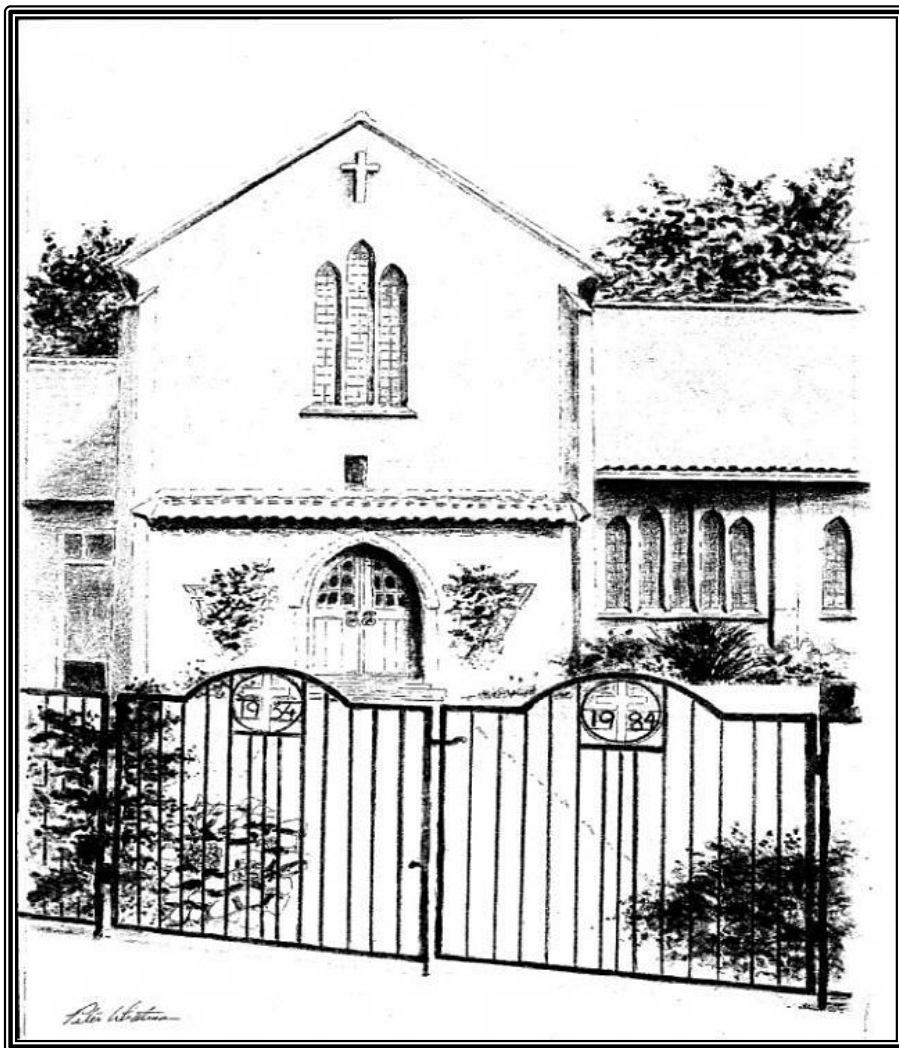


OCTOBER - NOVEMBER 2020

**ST MARY OF NAZARETH
WEST WICKHAM**



***A WELCOMING FAMILY WITH CHRISTIAN
FAITH AT THE HEART OF ALL WE DO***

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NORMAL SERVICES

Sunday:	8:00 a.m.	Holy Communion (1 st and 3 rd Sundays only)
	9:15 a.m.	Sung Communion & Crèche
All age Service:	9:15 a.m.	Normally on the 2 nd Sunday of the month
Messy Church:	3:45 p.m.	Normally on the 2 nd Friday of the month
Holy Baptism:	By appointment	
Other Services:	Refer to the Calendar in this magazine	
Weddings/Banns, etc.:	By appointment	

MESSAGE FROM RICHARD

Dear friends,

Late October and early November is a time when remembrance comes to the fore in the life of both Church and country, with the more personal memorial services – perhaps even more poignant this year, if they are allowed to take place, for those who have lost loved ones during Covid-19 Lockdown - and the national focus culminating in Remembrance Sunday.

As a teenager, I used, along with other cubs, scouts, brownies and guides in our town, to assemble behind the British Legion and the Royal Marine Band every Remembrance Sunday and march to the War Memorial Hospital for a service. I don't think it was just having to face the November cold in shorts and short-sleeved shirt that led me to find the whole experience somewhat dispiriting. It was probably more the idealism of youth that began objecting to what I perceived to be the triumphalism of the event and the glorification of war, so that a few years later I expressed my feelings in a poem that was first published in "Makaris," Durham University's poetry magazine.

Contrition?

This poppy is a symbol

Of our fathers' and their fathers'

Madness -

A heliotrope

Facing where it feels least pain,

*While the drum-major and the circus clown
In triumph march around the town.*

*“They shall not grow old
As we that are left grow old.”
Age should bring wisdom
And recognition of past folly.
But this age brings neither,
And it is in the young –
The restless and discontented young-
That our hopes must rest,*

*While the drum-major and the circus clown
In triumph march around the town.*

*Oh God
Change this remembrance to oblivion
Lest our minds
Cracking beneath the burden of past guilt
We too run mad and*

*With the drum-major and the circus clown
In triumph march around the town.*

As I've grown older, my views have mellowed (and, perhaps, matured?) and I've come to recognise the importance of acknowledging what was the cost to those who served in the armed forces of all sides involved in both world wars: my grandfather was severely wounded in the First World War and my father served in Burma in the second, one was scarred physically, one mentally by their experiences. In both wars there were great

acts of heroism and selflessness, but as T.S. Eliot says, in “The Waste Land:

Unnatural vices are fathered by our heroism.

Virtues are forced upon us by our impudent crimes

As Jesus makes clear when he says to Peter, “Put your sword back in its place, for all who draw the sword will die by the sword,” (Matthew 26.52) warfare is not what God wants for his creation, a point made clear in Isaiah’s vision of God’s kingdom:

He will judge between the nations and will settle disputes for many peoples. They will beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation will not take up sword against nation, nor will they train for war anymore. (Isaiah 2.4).

So on Remembrance Sunday, it is right to pay tribute to those who fought for what they believed to be right and those who gave their lives on the battlefield, but it is also right that we should remember what Wilfred Owen called the “pity of war” and pray for an end to armed conflict now and peace in the future.

Richard

SERVICES FOR OCTOBER

Date	Service	Venue
4th	17TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY – St. Francis Dedication	
	8.00 a.m Holy Communion <i>Richard Ford</i>	St. Mary's
	10.00 a.m. Holy Communion <i>Hazel O'Sullivan</i>	St. Francis
	3.00 p.m Celebration of Pets on Zoom	
7th Wednesday	10.45 a.m. Holy Communion <i>Richard Ford</i>	St. Mary's
9th Friday	Messy Church at Home on-line	
11th	18TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY- Harvest	
	8.00 a.m. Holy Communion <i>Richard Ford</i>	St. Francis
	10.00 a.m. Morning Praise for Harvest <i>Ken Bryan</i>	St. Mary's
14th Wednesday	10.45 a.m. Holy Communion <i>Richard Ford</i>	St. Francis
18th	19TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY - St. Luke	
	8.00 a.m. Holy Communion <i>Hazel O'Sullivan</i>	St. Mary's
	10.00 a.m, Holy Communion <i>Hazel O'Sullivan</i>	St. Francis

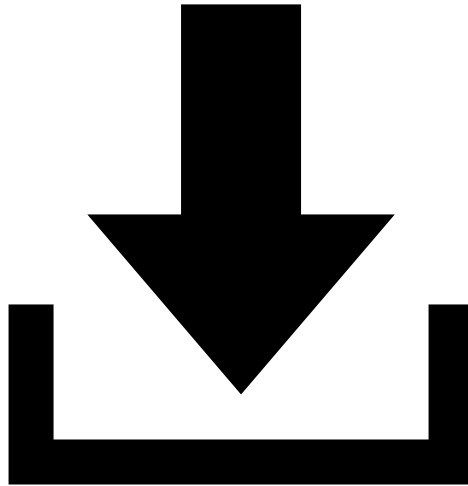
Date	Service	Venue
21st Wednesday	10.45 a.m. Holy Communion <i>Hazel O'Sullivan</i>	St. Marys
25th	BIBLE SUNDAY	
	8.00 a.m. Holy Communion <i>Hazel O'Sullivan</i>	St. Francis
	10.00 a.m. Holy Communion <i>Hazel O'Sullivan</i>	St. Marys

Faithful One, so unchanging
Ageless One, You're my Rock of peace.
Lord of all, I depend on You,
I call out to you, again and again,
You are my rock in times of trouble.
You lift me up when I fall down.
All through the storm your love is the anchor,
My hope is in your alone.

SERVICES FOR NOVEMBER

Date	Service	Venue
1st	ALL SAINTS' DAY	
	8.00 a.m. Holy Communion <i>Hazel O'Sullivan</i>	St. Marys
	10.00 a.m. Holy Communion <i>Hazel O'Sullivan</i>	St. Francis
	3.00 p.m. Memorial Service (on-line as well) <i>Hazel, Lesley and Ken</i>	St. Francis
4th Wednesday	10.45 a.m. Holy Communion <i>Hazel O'Sullivan</i>	St. Marys
8th	REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY	
	8.00a.m. Holy Communion <i>Richard Ford</i>	St. Francis
	9.15 a.m. Service for Remembrance <i>Hazel O'Sullivan</i>	St. Mary's
	10.45 a.m. Worship for All Ages <i>Hazel O'Sullivan</i>	St. Francis
11th Wednesday	10.45 a.m. Holy Communion to include 2 minutes silence at 11 a.m. <i>Hazel O'Sullivan/Richard Ford</i>	St. Francis
13th Friday	Messy Church at Home on-line	

Date	Service	Venue
15th	2ND SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT	
	8.00 a.m. Holy Communion <i>Richard Ford</i>	St. Mary's
	10.00 a.m. Holy Communion <i>Richard Ford</i>	St. Francis
18th Wednesday	10.45 a.m. Holy Communion	St. Mary's
22nd	CHRIST THE KING	
	8.00 a.m. Holy Communion <i>Hazel O'Sullivan</i>	St. Francis
	10.00 a.m. Holy Communion <i>Hazel O'Sullivan</i>	St. Mary's
25th Wednesday	10.45 a.m. Holy Communion <i>Hazel O'Sullivan</i>	St. Francis
29th	ADVENT SUNDAY	
	8.00 a.m. Holy Communion <i>Richard Ford</i>	St. Francis
	10.00 a.m. Holy Communion <i>Richard Ford</i>	St. Marys



During October and November on-line and paper-based resources for worship at home will be circulated each week as well as the in-person services. At the time of going to print, services for October and November are planned in church, but this is subject to change at short notice, dependent on local restrictions arising from the Coronavirus pandemic.

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READINGS FOR OCTOBER

Date	Reading	Reader
4th	1 Kings 8: 22-30 Matthew 21: 12-16	Barbara Goodchild Hazel O'Sullivan
11th	Special readings for Harvest	
18th	Isaiah 35: 3-6 or 2 Timothy 4: 5-17 Luke 10: 1-9	James Pitt-Payne Ken Bryan
25th	Nehemiah 8: 1-4a, 8-12 or Colossians 3: 12-17 Matthew 24: 30-35	John Womack Hazel O'Sullivan



READINGS FOR NOVEMBER

Date	Reading	Reader
1st	Revelation 7: 9-end or 1 John 3: 1-3 Matthew 5: 1-12	Ken Colpus Brian Griffiths
8th	Special readings for Remembrance	
15th	Zephaniah 1:7, 12-end or 1 Thessalonians 5: 1-11 Matthew 25: 14-30	Gill Kehoe Richard Ford
22nd	Ezekiel 34: 11-16, 20-24 or Ephesians 1: 15-end Matthew 25: 31-end	Malcolm Hubbard Hazel O'Sullivan
29th	Isaiah 64: 1-9 or 1 Corinthians 1: 3-9 Mark 13: 24-end	Stephen Howe Brian Griffiths



NOTES FOR YOUR DIARY

October

Pet service

This cannot happen in person this year (animals are too unpredictable), so we're taking it on-line. This will be on Zoom on **Sunday 4th October at 3pm**. Do bring your pet in front of the camera for a prayer of blessing and tell your friends and family that they are welcome to join us.

Harvest Supper

We will be having a social gathering on **Saturday 10th October via Zoom at 7pm**. Amanda from the Bromley Foodbank will tell us about the past, present and future news of the organisation. Bring your own food and drink and we'll also share some stories of things we want to give thanks for. You can show us a photo, a link to a film or piece of music on YouTube (or similar internet platform), or you could read out a poem or prayer that you particularly like. It will be great to share our blessings and get to know others better.

Harvest service

This year our Harvest Service will be held on **Sunday 11th October at 10am** in St Mary's Church. We will be collecting donations of non-perishable foods and toiletries for the Bromley Foodbank who will be speaking at the Harvest Supper on the previous evening. Please come along, or watch on-line, to give thanks for all we have and bring some donations for those who have less. It is also possible to donate items by leaving them in the box outside the Vicarage at any time.

November

In Loving Memory

Our annual service to remember those who have died will be on **Sunday 1st November at 3pm** in St Francis' Church. There will also be the opportunity to join the service on-line by Zoom. This is an opportunity to come and remember with thankfulness, the lives of those you have loved and lost.

If you would like the names of loved ones read out at this service, please complete a sheet that will be in the churches a few weeks beforehand or give your names by email or phone to Hazel. Also, do let others who might find this service helpful know about it and offer to come along with them to provide support. This will be especially important this year when so many have lost loved ones but have been unable to say 'goodbye' to them properly as numbers at their funeral were restricted.

Remembrance Sunday

Remembrance Sunday is on **8th November** this year. This is the one Sunday when there will be an exception to our new pattern of services and we will have in-person services in St Mary's at 9.15am and in St Francis' at 10.45am, in addition to a service of Holy Communion at St Francis' at 8am and an on-line service available from 9am.

On **Wednesday, 11th November**, there will also be a service of Holy Communion in St Francis' Church at 10.45am with a two-minute silence at 11am.

Christmas Market 2020

A meeting was held after the Sunday service on September 13th to discuss whether it would be feasible to hold the Christmas

Market in November 2020 in light of the COVID-19 pandemic. The Market would be required to comply with the current social distancing rules, as well as health and safety guidelines to ensure stallholders, volunteers, and visitors are fully protected and kept COVID safe. In order to achieve this, there would be a need for fewer stalls operating in three different locations: the main hall, youth hall and outside marquees in the gardens.

The practicalities that needed to be considered for going ahead were outlined:

- Marquees: cost of hiring, needing a team of helpers to put them up on the morning of the event to avoid theft/vandalism.
- Heating and lighting for the marquees: cost and health and safety issues.
- Duration of event: being held outside it would need to be shorter.
- Bad weather: would the market attract sufficient visitors? Any further increases in infections would deter visitors and may lead to the market being cancelled.
- 'Track and Trace register: it is now a legal requirement to take contact details of visitors. Marshalls will be required to monitor numbers and ensure social distancing.
- Tables and chairs in the hall would need to be sanitised after each use.

It was agreed that the Christmas Market could not take place under such strict guidelines and that the extra cost would not make it financially viable. However, it was acknowledged that the

Christmas Market is an important part of St Mary's annual fundraising and therefore alternative ways of raising funds should be explored.

In place of a physical market, the following suggestions were made:

- Food hampers and festive floral arrangements could be sold on line in addition to orders received from members of the congregation.
- Christmas Draw with prizes to go ahead and £20 books of raffle tickets to be distributed to each member of the congregation.
- Donations of money to be made by St. Mary's congregation and anyone else wishing to donate by way of a 'Just Giving Page'.

It was suggested that we could open the hall on a specified date for people to return the draw tickets and collect their online orders. Additionally, the draw could be live-streamed through the audio-visual equipment with a photographic history of previous Christmas markets.

A vote was taken at the end of the meeting for the two proposals:

1. Those in favour of the 2020 Christmas Market going ahead in accordance with COVID restrictions. **The vote was unanimously against.**

2. Those against having the 2020 Christmas Market and instead donate to raise funds for St Mary's. **The vote was unanimously supported.**

Thank you to everyone present and for all the suggestions put forward.

Debbie and Gifty

Please email office@stmarywestwickham.co.uk or contact the following people if you would like to purchase or place orders for any of the following:

Christmas Market Raffle ticket – Bob West

Christmas wreaths and table decorations – Merri Womack

Food Hampers – Debbie Adams and Gifty Nortey

Raffle ticket for the Christmas cake – Beryl Bolton

Raffle ticket for a Food Hamper – Beryl Bolton

The Food hampers, raffle tickets for the Christmas cake and food hamper will be available from November.

From the Registers

Baptisms

Saturday 8th August

Zachary Henry Skinner

(member of our Messy Church
congregation and sibling of Olivia and
Phoebe)

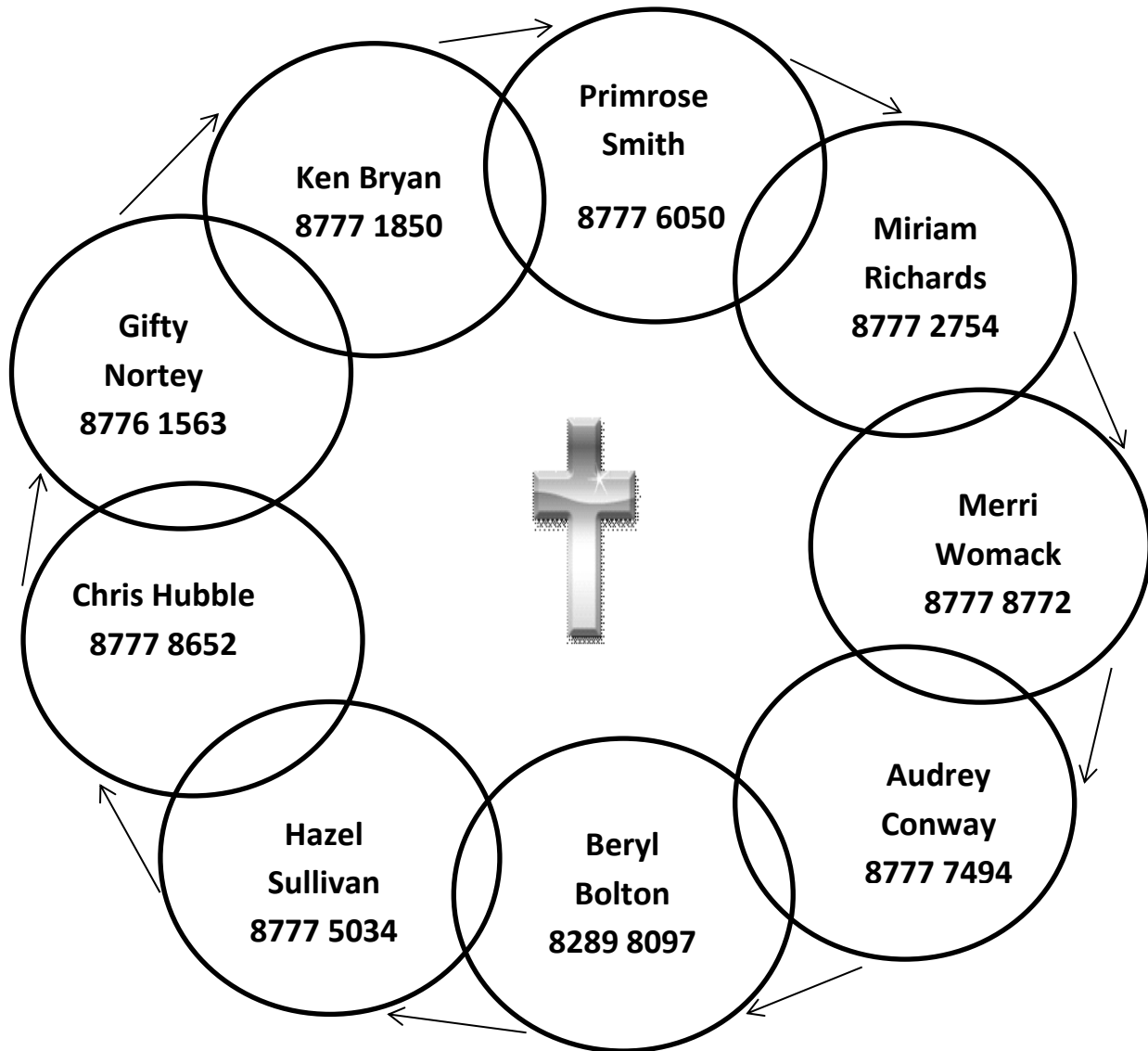
Saturday 29th August

Zachary Jake Jones



ST. MARY'S PRAYER LINK

Serving God who cares for all



If you would like the support of others praying for a particular need, then call any of the above people who will pass the request round the circle, often within a few minutes.

October

4th Pray for all who minister and worship at St, Francis
St. Francis of Church and for all who live and work in the Parish.
Assisi

18th Give thanks for all who work in the medical profession
St. Luke – those who seek to heal and care for all the sick in
body, mind or spirit.

28th Give thanks for all who have suffered and laboured to
St. Simon & establish the Church's foundation of faith.
St. Jude

Responsibility towards God's Creation

In a world whose web of life is intricate and beautiful,
save us, Lord, from carelessness and blindness

In a world whose creatures are so variable and vulnerable,
save us, Lord, from plundering and cruelty.

In a world whose waters are fresh and whose oceans should cleanse,
save us, Lord, from wanton polluting.

In a world whose forests protect our air and wild life,
save us, Lord, from the systems that drive us to destroy them.

In a world whose fruits are rich and plentiful
save us, Lord, from waste and greed.

Amen

FOCUS

November

- 1st** We give thanks for all who have been “lights in their
All Saints several generations.”
- 2nd** Remembering those of family and friends who have gone
All Souls before us. We pray they may rest in peace.
- 11th** We remember the millions who have died and those who
Remembrance are still dying in conflicts around the world. We pray
 for peace and justice around the nations.
- 24th** Christ’s domination is everlasting and will not pass away.
Christ the King
- 30th** Pray for the people and churches of Scotland and for
St. Andrew missionary workers, at home and overseas.

Remembering Saints

Lord, we thank you for your saints, and ask for grace to follow them:
Make us open like Mary your mother,
and bold like Paul, joyful like Francis and faithful like Clare.
Help us to reflect Mary Magdalene’s great love for you,
John the Evangelist’s understanding of you;
and Peter’s steadfast devotion to you; and when we feel we have failed
you,
remind us that all your Saints knew they were sinners in need of your
mercy;
for your love’s sake.

Welcoming and Including Everyone

Give a warm welcome to any brother or sister who wants to join you, even though their faith is weak. Don't criticise them for having different ideas from yours about what is right and wrong. (Romans 14: 1 - Living Bible Translation)

The focus of our services on 13th September was about being inclusive and accepting of everyone who is seeking Christ. Welcoming and inclusion are key to making any church work. Sadly, there are many ways in which churches that turn out to be exactly the opposite. Our vision is to engage more fully with the local community here in West Wickham. The starting point for that vision has to be that we are a welcoming, accepting and inclusive congregation.

You may have heard about 'Inclusive Church'. It was mentioned during our 'Black Lives Matter' meeting and at the end of the sermon on 13th September. Inclusive Church was set up in 2003 and campaigns for the full inclusion of all people, regardless of ethnicity, gender and sexual orientation, in Christian churches and seeks to raise awareness about the ways in which many people feel excluded by the church. It is exactly what Paul was writing about in the verse at the beginning of this article. Inclusive Church has published a series of books dealing with disability, mental health, sexuality, poverty, ethnicity, and gender and they hold an annual lecture – the first one was entitled 'Beyond Inclusion – Whose Church Is It Anyway'. Several churches in our Deanery and in our locality have joined Inclusive Church.

It is worthwhile considering how we can become more inclusive and welcoming in our two churches. We intend to hold a series of meetings (probably via 'Zoom') to discuss various aspects of this theme in more detail. Do look out for more information in the weekly pew sheet and on our websites and make a point of joining a meeting to hear and share views on welcoming and including all.

LEU GARDENS

Luscious palms that have enormous leaves

Elegant fronds that I can tap as I please

Unbelievably tall bamboo trunks thrusting up to the sky

Great wonders of nature that make me not want to die

Almost every plant imaginable created by God

Realms of the miraculous, others just odd

Delicate roses pleasant to sniff and to stroke

Each one scented uniquely, giving me hope

Now I realise we weren't meant to all be the same

Surely there must be some place for me in life's game?

Morten Cernoch

A New and Exciting Way of 'Being Church'

It's been a strange time since lockdown started at the end of March. Who would have thought that our churches would be completely closed for worship? As soon as that happened we were faced with a challenge – how do we keep in touch with the congregations of St Mary's and St Francis' - how do we sustain and nurture our faith – how do we keep worship going? We did what many churches in the UK did – we made the decision to provide online worship. None of us had any real experience of how to do this. We didn't even know at the outset whether it was possible to upload video to our websites. And so, we developed entirely new skills, recording audio and video, finding the best versions of hymns and songs on YouTube or other platforms and amending, updating and uploading to both church websites. We shall be eternally grateful for the skills of Olivia O'Sullivan who worked her magic stitching together the various pieces of video to provide an imaginative, stimulating and challenging online worship each week. This was not confined to just Sunday services but Messy Church as well, which was 'live streamed' on Facebook. A 'Quiet Day' was also arranged on 'Zoom' where several church members from West Wickham and further afield joined in. We are still learning and our next challenge is to record the service as it happens on a Sunday and put it on our websites later in the day. Watch this space.

We have had some fun producing the online worship. Recording the Maundy Thursday meditation in the Griffiths' family summerhouse with peaceful birdsong in the background was scuppered by the local parakeet population fighting on the

summerhouse roof. A plaintive phone call from Hazel at 8.30am on a Saturday morning saw Brian robe up again to record the communion part of the service as she'd accidentally deleted it from her phone.

At the very outset of lockdown, we made a commitment to keep in touch with our congregations pastorally as well as through worship. One pew sheet for both churches now includes the sermon for the week and some prayer pointers. It is circulated by email and some very willing (and fit) volunteers deliver paper copies to those without access to the internet. Everybody who had a connection with St Francis' or St Mary's was allocated someone who would keep in touch with them throughout lockdown and beyond. This support is ongoing and huge thanks are due to those who have offered pastoral support by email, telephone or in person. Some of the home groups have met on 'Zoom' and they have found this to be a great help. The Ministry Team has been a pivotal resource in planning and organising all this worship and pastoral activity and still meets every fortnight on 'Zoom' to plan and think about the future.

In June, we were able to open our churches for private prayer and then, a few weeks later, for worship on Sundays. This would not have been possible without the help of the churchwardens behind the scenes working out where people could sit in a socially distant fashion and how the services would actually work in practice. This has been challenging and it is appreciated that the new way of worship in a COVID-Safe environment has been uncomfortable and unsettling for some in our congregations.

Current restrictions mean that our joint 10am services will continue for some months to come. Let's use this as a great opportunity for us to get to know each other better. We are planning to hold some more social events remotely on 'Zoom' – keep an eye out for details on the weekly pew sheet. A 'Coffee and Chat' 'Zoom' social gathering happens every week on Thursday afternoons and this has proved an absolute lifeline to several members of our congregations who have been shielding or confined to their homes for other reasons. Do contact Rowena or Brian Griffiths for details of how you can join this meeting. There's no pre-set agenda, it's simply a very friendly space to meet up and enjoy fellowship together.

The next six months will continue to be challenging for our benefice. We have realised just how important our online services are to those unable to join us in person on Sundays. Someone who is confined to a wheelchair posted an item on a website called 'Building Jerusalem' about how they have felt more included during lockdown than when church was operating normally. They said "Please, please, please don't just pack up the equipment when the pandemic is over. Don't switch off the streaming. Don't push me and the many in my position back into loneliness and isolation. Keep connected." Rest assured that our online services will continue. We will also maintain the distribution of weekly material and ensure that the pastoral support network will continue. Certainly it's been challenging for all of us and unsettling for many. However, this has been an exciting six months in our understanding of what it really means to 'be church'. Let us pray that the Holy Spirit may continue to bless all that we do in St Francis' and St Mary's and that we may see this time of challenge

and change as an opportunity to flourish in our worship and witness together.

In Messy Peace, we thought about what the world would be like without any fighting going on. Here's a poem from that service:

Peace begins with saying sorry.

Peace begins with not hurting others.

Peace begins with honesty and trust.

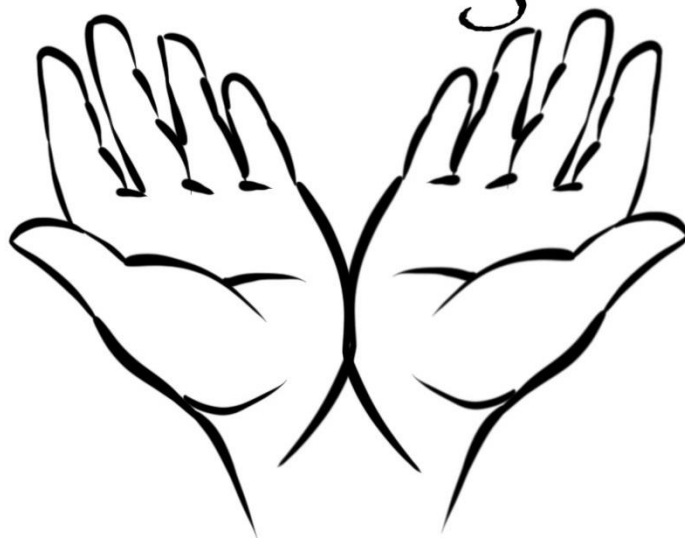
Peace begins with showing co-operation and respect.

World peace begins with ME!

Haley Hall, Grade 3

DW Babcock Elementary School, Sacramento, California

Pray without
ceasing



Olivia O'Sullivan has now returned to school and is no longer editing our weekly videos. We wanted to give her something to say 'Thank You' for getting us through that initial time when we were unsure of how to deal with this technology. Rather than suggesting something for herself, she has requested that we make a donation to charity. Interestingly, when asked about what charity to make a donation to, she put forward three that speak to issues that we would not normally support: maybe this is God questioning how inclusive we really are and whether others with different views to us would really feel welcome at St Mary's and St Francis'.



Hazel has set up a JustGiving page at

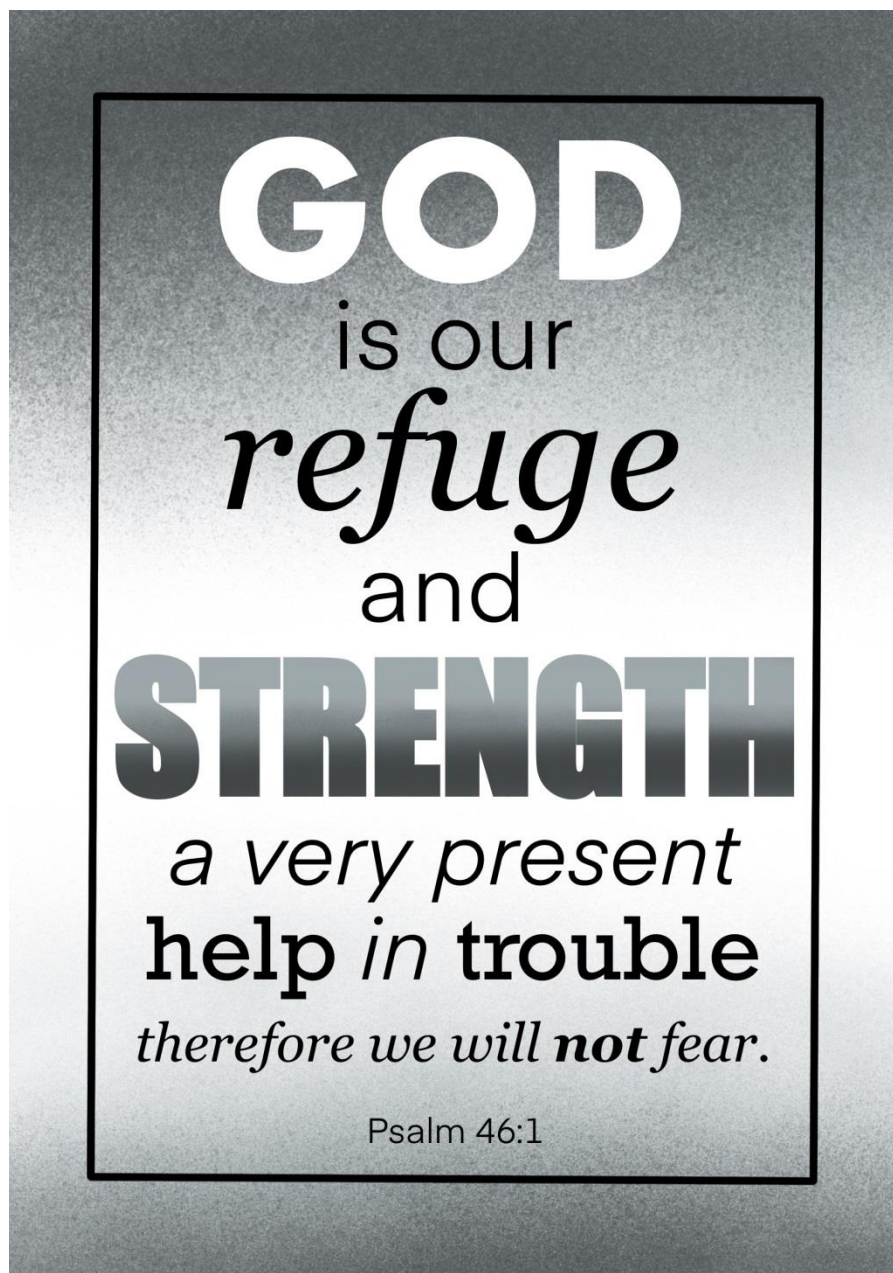
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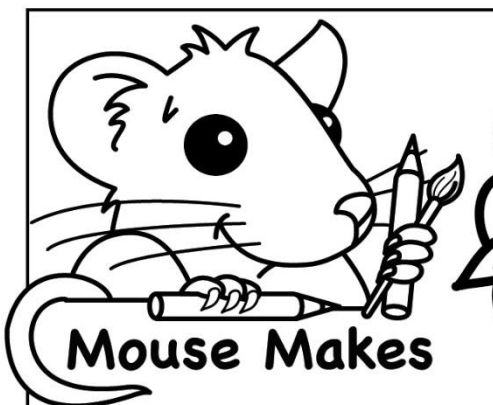
Any amounts donated to this page will be split between the following three charities:

- **AKT** supports LGTBQ+ young people aged 16-25 in the UK who are facing or experiencing homelessness or living in a hostile environment. They help young people into safe homes and employment, education or training, in a welcoming and open environment that celebrates LGTBQ+ identities.
- **Project Hope**. Yemen is the world's worst humanitarian crisis, with 80% of the country's population requiring some form of assistance to survive. Project HOPE is helping to meet the world's health challenges in Yemen, partnering with communities, health care workers and public health systems to ensure sustainable change. The UN has warned that deaths from COVID-19 could

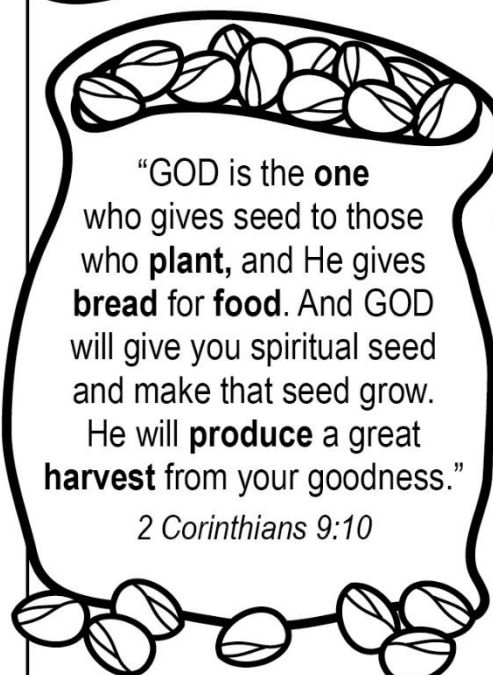
exceed wartime fatalities, while widespread cholera and malnutrition continue to put millions of lives at risk.

- **The Black Curriculum** is a social enterprise founded in 2019 by young people to address the lack of Black British history in the UK Curriculum. Their aim is to deliver arts focused Black history programmes for all young people aged 8-16, to provide teacher training and to campaign through mobilising young people, so as to change the national curriculum and to facilitate social change.



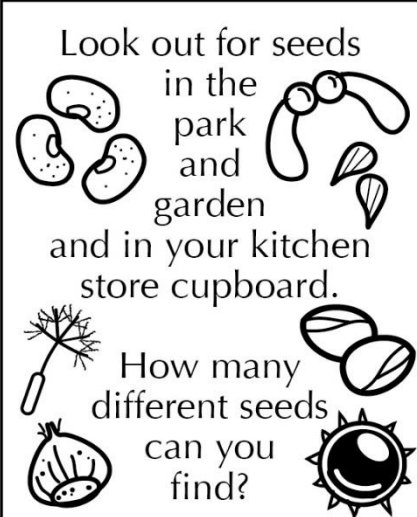


Mouse Makes



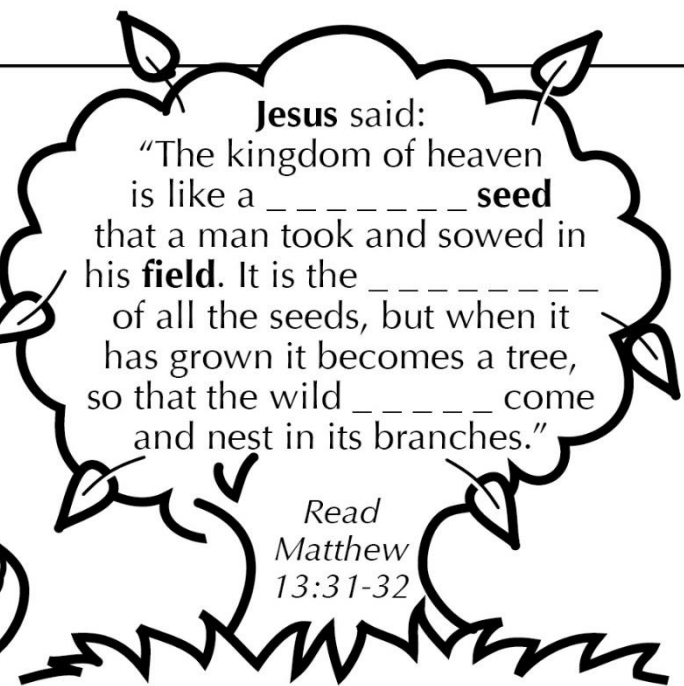
"GOD is the **one** who gives seed to those who **plant**, and He gives **bread** for **food**. And GOD will give you spiritual seed and make that seed grow. He will **produce** a great **harvest** from your goodness."

2 Corinthians 9:10



Look out for seeds in the park and garden and in your kitchen store cupboard.

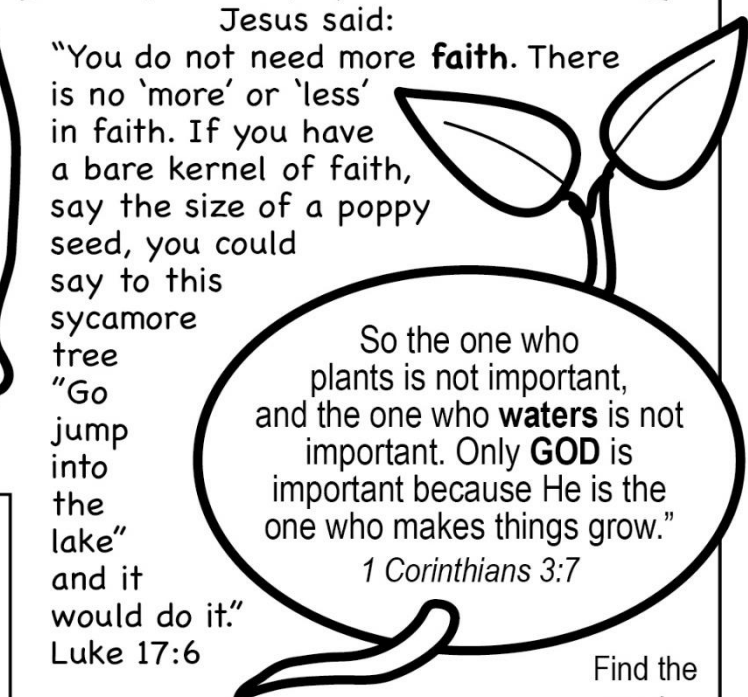
How many different seeds can you find?



Jesus said:

"The kingdom of heaven is like a _____ **seed** that a man took and sowed in his **field**. It is the _____ of all the seeds, but when it has grown it becomes a tree, so that the wild _____ come and nest in its branches."

Read Matthew 13:31-32



Jesus said:

"You do not need more **faith**. There is no 'more' or 'less' in faith. If you have a bare kernel of faith, say the size of a poppy seed, you could say to this sycamore tree "Go jump into the lake" and it would do it!"

So the one who plants is not important, and the one who **waters** is not important. Only **GOD** is important because He is the one who makes things grow."

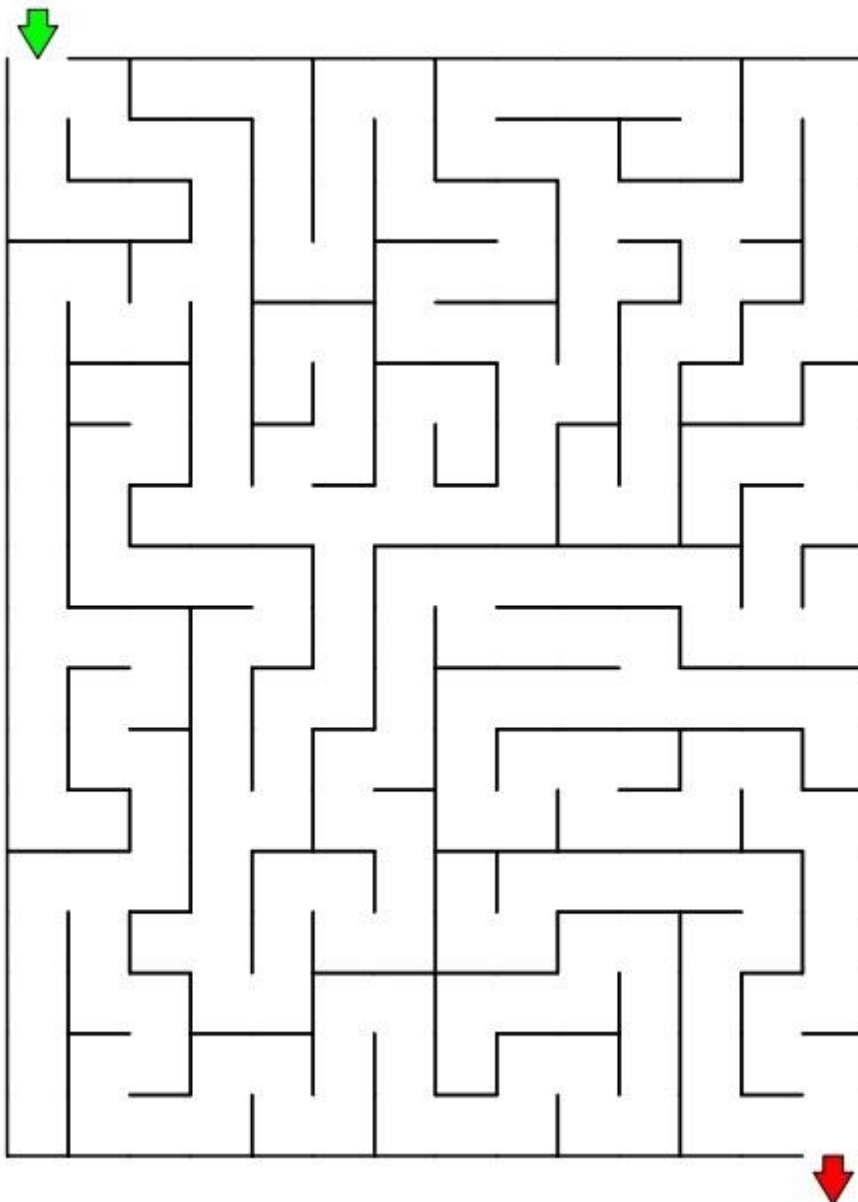
1 Corinthians 3:7

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Find the words in **bold** on this page in the word search



Can you find your way from the green arrow to the red one?



Answers to this month's crossword

ACROSS:

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

DOWN:

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



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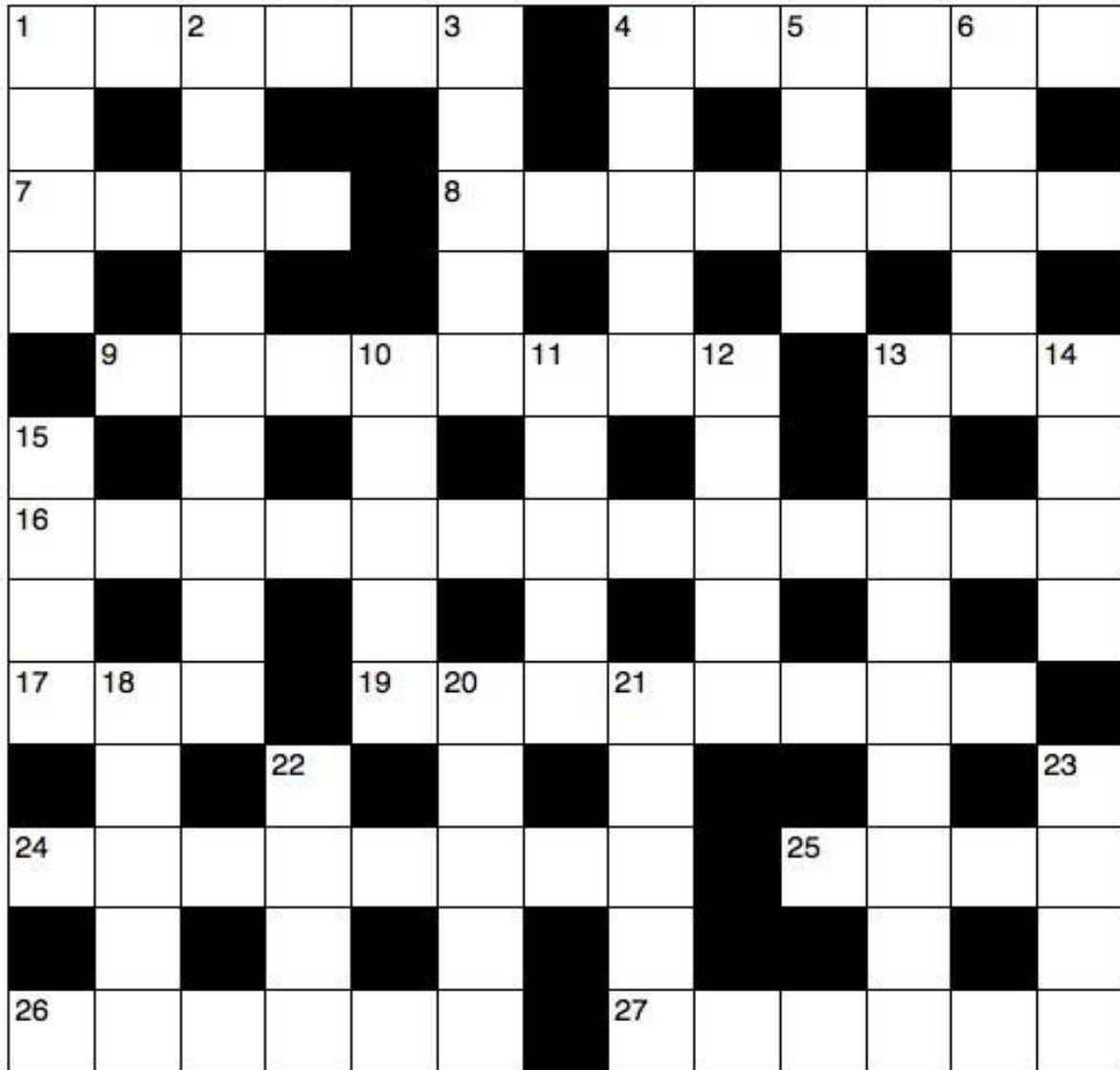
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CROSS
WORD



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' (Psalm 107:27) (4)
- 8 See 19 Across
- 9 It concerned who among the disciples would be the greatest (Luke 9:46) (8)

- 13 Formed by the Jews in Thessalonica to root out Paul and Silas (Acts 17:5) (3)
- 16 'He has sent me to bind up the — ' (Isaiah 61:1) (6-7)
- 17 Moved rapidly on foot (Matthew 28:8) (3)
- 19 and 8 ' — a great company of the — host appeared with the angel' (Luke 2:13) (8,8)
- 24 Hindrance (Romans 14:13) (8)
- 25 Comes between Luke and Acts (4)
- 26 Empower (Acts 4:29) (6)
- 27 'Get these out of here! How dare you turn my Father's house into a — !' (John 2:16) (6)

Down

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

SMILE – LINES

The language of church-going...

BULLETIN: *Your receipt for attending the service.*

HOLY WATER: *A liquid whose chemical formula is H2OLY.*

HYMN: *A song of praise usually sung in a key three octaves higher than that of the congregation's range.*

INCENSE: *Holy Smoke!*

JUSTICE: *When your children have children of their own.*

KYRIE ELEISON: *The only Greek words that most Catholics and Anglicans can recognise besides gyros and baklava. (it means Lord have mercy)*

PEW: *A medieval torture device still found in many Anglican and Catholic churches.*

PROCESSION: *The ceremonial formation at the beginning of the service, consisting of altar servers, the celebrant, and late parishioners looking for seats.*

RECESSIONAL: *The ceremonial procession at the conclusion of the service - led by parishioners trying to beat the crowd to the carpark.*

RELICS: *People who have been going to church for so long that they actually know when to sit, kneel, and stand.*

TEN COMMANDMENTS: *The most important – and oldest - Top Ten list.*

USHERS: *The only people in the church who don't know the seating capacity of a pew.*

WE ARE ALL GUILTY

Well, I am. At times! Of complacency of leaving it to others to sort out!

BUT we do have a duty when it comes to the safeguarding of children **OR** vulnerable adults in the church.

There is a manual in our church vestibule entitled, '*A Safe Church*', which is for reference by anyone and acts as a guide to safeguarding matters.

If you do have a genuine concern about such a matter, then you may wish to speak to Kay Mussard, our Safe Guarding Officer or one of the following; our Vicar, Rev. Hazel O'Sullivan or to one of the churchwardens.

HAVE YOU OR WILL YOU BE MAKING A WILL?

If so, please consider leaving a legacy to St. Marys.

Legacies we have had in the past have been a great blessing and encouragement and enabled us to carry out important work. It is helpful if the bequest is given without conditions so the PCC can use the money as they feel appropriate.

Please give this prayerful consideration.

To make a Will is one of the kindest things you can do so your wishes are known.

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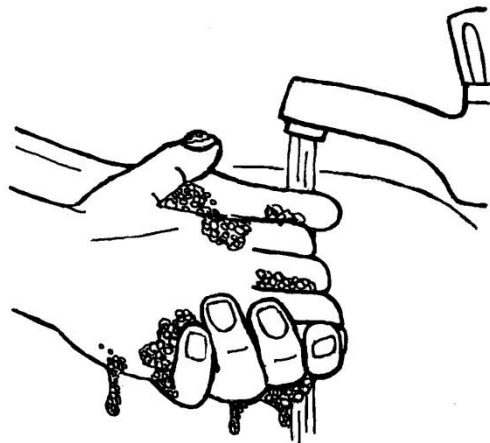
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October

- 4th Mr. S. Howe
11th Mrs. D. Adams (St. Francis)
18th Mr. S. Howe
25th Mrs D. Adams (St. Francis)

November

- 1st Mr. S. Howe
8th Mrs. D. Adams (St. Francis)
15th Mr. S. Howe
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Welcoming at the 10.00 a.m. services at St. Marys

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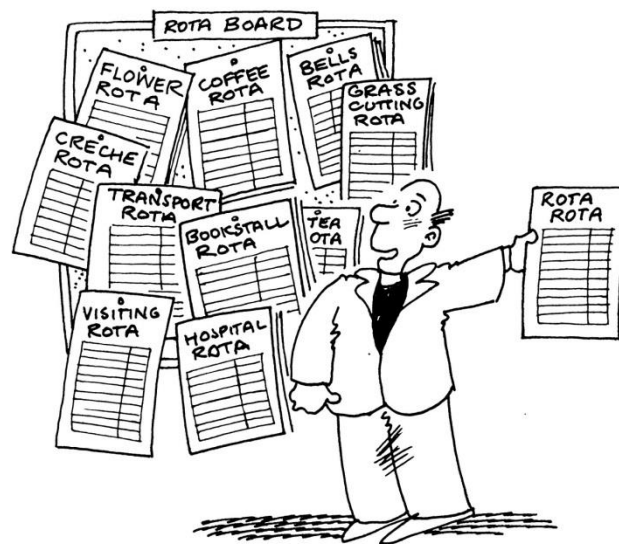
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November

8th (9.15 a.m. start) John and Merri Womack

22nd Annette Cordery and Jackie Greatorex

29th Jean Mathers and Kay Mussard



"I'm updating the 'rota notice-board' rota,
rota... do I see a hand...?"

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