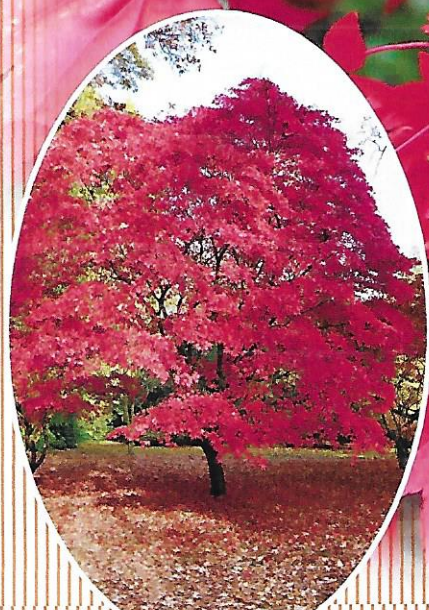


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Trinity *Tidings*



October 2021

...all are welcome in this place!

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and to Jon Skitt for putting the magazine online each month.

Dear Friends,

I know it's very British to talk about the weather, but I'm going to anyway!

If you cast your mind back to last year to the first lockdown, you will remember that we had really nice weather very early on in the spring and into the summer, which helped enormously to get us get through it.

However, this year was quite different, and whilst, with the exception of one very hot week, the weather has been mediocre at best, yet summer seems to have gone on and on. Having said that, as I write, the weather now seems to have turned and has become very autumnal all of a sudden.

I make no secret of the fact that I much prefer the spring and summer months to those of autumn and winter, as I'm not a great fan of the cold weather or the short days. And you will always hear me grumbling when I'm having to scrape the ice off the car windscreen of a morning, before I can use it!

But that said, I still do believe we are blessed to have the different seasons, because it helps us feel part of the 'natural cycle' of nature.

This is something I believe my friend Thomas misses out on. I asked him once when I was staying with him over in South India, what season it was. Expecting him to say it was either spring, summer, autumn or winter, his reply was "What do you mean?" When I pressed him on the subject he finally said "Well, it's nearly the end of the dry season and will soon be the rainy season". A completely different experience of the seasons to us. (Served me right for asking I suppose!). Also, South India being so close to the equator, it gets dark around 6.30pm all year round.

The experts tell us that because of global warming our weather is going to become more and more extreme, and I think we have already begun to experience this, what with rising average temperatures, increased regularity of flooding and more violent storms. Therefore we are going to have to begin to do what we can, and encourage others, to treat our planet with the respect it needs to thrive and survive.

The bible tells us that God created the heavens and the earth, the dry land and the seas, all living creatures, all vegetation, the daytime and the night time and every living thing upon the earth, including us! (This is a very bad paraphrase of the account of creation in the book of Genesis). However, it is a timely reminder that we are not above nature and all things natural, but very much a part of it.

Therefore I think we should try and appreciate the rhythm that nature and the seasons bring to an otherwise chaotic world. The falling of the leaves in autumn, the shoots of new life in spring, the warmth of the sun in summertime, and even the frost on the car in winter. I believe all these things can keep us in tune with the natural world and the God who created it, to the benefit of everyone.

Blessings to you all,

Nick

PRAYER CORNER

We remember in our prayers Liz potter, Les Fuller, Lyn Jones, Margot Stanton, Ray and Barbara Lee, Betty Norman, Ruth Palmer and her sister Anne, those on the Prayer Vine and all those we know who need the love, comfort and the knowledge of Christ's presence with them.

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Congratulations....

We send our congratulations to Pauline Pinner on the birth of her first great-granddaughter - a precious little girl named Lyra Anne.

During the month of October,

Please remember in prayer the area of Greenhill and Hurcott
and the people who live and work there.

Greenhill and Hurcott

October

Residential Housing

St George's and St Ambrose Churches

St George's, St Ambrose, Holy Trinity
Schools and Nurseries.

The Shrubbery Nursing Home

Hurcott Pools and countryside



From the Editor

The other day I had some stale bread, so I took it down to the river, crumbled it and threw it in the water to feed the ducks. In seconds there were about thirty to forty ducks flying in, and charging through the water to grab the pieces of bread. I noticed that three or four male ducks fought off the others and grabbed a large share. They were quite determined to have their share and more than their fair share. There was a great noise of angry quacking and splashing before the bread was all gone. A few days ago I cleaned out the bird feeders, put them out and filled them. Once again the aggressive sparrows tried to drive away the blue tits and great tits. I put some seed on the ground for the blackbirds, but they seemed to spend their energy chasing off other blackbirds and not eating the food. Robins will often fight their own reflection in a mirror. Tennyson wrote the line 'nature, red in tooth and claw'. We talk about the peace and tranquillity of the countryside, but for most of the time it is an unseen battlefield.

If you wonder why there so many ducks on the river here, there are around three hundred in this immediate section of the river. They have been bought specially for duck shooting. The shooters line up, the ducks are flushed out, and the shooters let fly - they can hardly miss. We really are no better than the birds and animals.

I washed a duvet cover and hung it on the washing line to dry in the sun. It dried well, but when I went to get it in I saw that a bird had perched on the line and left a lovely deposit on the duvet cover, so it had to be washed again.

I do love birds....most of the time..... I think.

David



Offertories for the past four weeks are as follows

	Envelopes	Loose Cash	Standing Orders	Total
	£	£	£	£
05.09.21	35.00	54.20	642.25	731.45
12.09.21	275.00	21.00	642.25	938.25
19.09.21	169.00	90.21	642.25	901.46
26.09.21	235.00	47.50	642.25	924.75

In addition, offertories donated by bank transfer amounted to £1150.00 making a weekly average of £1161.47

In this new church year it is estimated that offertories of £1200 per week will be required to break even.

A Roof Fund was started in August to meet the cost of essential repairs discovered during the quinquennial inspection of the premises. At 26th September the fund's balance was £22585 made up of £6585 in donations and £16000 in interest-free loans.

SERVICES IN OCTOBER

Oct 3 rd	10..30am	Rev Nick Collison & Rev Andrew Mann-Ray Joint Harvest Festival service with Baxter URC
	6.30pm	Rev Nick Collison -- Café Worship
Oct 10 th	10.30am	Mr Ray Lee
	3.00pm	Service to mark the closure of Broadwaters Church No Evening Service
Oct 17 th	10.30am	Mrs Sue Stinton -- Local Preachers' Sunday
	6.30pm	Mr Mike Dernie
Oct 24 th	10.30am	Rev Nick Collison -- Baptism
	6.30pm	Rev Nick Collison & Rev Sue Levitt - All Saints' Service
Oct 31 st	10.30am	Rev Nick Collison -- Holy Communion
	6.30pm	Mr Albert Wilkinson
Nov 7 th	10.30am	Mr Philip Bridgewater
	6.30pm	Rev Nick Collison -- Café Worship

NEW Roof Project...

The recent 'Quinquennial Report' completed in March 2021 found some serious defects in the state of the building roof at Trinity.



The Problem...

The Hall, Lounge and Toilet Roof areas and the connecting gulley, at the foot of the tower, require urgent replacement.



The Answer...

A New Roof complete with the latest materials giving improved insulation and new waterproof roof coverings.

Quotations for the works **Total £60,490.00**

These costs are beyond our financial reserves, and we are seeking grants from various trusts to assist in financing the project.

But there will be a significant shortfall....



£65,000

£60,000

£55,000

£50,000

£45,000

£40,000

£35,000

£30,000

£25,000

How you can Help!...

Everyone is therefore encouraged to play whatever part they can in helping this project by supporting:

- Fundraising Events – please watch out for information soon!
- Donations – Please contact Iestyn Davies Tel: 01562 740429
Email: iestyn.davies@btopenworld.com to make a donation
- Interest Free Loans - Please contact Iestyn Davies for information

The future is Bright...

With the completion of this major project Trinity will maintain its position in the local community for worship and meetings across a broad spectrum.

If you would like more detailed information on any aspects of this Major Project, please contact John Bacon – Tel: 01562 744502.

Funds
Raised
to Date

26th September '21
£22,585.00

Made up of
£6,585.00 Donations
And
£16,000.00
Interest Free Loans

Please give this appeal your careful and prayerful consideration and support! Thank you.

Christmas

Local businesses

Fair

Refreshments

Gifts

*Saturday 13th November
10am - 1pm*

*Trinity Methodist Church Centre
Kidderminster*



*For stall enquires, please contact
trinitysocialcommitte@gmail.com*

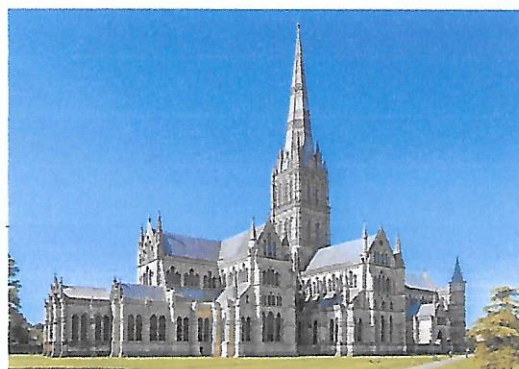
A DAY OUT TO SALISBURY

You may remember that Alan and Celia Phillips offered us their coach for a day trip. This should have taken place last year in April. Alan and Celia have kindly offered us a new date of May 6th 2022.

We are very grateful to Alan and Celia, and the money raised will help towards the "Raising the Roof" appeal. Some people had already paid, and their money is held for them.

Please remember the date!

Further details, including how to book for a tour of the Cathedral, including the tower will be in a later edition of Tidings.





The Congregation of
BROADWATERS METHODIST CHURCH, KIDDERMINSTER

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162 YEARS OF WITNESS

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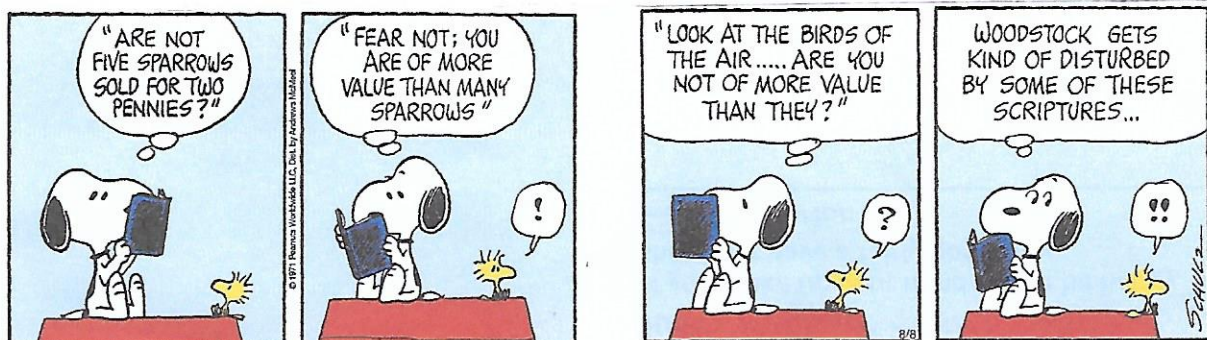
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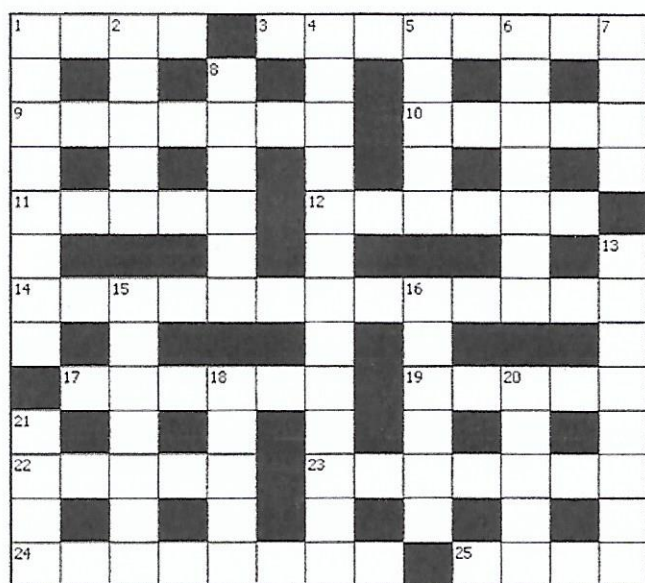
SUNDAY, 10th OCTOBER 2021 at 3.00pm

A Quiz about fictitious animals

1. What was the name of the dog who appeared on the H.M.V. record label?
2. What is the name of the dog in Charles Schultz's 'Peanuts' cartoons?
3. What is the name of the dog in Jerome K. Jerome's book 'Three Men in a Boat'?
4. Dr Seuss wrote about a 'Cat in a' what?
5. William Blake wrote a poem about which animal?
6. Anna Sewell wrote a children's story about a horse. What is its name?
7. What was the name of the bear in 'Jungle Book'?
8. Which creature swallowed a clock in 'Peter Pan'?
9. What is the name of the dog in the Walt Disney Mickey Mouse cartoons?
10. Who was the elephant with big ears who could fly?
11. Who wrote 'War Horse'?
12. What is the name of the donkey in 'Winnie the Pooh'?
13. In the 'Harry Potter' stories, what was Hedwig?
14. Rod Hull had a very aggressive hand puppet. What was it?
15. What is the name of the frog in 'The Muppets'?
16. 'Wallace and' Who?
17. Which two animals 'went to sea in pea-green boat'?
18. Rossini wrote an overture called 'The Thieving.....'?
19. Harry Corbett had two hand puppets. Who were they?
20. What were the names of Peter Rabbit's sisters?
21. Where did Paddington Bear come from?
22. What was the name of the elephant who 'packed her trunk and said "Good bye" to the circus'?
23. Which insect did Arthur Askey sing about?
24. In 'The Chronicles of Narnia' what was Aslan?
25. Prokofiev wrote about 'Peter and the.....' what?



Parish Pump Crossword



Sudoku Puzzle (medium)

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Across

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

Down

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

The Second Coming?

I don't think there's a month goes by without someone predicting the end of the world. The Media is quite happy to bring this to our notice. Not so much locally but in big cities, especially London, you could always spot somebody carrying a placard saying "The End of the World is Nigh". Often this is a religious group hoping to turn people towards the church. Wouldn't it be better if they started predicting the Second Coming of Christ? No need to repent, He'll forgive us our sins or take them on Himself. Far better to believe that Christ will come again than to think that the world will end in x number of days. People are always claiming to know when the world will end, but can anyone forecast the return of Christ to Earth? Prophets in the Old Testament were always forecasting the first coming of Christ, who will forecast the second?

Many of us don't have the faith of the bloke who has six tankers of water in his back garden definitely expecting Jesus to return and change them into wine. OK, that should have been in Smile Lines, but is Christ to come back? There's not much proof in the Bible. Obviously, it's the New Testament that's supposed to give us the answer. Not a lot. "For you know very well that the day of The Lord will come like a thief in the night. (1 Thess. 5:2) Not very convincing. However, the state of the world today is easing towards the return of Jesus. God's great aim was to put the mess of the world that we have made back together, and we've certainly made a mess. So, will God's Holy Fire come to pass and send Jesus back to earth? Who knows? Whatever, The Bible teaches us that Jesus will return, but when? Surely Jesus's resurrection was His return so we all have hope that everything will be put right by Jesus but we have to have faith. "Thy Will be done on earth as it is in Heaven". We may not see a physical Jesus but we will know He's there.

Christian faith has been the mainstay of us all. We love to read The Bible and enjoy the life and teachings of Jesus but it is the future Christians are looking forward to. As Paul wrote in Thessalonians, none of us know exactly when Jesus will return to earth but He will. Meantime we have to please God by simply living a pure life full of love and prayer. We have to believe that the end of the world will never come, but one day Jesus will. Have Faith.

Mike

(Mike Knott, Stourport Wesley)

Mike's Smile Lines

Man: Doctor, I think I'm shrinking.
Doctor: Don't panic, you'll just have to be a little patient.

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I was a late starter at school. I was so excited on my first day I cut myself shaving.

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It's a strange thing the opera. If somebody gets stabbed with a sword they don't bleed or die – they sing.

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A man having a haircut told his barber he was going to Italy. "You don't want to go there" said the barber "the airports are crowded, the heat's terrible, you can't eat the food and you will never see The Pope"

Three months later he's back in the barbers chair and says his holiday was fantastic. "Yes, but did you see The Pope?" says the barber. "Actually, I had a private audience with him" was the reply. "What did The Pope say?" asked the barber. "He asked my where I got my lousy haircut".

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Fred: I heard your wife's a terrible driver.

Bert: Terrible, even the traffic lights turn white when they see her coming.

**

Jack: My wife converted me to religion.

Sid: How did she manage that?

Jack: I didn't believe in hell till I married her.

**

Foreman: How come you're carrying 6 bricks at a time and everybody else carries 12?

Workman: I guess they're just lazy. Can't be bothered to make 2 trips like I do.

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Office Manager: Look at the dust on these desks. It looks like they haven't been cleaned for a fortnight.

Cleaner: Don't blame me sir, I've only been here a week.

**

I once stayed in a Hotel in Venice. It was so damp there was a goldfish in a mousetrap.

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Mary: Yours is a big family isn't it, and you're one of twins?

Joan: Yes.

Mary: And can they tell you apart?

Joan: Yes, Dave has a moustache.

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Lecturer: I shall be talking today about the heart, kidneys, lungs and liver.

Student: OH! No, I can't stand organ recitals.

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I've just tried on the suit I got married in. The only thing that fitted was the tie.

**

Witches fly around on broomsticks because vacuum cleaners are too noisy.

And here's one more article from Mike

The Last Farewell

One thing I would hate to do while writing something in Trinity Tidings is to cause controversy, but I think I'm justified here. John Wesley's last letter, written on his death bed was to William Wilberforce. It shows Wesley's sympathy with the wrongs of the slave trade and his interest in Wilberforce's mission in life. From his time in America he had become familiar with the horrors of the slave trade. Wilberforce was well known to both him and his brother, Charles. He wrote, and I quote ...

"Unless God has raised you up for this very thing, you will be worn out by the opposition of men and devils; but if God be for you, who can be against you? Oh, be not weary in well doing, go on, in the name of God and in the power of His might, till even American slavery, the vilest that ever saw the sun, shall vanish away before it. I was particularly struck by the circumstance that a man

saw the sun, shall vanish away before it. I was particularly struck by the circumstance that a man who has a black skin, being wronged or outraged by a white man, can have no redress. What villainy is this! That he who has guided you from your youth up may continue to strengthen you in this and all things is the prayer of, dear Sir, your affectionate servant, John Wesley"

Nobody could wish a more beautiful close to Wesley's writings – This letter is a prophetic epitome to the history of emancipation.

This letter was written on February 24th 1791. Wesley was to die on March 2nd 1791. His last words were "*Lord, thou givest strength to those that can speak and to those that cannot. Speak Lord, to all our hearts and let them know that thou loosest the tongue. Let us all go, the best of all is, God is with us*".

They are pulling statues down because of connections to slavery. Shouldn't they be erecting them in memory of John Wesley?

Mike



TRINITY THURSDAY SERVICES

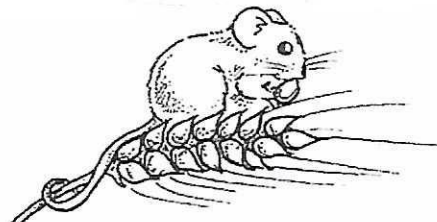
Every Thursday there is a short service at Trinity. We start at 12.30pm, and the service lasts for about half an hour.

This is followed by tea, coffee and a biscuit, while we chat.

We have a range of people to lead the service, and the details for October are:

October 7 th	Rev Nick Collison -- Holy Communion
October 14 th	Mrs Louvain Beer (Member of St Peters, Upper Arley)
October 21 st	Rev Nigel Taylor
October 28 th	Mr Andrew Skitt

If you fancy a quiet break in the week, then come and join us.



GARDENING NOTES FOR OCTOBER

October is usually the month when we experience our first taste of real autumn; the result of an increased temperature gradient between the relative warm ocean of the sub-tropical and North Atlantic, and the rapidly cooling Arctic. Atlantic depressions and low-pressure systems are generally more active than September's offerings, the effect of stronger wind and rain much appreciated on exposed hills and sites across all areas of the UK.

October is definitely an autumnal month, usually a good mixture of wet and windy conditions with some fine, settled weather thrown in for good measure too. The aforementioned increased temperature gradient results in a tendency for well-defined frontal boundaries, with often pronounced temperature changes, as an active system transits the country.

Tropical air will generally be moist, damp and heavily laden with cloud, the sun much weaker now and unable to burn off these layers, leaving typical cloudy, drizzly and dull conditions after heavy, prolonged rainfall ahead of a warm front.

Polar air, now inherently much cooler, is very unstable and prone to heavy showers, often blustery and thundery in nature. A blast from the north will bring the first hail, sleet and snow to upland areas. Rising pressure and light winds also bring the threat of mist, fog and low overnight temperatures.

You could be forgiven for thinking that October is a real gloomy month, but far from it, as it is during this month that the countryside is often at its 'autumnal best', ablaze with hues of gold, yellow and red, especially after the first frosts and a dry autumn. Get out and enjoy the spectacle!

With Autumn upon us there will be a good deal of debris about, so don't leave it hanging around; if it's useable, compost it, if it's diseased, burn it.

Perennials will be dying back now, especially so after the first frosts. Stems and foliage will be yellowing or browning and will require cutting back. Most herbaceous perennials can be cut back to ground level, the foliage either composted or, if diseased, burnt.

Make up winter display containers now, before the worst of the weather is upon us. A mix of evergreen plants such as euonymus, ivies and skimmia surrounded by winter bedding and bulbs will, with careful choice, bring a welcome succession of colour throughout the autumn and on into next spring. Raise containers on clay feet or wood supports to aid free drainage by ensuring drainage holes aren't blocked by debris. Don't over-water winter containers, but do check weekly that they don't dry out. Water as required but, at all costs, avoid winter wet.

Summer subjects that have performed well, such as dahlias, will require lifting and protection over the winter period. Dahlias are best lifted once the first frosts of autumn have blackened the foliage. Gently prize the plant out of the soil using a spade, taking great care not to slice through the tubers whilst you're doing it! Once out of the ground, remove the spent flower stems leaving about a 1-inch (25mm) stump. Any thin roots may be trimmed away. Gently split the upper section of the stem with a sharp knife to allow excess water to drain away. If necessary, place the tubers, hanging upside down, in a cool, dry, frost-free place for a couple of weeks. To over-winter, dust lightly with sulphur powder and bury the tubers in boxes of dry sand, soil or compost, leaving only exposed stems. A position that is cool and frost-free should be found; check regularly for rot, which should be cut out on discovery with a sharp knife, the wound dusted with sulphur.

Any remaining spring bulb planting schemes should be completed this month, although the planting of tulips should be delayed until November. Grease bands can be put on fruit trees as protection against female winter months.

If you want hyacinths in flower for Christmas you have probably missed the boat, as prepared bulbs need a good 12-week period for success; although it still isn't too late to plant hyacinths for New Year planting schemes. Use bulb fibre that has been pre-moistened, placing a layer in the base of the bowl or pot. Place the bulbs on the compost, setting close together varieties of only the same kind; mixing varieties usually brings disappointing, uneven results. Bulbs should not touch each other or the sides of the container. Fill around the bulbs with compost, filling to just below the rim of the container; the bulb tops should still be showing above the compost. Place the container in a cool, dark place - a temperature of no higher than 9 C (48 F) is required - Checking regularly for drying out. When shoots have developed to a length of about 2" (50mm) the bulbs can be brought into a light environment, but not a sunny windowsill, to allow the growth to green up. Move gradually to a warmer and brighter position and enjoy the colour and fragrance that follows.

Dig over exposed or recently cultivated areas to allow impending frost action to do its work. This also brings bugs, grubs and larvae to the surface; a good source of food for birds.

If you are thinking of moving deciduous plants then do it now through to mid-March, evergreens only now or late March, the soil is still quite warm and the roots will quickly re-establish. Lift plants with as much of the root ball intact as possible. Don't cramp the plant into its new position; ensure that the new planting position is adequately deep and wide, and work soil between the roots, firming-in well. Water thoroughly and stake if necessary. Keep well watered throughout the coming season.

There is a lot to do during the autumn; let's hope that the weather is kind enough to let us do what needs to be done. If the conditions are favourable then make the best of the available time.

'Whatever you're doing, enjoy the garden; it's the only you've got'.

Bob

Other views on gardening....

Nothing grows in our garden, only washing. And babies.

Dylan Thomas, 'Under Milk Wood'

Why is it no one ever sent me yet
One perfect limousine, do you suppose?
Ah no, It's just my luck to get
One perfect rose.

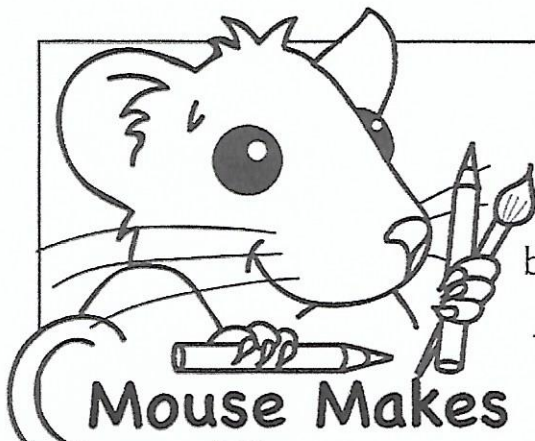
Dorothy Parker

What a man needs in gardening is a cast iron back,
with a hinge in it.

Charles Warner

I've had enough of gardening -
I'm just about ready to throw in the trowel.

Anon



Mouse Makes

"Come with me across the lake,"

Jesus said to his disciples, so they got into a boat and set out. While they were sailing Jesus slept.

A big storm *blew* across the lake and the boat began to fill with water. They were in **great** danger.

The disciples went to Jesus and woke him.

They said, "Master, mater, we are going to drown!"

Jesus got up and gave a command to the wind and the waves, "**Be still, be calm.**"

The wind stopped and the lake became calm.



Read the story
in Mark 4: 35-41



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The gardener and the Vine



JESUS OFTEN TOLD
STORIES WITH
HIDDEN MEANINGS



ONCE HE TOLD HIS FRIENDS ALL
ABOUT A GARDENER.

THE GARDENER'S JOB WAS
TO CARE FOR THE VINES



HE WOULD LOOK AT EACH
BRANCH CAREFULLY..

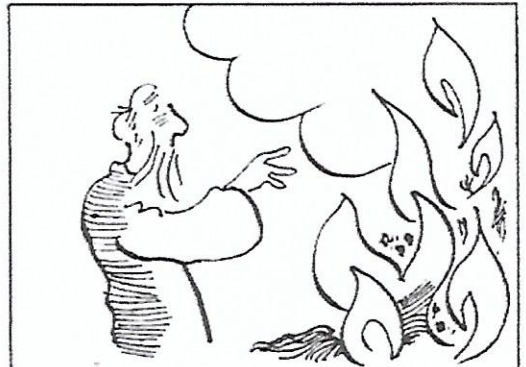
... AND IF IT WAS PRODUCING
GOOD FRUIT, HE WOULD CARE
FOR IT AND NOURISH IT.



IF IT WAS PRODUCING BAD
FRUIT...

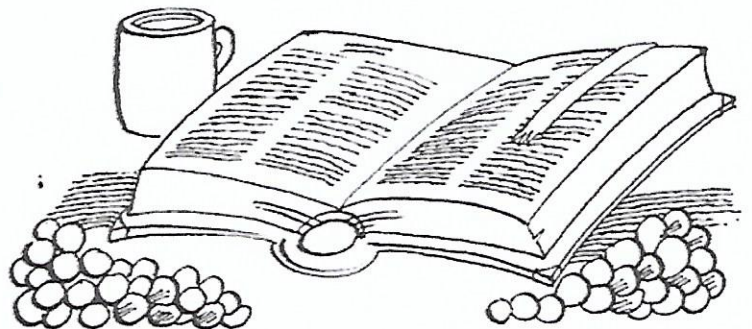


...OR NO FRUIT AT
ALL...



...THEN THE GARDENER WOULD
CHOP IT OFF, AND BURN IT IN
THE FIRE!!

JESUS WANTED HIS FRIENDS TO SHARE
THE GOOD NEWS - THAT'S LIKE THE
VINE BEARING GOOD FRUIT.



YOU CAN READ THIS SPECIAL PARABLE IN JOHN'S
GOSPEL, CHAPTER 15.

Zebra crossings – saving lives for 70 years *by Tim Lenton*

Seventy years ago, on 31st October 1951, zebra crossings were introduced officially in the UK. The first one was in Slough, Berkshire.

The crossings had been trialled over two years at 1000 experimental sites, but in 1951 the black and white striped pedestrian crossings were approved, with their flashing Belisha beacons, and all drivers were required by law to stop as soon as a pedestrian set foot on them.

The crossings were the brainchild of Yorkshireman and traffic engineer George ‘Dr Zebra’ Charlesworth, a physicist who had worked on the Barnes Wallis-designed bouncing bomb during the war. His zebra crossings were certainly responsible for saving many lives.

The Belisha beacons, an integral part of the crossing but used since 1934, were introduced by Leslie Hore-Belisha, who served as Minister of Transport at the time.

Zebra crossings were adopted throughout the world, from continental Europe to North America, Singapore and Australia. They have now been superseded to some extent in the UK by pelican crossings, which are controlled by lights. These were introduced in 1969. While zebras were named because of their appearance, a pelican crossing (originally pelicon) is so named as a contraction of the phrase ‘pedestrian light controlled’.

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Smile Lines

Musings on everyday life

If you can smile when things go wrong, you probably have someone in mind to blame.

The easiest way to find something lost around the house is to buy a replacement.

When dog food is new and improved tasting, who tests it?

A little girl said to her mother: “The minister’s sermon this morning confused me.” Her mother was surprised, so the little girl continued: “He said that God is bigger than we are. Is that true?”

“Yes, that’s true,” the mother replied.

“He also said that God lives within us. Is that true, too?” Again, the mother agreed.

“Well,” said the girl. “If God is bigger than us and He lives in us, wouldn’t He show through?”

A Sunday School teacher had just concluded her lesson and wanted to make sure she had made her point. She said, “Can anyone tell me what you must do before you can obtain forgiveness of sin?” There was a short pause and then, from the back of the room, a small boy spoke up. “Sin?”

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Don’t Forget!

British Summer Time ends on Sunday 31st October, don’t forget to put your clocks back 1 hour on Saturday night, 30th October.

Take another look at children's yoghurt

Most yoghurt made for children contains at least a third of a youngster's maximum daily sugar intake.

So says a recent study by Queen Mary University of London. Researchers also found that just one in 20 of the children's yoghurts were low in sugar, while two thirds of them were rated as being medium to high in saturated fat.

One scientist said that parents are often "misled by healthy-sounding claims and cartoony images" into feeding their children snacks that only "help fuel Britain's obesity crisis."

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All in the month of OCTOBER

It was:

500 years ago, on 11th Oct 1521 that Pope Leo X granted the title 'Defender of the Faith' to King Henry VIII of England and Ireland. It recognised the King's defence of the sacrament of marriage, the supremacy of the Pope, and his opposition to the Protestant Reformation and the ideas of Martin Luther. The title has been inherited by British monarchs since then.

250 years ago, on 17th Oct 1771 that the premiere of Mozart's pastoral opera, *Ascanio in Alba*, took place in Milan, Italy. Mozart was then aged 15.

150 years ago, from 8th to 10th Oct 1871, that the Great Chicago Fire took place. A fire in a barn quickly spread, following a long period of hot, dry weather. About 300 people were killed, over three square miles of the city was destroyed, and around 100,000 people made homeless. Also at this time was the Peshtigo Fire of Wisconsin – it burned 1,200,000 acres and killed up to 2,500 people – the deadliest wildfire in US history.

125 years ago, on 3rd Oct 1896 that William Morris, British textile designer, poet, novelist and socialist, died. Best known for his association with the Arts and Crafts Movement.

70 years ago, from 15th to 17th Oct 1951 that the first party election broadcasts were televised in the UK. The three main parties, Liberal, Conservative and Labour, were allocated 15 minutes each. Also 70 years ago, on 18th Oct 1951 that Snowdonia National Park was established in Wales.

65 years ago, from 29th Oct to 7th Nov 1956 that the Suez Crisis took place. Israel invaded Egypt in an attempt to regain Western control of the Suez Canal and remove President Gamal Abdel Nasser from power. Britain and France joined the invasion but were forced to withdraw by the United Nations, the USA and the USSR. British Prime Minister Anthony Eden resigned in Jan 1957 and Sinai was occupied by Israel until March 1957.

60 years ago, on 6th Oct 1961 that US President John F Kennedy advised Americans to build bomb shelters to protect themselves from nuclear fallout in the event of an attack by the Soviet Union.

50 years ago, on 1st Oct 1971 that the first CT scan was performed on a patient at Atkinson Morley Hospital in Wimbledon.

40 years ago, on 3rd Oct 1981 that a hunger strike by IRA members in Maze Prison, County Down, ended after seven months. 10 prisoners had died.

25 years ago, on 18th Oct 1996 that the journal *Science* published the first study that showed a causal link between a toxin found in tobacco smoke and the development of lung cancer.

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Bible Sunday – 24th October

This special Sunday in the church's calendar is an opportunity to stop and consider the enormous blessing that the Bible has brought to people down the centuries. Without it, we would know nothing about God our Father, Jesus Christ, or the Holy Spirit. It is God-breathed – full of His love and guidance to us. World history would have been radically different without it.

How should we read the Bible?

There are three things to bear in mind when you pick up your Bible:

First, approach it expectantly. The Bible is not just another book – it is the Word of God, given to us by God to help us and instruct us. The Psalmist declared, 'Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path' (Psalm 119:105). Therefore, as you open your Bible, pray that the Holy Spirit (who inspired the writers of the Bible) will illumine its meaning to you. Read it carefully, not just hurrying through it as you would a novel.

Secondly, read your Bible systematically. Aim to read about three chapters a day: begin at Genesis and work through the Old Testament. Begin in Matthew and work through the New Testament; begin in Psalms and work through Psalms and Proverbs. Simply continue these three cycles, and it will ensure that your diet of Bible reading each day will be varied and include a bit of everything!

Finally, read your Bible obediently. Be ready to obey the truth that God has for you in its pages. God gave the Bible to us 'for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness' (2 Timothy 3:16), and the Bible can change our lives as we read it and obey its teachings every day.

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Like a pumpkin

A lady had recently become a Christian and been baptised. Curious, one of her colleagues at work asked her what it was like to be a Christian.

The lady was caught off guard and didn't know how to answer. Then she saw the office 'jack-o'-lantern' on a nearby desk and blurted: "Well, it's like being a pumpkin."

Her colleague asked her to explain that one. So she said: "Well, God picks you up out of the patch and brings you in and washes off all the dirt on the outside that you got from being around all the other pumpkins.

"Then He cuts off the top and takes all the yucky stuff out from inside you. He removes all those seeds of doubt, hate, greed, etc. Then He carves you a new smiling face and puts His light inside of you to shine for all to see.

"It is our choice to either stay outside and rot on the vine, or come inside and be something new and bright."

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Quotes

God made the moon as well as the sun; and when He does not see fit to grant us the sunlight, He means us to guide our steps by moonlight. – *Richard Whately*

Worry is the darkroom in which negatives can develop. – *Anon*

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Dracula isn't here!

A church in North Yorkshire has been trying to convince eager tourists that the vampire's grave is NOT in their churchyard.

Recently the church leaders at the Church of St Mary the Virgin, Whitby, even put up a poster in the entrance door which reads: "Please do not ask staff where Dracula's grave is as there isn't one. Thank you."

Whitby inspired Bram Stoker to write his novel, *Dracula*, in 1897. And it seems that Stoker first came across the name 'Dracula' in Whitby's library. It was another name for the blood-thirsty Romanian ruler, 'Vlad the Impaler'.

St Mary the Virgin stands beside Whitby Abbey, and has a churchyard. This prompts many tourists to ask for the exact location of Dracula's grave, even though of course Dracula never existed.

The grave that *can* be found, however, is that of a man named Swales, who is also mentioned in the book.

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Edith Cavell, nurse

Edith Cavell is a good saint for NHS workers this year: she cared for the sick despite the danger to her own safety.

Edith was a vicar's daughter from Swardeston in Norfolk, where she was born in 1865. She became a governess, but her heart was for nursing, so she went on to train at the London Hospital, before nursing in various hospitals such as St Pancras and Manchester.

When Edith was 42, she decided to go abroad, and was appointed matron of a large training centre for nurses in Brussels. She was still there seven years later, when the First World War broke out and German troops invaded Belgium on their way to Paris and the Channel Ports.

Edith's nursing school became a Red Cross hospital, and she turned down the opportunity to return to the safety of England. Instead, her nurses tended wounded soldiers from both German and Allied armies. Sadly, in 1915, when the Germans began their occupation of Brussels, they took a dim view of Edith's work. But they would have been even more unhappy had they known she was helping to smuggle 200 British soldiers across the border into the Netherlands!

Finally, the Germans arrested Edith in August 1915, and put her into solitary confinement. They tricked her into confessing to a charge which carried the death penalty. But Edith refused to show either regret at what she had done, or any fear or bitterness towards her captors.

On 11th October 1915, the night before her execution, Edith was visited by the Anglican chaplain to Brussels, the Revd Stirling Gahan. Together they said the words of *Abide with Me*, and Edith received her last Holy Communion. She told Gahan: "I am thankful to have had these ten weeks of quiet to get ready. Now I have had them and have been kindly treated here. I expected my sentence and I believe it was just. Standing, as I do, in view of God and eternity, I realise that patriotism is not enough. I must have no hatred or bitterness to anyone."

Edith was shot by a firing squad next day, on 12th October 1915.

After the war her body was exhumed and buried in Norwich Cathedral. Her memorial service in Westminster Abbey attracted thousands. A commemorative statue of her stands near Trafalgar Square.

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Answers to the Quiz, Crossword and Sudoku

1. Nipper
2. Snoopy
3. Montmorency
4. Hat
5. Tiger or, Blake's spelling Tyger
6. Black Beauty
7. Baloo
8. A crocodile
9. Pluto
10. Dumbo
11. Michael Mopurgo
12. Eyeore
13. An owl
14. An emu - the one that attacked Michael Parkinson
15. Kermit
16. Gromit
17. An owl and a pussy cat
18. Magpie
19. Sooty and Sweep
20. Flopsy, Mopsy, and Cottontail.
21. Darkest Peru
22. Nellie, as sung by Mandy Miller
23. A bee
24. A lion
25. Wolf



Sudoku solution:

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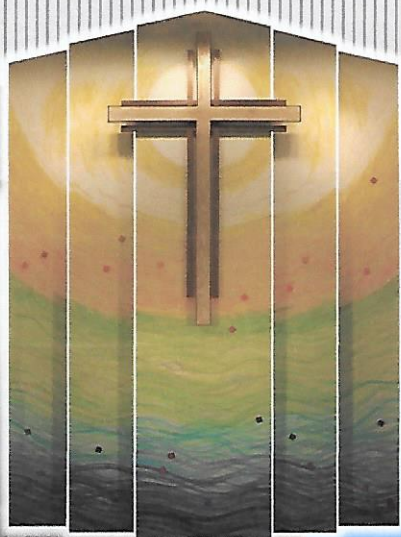
Crossword solution

ACROSS

1 dare; 3 cherubim; 9 son Tohu; 10 yield; 11 ranch; 12 enlist; 14 Baalah of Judah; 17 Edward; 19 Sheol; 22 media; 23 open air; 24 apostasy; 25 Eton

DOWN

1 describe; 2 run in; 4 household gods; 5 royal; 6 blessed; 7 MIDI; 8 Joshua; 13 children; 15 added to; 16 Jasper; 18 await; 20 exalt; 21 YMCA



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