedding?  
 \_\_\_\_\_

and what did Jesus use to make more?  
 \_\_\_\_\_

John 2:3 and 7

### FIND THE BIBLE VERSE

Change each letter in this bible verse to the letter **before** it in the alphabet.

NBO TIBMM OPU  
 MJWF PO CSFBE  
 BMPOF, CVU PO  
 FWFSZ XPSE UIBU  
 DPNFT GSPN UIF  
 NPVUI PG HPE.

NBUUIFX 4:4

### DID YOU KNOW?

As Lot escaped Sodom with his family an angel told him not to stop or look back, but Lot's wife did look back and became a pillar of salt.

READ Genesis 19 v15-26

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 E U S H A L A A N O L I V E S  
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## The Butterfly Effect and Chaos Theory

The butterfly effect is the idea that small, seemingly trivial events may ultimately result in something with much larger consequences. For instance, when a butterfly flaps its wings in India, that tiny change in air pressure could eventually cause a tornado in America.

The term "butterfly effect" was coined in the 1960s by [Edward Lorenz](#), a meteorology professor at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, who was studying weather patterns. At the time, weather statisticians thought you should be able to predict future weather based on looking at historical records to see what had happened when conditions were the same as they are now. Lorenz was skeptical. His point was that long-range weather forecasting was virtually impossible, in large part because humans [don't have the ability](#) to measure nature's incredible complexity. There are simply too many minute variables that can act as pivot points, cascading into much bigger consequences.

So, while people often think the butterfly effect means that tiny changes can have big consequences (and we can track this progression to see what change caused what), Lorenz was trying to say that we can't track these changes. We don't really know exactly what would cause a weather pattern to go one way over another.

You can see instances of the butterfly effect every day. Weather's just one example. Climate change is another. Because, as it turns out, warming climates are impacting – appropriately enough – species of alpine butterflies in North America.



"Climate change is expected to have some large impacts, such as too hot for some species or too dry for others, but there are a nearly infinite amount of smaller, indirect effects that will also occur," emails Alessandro Filazzola, a community ecologist and data scientist.

When we start to consider how one small change can quickly result in a lot of unintended consequence, there's naturally cause for concern. For example, [limiting the construction](#) of hydroelectric dams might reduce certain types of environmental damage. But in eliminating this potential source of clean energy, we tend to fall back on fossil fuels that accelerate global warming. [Biofuel subsidies](#), meant to reduce our dependence on fossil fuels, have increased rain-forest destruction, freshwater waste and food price increases that have affected the poorest segments of the human population.

How can we possibly do much of anything in our lives, then, without fear of causing harm? Filazzola returns to the butterflies as an example.

More simply though, just keeping nature as close to its original state is really the most important thing," he says. "Ecosystems are vastly complex, and the loss of a single species might not have a perceived effect, but it could have cascading effects on the entire system."

Filazzola says that he does wonder about the indirect effects of his personal actions.

"The items I buy, the people I interact with, the things I say, I believe can each have their cascading effects that ripple through society," he says. "That is why it is important to try and be a good person, to create a positive influence. One thing I also think about is how these indirect effects are often not as small and removed as I believe many would think."

(Source—Parish Pump)

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*Next meeting  
 3rd October*

*Allsorts of topics for  
 Allsorts of ladies of  
 Allsorts of ages*

## Community Cars

### **Voluntary Driver(s) wanted**

Could you spare some time to drive  
 people on essential journeys?

e.g. medical appointments at local  
 surgeries & hospitals, occasional  
 shopping trips, etc.

**Community Cars needs extra help!**

**Hours of work – flexible!**

Volunteers can specify times when they  
 are usually available (or not)

Drivers receive payment for each journey  
 to cover their running costs.

Please contact Richard Dudson on  
 (01746) 861817 for further details.

Volunteers will need to complete a short  
 application form, & a CRB check will be  
**necessary.**

No transport for essential journeys?  
 We may be able to help...



For further information, or  
 to book a car, please contact:

**Richard Dudson**  
 (co-ordinator)  
 (01746) 861817

**Andrew Powell**  
 (01746) 861716

**Daniel Humpage**  
 (01746) 862794

**Reasonable charges**

The scheme is managed by Shropshire Council's  
 passenger transport services

**NOTE: TIMETABLE: Diamond**

**Buses**

**Monday to Friday - 125 - Bewdley, Load St - Stanmore Ind Est**

<b>Stourbridge Bus Station</b> Stourbridge (Stand A)	---	---	08:05	09:10			10		15:10	16:20	17:20	18:25
<b>Broadwaters Drive</b> Broadwaters (SW)	---	---	08:23	09:25			25		15:25	16:35	17:35	18:40
<b>Bus Station</b> Kidderminster (Stand 6) <small>Active</small>	---	---	08:33	09:35			35		15:35	16:45	17:45	18:50
<b>Bus Station</b> Kidderminster (Stand 6) <small>Depart</small>	---	07:27	08:37	09:37			37		15:37	16:47	17:47	---
<b>General Hospital</b> Kidderminster (A1)	---	07:34	08:44	09:44			44		15:44	16:54	17:54	---
<b>Load Street</b> Bewdley (Westbound)	06:30	07:45	08:55	09:55			55		15:55	17:05	18:05	---
<b>Wyre Cottage</b> Bilstonac (NW)	06:36	07:51	09:01	10:01			01		16:01	17:11	18:11	---
<b>Hall</b> Kings (NW)	06:43	07:58	09:08	10:08		then at these mins	08	until	16:08	17:18	18:18	---
<b>Bache Arms</b> Highley (NW)	06:53	08:08	09:18	10:18			18		16:18	17:28	18:28	---
<b>Castle Inn</b> Woodhill (NW)	06:56	08:11	09:21	10:21			21		16:21	17:31	18:31	---
<b>Church</b> Chelmarsh (NW)	07:00	08:16	09:26	10:26			26		16:26	17:36	18:36	---
<b>Post Office</b> Faulingate (NW)	07:05	08:21	09:31	10:31			31		16:31	17:41	18:41	---
<b>Sainsbury's</b> High Town (NE)	07:12	08:28	09:38	10:38			38		16:38	17:48	18:48	---
<b>Fosters Arms PH</b> Low Town (NE)	07:15	---	---	---			---		---	---	---	---
<b>Stanmore Industrial Estate</b> Stanmore (NE)	07:22	---	---	---			---		---	---	---	---

\* Not including bank holidays

**Monday to Friday - 125 - Stanmore Ind Est - Bewdley, Load St**

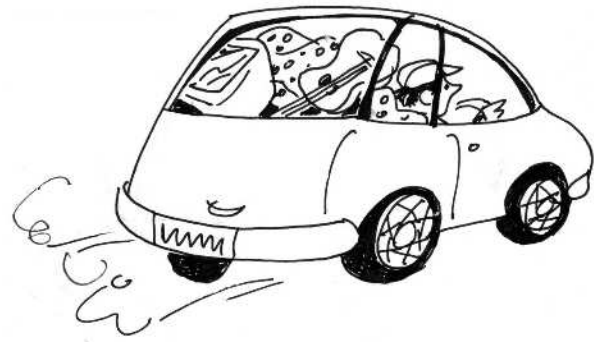
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<b>Church</b> Chelmarsh (SE)	---	07:47	08:54	---			54		14:54	15:55	16:55	18:15
<b>Castle Inn</b> Woodhill (S)	---	07:57	08:58	---			58		14:58	16:00	17:00	18:20
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<b>Eagle &amp; Serpent Inn</b> Kidderminster (SW)	---	08:01	09:11	---		then at these mins	11	until	15:11	16:14	17:14	18:34
<b>Wyre Cottage</b> Bilstonac (SE)	---	08:08	09:19	---			19		15:19	16:21	17:21	18:41
<b>Load Street</b> Bewdley (Eastbound)	---	08:15	09:25	---			25		15:25	16:28	17:28	18:48
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Crossword Solution from page 15

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Waste / Recycling Collections

Black bins:

Thursday 5th October, 19th October

Crates & green bins:

Thursday 12th October, 26th October

Don't forget to put out your new purple recycle bins!

Parish Hall Office  
01746 861242

Parish Administrator - Maggie Ritchie

The Parish Office is open Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday from 10am—12noon.

For information about weddings, Baptisms (Christenings), child's Dedication or for general enquiries about church service times and parish information contact the Parish Office as above.

If there is no answer and at other times, there is a telephone message service and if you leave your name and telephone number someone will get back to you in due course.

Regular Events

- |  |                     |
|--|---------------------|
| <b>Police Surgery</b>                    | Thursdays           |
| 10:00 - 12:00                            | Severn Centre       |
| <b>Severn Strollers</b>                  | Mondays             |
|  | (not Bank Holidays) |
| 10:30 / 11:00                            | Severn Centre       |
| (Contact: Barbara Skilton: 01746 862003) |                     |
| <b>Women's Institute</b>                 | Tuesday             |
|  | Severn Centre       |
| <b>Patients' Group</b>                   | see Facebook page   |
| <b>Badminton Club (Seniors)</b>          | Tuesday 19.00 SC    |

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Bache PR (Carpenter)	10	Highley Minors	28	Shropshire Registration Services	25
Cleobury Country Centre	11	Holford, CE (Electrical)	11	Tele - Satt Aerials	19
Cost Cutter	11	Irena Foot Clinic	31	Vivians Mobile Hairdressing	25
David Dexter (Motor Repairs)	10	Ince, B (Funeral Directors)	25	Wyre Forest Pest Control	29
Edwards A J Decorating Services	22	Kidderminster Storage & Removals	27		
Halo Leisure (Severn Centre)	16	Kinlet C of E School	24		
Harris, Edwin & Sons (Funerals)	25	Martin, Tony (Plumbing etc.)	33		
		Northwood & Sons (Funerals)	25		
		Ovenclean	19		
		Perry & Phillips (Funerals)	24		
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## SELF STORAGE AND REMOVALS



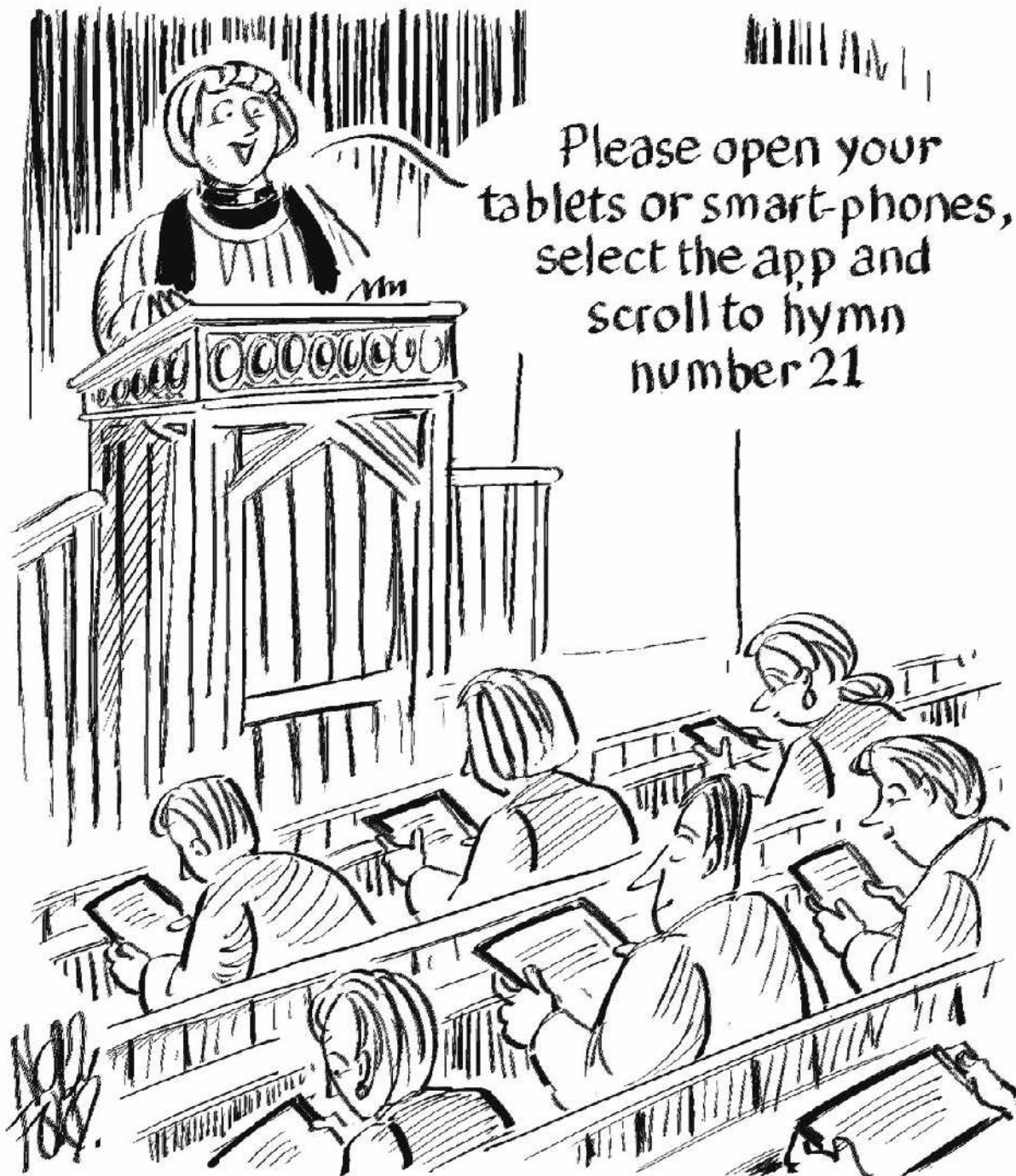
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*Send your photos .....*

Don't forget to send your photos of any events which have taken place in and around the villages. Please make sure that you have permission from anyone in them and their agreement for the pictures to be published. - Ed.

## *Church Services October 2023*

<b>Sunday 1st October</b>	<b>9.30am Morning Worship</b>	<b>St Peter's Church, Chelmarsh</b>
	<b>10.30am Holy Communion</b>	<b>St Mary's Church, Highley</b>
<b>Sunday 8th October</b>	<b>9.30am Holy Communion</b>	<b>St Peter's Church, Chelmarsh</b>
	<b>10.30am Informal Service</b>	<b>St Mary's Church, Highley</b>
	<b>6pm Evening Service</b>	<b>St Mary's Church, Billingsley</b>
<b>Sunday 15th October</b>	<b>9.30am Morning Worship</b>	<b>St Peter's Church, Chelmarsh</b>
	<b>10am Holy Communion</b>	<b>St Bartholomew's Church, Glazeley</b>
	<b>10.30am Holy Communion</b>	<b>St Mary's Church, Highley</b>
<b>Sunday 22nd October</b>	<b>8am Holy Communion</b>	<b>St Mary's Church, Billingsley</b>
	<b>9.30am Morning Service</b>	<b>St Peter's Church, Chelmarsh</b>
	<b>10.30am Informal Service</b>	<b>St Mary's Church, Highley</b>
<b>Sunday 29th October</b>	<b>9.30am Morning Worship</b>	<b>St Peter's Church, Chelmarsh</b>
	<b>10.30am Informal Service</b>	<b>St Mary's Church, Highley</b>

### **Mid-week Groups**

**Tuesday Evening Bible Study 7.30pm** contact Liz and Mervyn tel 862989

**Wednesday Prayer and Study Group 11am—1pm** contact Pat Whitefoot 861155 for venue

**Wednesday Zoom 7pm** Contact David Poyner email d.r.poyner@aston.ac.uk

**Thursday evening Prayer Meeting @ St Mary's Church at 7.30pm**

**Friday Event Youth Club 7.30pm** @ Parish Hall (term-time only) contact Rachel Williams

**Friday Night Prayer 9pm** Zoom contact David Poyner as above

### **For enquiries regarding Weddings, Christenings, Funerals or Churchyard memorials**

**Weddings:** Rev'd Kina Robertshaw: email revkinarobertshaw@gmail.com

**Christenings/baptisms:** Rev'd Kina Robertshaw email revkinarobertshaw@gmail.com

**Funerals:** Contact your funeral director, who will liaise with clergy

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