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PARISH CHRONICLE

**GOD**

is our

*refuge*

and

**STRENGTH**

*a very present*

*help in trouble*

*therefore we will **not** fear.*

Psalm 46:1

SEPTEMBER 2020

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<b>SERVICES AND OTHER EVENTS IN SEPTEMBER</b>	
<b>8.00 am</b> <b>10.00 am</b> <b>10.00 am</b>	BCP at The Rectory - Please book your place The Rectory via Zoom St Catherine's Church - Please book your place
<b>Evensong</b>	Evensong 6.00 pm via Burbage Parish Facebook page
<b>Zoom Meetings:</b>	Morning Prayer: Monday to Friday Zoom Coffee Morning Tuesday 10.30 am Holy Communion: Wednesday 10:30am Evening Prayer: Thursday 6.30 pm
<b>Live Streaming via Burbage Parish Facebook page</b>	Compline Service 9.00 pm Monday to Friday
<b>Church Opening Times for Private Prayer</b>	Monday mornings 11.30 am – 1.30 pm and Foodbank drop off Thursday evenings 6.00 pm – 8.00 pm and Foodbank drop off

*Canon Paul Hardingham considers our personal resources – in light of the pandemic.*

## **What's in your hand?**

September is usually the time when we get back to our normal routines after the summer break. With the current coronavirus pandemic, it's very different this year! However, it is still a good time to consider how God can use us to make a real difference in our workplace, school, family, friends and community. He equips us with everything we need to make His love known.

When God gave Moses the job of bringing the Israelites out of Egypt, He asked the question, '*What is in your hand?*' (Exodus 4:2). Moses was holding his staff, which represented his livelihood (what he was good at); his resources (his flock represented his wealth) and his security (which God was asking him to lay down). God asks the same question of us: *What has God given you?* Our gifts, temperament, experience, relationships, mind, education can be used in the work God has given us to do. How will we use them to make a difference in the places where He calls us to serve Him?

John Ortberg, in his book *It All Goes Back in the Box*, speaks of Johnny, a 19-year-old with Downs syndrome. He worked at a supermarket checkout putting people's items into bags.

To encourage his customers, he decided to put a *thought for the day* into the bags. Every night his dad would help him to prepare the slips of paper and he would put the thoughts into the bags saying, '*I hope it helps you have a good day. Thanks for coming here.*' A month later the store manager noticed that Johnny's line at the checkout was three times longer than anyone else's!

People wanted Johnny's thought for the day. He wasn't just filling bags with groceries, he was filling lives with hope!

What has God given *you* that will help and encourage others?

## Mental health and Covid-19

It is important to be as kind and patient as possible with other people this autumn. Covid-19 has turned many millions of lives upside-down, and the resulting distress, anxiety, fear, grief and economic meltdown means that now widespread mental illness is inevitable. So says the new president of the Royal College of Psychiatrists.

Dr Adrian James warns of ‘multiple layers’ to the fallout from the pandemic, both for people with pre-existing mental health conditions and also for those who have never suffered before. NHS front-line staff will need support, while those who have had a serious case of Covid-19 may suffer anything from post-traumatic stress disorder to a full-blown psychosis.

Dr James says: “There will be very significant mental illness consequences of Covid, and we need to be ready.”

Meanwhile, up to one in five Britons may have contemplated self-harming during lockdown, according to some separate research by University College London.

“Churches and cathedrals have risen to the recent challenges, finding new ways of meeting for worship, of serving our neighbours, and of reaching new people with the love of God. The challenge before us now is to take the next steps carefully and safely, without forgetting all that we’ve discovered about God and ourselves on the way.”



*The Revd Peter Crumpler, a Church of England priest in St Albans, Herts, and a former communications director for the CofE, reports on a recent warning from the Trussell Trust.*

## **Churches warned to prepare for ‘tidal wave of poverty’**

Church leaders are being urged to be ready to respond to the lasting impact of the pandemic on the country’s poorest people.

The effect on urban, suburban and rural communities is likely to be severe with many thousands of jobs being lost and livelihoods threatened. The poorest in society may find themselves hardest hit.

Churches are being encouraged to respond to the devastating impact of the pandemic and to build on the numerous social projects already in place.

The Trussell Trust that supports around 1200 UK foodbanks is warning of a ‘tidal wave of poverty’ poised to engulf the country.

Chief Executive Emma Revie has called on church leaders to talk to their congregations about justice and compassion and to work to address the root causes of poverty.

Speaking at a Bible Society webinar she encouraged church leaders “increasingly to talk to their congregations about God’s concern for justice and compassion to characterize the structures of our society: the way our benefit system works, the way our economy functions, people’s employment conditions and wage levels.

Emma Revie said that the Trussell Trust was “very clear that food banks are not a solution to poverty” and the charity wanted “to see people experiencing fulness of life and not being trapped by poverty.”

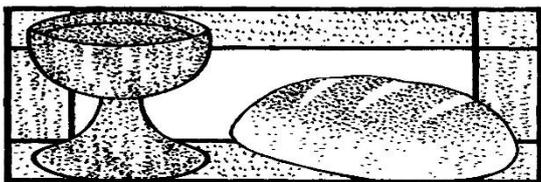
She praised the vital role played by churches in running foodbanks and encouraged congregations “That when we pray for our foodbanks, that we would also allow ourselves room to lament the injustices that make them necessary in the first place and seek wisdom about how we might be part of bringing about change.

“Because if we don’t concern ourselves with these things, the tidal wave of poverty is going to be too high and too powerful for us to respond to and we will see many more people being swept into destitution in the UK.”

At the webinar ‘Mission during lockdown and beyond,’ the Bible Society published research showing that church leaders are expecting increased demand for food banks, poverty relief, mental health work, bereavement support, relationship counselling, as well as courses such as Alpha that introduce people to the Christian faith.

The insights resonate with responses to the impact of the pandemic from other church leaders. The Bishop of Tonbridge, Simon Burton-Jones, warned a Church of England webinar that the pandemic would cause growth in the ‘precarariat’, the numbers of people on zero-hours contracts or juggling several jobs to survive.

The bishop also forecast an increase in tension between the generations, with the future particularly bleak for many young people who have lost their jobs, and those living in insecure rented accommodation.



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### **Are politicians the oldest profession?**

A surgeon, an architect and a politician were arguing as to whose profession was the oldest. Said the surgeon: “Eve was made from Adam’s rib, and that surely was a surgical operation.”

“Maybe,” admitted the architect, “but prior to that, order was created out of chaos, and that was an architectural job.”

“But,” the politician pointed out in triumph, “somebody had to have created the chaos in the first place!”

## **6<sup>th</sup> September: Captain Allen Gardiner – founder of SAMS**

Captain Allen Gardiner is a saint for anyone who refuses to give up on their calling. For this courageous and indomitable man founded what became the South American Mission Society, though he sacrificed his own life in the process.

Gardiner had not started out to be a missionary. Born in 1704, he had left Berkshire to embark on a naval career which took him to Cape Town, Ceylon, India, Malaysia and China. But the death of his first wife in 1834 caused him to turn back to Christianity. He left the navy and became missionary.

With his second wife, Elizabeth, Allen Gardiner felt called to South America. But from 1838 onwards he faced implacable opposition from the authorities there, both secular and religious. His efforts to evangelise among the Chilean Mapuches - which included a family journey of 1000 miles overland by pack mule from Buenos Aires to Santiago and Concepción - met with hostility. So, in 1842 he settled on the Falklands, and tried to reach the Patagonian Indians. By 1844 he had founded the Patagonian Mission, because no other British Christian society felt able to take on responsibility for his work.

Next, Gardiner reached out to the Bolivian Indians of the Gran Chaco. But again, he was repulsed. So, he then decided on a bold attempt to evangelise the Indians of Tierra del Fuego.

He tried to raise the funds for a 120-ton schooner, which would have provided him with a secure base near Picton Island. But in the end, he could only manage two 26-foot launches, the *Pioneer* and *Speedwell*. Nevertheless, in December 1850 Gardiner and six other men sailed to Picton Island. But again, nothing went well. Fierce weather, Indian hostility, a series of errors and logistical problems led to disease and finally disaster. By March 1851 the group had had to flee for their lives. They sailed eastwards to Spaniard Harbour, a bay at the mouth of Cooks River. Here they waited in vain for fresh stores to arrive, and by September all six men had died of starvation.

Gardiner's journal, water-damaged but readable, was found in his hand the following year by the crew of HMS Dido, and includes the plea to God, "Let not this mission fail", and this prayer:

*"Grant O Lord, that we may be instrumental in commencing this great and blessed work; but should Thou see fit in Thy providence to hedge up our way, and that we should even languish and die here, I beseech Thee to raise up others and to send forth labourers into this harvest..."*

## **Bring back hedgerows**

We need our hedgerows back – urgently. They are part of ‘nature’s toolbox’ to help us reduce our carbon emissions.

That was the recent message from the CPRE countryside charity which points out that there were twice as many hedges in England before the Second World War. Since then thousands of kilometres of hedges have been ripped up to make way for new housing and motorways, and to merge and enlarge fields.

The 2007 UK Countryside Survey found that there were 600,000 kilometres of managed and unmanaged hedgerows in the UK, with the vast majority of them in England.

This was a significant decline on the same survey from 1984, when there were about 680,000 kilometres of hedges across Great Britain. That is a reduction of 80,000 kilometres, or 50,000 miles. To put that another way, we have ripped out about 57,000 times the entire length of Britain (874 miles).

No wonder, then, that the CPRE’s report, *Greener, better, faster: countryside solutions to the climate emergency and for a green recovery*, calls for millions of pounds to be spent on new hedges. It says: “By planting more trees and hedgerow, restoring peatlands and moving toward a more sustainable way of farming, we can use nature’s toolbox to capture greenhouse gases from the air, while revitalising our natural environment.”

## **HYMN: The story behind ... ABIDE WITH ME**

One of the most famous hymns in the world came out of Brixham, near Torbay, Devon, in 1847.

In those days it was a poor, obscure fishing village, and the vicar was the Rev Henry Francis Lyte. It was a discouraging place to be a pastor, but Henry felt that God wanted him there, and so he stayed, though it was lonely work, and he suffered constant ill health.

By the time he was 54, Henry had contracted tuberculosis and asthma, and he and his family knew he was dying. It would have been so easy for him to look back on his life and feel a complete failure. What had he ever much accomplished? And yet – and yet – Henry knew that in life it is not worldly success that matters, but how much we respond to Jesus Christ, and how much we follow Him.

In September of 1847 Henry was preparing to travel to the south of France, as was the custom for people with tuberculosis at that time. One day before he left, he read the story in the gospel of Luke about the two disciples on the road to Emmaus. They were met by Jesus on the day of His resurrection, and they invited Him to stay with them because it was getting late. “Abide with us”, they said “for it is towards evening.”

“Abide with us - for it is toward evening.” These words struck a chord with Henry, who knew that it was getting ‘towards evening’ in his life. So, he sat down and wrote this hymn as a prayer to God – *(the following are just some of the verses)*

### ***Abide with me***

*Abide with me; fast falls the eventide;  
The darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide!  
When other helpers fail and comforts flee,  
Help of the helpless, O abide with me.*

*Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;  
 Earth's joys grow dim; its glories pass away;  
 Change and decay in all around I see;  
 O Thou who changest not, abide with me.*

*I fear no foe, with Thee at hand to bless;  
 Ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness.  
 Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory?  
 I triumph still, if Thou abide with me.*

Shortly after Henry wrote that hymn, he preached his last sermon. He was so ill he practically crawled into the pulpit to do so. A few weeks later, in Nice, France, he died, and so of course he never knew that his hymn would go on to become greatly loved the world over.

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## **All in the month of September**

It was:

400 years ago, on 6<sup>th</sup> September 1620, that 102 English Puritans (now known as the Pilgrims) set sail aboard the Mayflower from Plymouth, for a new life in America. After a perilous journey they landed in what is now Provincetown Harbour, Cape Cod, Massachusetts on 11<sup>th</sup> November. They had intended landing in Virginia, but were unable to reach it because of heavy seas.

150 years ago, on 20<sup>th</sup> September 1870 that Rome was captured. Italian forces defeated the Papal States and captured the city of Rome at the end of the wars of Italian Unification. The Papal States were dissolved. Rome was annexed, and it became the capital of Italy in 1871.

125 years ago, on 28<sup>th</sup> September 1895 that Louis Pasteur died. This French biologist, microbiologist and chemist was one of the main founders of the field of medical microbiology. Best known for originating the pasteurization of foodstuffs to eliminate micro-organisms that cause disease. Pasteur saved the French beer, wine and silk industries and developed vaccines against anthrax and rabies.

65 years ago, on 22<sup>nd</sup> September 1955 that Britain's first independent television channel, ITV, was launched. It ended the BBC's monopoly. Regional franchises were rolled out across the whole country by 1965.

60 years ago, on 27<sup>th</sup> September 1960 that Sylvia Pankhurst, suffragette leader, died.

50 years ago, on 19<sup>th</sup> September 1970 that the first Glastonbury Festival was held, at Worthy Farm near Pilton, Somerset. About 1,500 people attended (compared to 135,000 today). It became an annual event from 1981 and is now the world's largest greenfield festival. The first festival was billed as the Pilton Pop, Blues & Folk Festival.

40 years ago, on 22<sup>nd</sup> September 1980 that the Solidarity movement was created in Poland, with Lech Walesa as its leader. It was the first independent trade union in the Soviet bloc.

25 years ago, on 3<sup>rd</sup> September 1995 that the auction site eBay was founded (as AuctionWeb).

20 years ago, on 17<sup>th</sup> September 2000 that Paula Yates, TV presenter (*The Tube*, *The Big Breakfast*) died of a heroin overdose, aged 41. Wife of the musician Bob Geldof, she was also noted for her relationship with the musician Michael Hutchence. She was the daughter of Hughie Green, host of the talent show *Opportunity Knocks*, though she did not discover this until late in life.

15 years ago, on 24<sup>th</sup> September 2005 that the IRA decommissioned its last remaining weapons in front of independent inspectors.



## Who is where?

A man was very sick. Doctors feared the worst. As he lay at home, he suddenly looked up and said weakly: "Is my wife here?"

His wife replied, "Yes, dear, I'm here, next to you."

The man whispered: "Are my children here?"

"Yes, Daddy, we are all here," said the children.

"Are my brother and sister also here?"

And they say, "Yes, we are all here..."

The man sat up and cried, "Then why in the world is the light on in the kitchen?"

*Bev Shepherd is the PrayerWorks project leader and an associate speaker with LICC.*

### ***Don't allow the modern culture to rule your life***

*The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all who follow his precepts have good understanding. (Psalm 111:10)*

“Remember,” said W.C. Fields, “a dead fish can float downstream, but it takes a live one to swim upstream.” This quotation, reproduced on T-shirts and in management books, appeals to our sense of nonconformist individuality. The reality, though, is that most of us want to belong and win approval. We fear the consequences of challenging toxic organisational cultures, disagreeing with accepted workplace wisdom, or showing any weakness. To go against the flow, to be distinctive in God-honouring ways, takes courage.

The psalmist emphasises that ‘the fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom’. This godly fear is not to be placed alongside our fears of the opinions of our colleagues, important though they are, but takes precedence over them. Paul puts it starkly: ‘If I were still trying to please people, I would not be a servant of Christ’ (Galatians 1:10).

The biblical wisdom is not merely intellectual capacity, but is linked with discipline and discernment, shrewdness and skill. It’s also profoundly countercultural, as Jesus’ own teaching illustrates: in order to live we are called to die; the first shall be last; giving away leads to being entrusted with much (Luke 6:38).

In our relationships, Jesus calls us to love our enemies and pray for those who persecute us (Matthew 5:44). Moreover, God’s wisdom, which looks foolish and weak in the world’s eyes, is seen supremely in the cross, where it is shown that ‘the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength’ (1 Corinthians 1:25).

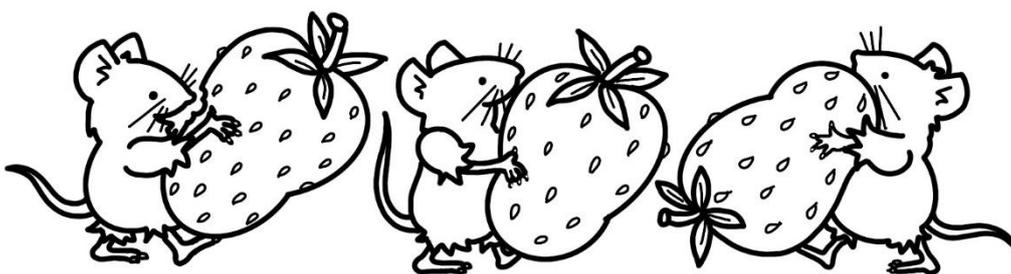
The phrase ‘fear of the LORD’ uses the covenantal name of God, implying a committed relationship of reverence and awe. If we allow the culture of our workplaces and the time pressures we experience to squeeze the fear of God out of our ‘wisdom’, we risk becoming ‘practical atheists’, where our responses to situations are barely distinguishable from those of our non-believing colleagues.

# CHRONICLE

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SHOULD BE SENT TO MARTIN MELLOR  
BY: FRIDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST



"But did they plough the fields  
and scatter at a safe distance?"



## **Gorse – cheerful and perfumed, but prickly!**

The old saying 'Kissing is out of season when the gorse is not in bloom' is based on the fact that it is a rare time of year when a flower or two cannot be found. The bush itself, growing on heaths and moors is well-known for its vicious spikes. This is its answer to the problem of producing leaves that will withstand wind, rain and hungry animals.

The golden yellow flowers are at their absolute best in spring when the bushes, growing often to a height of seven to ten feet, seem to glow in the countryside. They attract bees and other pollen-seeking insects and many of us enjoy the rich coconut-like perfume as well as the joyful colour. The sharp foliage gives protection to several species of bird as they nest deep in these bulging bushes, and larger animals such as sheep and cows, if grazing nearby, will take advantage of gorse as a very effective windbreak.

In the past, gorse, also known as 'furze' or 'whin', was used as fuel as it burns very readily when dry. This has caused many serious moorland fires in recent years, but gorse is fortunately a resilient species and quickly sends up new shoots from the burnt stumps that remain. It is also apparently somewhat susceptible to frost, but will recover quickly with new growth.

A member of the pea family, its seeds are set in brown, somewhat unattractive pods, which on a hot summer's day can be heard popping, or they may be provoked into doing so when held in a hot hand. However, what might surprise us even more is that in the past, in country districts, it was used for drying washing, as the thorns would allow nothing to escape, even in the strongest of winds!

## **School**

Mother to young daughter after first day at school: "Well, dear, what did they teach you today?"

Daughter: "Not much. I've got to go back again tomorrow."

## **St James the Least of All**

### **On how to survive a weekend away with the young people**

The Rectory

St James the Least of All

My dear Nephew Darren

I think your idea for both our Confirmation groups getting together for a weekend away – socially distanced, of course - was excellent and our meeting last week drew most of the plans together.

We didn't take any minutes, so let me record the decisions I believe we made.

Since all of us have to sleep far apart at the centre, I am prepared to spend the nights at a local hotel. By chance, I have found that there is a four star one only a few miles away, so I have booked myself in.

As the dining area in the youth centre may be cramped, I am also willing to have dinner each evening at the hotel, thereby creating more space for the rest of you. An additional sadness is that, since breakfast at the hotel is not served until 8am, I will not be able to join you either for your pre-breakfast dip in the nearby stream. It would be grossly unfair to expect you to pack lunch for me, so I will arrange for the hotel to provide me with a picnic hamper for one which I can have while you all enjoy your cheese and pickle sandwiches.

I think it will be an excellent learning experience if you prepare all the teaching sessions yourself, but be assured that I will always be on hand to give the advice of experience. That large armchair near the fire in the common room seems to be the best place for me to sit, so I can keep an eye on proceedings, while I take on the responsibilities for stoking the fire. This reminds me; do make sure that the young people are encouraged to saw enough logs each morning for me to fulfil my obligations.

Naturally, my arthritis will prevent me being able to accompany you on your afternoon hikes, but I will cheerfully park my car wherever you leave the minibus, to provide a second vehicle in case of emergencies. I do not mind in the least waiting all those long hours

until you get back; I have already found an attractive tea shop in the village.

I am fully aware that not sleeping or dining at the centre, not being responsible for preparing the teaching, nor being involved on the walks will mean that my contributions will be ever so slightly limited, but these are sacrifices I gladly make in order to give you further experience in your ministerial career.

Your loving uncle,  
Eustace

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## **Next to you and lonely**

*(Matthew 25:40)*

Cups of tea and people,  
People who do and who know.  
People with purposeful expressions,  
Their eyes searching beyond her, through her,  
The invisible one.  
She's next to you and she's lonely.  
Smiles and one-way conversations,  
With thoughts and eyes elsewhere,  
Never noticing the masks of brightness  
Hiding hurting children,  
The tired ones,  
Who are next to you and lonely.  
And the makers of the cups of tea,  
The knowers and the doers,  
Those who smile and seem to have so much.  
They too wear masks that hide their crying,  
The *together* ones  
Sit next to you and are lonely.

*By Daphne Kitching*

Hi Everyone, Ride+Stride is going to happen this year! Yea!  
Please would anyone like to Ride or Stride on behalf of St  
Catherine's. Let me know and I will get a sponsorship form to  
you, this year the list of open churches will soon be on the LHCT  
website <https://lhct.org.uk>

With the issue of COVID-19 this year Jerry and I are not asking  
for volunteer welcomers but will do the whole 8 hours ourselves,  
perhaps you would sponsor us for our attendance, we get  
through a lot of books and biscuits! Just let me know.

Thanks very much. Jerry and Vicki

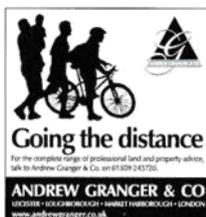
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# COME DINE WITH ME

Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> September.

Recreate your favourite meal from your favourite Restaurant. We would then like you to donate the difference in the cost of your ingredients and what it would cost you in the Restaurant to two worthy causes. St Catherine's Church and Christian Aid.

To find out more and to sign up please contact John Bevington on 01455 632633 or 07887409707

Is there an thing you would like to say Shirley?  
"Cheers"



As some of you may know, throughout the period of lockdown, I continued to ring the bells, not in the usual way, but by using what is known as an Ellacombe chiming apparatus. It requires only one person to operate, unlike the usual method, where the bells are rotated through over 360 degrees (full circle ringing) to sound them and one person is needed for each bell. Instead the bells are kept static (or "hung dead") and a hammer is struck against the inside of the bell. Each hammer is connected by a rope to a fixed frame in the clock room. When in use the ropes are taut, and pulling one of the ropes towards the player will strike the hammer against the bell.

The system was devised in 1821 by Reverend Henry Thomas Ellacombe of Gloucestershire, who first had such a system installed in Bitton in 1822. He created the system as an alternative to using his local ringers and did not have to tolerate the behaviour that he saw as unruly. The Revd Ellacombe was the editor of the bell ringing column of a church periodical called "Church Bells", and was not slow to criticise the actions of bell ringers who did not ring exclusively for church services. A particular target was "prize ringing", where teams from different churches competed for a prize for the best ringing, usually accompanied by a social event. An example was in 1875 when he weighed in with a diatribe against a ringing competition at Slapton in Devon, when he wrote, "We blame the Vicar and churchwardens for allowing the bells to be so prostituted for the benefits of a publican's pocket..."

I took a little bit of time to check the hammers and ropes to bring our chimes into working so I was able to play simple call change sequences and hymn tunes.

I have received many comments from total strangers thanking me for what I was doing, and I know the sound of the bells was recorded many times and uploaded to facebook etc. It goes to show how members of the wider community appreciated knowing that the church was still there and that people were in prayer.

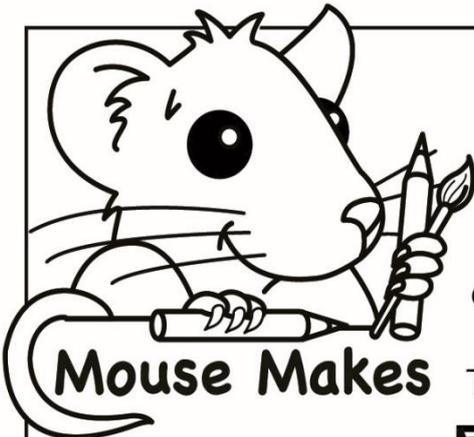
This is a poem handed to me after ringing one Sunday morning.

Our beautiful Church, in all its glory  
With lots of birds singing and telling their story  
But what's that I hear? Is it bells ringing out?  
That glorious sound that calls the devout  
I listen amazed, Yes it's certainly true  
It's a hymn though that's playing and almost on cue  
I was in need of support, of some sign of hope  
I'd come here to pray and seek solace to cope  
Listening to Martin ringing up there  
Playing hymns and tunes for all to share  
Made me feel calm and renewed in my heart  
To go back to the world and play my small part  
So to those who help others, whatever you do  
It's a grand job you're doing and we all say THANKYOU!

Under the current advice we are not able to ring all 8 bells on a Sunday, but we can ring 4, as long as we wear masks and stay as socially distanced as possible. We weren't able to ring for the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of VE Day but we did for the anniversary of VJ Day. On the 5<sup>th</sup> September we will have the privilege of ringing for a wedding.

For 95 years the 8 bells of St Catherine's have rung out over the community of Burbage for all sorts of occasions. Let us hope they still will for many more years to come.

Martin

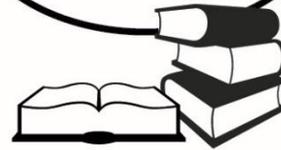


## Mouse Makes

The **Bible** is a collection of **books** that took over 2,000 years to write!

The books were written by many different people, all helped and inspired by God. The Bible has books about:

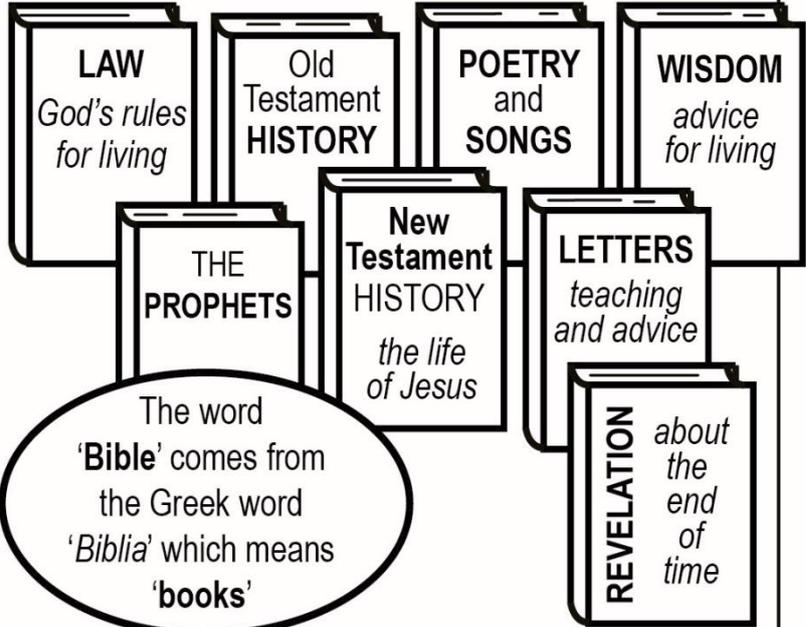
There are **66** books in the Bible. How many can you name?



### BIBLE WORDS

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P L B O W I K  
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 O G O N S W O  
 P H K E D O L  
 H T S W O R D  
 E R L T M D O  
 T E A E G O D  
 S V W S E E D  
 L E T T E R S  
 T L W A N L O  
 H A M M E R N  
 O T I E H I G  
 N I R N I R S  
 E O R T S A B  
 Y N O R T I I  
 F I R E O N B  
 P O E T R Y L  
 F O O D Y O E



The word '**Bible**' comes from the Greek word '*Biblia*' which means '**books**'

God speaks to us today as we read the Bible.

The Bible encourages us, corrects us and shows us how to live, it also describes itself as:



**Mirror**  
James 1:23



**Food**  
Hebrews 5:12-6:1



**Honey and Gold**  
Psalm 19:10



**Light**  
Psalm 119:105



**Rain**  
Isaiah 55:10-12



**Seed**  
Mark 4:14



**Living Word**  
Hebrews 4:12



**Hammer**  
Jeremiah 23:29



**Fire**  
Jeremiah 20:9



**Sword**  
Ephesians 6:17

...but most of all The Bible teaches us about **God** and how we can be friends with Him.