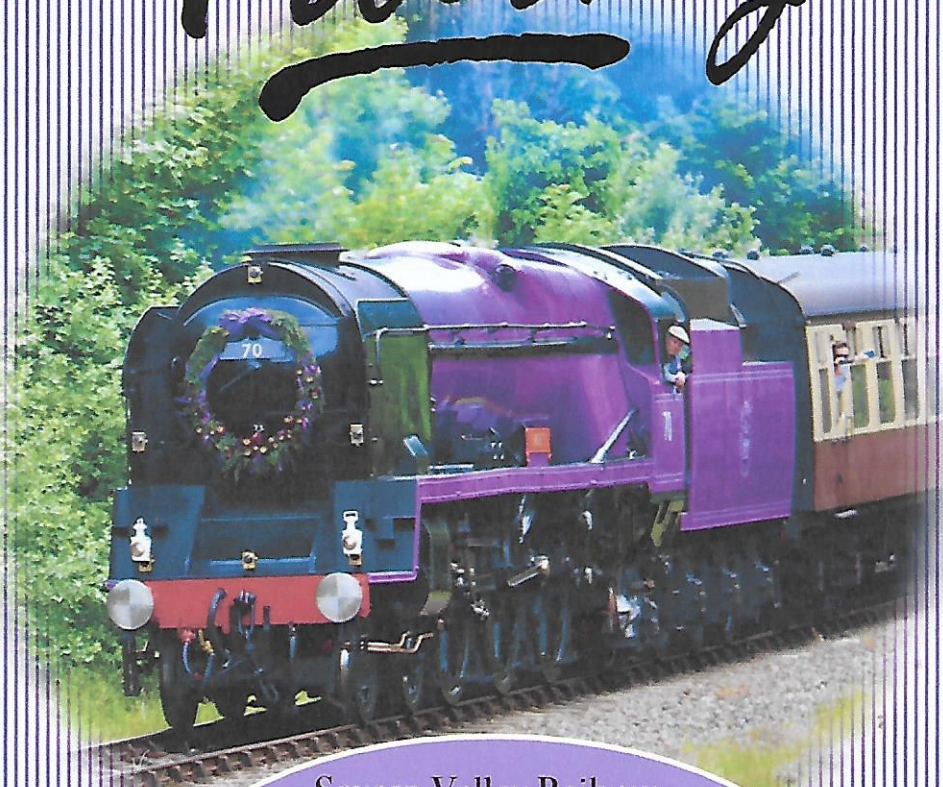


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# Trinity *Tidings*



Severn Valley Railway  
put Kidderminster on  
the National Headlines in June '22  
as they saluted Her Majesty on the  
The Queen's Platinum Jubilee  
with The Special Train -  
Elizabeth II

...all are welcome in this place!

October 2022

Autumn



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Thanks to John Harris for designing the front and back covers,  
and to Jon Skitt for putting the magazine online each month.

Dear Friends,

Believe it or not this is the first Minister's letter I have written since April, which means my creative juices should be overflowing! In reality I wanted to speak about my sabbatical over the summer months of May, June and July, which now seem a lifetime ago, particularly as it is already beginning to get dark earlier and the temperature is starting to drop.

Anyway, my sabbatical was themed on a book I own called '*Spirituality in Photography - Taking pictures with deeper vision*', written by Philip J Richter, a retired Methodist Minister. In the description of the book it says '*Spirituality in Photography*' explores how photography can offer unique perspectives on ourselves, the world around us and the deeper world within us. I have, on and off, been a keen photographer for many years, first using film cameras and now digital, so a sabbatical seemed a good opportunity to do something I enjoy doing combined with a spiritual element to it.

My brief was very general which meant I could just go off and photograph whatever took my fancy, which is what I did. We also made it an opportunity for Diane and I to travel around the country a bit, exploring some places we'd never been to before. We flew to Belfast where we stayed for the best part of a week and visited the Titanic Museum, the Giant's Causeway, the 'trouble' spots, the Falls Road area and the Shankill Road, amongst other sights. We travelled by train to Edinburgh and explored the usual tourist spots, the Royal Mile, Holyrood Castle, the Botanical Gardens etc. We also travelled to Dorset and Yorkshire (we stayed a couple of nights in Holmfirth, where 'Last of the Summer Wine' was filmed and I even got a picture of Diane on Nora Batty's steps!). We also spent a few days in Laycock, Wiltshire, which is considered to be the birthplace of photography. It is here that in the 19<sup>th</sup> Century Henry Fox Talbot was born and lived (in Laycock Abbey), the inventor of the process that makes negatives on film. I thought it would be, for obvious reasons, an appropriate place to take some photos for my sabbatical. Also on occasion I headed off on my own and just wandered around taking pictures of whatever presented itself to me.

It is my intention to possibly have a display of some of the photos I have taken, so I can share with you the fruits of my labour (eventually!). So please watch this space.

As I said at the start of this letter, my sabbatical seems an awfully long time ago now, so it would be good to relive it by having this display and sharing it with others.

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I think one of the most fascinating things about photography is that it records one small section of time never to be repeated and encapsulates it forever.

Therefore I'd like to end by quoting some (paraphrased) lyrics from a Whitney Houston song, which you might recognise.

"Each day I live I want to be, a day to give the best of me;  
I'm only one, but not alone, my finest day is yet unknown.  
Give me one moment in time,  
when I'm racing with destiny;  
Then in that one moment in time, I will feel eternity."

Every blessing,

*Nick.*



# PRAYER CORNER

We remember in our prayers Liz potter, Les Fuller, Lyn Jones, Margot Stanton, those on the Prayer Vine and all those we know who need the love, comfort and the knowledge of Christ's presence with them.

We are sad to report the passing of Ruth Palmer, Joan Cartwright, and Murray Bridges. We remember with gratitude the many things they did at Trinity, and the faithfulness of their worship. We send our condolences and prayers to their families.

Murray was a member some years ago but had moved to Ludlow where he worshipped.

During the month of October, please remember in your prayers the people and places in the area of Kidderminster known as Greenhill and Hurcott

## Greenhill and Hurcott

## October

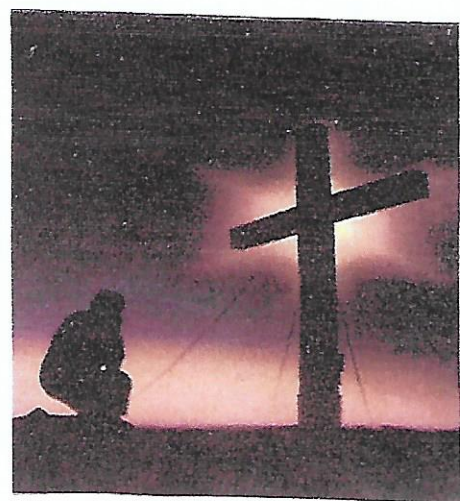
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Churches - St George's, St Ambrose

Schools and their Nurseries - St George's,  
St Ambrose, Holy Trinity

Nursing Home -The Shrubbery

Hurcott Pools and countryside





Editor's letter....

Dear Friends,

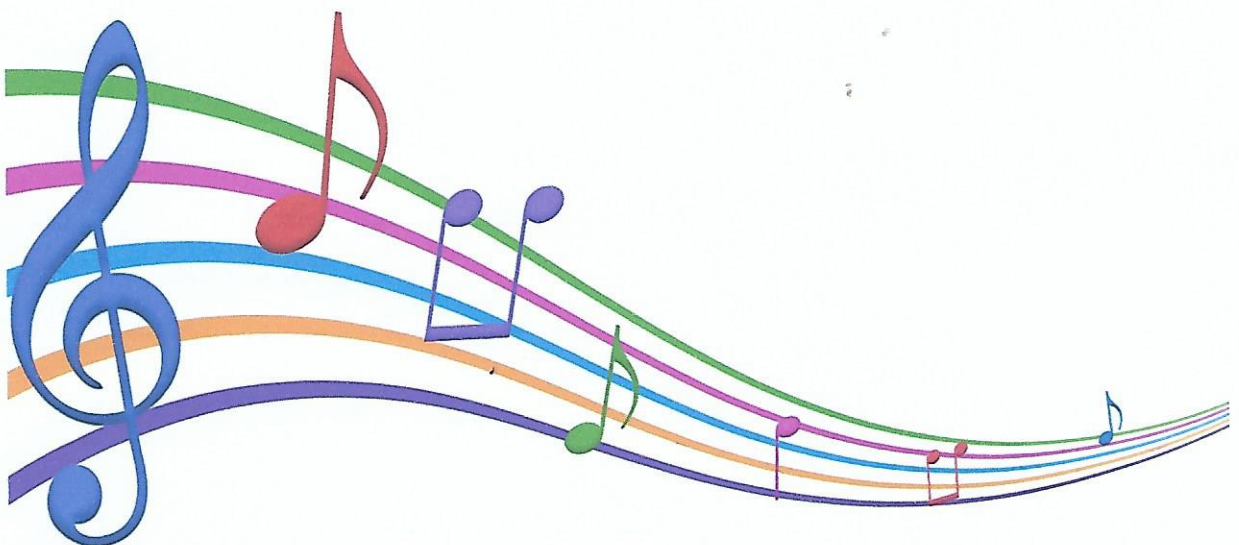
Earlier this year my son and his family went to the Concert for Ukraine. On the journey home my grandson Toby who is 16 said that he would like to go to a 'proper concert', with a 'proper orchestra'. I was pleased about this, so I booked a matinee concert in Symphony Hall with the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra. We had a seat on the front row of the balcony, so we could see the whole orchestra. It was a concert where each piece was tuneful, and well known. Toby was enthralled by the experience, and that is not too strong a word to describe how he felt. So much so that when he arrived home he phoned me to ask if I would book another concert for him to go to. As he is a student his ticket only costs me £5 – an excellent bargain!

Margaret and I used to go regularly to the concerts, but this was the first time I had been for nine years. I enjoyed it so much that I have booked some more concerts. I was there last week when the orchestra was conducted by their chief conductor designate. He was full of enthusiasm, and obviously the orchestra like him. They played Dvorak's 'New World Symphony' and I don't think I have heard it played so well. I have to thank Toby for asking me to take him, because it encouraged me to go more often.

The preface of the old Methodist Hymn Book began with the words 'Methodism was born in song' and we still sing the hymns well on a Sunday, old ones, new ones, ones that are joyful, and those that make us think. Let us thank God for the gift of music, in all its forms, because it has the magic to cheer us, to lift us when we feel down, to make us sing, or even dance!

So let us keep music in our hearts to cheer us on our way through life.

David





## Offertories for the past three weeks are as follows

|               | Envelopes | Loose Cash | Standing Orders | Total   |
|---------------|-----------|------------|-----------------|---------|
|               | £         | £          | £               | £       |
| 04.09.22      | 95.00     | 50.00      | 709.75          | 854.75  |
| 11 & 18.09.22 | 361.00    | 105.00     | 1419.50         | 1885.50 |

These amounts give a weekly average of £913

For the new church year to 31<sup>st</sup> August 2023 it is estimated that offertories of £1250 per week will be required to break even.

## SERVICES IN OCTOBER

|                      |         |                                                     |
|----------------------|---------|-----------------------------------------------------|
| Oct. 2 <sup>nd</sup> | 10.30am | Rev Andrew Mann-Ray -- Joint service with Baxter    |
|                      | 6.30pm  | Rev Peter Levitt                                    |
| Oct 9 <sup>th</sup>  | 10.30am | Rev Nick Collison -- Baptism                        |
|                      | 6.30pm  | Rev Nick Collison -- Taize service & Holy Communion |
| Oct 16 <sup>th</sup> | 10.30am | Mr Mike Dernie                                      |
|                      | 6.30pm  | Rev Sue Levitt                                      |
| Oct 23 <sup>rd</sup> | 10.30am | Rev Sue Levitt -- Holy Communion                    |
|                      | 6.30pm  | Mr David Skitt                                      |
| Oct 30 <sup>th</sup> | 10.30am | Mrs Sue Stinton                                     |
|                      | 6.30pm  | Rev Nick Collison -- All Saints Service             |
| Nov 6 <sup>th</sup>  | 10.30am | Rev Peter Levitt                                    |
|                      | 6.30am  | Circuit Service at Foley Park                       |



## Craft Fair & Table Top Sale

**Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2022**  
**10:30am – 1:30pm (Free Admission)**  
**Trinity Methodist Church, Kidderminster**

**Stalls include:** Cakes, Handmade Cards, Handmade Soaps & Aromatics, Christmas Decorations, Wildlife Prints, Painted Stones, Decoupage and Bric-a-brac



## Uganda International Elective Placement

As many of you know my friend Sally and I took a trip to Uganda for 3 and a half weeks to carry out a placement in a maternity hospital, as part of our midwifery course with the charity Knowledge for Change. We were working in Kasangati which is a village outside of Kampala the capital city of Uganda, where people from all around that area attend for maternity care as well as other services within the hospital too.



We want to say a massive thank you to everyone that donated physical supplies as well as money to the hospital and the patients. We had a lot of physical donations such as hats, nappies, towels, bedsheets and toys that we were able to hand out to patients, which they were so grateful for. We were able to donate an amazing £2000 to the charity, with gift aid added to

increase that to £2500. With the money they have had painters in to the hospital who have painted the postnatal, postoperative and labour suite wards (which we got involved with too), as well as also fitted curtains to go around all of the beds in these wards, to ensure that all of the

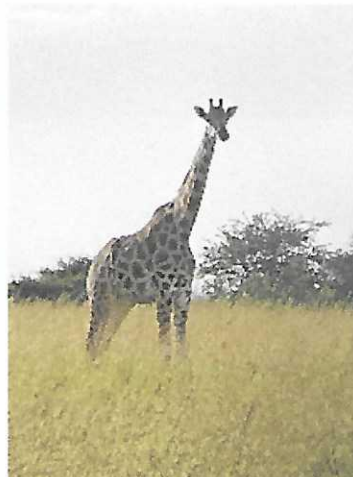
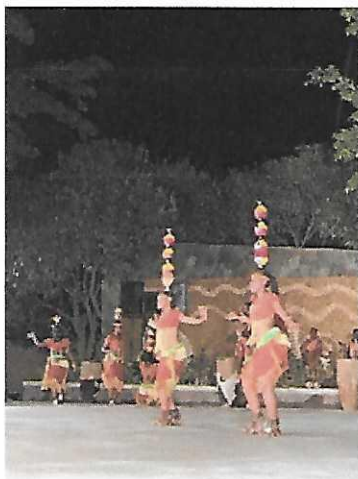
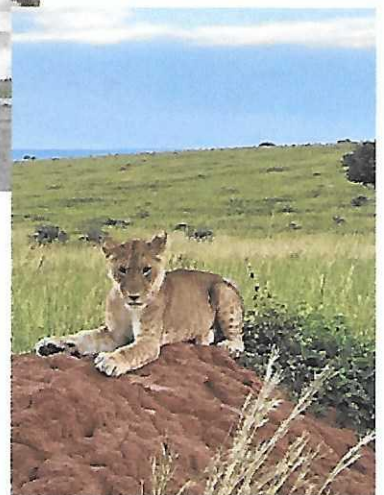




patients have the privacy and dignity that they deserve. There is also a walkway from the labour suite to the theatre which the charity previously donated, so the remaining money donated will be going towards refurbishing the walkway and also adding a cover in case of rain. Additionally we also bought £300 worth of medical supplies to donate to the hospital, which will make a massive impact on the care of the women and their babies.



As well as working in the hospital we also had the opportunity to get involved in different activities during our stay in Uganda. Some of the things we did were a weekend Safari, white water rafting on the River Nile and went to a traditional Ugandan dance show. All these experiences and many more, were an amazing opportunity to get immersed in the vibrant culture of the country.



Rebekah 😊



## **Baxter church minister's letter.**

### **Jubilee celebrations...**

Dear Friends,

In October 1972 the United Reformed Church was founded bringing together a union of Congregationalists and Presbyterians. For half a century prior to this churches in England had been having conversations about the need to work more closely together and by the late 1960s ecumenism had gained significant momentum to enable the Congregational Church of England and Wales and the Presbyterian Church of England to be encouraged enough to unite with each other and form the first ecumenical union. The aim was that this union would be the first in a whole series of ecumenical partnerships that would eventually lead to a united church across the whole of the UK. 50 years on the United Reformed Church is now celebrating its Golden anniversary but it remains the only ecumenical union that was accomplished.

In many ways the United Reformed Church should not be celebrating its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary but lamenting the fact that ecumenism didn't retain the momentum it had 50 years ago. But we need to celebrate what has been achieved in the last 50 years. There hasn't been another union with other denominations such as the Methodist Church or Church of England but we have achieved so much together in our Christian witness within our local community. Churches Together has supported many different ecumenical initiatives throughout the last 50 years including the "Drop the Debt" campaign, "Make Poverty History", and "Hope Together" to name some projects. As well as this, practically, the ecumenical movement has enabled projects such as local Foodbanks, debt counselling centres, Street Pastors and contact centres to run, providing support for so many in our community. The United Reformed Church has sought to be at the heart of these initiatives and 50 years on it is still committed to the ecumenical movement.

Also the United Reformed Church has continued to pursue ecumenical partnership and in the local community churches from different denominations have worshipped together and witnessed to the good news of Jesus Christ.

On a national scale it might feel as if the United Reformed Church has failed to achieve the organic unity it took the risk to try and create in 1972 with other ecumenical partners, but when we look back over its history the United Reformed Church has done much to celebrate the fact that there is more that unites us than divides us.

This October the United Reformed Church celebrates its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary and here in Kidderminster it is so good that we can share these celebrations together with Baxter URC and Trinity Methodist Church coming together on the first weekend in October to celebrate what has been achieved.

In the bible the 50<sup>th</sup> year was always classed as the Jubilee year and in this Jubilee year for the United Reformed Church it is good to be reminded of what our mission as churches is to the community, for we are sent by God to give good news to the poor, to give hope to the broken hearted, enable God's presence to be seen and witnessed in our lives and to proclaim the year of the Lord's Favour.

Let's take this message to heart and let's celebrate together.

Yours in Christ,

Andrew





# **Christmas Fair**

**Saturday 19th November 2022**

**10am—1pm**

**Trinity Methodist Church, Kidderminster**

**Gifts/Crafts/Food/Santa's Grotto**

For stalls, please contact Sarah at [trinitysocialcommittee@gmail.com](mailto:trinitysocialcommittee@gmail.com)



Trinity Methodist Church



# Christmas Concert

by  
Highley Colliery Brass Band

**Sunday  
11th December '22  
at  
6.30pm**

**TICKETS  
AVAILABLE  
SOON!**



**Advance Date  
for your Diary!**

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2023**

**NEW LIFE  
TOGETHER** 

presents  
**The New Christmas Musical**

## Three Wise Camels

by Roger Jones

on  
**Saturday  
21<sup>st</sup> January 2023  
at  
Trinity  
Methodist Church,  
Churchfields,  
Kidderminster**

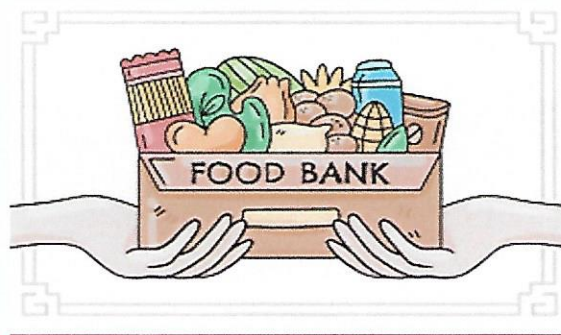
Conducted by  
**Roger Jones**  
in person

**Ticket price and  
time to be confirmed!**





## **KIDDERMINSTER FOOD BANK APPEAL**



**The following Email has been received from  
the 'Churches Together in Kidderminster'  
secretary, Bryan Smith:**

*"Given the current cost of living crisis Kidderminster Foodbank is facing unprecedented demand for its services. Unfortunately, and probably for the same reason, this demand is not being met by an increase in donations of food. They are now running very short so it would therefore be appreciated if an appeal could be made to your congregations for anyone able to donate food to the foodbank to do so."*

*"Many thanks."*

**Many of our congregation already support the Food Bank but if you feel you are able to help at this time, food donations may be brought to Trinity and left in the collection box in the foyer.**



*This poem was written by one of our members, Kate Ralph*

IN LOVING MEMORY

Dear Queen Elizabeth, this is from we  
Shall always with love remember thee.  
No prima donna, no diva wanting centre stage  
Just pure wisdom, kindness and grace,  
Led by service and duty and sustained by faith

We knew you weren't immortal,  
But you were meant to live for ever,  
For the majority we've loved you all our lives.  
For many have known no other.  
You've been our comfort, hope, rock and inspiration  
So very selfless and kind  
Our stability in a changing world  
An uplift at a troubled time.  
Always giving comfort, saying the right word.

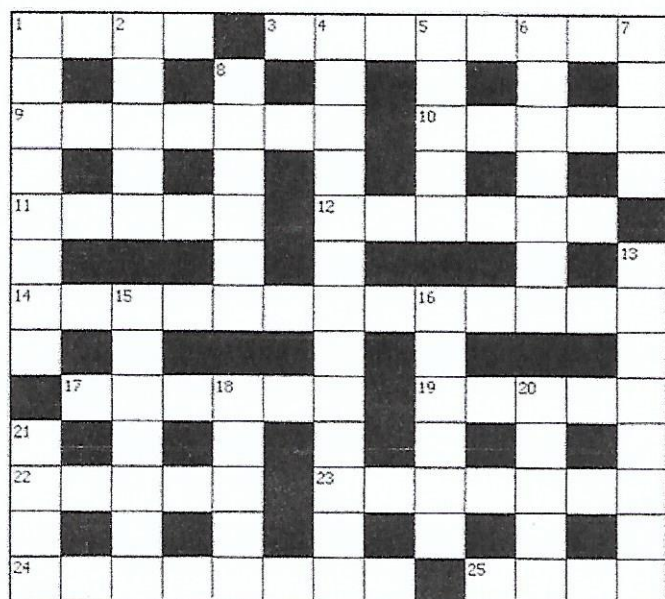
Your service was always sublime,  
"Blessed are the meek for they shall inherit the earth."  
You knew meekness is power under control, soft power.  
Nobody likes arrogance, bullying or a big ego.  
But they all responded to you.

You won our souls through that spiritual wisdom.  
You gained others to love and practice the same values too.  
Your service never did wane,  
Forever faithful, always the same.  
I picture you now from afar, resting on the heavenly star.  
If anyone deserves a wonderful rest it's thee.  
Love from the world, the Commonwealth and especially our country.  
Never has anyone been loved as much since Churchill,  
For that promise you did truly fulfil.  
The nation now is really gaining its belief in King Charles III  
So to our selfless, beloved Queen Elizabeth II  
Have a wonderful Heavenly Rest in Peace.





## Parish Pump Crossword



## Sudoku Puzzle (Medium)

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

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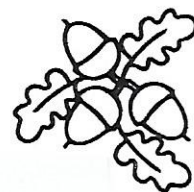
### Across

- 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)





## October Gardening Notes from Bob.

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It is time to tidy herbaceous borders, cut down yellowing stems and lightly fork over the surface of the soil but do not disturb roots. However, in colder spots the dead material offers some protection against cold wind and frost and can be left un-pruned or cut and placed over the roots of more tender subjects. Leave seed heads as food for birds and animals while older stems make good over-wintering habitats for many beneficial insects.

Finish spring bulb planting as soon as possible, except for tulips which can wait until November. Remove summer bedding plants as soon as possible to enable spring bedding to become established before winter sets in. Prepare flowerbeds for spring bedding by incorporating a slow release fertilizer (low in nitrogen) such as **fish blood and bone**. *Pansies*, *Panolas* and *Violas* in flower in ensure a good autumn display. *Polyanthus*, *Sweet Williams* and *Forget-me-Nots* can also be planted this month. Keep pots off the ground with pot feet to improve drainage, this will also help prevent serious frost damage to root-balls. October is also the best month for planting evergreens as well as deciduous subjects as the ground is generally moist enough to ensure that any subjects planted readily establish. Autumn and early winter planting has an advantage over spring planting in that the ground is still warm and it allows many subjects especially deciduous plants to make new extensive root systems during the winter months. October is also your last chance for lifting, dividing and replanting herbaceous plants especially those subjects that flower early next spring. It is good practice to remove weeds that may harbour pests and diseases.

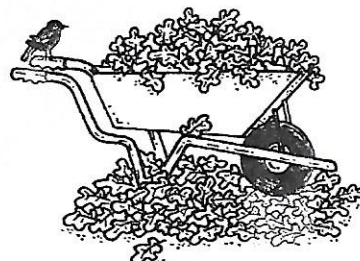
Pruning of climbing roses should begin this month (rambling roses are pruned in late summer). First remove dead, diseased or dying branches using a good pair of **secateurs**. If it's an older plant that needs thinning, cut out any some of the old branches from the base to promote new growth. Tie in any new shoots and prune any flowered side shoots back by two thirds of their length. Gather up any diseased leaves and burn. It's very important to keep the lawn free of leaves to avoid damage as well as disease affecting the grasses. Lessen the frequency of mowing any grass, brushing off any moisture first with a wide brush, besom or cane broom. Scatter worm casts by brushing the lawn. At the beginning of the month (if the grass is still growing well and the ground is moist), lawns will still benefit from a good scarifying and aerating but don't scarify too deeply. Aerate the lawn and brush in sharp sand on wet, poorly-drained soils or **Lawn Top Dressing** on light sandy soils. Feed with **Autumn Lawn Food** some three weeks later.

October is the best month for laying new turf and repairing damage, allowing the sods to settle into the soil before winter begins in earnest. Prepare a weed free turf bed, working in an organic fertiliser that contains added beneficial mycorrhizal fungi which promote strong root development. Allow the bed to settle before laying turves in the same way as brickwork, fitting them closely together.

If your lawn is being ripped up by birds or animals it's a sure sign that they are searching for leather jackets or chafer grubs. There is little you can do to remedy this problem and there are no chemicals available to treat these grubs.

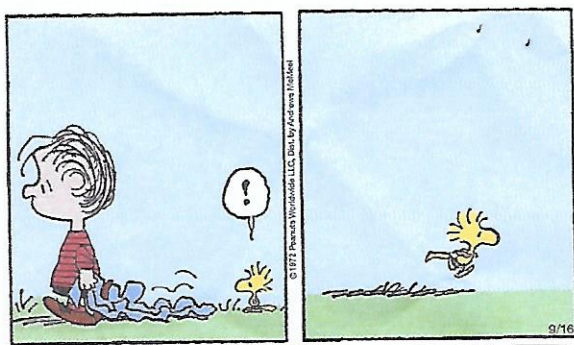
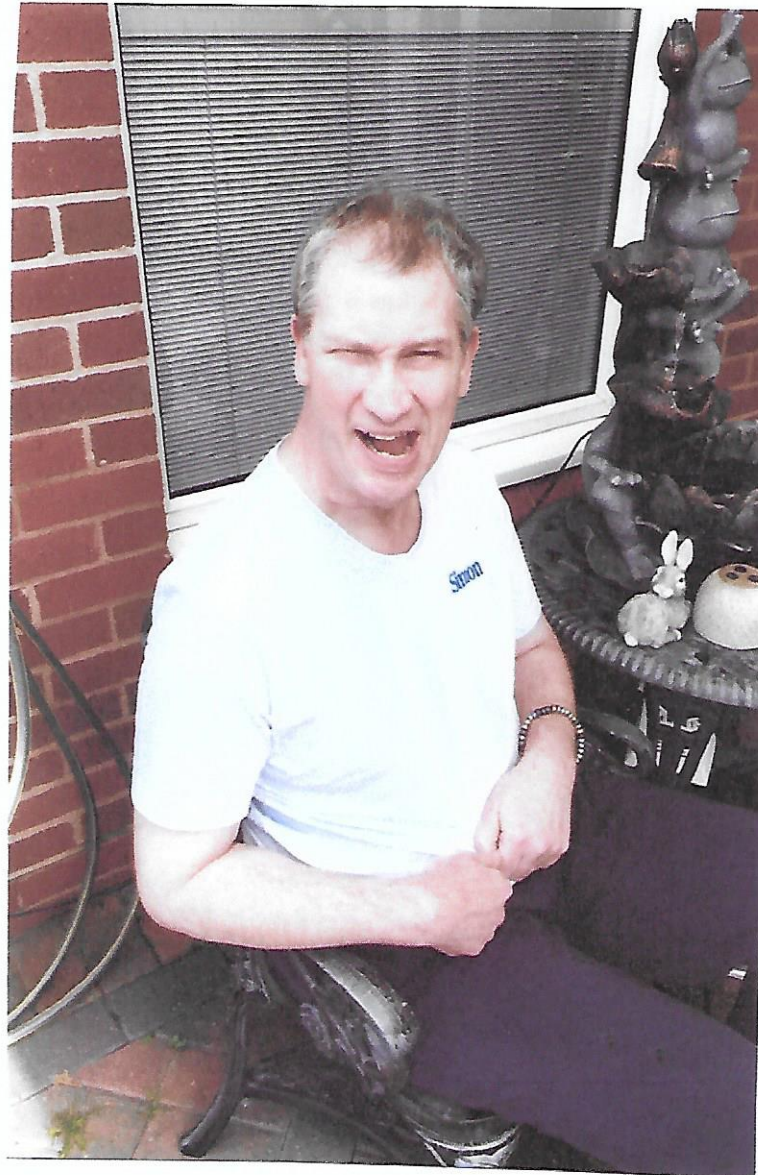
*Autumn is upon us....enjoy!*

*Bob.*





This happy photograph is Simon Robson, he had just been given some flowers from Trinity. His father, Derek, is a regular at the Thursday service, and Simon comes when he is able.





## Mephibosheth

One of the hardest things about reading the Bible is pronunciation, not only the Bible but the dictionary. Why is there no 'O' in pronunciation? There is in Pronounce. Why worry, just keep on reading, it doesn't matter, but it does to those people doing Sunday morning readings from the Lectern. How do you cope with a person with the longest name in the Bible? One "Maher-Shalal-Hash-Baz" (Isiah 8 v.3) if you want to check. There is more to come. How about Mephibosheth, a challenge to my spelling and to Joan, who has to translate my scribble. So why mention Mephibosheth? Simply because his is one of the most heart-warming stories in the Bible. It's 2 Samuel ch. 9 if you want the full story, but here's the gist:

Saul was the first king of Israel; he was to be followed by David. It should have been Jonathan but he died so David took it on. David's friendship with Jonathan was to be one of the greatest relationships in the Bible. Out of his respect for his dear friend Jonathan, David said he would like to help any of the relatives of Jonathan. The man he was to help was the son of Jonathan, one Mephibosheth. Now, he was a cripple, an invalid who couldn't walk or move about much. There were no wheelchairs in those days. In fact, your prospects were grim. In ancient Egypt it was common practice to leave a disabled person out in the wilderness to die, some were even stoned to death. There were no Social Services in those days.

Mephibosheth would have counted himself as the lowest of the low, fit only for the scrap heap. David changed that. He felt that Mephibosheth was a fellow human being. He had him brought to Jerusalem and in the memory of his friend, David gave him all his grandfather's land and he was to eat at his table for the rest of his life. David believed him to be a man of his own equal. After all, hadn't David taken on Goliath. This is one of the most heart-warming stories in the Bible. He showed compassion and gave Mephibosheth his dignity back. Every man has a value before God and David proved it. He looked into the heart of a man and made him whole. David showed him kindness because of his own love for Jonathan. "What is your servant" asked Mephibosheth "that you should notice a dead dog like me?" (2 Samuel 9 v.8). Simply because of love. Greater love hath no man than this, the Bible says.

*Mike*

## Mike's Smile Lines

I went for a sauna the other day. I went into a room and lay down on the floor. When the steam cleared I found I was in a fish and chip shop.

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I bought the wife a personalised car number plate. Trouble is, she's had to change her name to FGT295C

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Waiter, Waiter, there's a fly in my ice cream. Yes Sir, it's winter sports.

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Man: Doctor, I keep imagining I'm a bar of soap.

Doctor: That's Life boy.

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I can tell stork from butter. Butter can't stand on one leg.

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## Yesterday Once More

The wife always moans about me because I won't let go of the past. The sixties was my era. I paid 8 shillings (40p) to watch the Rolling Stones at Kidderminster Town Hall. They doubled the price that Thursday night, I paid but I was a Mersey Beat fan. Hard to believe I paid 3 shillings (15p) to see Tom Jones, Cilla Black, The Yardbirds (think Eric Clapton), the Small Faces (Rod Stewart hadn't made it then), The Hollies, The Moody Blues, Herman's Hermits, Joe Brown and The Bruvvers and, of course, Screamin' Lord Sutch, et al. Not to forget the supporting bands which included Robbie Plant (Led Zeppelin) and Stan Webb (Chicken Shack). What memories. Those were the times you got jelly in pork pies and the A.A. Man saluted you. Didn't worry about fuel supplies in those days – a bag of coke from the gas works pushed home in an old pram kept you going for a week. Many of those stars are commemorated in several monuments on Vicar Street and Kidderminster High Street, sad they missed Kidderminster's biggest star, singing road sweeper, the one and only Eddie Wrench!

They say I'm living in the past – how come the wife and millions of others worship a man who died over 2000 years ago? Of course, there's no comparison with the 1960's and AD4, but it gives me something to write about. The sixties will eventually be forgotten when my generation moves on, though The Beatles will never disappear from folklore. However, Jesus Christ will go on forever thanks to His many followers. The Sixties had many big advantages, T.V., radio, newspapers – the media carried it forward, but Jesus Christ had none of this. Just a mere 12 disciples to carry on His preaching, and only one of those died a natural death. Nobody died preaching about the sixties.

It was a hard knock life for those spreading the Word of Christianity. First of all on land and then on to the sea, taking the message throughout the world. It started off, of course, in what we now know as the Holy Land and on the Day of Pentecost, which marked the beginning of the Christian Church. It was the Apostles of course who were to spread the Word, especially Jesus's 12 disciples, but most of all Paul. They were servants of Jesus, witnesses to His resurrection. They preached, taught and began many new churches. They were told to preach the Gospel to all nations with no distinction to colour or creed. They were known as evangelists, people chosen by God to spread the good news of the Gospel. The message was then to travel throughout the Mediterranean and then the world. God will wipe tears from our eyes and there will be no more death and suffering, only love and peace will remain, much like they were singing in the Sixties. So we live in the past? No, we live in the future and Jesus Christ is part of that. 'Yesterday once more?' sang The Carpenters, no, no more of yesterday, for its Jesus yesterday, today and forever. We will never live in the past. The sixties are gone but the man 2000 years old remains with us forever. One thing the sixties did give us was Jesus Christ Superstar! 'The sun will come out tomorrow', sang Annie, but the sun is always out for us followers of Jesus.

The last word goes to Gerry and the Pacemakers – 'You'll never walk alone' he sang, and we won't. The past is with us and we'll walk on forever in the footsteps of Jesus.



*Mike*

(Mike Knott, Stourport Wesley)



Judge: I'll give you a short sentence – ten years.

Man in dock: Ten years! – That isn't a short sentence.

Judge: It is – two words.

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Have you heard the joke about quicksand? No, well I'm not surprised. It takes a long time to sink in.

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Woman: I've just made the chicken soup

Man: Good, I thought it was for us.

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Veni, Vidi, Velcro – I came, I saw, I stuck at it.

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I went to see Pavarotti sing once. It was great, but I'll tell you something – he doesn't like it if you join in.

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I went on the latest Chinese diet – you eat with one chopstick.

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When I stand up quickly I see Mickey Mouse, Donald Duck, Pluto and Minnie Mouse. They must be Disney spells.

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Two little boys are walking down the street when a lorry carrying turf comes past. "That's what I'll do when I get rich" said one, "send my lawn away to have it cut."

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I once stayed in a very exclusive hotel – even the room service was ex-directory.

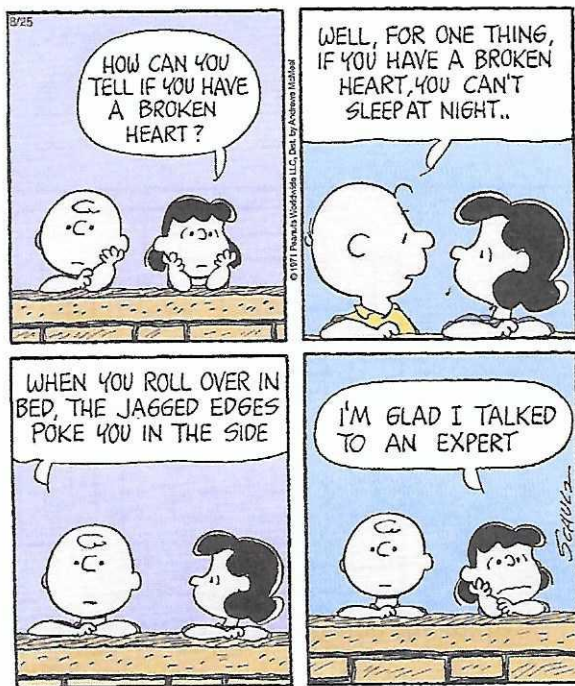
#### Crossword answers:

##### 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



#### Sudoku solution:

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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..

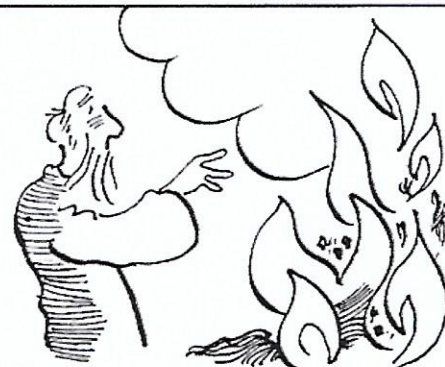
... AND IF IT WAS PRODUCING  
GOOD FRUIT, HE WOULD CARE FOR  
IT AND NOURISH IT.



IF IT WAS PRODUCING BAD  
FRUIT...

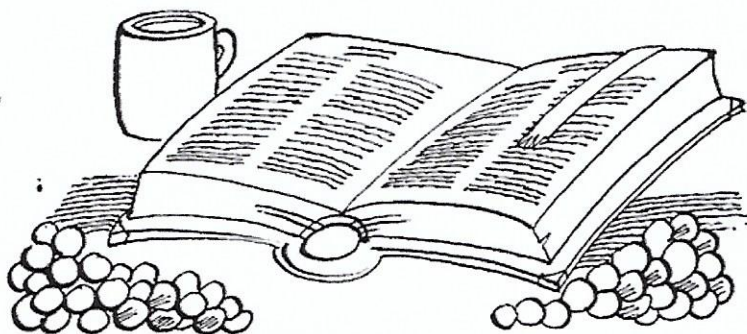


...OR NO FRUIT AT  
ALL...



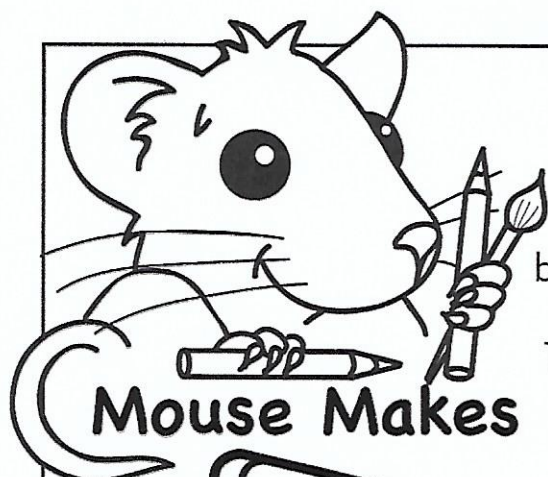
...THEN THE GARDENER WOULD  
CHOP IT OFF, AND BURN IT IN  
THE FIRE!!

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.





## 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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ASLEEP • WAVES • BROKE • OVER • SWAMPED • DANGER • WOKE • DROWN • QUIET  
STILL • WIND • STORM • WATER • SUBSIDED • CALM • FAITH • FEAR • OBEY • WHO



### **How can I resist evil?**

With Halloween coming up, we shouldn't forget that Satan's existence is assumed throughout the Bible and Jesus prayed *'deliver us from the evil one'* (Lord's Prayer). Paul adds: *'For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms'* (Ephesians 6:12).

The spiritual world directly affects the physical, when evil powers oppose God's work. However, God is sovereign and evil can only operate as He permits. We cannot blame Satan for our own wrong choices! *'There are two equal and opposite errors into which our race can fall into about devils. One is to disbelieve in their existence. The other is to believe, and to feel an excessive and unhealthy interest in them.'* (CS Lewis).

How does Satan operate in our lives?

By spoiling God's work in us (John 10:10)

By hindering our spiritual understanding (2 Corinthians 4:4 By sowing doubts into our minds (Matthew 4:3,6)

By tempting us to break God's law (Genesis 3:6)

How do we resist evil? On the cross Jesus secured victory over Satan, *'And having disarmed the powers and authorities, He made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross'* (Col 2:15). Although Satan is still active today, his power is broken and he will be destroyed when Jesus returns. In the present we should put God first in our lives: *'Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you'* (James 4:7). Making Jesus our Lord, gets Satan on the run!!

*'There is no neutral ground in the universe: every square inch, every split second, is claimed by God and counterclaimed by Satan'* (CS Lewis).

*By Canon Paul Hardingham*

*Parish Pump 2022*

### **Reaping and harvesting**

Sometimes a law of nature is very similar to a law of the spirit. Take the process of harvest, or 'sowing and reaping'. The Bible tells us: *'A farmer who plants just a few seeds will get only a small crop, but if he plants much, he will reap much.'* (2 Cor 9:6)

It has been said that probably the most sensitive nerve on our body is the one that runs to our cheque book! Money represents our time, our security and our hard work. It gives us independence and power. So, when God begins to talk to us about giving more of our money to Him – sowing it in His service – we can feel very alarmed.

The seed a farmer sows in a field may sometimes be lost, but not the seed that we give to God. What we sow with regards to our time, gifts and money in service to others God will make sure we one day reap – in a harvest of spiritual riches that we can never lose.

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## **Forgive the wasps – and learn to understand them**

Chances are that you were irritated by wasps this summer – there were a lot of them about. But did you know what they were really looking for?

According to Prof Seirian Sumner, a behavioural ecologist and entomologist at University College London, we should try to “understand what wasps want, and what they’re doing at certain times of the year.” In early and mid-summer “they’re not that interested in sugar, they want meat. The adults are vegetarian, but they hunt prey to feed to the larvae, who give them a sugary reward,” she says.

“Then, when the larvae pupate [in late summer and early autumn], there’s fewer that need feeding, and they don’t need to hunt, so wasps are sort of furloughed. And then they go in search of sugar, usually in flowers. But your prosecco, or beer, or jam sandwich is just as appealing.”

Her advice, then, is to distract wasps from yourself by offering them meat in early to mid-summer, and a saucer of cider or some jam on a lid in late summer and early autumn.

Sumner stresses that the world would be much worse off without wasps: they are excellent at pest control and are also fine pollinators.

More on wasps in her book: *Endless Forms: The Secret World of Wasps* (HarperCollins)

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## **All in the month of OCTOBER**

It was:

250 years ago, on 21<sup>st</sup> October 1772 that Samuel Taylor Coleridge was born. He co-founded (with William Wordsworth) the Romantic Movement of poetry. Best known for *The Rime of the Ancient Mariner* and *Kubla Khan*.

200 years ago, on 20<sup>th</sup> October 1822 that the Sunday Times newspaper was first published in the UK.

175 years ago, on 6<sup>th</sup> October 1847 that Charlotte Bronte’s novel *Jane Eyre* was first published, under the penname of Currer Bell.

150 years ago, on 11<sup>th</sup> October 1872 that Emily Davison, British suffragette, was born. A militant fighter for her cause, she died after being hit by the King’s horse at the 1913 Derby.

Also 150 years ago, on 12<sup>th</sup> October 1872 that Ralph Vaughan Williams, British composer, was born.

100 years ago, on 18<sup>th</sup> October 1922 that the BBC was officially founded as the British Broadcasting Company (now the British Broadcasting Corporation.)

Also 100 years ago, on 24<sup>th</sup> October 1922 that George Cadbury died. He had transformed his father’s chocolate and cocoa business into one of the world’s most successful companies. He also provided low-cost housing and improved working conditions for his employees.



70 years ago, on 6<sup>th</sup> October 1952 that the world premiere of Agatha Christie's play, *The Mousetrap* opened in Nottingham. It then opened in London on 25<sup>th</sup> November, and is still running, making it the world's longest-running play. It has been performed more than 28,000 times.

60 years ago, on 15<sup>th</sup> October 1962 that British weather forecasts switched from the Fahrenheit scale to Celsius.

40 years ago, on 11<sup>th</sup> October 1982 that Henry VIII's flagship the *Mary Rose* was raised from the bottom of the Solent, off the coast of southern England, 437 years after it sank.

30 years ago, on 13<sup>th</sup> October 1992 that the British Government announced that 31 of the country's 50 remaining deep coal mines would close by March 1993, putting 31,000 miners out of work. Six mines were closed immediately.

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### **George Cadbury – the chocolate man with a heart for welfare**

One hundred years ago, on 24<sup>th</sup> October 1922, George Cadbury died. He had transformed his father's failing chocolate and cocoa business into one of the world's most successful companies and provided low-cost housing and improved working conditions for his employees.

George was the third son of John Cadbury, a Quaker who founded Cadbury's cocoa and chocolate company. With his brother Richard, George took over the family business in 1861 and founded the chocolate producer Cadbury Brothers. But his consuming interest was in the welfare of his employees and others: having taught in an adult school he was aware that poor housing was a major problem.

One of his first moves was to relocate his factory to a greenfield site south-west of Birmingham with access to canals and the new railways. It was here that he later founded a Quaker higher educational institution – now the Woodbrooke Quaker Study Centre.

But apart from his chocolate he is best known for his creation of a rural factory village (designed by architect William Alexander Harvey), called Bournville after the nearby river Bourn. The houses – not exclusively for factory employees – were never privately owned, and they remain attractive and affordable to the present day: a huge change from the poor living conditions in town.

Cadbury was a keen proponent of Quaker values. In 1901 he bought the *Daily News* (later the *News Chronicle*), where he campaigned for improved working conditions and social security. He was prominent in setting up the Birmingham Civic Society in 1918, and he gave a country park to the people of Birmingham, as well as a large house to the Crippled Children's Union to use as a hospital. It is now the Royal Orthopaedic Hospital.

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## Parish Pump Smile Lines

*The following are genuine notes left for milkmen.*

- ~ Dear Milkman: I've just had a baby, please leave another one.
  - ~ Cancel one pint after the day after today.
  - ~ Please close the gate behind you because the birds keep pecking the tops of the milk.
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As my five-year-old son and I were heading to McDonald's one day, we passed a car accident. Usually when we see something terrible like that, we say a prayer for whoever might be hurt, so I pointed and said to my son, "We should pray."  
An instant later a fervent prayer was heard in the back seat. "Dear God, please don't let those cars block the entrance to McDonald's."

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When the late Mr and Mrs Henry Ford celebrated their golden wedding anniversary, a reporter asked them: "To what do you attribute your fifty years of successful married life?"  
"The formula," said Ford, "is the same formula I have always used in making cars – just stick to one model."

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A father had taken his small son to church. The boy listened attentively without saying a word until the clergyman announced: "We will now sing hymn two hundred and twenty-two: 'Ten Thousand Times Ten Thousand', two hundred and twenty-two."  
Alarmed, the little boy nudged his father. "Do we have to work this one out?"



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*This is a version of the Lord's Prayer which Mike Dernie used in a service a few years ago. I thought it is worth printing again.*

***Preparing to pray The Lord's Prayer....***

I cannot say **OUR**, if I live only for myself.

I cannot say **FATHER**, if I do not endeavour each day to act like His child.

I cannot say **WHO ART IN HEAVEN**, if I am laying up no treasure there.

I cannot say **HALLOWED BE THY NAME**, if I am not striving for holiness.

I cannot say **THY KINGDOM COME**, if I am not doing all in my power to hasten that wonderful event.

I cannot say **THY WILL BE DONE**, if I am disobedient to His word.

I cannot say **ON EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN**, if I will not serve Him here and now.

I cannot say **GIVE US THIS DAY OUR DAILY BREAD**, if I am dishonest or seeking things by subterfuge.

I cannot say **FORGIVE US OUR TRESPASSES** if I harbour a grudge against anyone.

I cannot say **LEAD US NOT INTO TEMPTATION**, if I deliberately place myself in its path.

I cannot say **DELIVER US FROM EVIL**, if I do not put on the whole armour of God.

I cannot say **THINE IS THE KINGDOM**, if I do not give the King the loyalty due him from a faithful subject.

I cannot say **THE POWER**, if I fear what others may do.

I cannot say **THE GLORY**, if I am seeking honour only for myself.

I cannot say **FOREVER**, if the horizon of my life is bounded by the things of today.

And I cannot say **AMEN** –'so be it' – unless I put my trust in God to answer my prayer.



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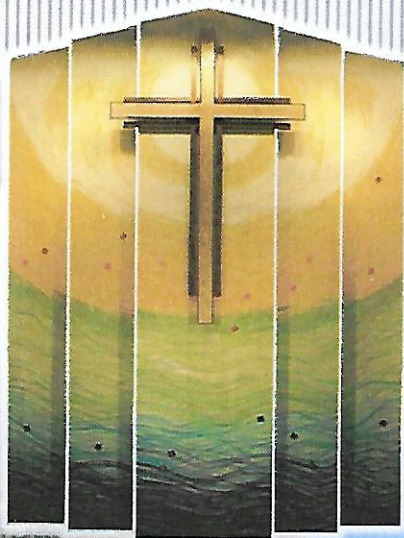
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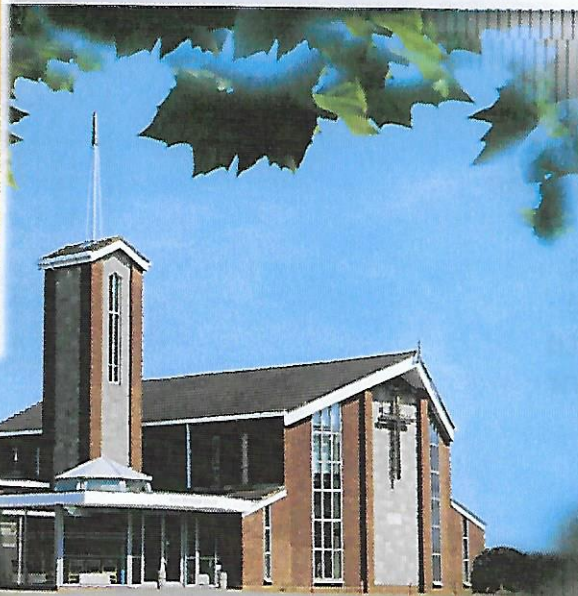
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