



The Magazine for The Parish of Chigwell & Chigwell Row

October 2026

God commanded the earth to sprout all kinds of vegetation - seed-bearing plants and fruit-bearing trees, and it was so. . . and God saw that it was good.

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St Mary's Church, Chigwell Village
All Saints' Church, Chigwell Row
St Winifred's Church, Chigwell



The Churches in Chigwell and Chigwell Row, open & online

St Mary's Church

High Road, Chigwell IG7 6QA www.stmaryschigwell.org.uk

Churchwardens: Joy Madeiros 07976 803887
Alison Jordan 01992 610717



Sunday Services: 9:15am – traditional CofE service
10:45am – service on a big screen with a blend of informality and liturgy, and our children's group, Treasure Seekers, during term time.

Morning Prayer: 9:00am on Wednesdays

All Saints' Church

Romford Road, Chigwell IG7 4QD www.allsaintschigwellrow.org

Churchwardens: Helen Ellis-Poole 07887 731320
Cindy Barber 07506 387070



Sunday Service: 10:00am
Morning Prayer: 9:00am on Thursdays
Holy Communion: 9:15am, on 15th October, in lieu of Morning Prayer

St Winifred's Church

Manor Road, Chigwell IG7 5PS www.stwinifredschurch.org.uk

Churchwardens: Daniel Forshaw 07591 857657
Bill Darke 07880 751578



Sunday Service: 11:15am with Tiga Club on the 2nd & 4th Sundays

Morning Prayer: 9:00am on Tuesdays



Morning Prayer is online as well as meeting in person as above. It is hosted on the Parish of Chigwell & Chigwell Row Facebook page at 9:00am on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. Watch live or later.

The Parish of Chigwell & Chigwell Row is part of the [Vale of Roding](#) benefice, alongside the parishes of Lambourne with Abridge, and Stapleford Abbotts.

The Rev'd Paul Hardingham considers our earth.

Season of Creation



In the church year the *Season of Creation* (1st September - 4th October) is an opportunity for us to reflect on our responsibility to care for the planet. As the season draws to an end for this year, have you considered:

The world is not ours:

'The earth is the Lord's and everything in it' (Psalm 24:1). The world is not ours, but God's! This means we have a responsibility of caring for God's world: *'The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it.'* (Genesis 2:15). Clearly, we have not done the best job! The effects of global warming have been all too obvious this summer. And 2025 ranked as the third warmest year on record globally, 1.3°C to 1.44°C above pre-industrial levels. This follows the historic peak in 2024, driven by ongoing fossil fuel emissions and high ocean surface temperatures.

Our hope is found in Jesus:

Any hope for the future lies in Jesus Himself. He is the one who sustains creation and will bring everything to completion: *'all things have been created through Him and for Him. He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together.'* (Colossians 1:16,17). God's plan is *'to bring unity to all things in heaven and on earth under Christ.'* (Ephesians 1:10). We can look forward to the climax of history when God through Christ will restore our broken world and make everything new.

In the present, we are empowered by Christ to take our proper place as stewards of the earth. Simple everyday actions can help to sustain our planet, including recycling of waste, energy saving, choosing reusable options, careful diet and a commitment to simple living can help the planet.

However difficult the climate crisis gets, as Christians, we can engage it with faith and not fatalism!



Parish Registers

We welcomed in Baptism ...

Sebastian Samuel Chandrapal

13th September

St Mary's

Hannah Rosetta Chapman

27th September

All Saints'



And reaffirming her Baptism ...

Alison Jane Chapman

27th September

All Saints'



And we rejoiced in the Confirmation of...

Richard Coates

27th September

All Saints'

Kimberley Golding

27th September

All Saints'

Steven Golding

27th September

All Saints'



We celebrated the Wedding of

Sonia Veronica Embden & Floyd Powell

19th September

St Mary's



We mourned the loss of...

Helen Russell
Housley

4th September

Funeral

Forest Park
Crematorium &
St Mary's Church





THE THURSDAY CLUB

HARVEST
OR HUNGER

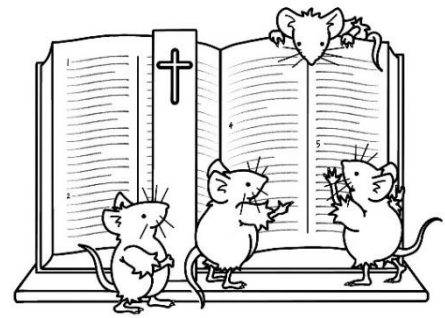
*A short talk and a simple meal,
with proceeds going to charity.*

Thursday, 8th October, 7:00pm at Cindy's

All ladies welcome

The poster features several autumn-themed illustrations. On the left and right sides are sprigs of red radishes with green leaves. Below the main title is a single brown oak leaf. At the bottom center is a cluster of pumpkins in orange, yellow, and green, surrounded by autumn leaves. The background is a solid light beige color, and the entire poster is framed by a thin brown border.

Canon Paul Hardingham continues his series on the books of the Bible.



What's the Big Idea?

- an Introduction to the Minor Prophets

The Minor Prophets are '*minor*' not because they lack importance, but due to their length. The 12 prophets, Hosea through Malachi, make up the last books of the Old Testament, and were written from around 770 BC (Jonah) until 433 BC (Malachi).

The prophets fall into 3 time-periods:

- Hosea, Joel, Amos, Obadiah, Jonah, Micah and Nahum = Assyrian period
- Habakkuk and Zephaniah = Babylonian period
- Haggai, Zechariah and Malachi = post-exilic period.

Hosea and **Amos** spoke to Israel (Northern Kingdom), calling the people to acknowledge their sin and return to God. **Joel** and **Micah** addressed Judah (Southern Kingdom), including prophesies about the coming of the Messiah and the church.

Habakkuk and **Zephaniah** spoke to Judah shortly before they were taken into exile into Babylon. **Obadiah** spoke God's judgment against the Edomites, while **Jonah** and **Nahum** both spoke against Assyria and their capital city of Ninevah.

Following the people's return from exile, **Haggai** exhorted the people not to neglect rebuilding the Temple. **Zechariah** encouraged them with the promise of the future glory of Zion and of its shepherd king, while **Malachi** reminded them that if he is rejected, God would judge His people.

The minor prophets remind us that God cared not just for the Jews, but also for the Edomites, Assyrians, Egyptians and all of His creation. For Christians today the challenge remains to take the

message of God's grace to all nations in the power of the Holy Spirit:

'I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your old men will dream dreams, your young men will see visions. Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days.' (Joel 2:28, 29)



How Tyndale affects what you say - today

It is 500 years since William Tyndale printed the very first English translation of the New Testament.

And hundreds of millions of people today are still quoting him, though they don't know it. For in 1526 Tyndale invented what would become some of the most famous idioms in the English-speaking world.

For instance –

"The salt of the earth"; "Go the extra mile"; "The powers that be"; "Eat, drink and be merry"; "A city on a hill"; "The apple of his eye"; "In the twinkling of an eye"; "Signs of the times"; "My brother's keeper"; "Fight the good fight"; "Broken-hearted"; "Fallen flat on his face".

These phrases were all invented by Tyndale, during his translation from the original Greek of the New Testament.



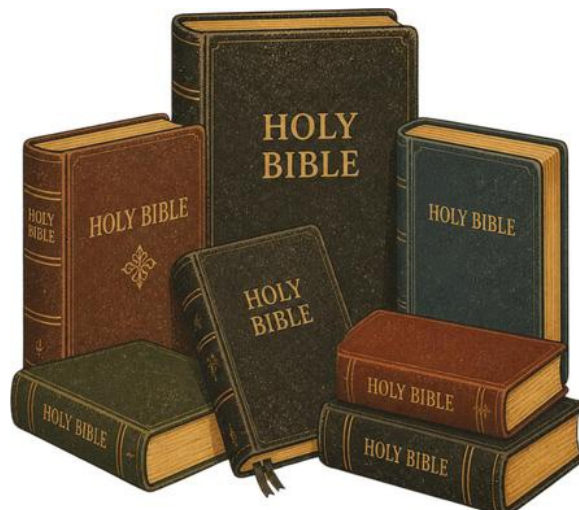
As a young Catholic priest in England, Tyndale had been inspired by Martin Luther's groundbreaking translation of the Bible into German, and he went to work doing the same for English speakers. No wonder that the Bible Society describes Tyndale as a 'background radical' during Henry VIII's reign (he's mentioned in Wolf Hall but doesn't get involved in the action).

Tyndale invented words, too, when he couldn't find a direct English equivalent for a Greek or Hebrew concept. Here are just some:

- Scapegoat: To describe the goat burdened with the sins of the people and sent into the wilderness.
- Atonement: Literally "at-one-ment", created to describe being at one with God.
- Passover: Coined to describe the Jewish holiday where the angel of death passed over the homes of the Israelites.
- Busybody: Invented to describe someone who meddles in other people's business.

Tyndale's work has survived multiple revisions of the Bible down the centuries. It is found in the Authorised Version of the Bible, the RSV, the ASV or the ESV, among others.

More at Bible Society's website: biblesociety.org.uk Just type 'Tyndale' into its 'search' box.



David Pickup, a solicitor, offers some advice about committees...

Think twice before you join that committee!



People involved in church or village life are often asked to join committees or to help run things. These include trusts and charities, being a PCC member, school governors and hospital managers, village hall groups and I suppose judging bonny baby competitions.

These community positions are vital for the good of everyone, but unfortunately not many people are prepared to give up their evenings or weekends to go to long meetings in draughty halls.

If you are invited to join a group like this, what questions should you ask?

Why were you asked? What do they think you can contribute? If you are in a job, are they expecting you to do work for them for nothing?

Do you have the time to do the job? People on committees tend to be asked to join other committees, and so it is easy to get overloaded. Are the meetings at a time convenient to you?

What risks are there? Does the group have liability insurance to protect members against claims?

What are the finances like? Are the records up to date? Do they have budgets and accounts they can show you?

Good advice would be to ask to go to a meeting, before you commit yourself. You can soon find out if the place is well run and people get on with each other. Ask to look at the insurance documents, constitution and accounts.

If the answers to these questions are negative, it does not necessarily mean you should not join. If the finances are in a mess,

perhaps you can help. If they say they had a constitution when the charity was set up in 1879 but no-one knows where it is now, then perhaps it can be found again. Most people get a lot out of contributing to society in this way. You learn more and meet interesting people, although you may wish to draw the line at bonny baby judging!

Canon Paul Hardingham looks back on a national tragedy...

Aberfan: 60 years on

On 21st October 1966 the Aberfan disaster took place in South Wales. A colliery slag heap collapsed, releasing a torrent of slurry onto the village. It engulfed a number of houses and Pantglas Junior School, killing 116 children and 28 adults. It was a disaster that shocked the nation. As we reflect on it today, we are left asking the question, 'where was God when this happened?'



At the time there was a mixture of strong emotions: grief and sadness over the loss of those who had died, and anger against the Coal Board in allowing the disaster. However, people gave their energy to support each another. A local Baptist Minister, Revd Kenneth Hayes, who lost his eldest son at the school, responded in this way: 'For 36 hours he was working non-stop either at the school, or going around comforting bereaved and stricken families and kept open house for many who came seeking news and comfort.'

How should we respond to such an incident? 'Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword?' (Romans 8:35). Paul reminds us that even in our darkest times of loss, God is with us to bring comfort. 'Christ Jesus who died – more than that, who was raised to life – is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us.' (34). Paul also tells us that Jesus understands our suffering and

is praying for us. 'If God is for us, who can be against us?' (31). We can let go of bitterness and blame, because God is a God of justice.

King Charles III (then Prince of Wales) on the 50th anniversary summed up the community's response: 'darkest sorrow, but also the most shining selflessness.'

Trick or Treat?

by Alison Mitchell, The Good Book Company,
16p each

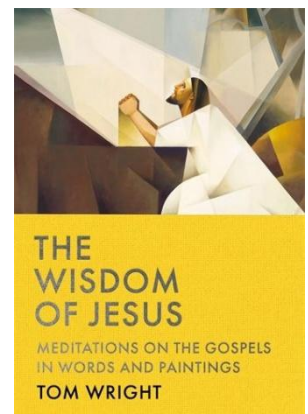


A 'treat' is a free gift – something we don't deserve. And this short Halloween tract introduces children to the greatest 'treat' of all, God's own Son, Jesus. The tract is based on John 8:12, where Jesus tells us that He is 'the Light of the world'. It helps children to understand why Halloween isn't 'harmless fun', and that there's no need to be afraid because Jesus beat the devil.

The Wisdom of Jesus – Meditations on the Gospels in Words and Paintings

by Tom Wright, Lion Books, £13.99

For 2000 years, people have returned to the words of Jesus for wisdom, comfort, challenge, and hope. His teachings continue to shape lives, cultures, and communities across the world.



Here the renowned theologian, Tom Wright, brings together some of Christ's most profound and memorable sayings, offering insightful commentary that reveals their enduring depth, beauty and relevance for modern life. From happiness and prayer to love, God, and the meaning of true wisdom, these teachings invite readers to see the world – and themselves – in a new light.

Day with a Difference

Join us for fun activities, chat,
and a lunch of sup and a roll. All free.

Wednesday 28th October, open from 10:00am - 3:00pm
all welcome, come & go as you need
children welcome with carers

St Winfred's Church Hall
Manor Road, Chigwell

Operation Christmas Child is a global hands-on project run by the international relief organization **Samaritan's Purse** that delivers shoeboxes filled with toys, school supplies, and hygiene items to children in need worldwide. Millions of individuals and groups pack these boxes for children affected by poverty, war, disease, and natural disasters in more than 175 countries and territories.



Along with the physical gifts, the initiative partners with local churches globally to share the message of the Christian gospel and offer an optional 12-lesson discipleship program called "The Greatest Journey" to the recipients.

Look out for information in church, collection week
9th – 16th November.



ST WIN'S CHRISTMAS FAIR

SAT 21st
NOVEMBER 2026
FROM 11AM - 2PM

Festive Stalls • Santa's Grotto • Food • Games
ST WINIFRED'S CHURCH, 115 MANOR ROAD, CHIGWELL, IG7 5PS



GIVE A REAL ADVENT CALENDAR

THE REAL ADVENT CALENDAR



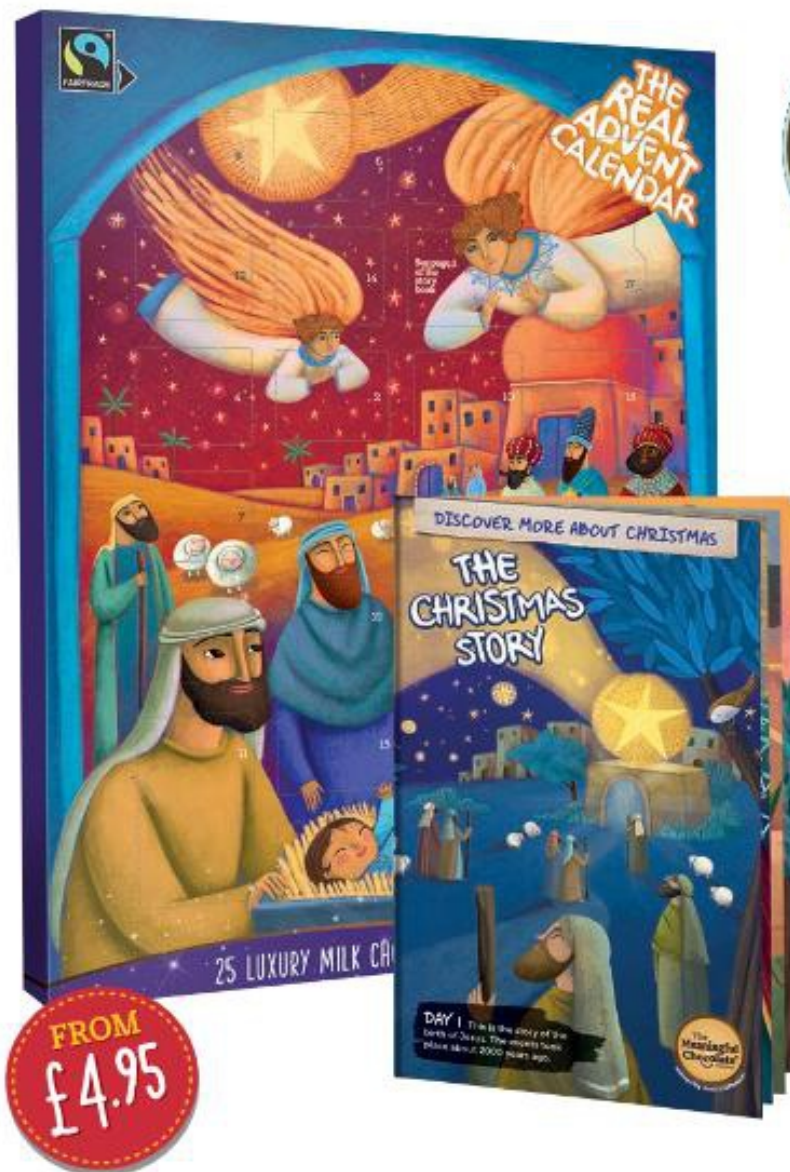
"..A GREAT IDEA."
Alan Titchmarsh

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- A chocolate for each day
- Charitable donation
- Packed in hygienic wrap
- Recyclable box & tray



WHAT IS A REAL ADVENT CALENDAR?

The Real Advent Calendar was created in 2013 in response to surveys which revealed that 36% of 5-7 year olds did not know whose birthday was celebrated at Christmas.

To help spread the Christmas story the Real Advent Calendar has a line of the Christmas story behind each of the doors and a corresponding page in the Christmas story-activity book which expands the story.

Kids love the Fairtrade chocolate and they love the book. Parents enjoy reading it with their kids and learning more about the Christmas story and traditions.

Where to Buy

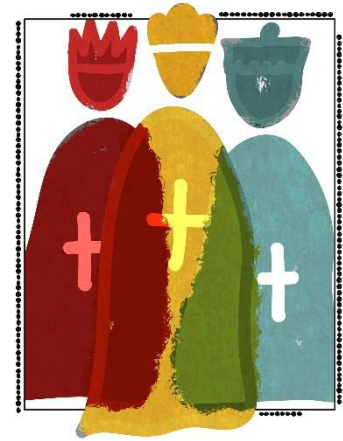
The calendar is not available in supermarkets so please order direct from our website.

WWW.REALADVENT.CO.UK

Also available from church, sign up form at the back.

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Holy Days: 24th October: Felix of Thibiuca - the man who would not give up his Bible



Do you value your Bible? If so, Felix of Thibiuca (247 – 303) is a good patron saint for you. The year was 303, and Diocletian was emperor in Rome. In February of that year he decided that Christians were NOT a good thing. So he issued an edict: all copies of the Christian Scriptures and all liturgical books were to be surrendered and burnt. Diocletian had decided to ‘wind up’ this upstart religion.

The persecution began in Rome. By June of that year, the edict had reached North Africa, and Thibiuca, where Felix was bishop. Felix was arrested and interrogated. Yes, he said, he did have a copy of the Scriptures. No, he said, he would not hand them over.

Felix was a highly respected bishop, and even the authorities were loath to take immediate action against him. So they gave him three days grace to see sense, and back down. But Felix prayed and became only more certain that this was a conflict between the commandments of God and the commandments of men.

At the end of the three days Felix was referred to the proconsul. He still refused to hand over his Scriptures. His last words in public were memorable “God, I thank you. I have passed 56 years in this world. I have preserved my chastity; I have observed the Gospels; I have preached the faith and the truth. Lord God of heaven and earth, Jesus Christ, I bend my neck as a sacrifice for you, who abides for ever.” He was condemned to be beheaded at Carthage, and became one of the first martyrs to die under Diocletian.



Needless to say, Diocletian did not succeed in destroying the Scriptures. Today there are hundreds of millions of copies around the world, and this month, Sunday, 25th October, Christians will thank God for the Scriptures when they celebrate **Bible Sunday**.

Government consultation on weddings proposes greater flexibility and cheaper options

Couples will soon be able to marry almost anywhere, including forests, beaches, cruise ships at sea, canal boats, and at home, under Government proposals that “shift the focus from bricks and mortar to people and promises”.



The Ministry of Justice (MoJ) is to consult on plans to allow “authorised officiants” of any religion or belief to conduct weddings, in what are being described as the most radical changes to marriage law in England and Wales since the 19th century.

The Government says, however, that the “permanence” of marriage will be strengthened by enabling more questioning of candidates before their weddings.

“To protect against forced, predatory and sham marriages, couples must complete a two-stage process, including in-person interview, to verify their identity and demonstrate eligibility to marry.”

Anglican banns of marriage would continue “as an important part of the established Church”, the document says.

It continues: “The Government agrees with the Law Commission’s recommendation that Anglican weddings should continue to be conducted as they are now. It recognises the unique role of the Church of England and the Church in Wales in relation to marriage and has no plans to alter . . . these roles.”

The MoJ says that the proposals will reduce costs. The average wedding in England costs more than £20,000 and venue hire alone typically costs around £6,000 - before any food.

About 470,000 people marry in England and Wales each year. Anglican weddings are generally required to take place in a church or chapel, although they can take place in a private home by special licence.

Tim Lenton looks back on the life of one of our favourite saints.

Remembering St Francis of Assisi

Eight hundred years ago, on 3rd October 1226, St Francis of Assisi, the Italian friar, deacon and mystic, died. One of the most venerated religious figures in Christianity, he founded the Franciscan Order.



He died at the age of about 44 of severe illness, including eye disease, malaria and exhaustion, possibly following a 40-day fast. He was declared a saint by Pope Gregory IX two years later.

Francis' father was a wealthy silk merchant, Pietro di Bernardone dei Moriconi, and his mother a noblewoman from Provence. He was one of seven children – called Francesco by his father, who was an enthusiast for France. At first, he behaved as a typical son of a wealthy merchant, but several things changed his attitude – one of which was his capture and imprisonment for nearly a year after fighting in a war against Perugia.

He also had visions and underwent a change in character leading him to a strong commitment to help the poor – an attitude which led to estrangement from his father, whom he eventually renounced.

He aligned himself strongly with the poor, on one occasion begging with them at St Peter's Basilica in Rome. He also spent times in lonely places, seeking divine illumination, and was said to have received the stigmata during an angelic vision.

Often pictured wearing a plain brown habit tied with a rope of three knots, symbolising poverty, chastity and obedience, St Francis is one of the most honoured people in Christianity. He is a joint patron saint of Italy with Catherine of Siena, and in 2013 Archbishop Bergoglio of Argentina chose the papal name of Francis in his honour, becoming Pope Francis.

Many pilgrimage routes lead to the tomb of St Francis in Assisi, and he is honoured by many churches, including Lutherans and Anglicans.

Tim Lenton considers a much-loved bear...

100 years of Winnie-the-Pooh

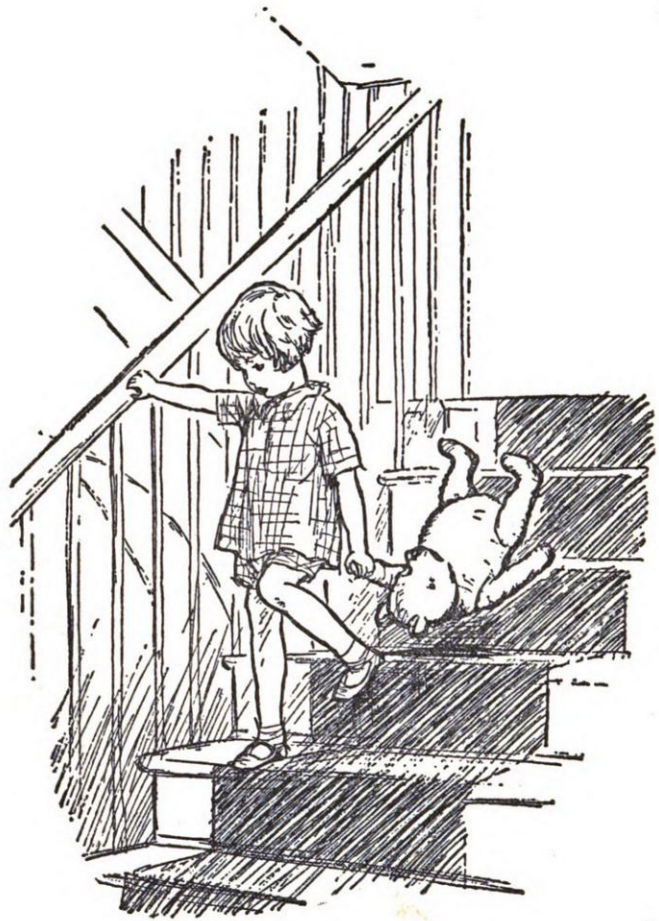
One hundred years ago, on 14th October 1926, the children's book *Winnie-the-Pooh*, by A A Milne, was published.

It was set in the Hundred Acre Wood, an innocent world described as “largely Edenic” but based on Ashdown Forest in East Sussex, which the Milne family often explored from their home in nearby Hartfield. It came about through the encouragement of E H Shepard, Milne's colleague on the humorous magazine *Punch*, who provided the beguiling illustrations.

Alan Alexander Milne was firstly a playwright and occasional mystery story writer who, again with Shepard, wrote the book of children's verse *When We Were Very Young*, which contained the seeds of *Winnie-the-Pooh* and its sequel, *The House on Pooh Corner*, all of which proved extremely popular.

It was apparently during a family visit to London Zoo, where Christopher Robin encountered a tame bear called Winnipeg, that the book was conceived. Winnie's literary friends, such as Piglet and Eeyore, were originally toys of the real Christopher Robin.

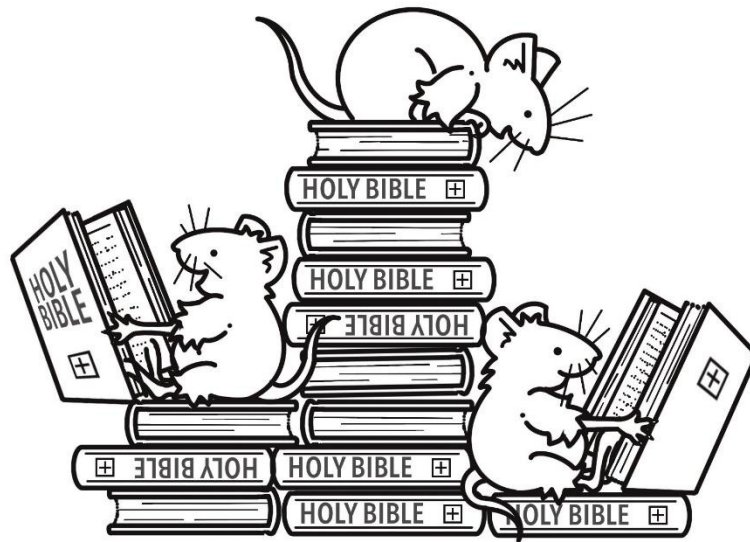
Sadly, the book eventually had an adverse effect on the Milne family. The author said that he felt “amazement and disgust” at the fame his son had had thrust upon him: “I do not want C R Milne to ever wish that his name was Charles Robert.” Nevertheless, the son did become estranged from his parents, especially following his marriage to his mother's niece.



The effect of the book on others has been happier. A plaque at Ashdown Forest declares that Milne and Shepard “captured the magic of Ashdown Forest and gave it to the world”.

Despite creating a kind of Eden, Milne, who was a pacifist, said little about religion. But he did say on joining the Home Guard that “in fighting Hitler we are truly fighting the Devil, the Anti-Christ ... Hitler was a crusader against God.”

The four Winnie-the-Pooh books went on to sell more than 50 million copies worldwide. The first book became the first-ever foreign-language book on the *New York Times* bestseller list.



Prayer of trust in God’s Word.

Father,

Thank you for your written Word to us in the Bible, inspired and interpreted by your Holy Spirit. Thank you that from beginning to end it reveals Jesus, the living Word, sent by you to rescue us from the mess of selfishness and disobedience. May we treasure your revelation to us and allow you to guide us by it through the confusion and pain of this world, confident that your Word is unchanging and powerful and trustworthy.

In Jesus’ name, Amen.

by Daphne Kitching

Sunday Services & Readings for October



Sunday 27th September 17th Sunday after Trinity	Philippians 2:1-13 Matthew 21:23-32
All Saints': St Mary's: St Winifred's:	10:00 Baptism & Confirmation Service 10:30 Joint Morning Worship 11:15 Holy Communion
Sunday 4th October Harvest	Deuteronomy 8:7-18 Luke 12:16-30
St Mary's: All Saints': St Mary's: St Winifred's:	9:15 Holy Communion BCP 10:00 All Age Holy Communion 10:45 All Age Morning Worship 11:15 All Age Morning Worship
Sunday 11th October 19th Sunday after Trinity	Philippians 4:1-9 Matthew 22:1-14
St Mary's: All Saints': St Mary's: St Winifred's:	9:15 Holy Communion BCP 10:00 Morning Worship 10:45 Holy Communion 11:15 Holy Communion
Sunday 18th October Luke the Evangelist	Isaiah 35:3-6 Luke 10:1-9
St Mary's: All Saints': St Mary's: St Winifred's:	9:15 Holy Communion 10:00 Holy Communion 10:45 Morning Worship 11:15 Morning Worship
Sunday 25th October Bible Sunday	Nehemiah 8:1-12 Matthew 24:30-35
St Mary's: All Saints': St Mary's: St Winifred's:	9:15 Matins 10:00 Morning Worship & Baptism 10:45 Morning Worship 11:15 Holy Communion
Sunday 1st November All Saints' Day	Revelation 7:9-17, 1 John 3:1-3 Matthew 5:1-12
St Mary's: All Saints': St Mary's: St Winifred's: St Mary's, St Winifred's: All Saints':	9:15 Holy Communion BCP 10:00 All Age Holy Communion 10:45 All Age Morning Worship 11:15 All Age Morning Worship 3:00pm 'In Loving Memory' 3:30pm 'In Loving Memory'



*An opportunity to remember those
whom we have loved and lost...*

*Sunday 1st November
3:00pm St Mary's, St Winifred's
3:30pm All Saints'*

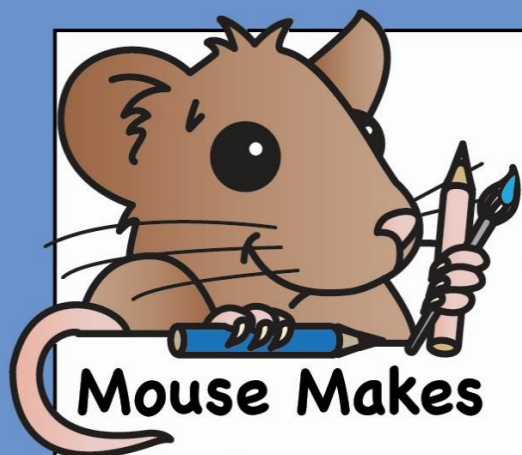
Parish Diary

Keep up to date with the Parish Calendar on GCal: bit.ly/3H5LXS7



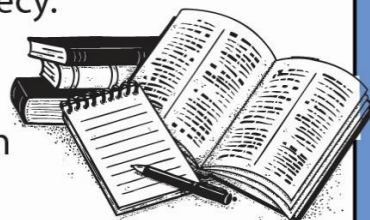
Date	Time	Event	Venue
Mondays	8:00pm	Hour of Prayer (except bank holidays & circulates around the parish)	
Tuesdays	9:00am	Morning Prayer	St Win's Church
Wednesdays	9:00am	Morning Prayer	St Mary's Church
	6:00pm (open 5:30)	Rest & Refresh	All Saints' House
Thursdays	9:00am	Morning Prayer	All Saints' House
	9:00am	Women's Group (except 28 th)	Limes Centre
	10:30am	'Open House'	St Mary's Church

Thursday 1 st Oct	9:45am	Hour of Cleaning	All Saints' Church
Sunday 4 th	12:30pm	Parish Lunch	St Mary's Churchrooms
Monday 5 th	8:00pm	Hour of Prayer	All Saints' Vicarage
Wednesday 7 th	7:30pm	Autumn Course	Zoom
Thursday 8 th	7:00pm	The Thursday Club	Cindy's home
Sunday 11 th	After ch.	Gardening & Lunch	St Winifred's Church
Monday 12 th	8:00pm	Hour of Prayer	St Mary's
Wednesday 14 th	7:30pm	Autumn Course	Zoom
Thursday 15 th	9:15am	Parish Holy Communion	All Saints' House
	7:30pm	Deanery Synod	St Mary's Church
Saturday 17 th	8:00am	Men's Breakfast	All Saints' House
Monday 19 th	8:00pm	Hour of Prayer	St Winifred's Church
Tuesday 20 th	2:30pm	Time 4 Tea	All Saints' House
	7:30pm	St Mary's DCC	St Mary's Churchrooms
Wednesday 21 st	7:30pm	Autumn Course	Zoom
Thursday 22 nd	7:30pm	St Winifred's DCC	St Winifred's Church
Monday 26 th	8:00pm	Hour of Prayer	All Saints' Vicarage
Tuesday 27 th	2:00pm	Time 4 God	All Saints' House
	7:45pm	All Saints' DCC	All Saints' House
Wednesday 28 th	10:00am	Day with a Difference	St Winifred's Hall
	7:30pm	Autumn Course	Zoom
Sunday 1 st Nov	3:00pm	'In Loving Memory'	St Mary's, St Winifred's
	3:30pm		All Saints' Church



The **Bible** is a collection of books, written by many different people who were helped and inspired by God. The **Bible** includes books of history, law, poetry and songs, wisdom, testimony, letters and prophecy.

The **Bible** encourages us, corrects us and teaches us about God and how we can be friends with Him.



2. Which book of the Bible has the shortest title?

1. How many books are there in the New Testament?

3. The Word of God is sharper than a two edged

Hebrews 4:12



B I B L E S U N D A Y

4. He was an Old Testament prophet that has a book named after him.

5. The first book of the Bible.

6. God's word is like?

A _____ and a _____
Psalm 119:105



8. The last book in the Bible.

9. The Old Testament book of poetry and songs.

11. The last book in the Old Testament.

10. Who wrote the third book of the New Testament?

7. What are the first four books of the New Testament known as?

12. Which book tells the story of the spread of Christianity?

13. The Bible is also known as the

14. A book of the Bible named after a woman



of God.
Hebrews 4:12



23rd Psalm for the workplace

The Lord is my real boss and I shall not want.
He gives me peace, when chaos is all around me.
He gently reminds me to pray before I speak and to do all things
without murmuring and complaining.

He reminds me that He is my Source and not my job.
He restores my sanity every day and guides my decisions that I
might honour Him in everything I do.

Even though I face absurd amounts of emails, system crashes,
unrealistic deadlines, budget cutbacks, gossiping co-workers,
discriminating supervisors, and an ageing body that doesn't
co-operate every morning,
I will not stop -- for He is with me!

His presence, His peace, and His power will see me through.
He raises me up, even when they fail to promote me.
He claims me as His own, even when the company threatens to
let me go.

His faithfulness and love are better than any bonus cheque.
His retirement plan beats every pension scheme there is.
When it's all said and done, I'll be working for Him a whole lot
longer and for that, I bless His Name.





Andy & Caroline's Travels down Dorset way...

Monday 24th August – After three hours on the road, we arrived at Christchurch for a break before continuing to Chesil Beach Holiday Park near Weymouth.

Christchurch is a beautiful place with an amazing priory that is one of the oldest in England. Construction began in 1094, and the bells were cast in 1370! There is an eye-catching harbour and a ducking stool, which was used to test whether someone was a witch! There is an old monastery too.

Our chalet had a balcony that looked out over the sea. We panicked at first, as there was a room with children's bunk beds! Thankfully, there was another room with a double bed! Our daughter Mel sent a photo of her staying here with our granddaughter Macy (then aged 3) and Andy's late mother, Joan; that was upsetting for Andy.

As the holiday went on, we revisited the places where we had spent time with her and recalled other family memories.

Tuesday 25th – We walked the Rodwell Trail, 2½ miles, to Weymouth along the old railway line. I saw a robin on the way, and it felt as though Joan was on the walk with us. She loved robins. We found a nice café by the sea, where we watched the children having donkey rides. There were swans on the river too.



Later, there was going to be a Punch and Judy show, which brought back memories of past holidays. Weymouth had a lovely old pub called 'The Black Dog', which dates back to the 16th century. We walked to the harbour and saw the dinghy we used to cross in. It made us laugh because it was so small and didn't look very safe. We caught

the partially open-top double-decker bus back and decided to stay on to go to Portland.

There is a castle, a lighthouse and the Olympic Rings Stone Sculpture – some of the water sports were held here in 2012. In the evening, we went to the local clubhouse to see a magician. Just as he got to the finale, the smoke detectors went off.



Apparently, it had happened for the third time that week and was probably caused by someone smoking in the toilet rather than by the smoke effects used in the act, which would have been rehearsed. I don't think anyone went back in afterwards.

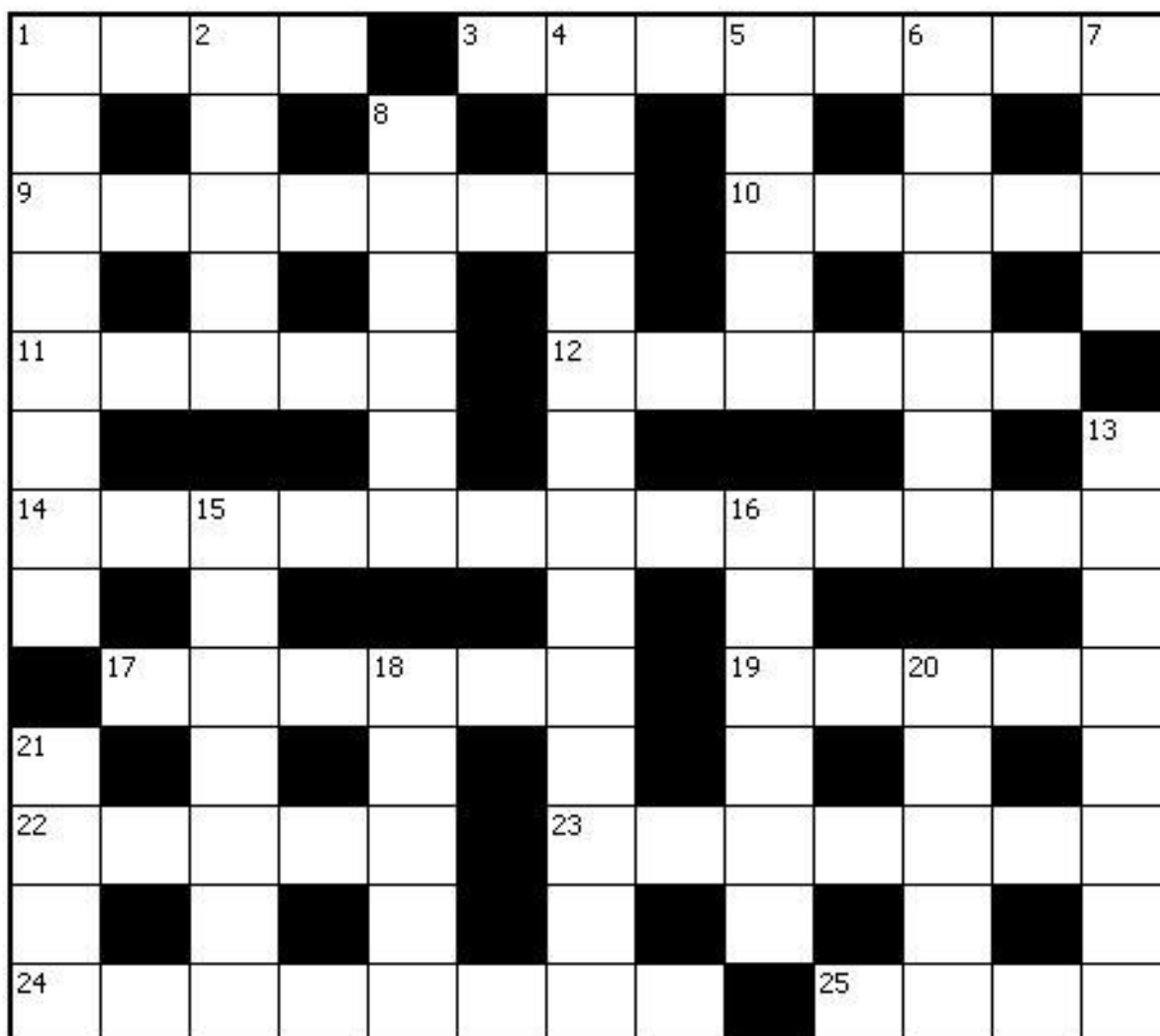
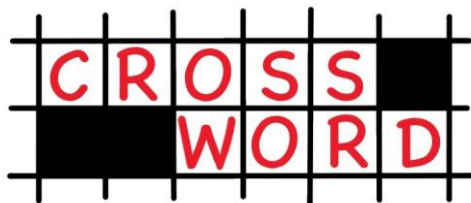
Wednesday 26th – We walked the coastal path (Portland Common) and visited the small castle there. A robin was in the garden as we had ice creams afterwards. We saw a cruise ship that was going to Ireland. On the walk back, we stopped at the RSPB Reserve Centre, where you can see many different species of birds; it is the biggest in England.

Thursday 27th – We walked up to Portland to do the Legacy Trail and covered the quarries (2 miles), as well as part of the Weares and Church Ope Cove. It was fascinating to see carvings of dogs, people, rabbits, etc. in the stone, as well as workers in the quarry. Some of the stone is still used to build houses in the area.

We saw part of the coastal walk that Andy did 12 years ago with Tony (his brother), but he wasn't able to do it this time as it was too steep and too long a walk. We stopped off at the Pulpit Inn for lunch, which had lovely views of the sea. I was trying to beat Andy at the card game 'Crib'. He had beaten me three times so far, but I'm not competitive at all...

Friday 28th – We left at 9:30 a.m. and, after a short rest stop, arrived home at 2:00 p.m. On the way home, we saw loads of thatched houses as the satnav happily directed us. We also saw Windsor Castle from the M4. I was most looking forward to having a bath, as the chalet only had a shower, and to catching up with the family.

Caroline Lambell



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)



**"O magnify the LORD with me,
and let us ----- his name together."**

Psalm 34:3

WORDSEARCH – St Luke

To St Luke, whose feast-day is 18th October, we owe a beautifully written gospel as well as the Book of Acts. He was a Greek physician and faithful travelling companion to St Paul. Under house arrest near the end of his life Paul noted, 'only Luke is with me'. Luke's gospel focuses on the compassion of Christ, and offers us moving parables, such as the Good Samaritan and Prodigal Son. Women figure more prominently in Luke's gospel than in any other: look out for the extended story of the Virgin Birth, and stories of Mary, Elizabeth, and the woman who was a sinner. His gospel also features more poor people, more lepers, more 'sinners', who are all shown to be 'inside' the love of Christ. In Acts, Luke skilfully links sacred and profane history, as subsequent archaeology has shown. He tells of how the early Christians moved away from Jerusalem into the pagan world, and especially on to Rome.

Words to search for:

Luke	feast	day	written
gospel	Acts	Greek	physician
travelling	faithful	Paul	compassion
parables	prodigal	son	good
Samaritan	women	poor	lepers
sinners	Jerusalem	pagan	Rome
early	Christians		

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A short story from the Bible

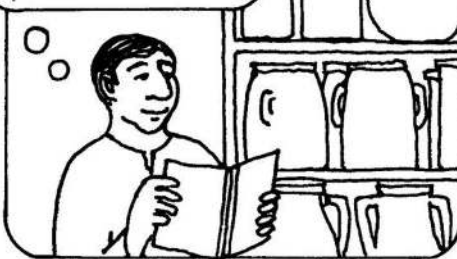
It can be read in the Bible in
Matthew 24:44-51, Luke 12:40-46

Jesus warned his disciples to be always
ready for his return at the end of time
by telling the story of two servants

The good servant



My master could be away
a long time; I will work as
if he was here.



When the servants came
for their food, he had it
ready



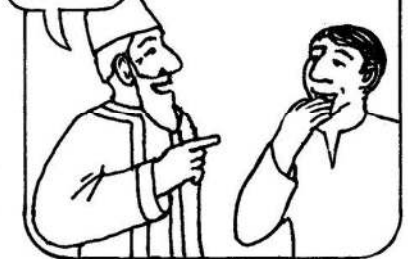
He made sure everyone
got their full amount.
every day



Then his master came back



I am putting you in
charge of everything I
have



The bad servant



My master could be away
a long time; I can do what
I want!



When the servants came
for their food, he chased
them away!



He had friends come
round, and they ate and
drank as much as they
liked.



Then his master came back



Jesus said

This is the
difference
between
those who
follow me and those
who only say they do.



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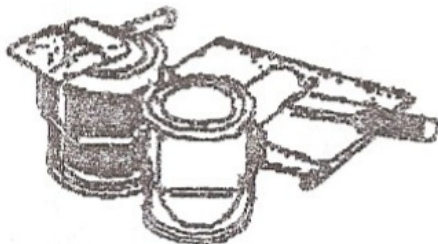
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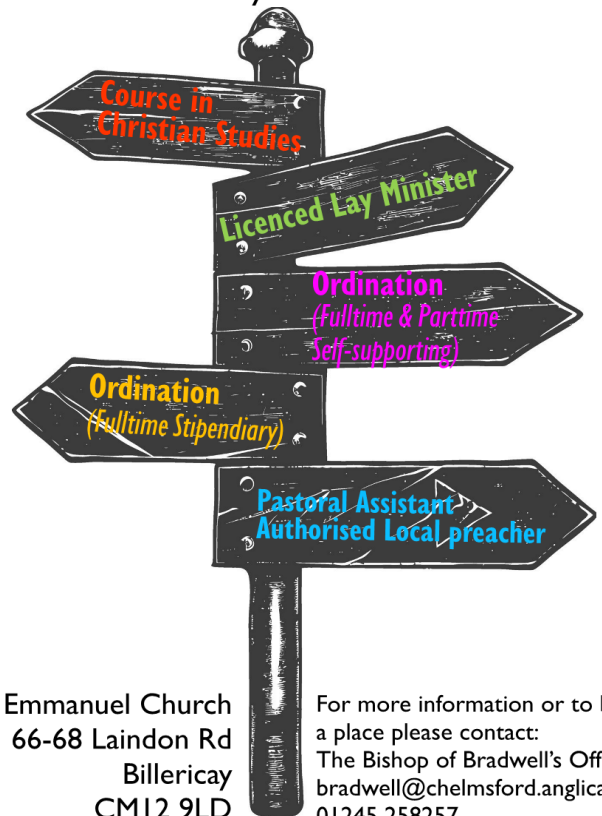


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Our new curate was very eager to please. When I asked if I could have a church service when I eventually die, he responded with enthusiasm. "Of course," he said, grabbing his date book. "What day do you want?"

Shampoo

Why didn't I realise this sooner? It's the shampoo I use in the shower that is my problem. When I wash my hair, the shampoo runs down my whole body and printed very clearly on the shampoo label is this warning: 'FOR EXTRA VOLUME AND BODY.' No wonder I have been gaining weight.



"Wait a moment, dear, this isn't a tourists'-attraction ratings guide, it's a Health and Safety warning!"

Genesis for Cats

On the first day of Creation, God created the cat.

On the second day, God created man to serve the cat.

On the third day, God created all the animals of the earth to serve as food for the cat.

On the fourth day, God created honest toil so that man could labour for the good of the cat.

On the fifth day, God created expensive furniture so that the cat would have objects whereon to sharpen its claws.

On the sixth day, God created veterinary science to keep the cat healthy and the man broke.

On the seventh day, God tried to rest, but the litterbox needed changing.

Others

If it's true that we are here to help others, then what exactly are the others here for?

Sides

It was my wedding day, and no one was happier than my mother. But as she approached the church doors, an usher asked, "Which side are you on?" "Oh, no," she said, dismayed. "Are they fighting already?"

Scammer

I got a call from a scammer who said, "I've got all of your passwords." I said, "Great. What are they? I'll grab a pen."

Answers



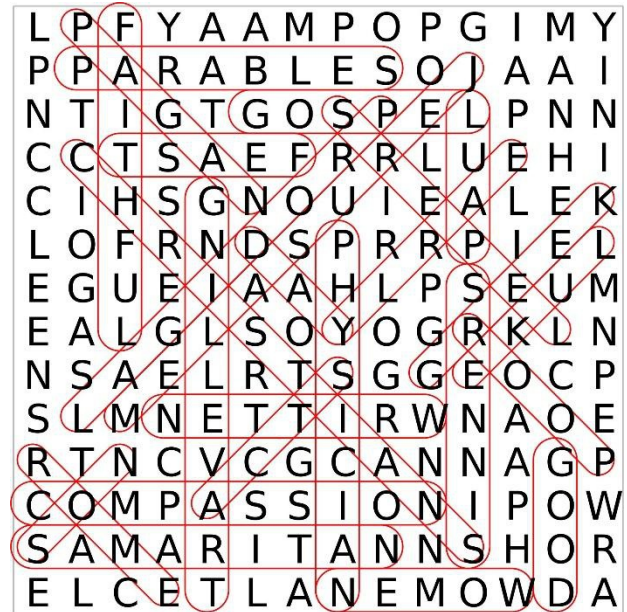
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ACROSS

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



...I take it our local supermarket has a rather good
offer on tinned peas at the moment!

Churches Together in the Woods

All Age Family Service

Sunday 4th October, 4:00pm
at the Lambourne Centre for Outdoor Learning RM4 1NB



The Benefice Autumn Course on Zoom

Where is the world heading? Sometimes it feels that we are just caught up in a whirlpool. Each October, we try to think through where we are as we join together for our Autumn Course, each Wednesday in October, 7:30pm.

Zoom code will be available from the Parish Office.

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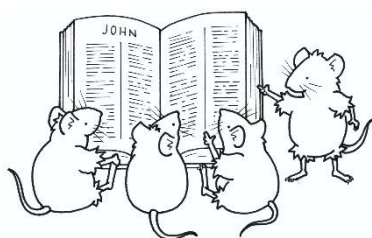
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