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THOUGHTS AT HARVEST TIME...

October 4th is the Feast of St Francis, also marking the end of Creationtide. I've often thought that we lose something by not linking our Harvest festivals with those five weeks of late summer reflection. Throughout Creationtide, churches of many denominations reaffirm that God's bountiful planet is not ours to pollute and plunder. We're invited to take in earth's rare beauty and balance; to reconsider good stewardship; and to acknowledge the impact of climate change, particularly on those who live most simply.

How often, I wonder, do we hear the global south mentioned in our 'Prayers for the Church and the World'? People living in the poorest conditions have so little, yet experience the worst impacts of disaster. Closer to home, it's often local farmers who face unpredictable weather patterns and resulting hardship.

Recently, we saw large scale devastation in Nepal due to high altitude glacial collapse. Other places experience ecological and societal breakdown due to war and doing what is right is seldom easy. Not so long ago I met Brazilian ordinands online - people who had risked life and limb protecting rain forests. Worldly folk go for quick profit over sustainability while prophetic voices meet hostility.

With Pope Leo, people of goodwill can only grieve and yet find hope and purpose in Jesus' teaching. Pope Leo quotes John 10:10: "*Our Lord Jesus Christ came so that we might have life and have it in abundance*". Therefore, let's start where we can. Every shift of perspective and each small action counts. In every neighbourhood, hamlet and village, we are called to build networks of loving kindness and strong mutual respect. We might cheerfully give what we have in service of neighbour, continuing to be Jesus' hands, feet, ears and lips. Standing together, as God's people, we are so much stronger. We support one another in the good times and the bad.

I give the last words to Pope Leo (do look up his letter in the list of links at the end of this letter, as well as the websites '*Green Christian*', and the Church of England resources): "*Dear brothers and sisters, the path before us is clear, though it is not easy. We are called to allow our hearts to be renewed, so that we might seek peace and care for*

SERVICES IN THE DEANERY IN OCTOBER 2026

4th October: 18th Sunday after Trinity (Proper 22) St Francis

Readings: Isaiah 5:1-7; Philippians 3: 4b-14; Matthew 21: 33-end

- 8.30am Holy Communion (BCP) at Wark
 - 9.00am Holy Communion at Bellingham
 - 9.30am Holy Communion for Harvest at Birtley
 - 10.30am MURC Service at Wark
 - 11.00am Holy Communion for Harvest at Otterburn
 - 11.00am Holy Communion at Simonburn
 - 11.00am Service of the Word at Falstone
 - 3.00pm Service of Blessing of Animals at Byrness
 - 4.00pm Holy Communion at Bingfield
 - 5.00pm Holy Communion at Corsenside
- (No Refresh at Humshaugh)

11th October: 19th Sunday after Trinity (Proper 23)

Readings: Isaiah 25: 1-9; Philippians 4: 1-9; Matthew 22: 1-14

- 9.00am Holy Communion at Thockrington
- 9.00am Holy Communion at Thorneyburn
- 10.00am Service of the Word at Chollerton
- 11.15am Holy Communion at Elsdon
- 11.00am Holy Communion at Wall
- 6.00pm Holy Communion for Harvest at Wark
- 6.00pm Evensong at Bellingham

18th October: St Luke (Proper 24)

Readings: Isaiah 35:3-6; 2 Timothy 4: 5-17; Luke 10: 1-9

- 9.00am Holy Communion at Gunnerton

- 10.00am Service of the Word at Birtley
- 10.00am Service of the Word at Bellingham (Harvest)
- 10.30am MURC at Wark
- 11.00am Holy Communion at Falstone
- 11.00am Holy Communion for Harvest at Humshaugh
- 11.00am Service of the Word at Otterburn
- 11.00am Harvest Holy Communion at Heavenfield
- 3.00pm Holy Communion at Horsley
- 6.00pm Taize Service at Simonburn

25th October: Last Sunday after Trinity (Proper 25) *CLOCKS BACK*

Readings : Leviticus 19: 1-2; 15-18; 1 Thessalonians 2: 1-8; Matthew 22; 34-end

- 9.30am Deanery Zoom
- 11.00am Holy Communion at Bellingham BCP
- 11.00am Holy Communion at Chollerton
- 11.00am Service of the Word at Wall
- 11.15am Service of the Word at Elsdon
- 3.00pm Holy Communion at Byrness
- 6.00pm Evensong at Humshaugh
- 6.00pm Evening Service at Thorneyburn
- 6.00pm Service of the Word at Wark

Readings for Harvest:

Deuteronomy 8.7-18 or Deuteronomy 28.1-14:

Psalm 65; 2 Corinthians 9.6-15

Luke 12.16-30 or Luke 17.11-19

creation. Scripture tells us to guard our hearts, for everything we do flows from them.”

<https://greenchristian.org.uk/introduction/action/food-and-green-christian/>The above link takes you to ‘Use your loaf’, which offers ideas for do-able, common sense ways of sharing and eating in community.

For the full text of Pope Leo’s message see: <https://www.vatican.va/content/leo-xiv/en/messages/creation/documents/20260815-messaggio-giornata-curacreato.html>

Also see: <https://www.churchofengland.org/about/environment-and-climate-change/creationtide/creationtide-resources>

Roberta

NOTICEBOARD



FALSTONE COFFEE MORNINGS: Future Coffee morning dates for your diary, are listed below and all start at 10.30am in Falstone Village Hall

In September, the coffee morning was held to raise donations and coincide with the Great North Air Ambulance Service (GNAAS) collection. We were delighted to hear that previous collections of clothing etc.

had “*raised £65,000 for the GNAAS in the previous twelve months; this is actual cash that helps the Service’s life-saving work. The two Redesdale and North Tyne collections in September 2025 and March 2026 raised 7% of the total*”.

In addition, donations from Falstone coffee mornings raised £608 in March 2026 and £305 in September 2026 for the GNAAS - a fantastic effort and shows amazing local support for the GNAAS.

Future Coffee morning dates:

- **October 20th** - in aid of Chrysalis Club, Hexham – who rely on donations to continue to provide excellent services and support for people living with dementia and their families. They are currently

seeking funding to their “brick at a time” campaign to raise funds for a new building to secure their services for the future.

- **November 17th** - in aid of Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal
- **December** - Christmas party. Watch out for the date in the next MotW magazine.

Coach Trip to Durham, 29th September 2026: We have a full coach, thank you for your support. Please could you pay your £5 for the coach trip asap. We will depart Falstone at 9am, Tasset at 9.05am, Bellingham at 9.15am and Wark at 9.30am.

From Marie, Diane, Andy, Christine and the Falstone coffee morning team xx

CONFIRMATION SERVICE 2026: A reminder that next month, there will be a Deanery Confirmation Service on the afternoon of Advent Sunday, 29th November 2026 in St Mungo's, Simonburn. Bishop Mark is due to come to be with us that day. If you or someone you know would like to explore Confirmation, please do get in touch with Reverend Canon Sarah Lunn (sarahlunn63@gmail.com). We already have some young people and some adults, so you would not be alone! Children must be aged 10 years by the date of the Service. Once we know who might be interested, we will arrange some preparation!

REMEMBRANCETIDE AND REMEMBERING 2026: As we come to the end of October, we move into the time of year where we remember. We remember those who have died at any time, and especially those who have died in times of War and Conflict. We also remember all those whom we have loved and lost at any time, and there will be services to remember, by name, those whom we miss.

There will be a discussion Group entitled ‘Grave Talk’ on 29th October at 3.00pm in Gunnerton church where there will be a cuppa and cake, and a chance to think about questions around life and death in a friendly and supportive yet informal way. All are welcome!
From Sarah Lunn

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COFFEE MORNING

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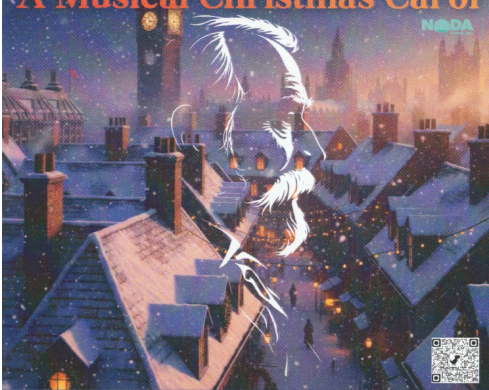
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A MUSICAL CHRISTMAS CAROL AT PONTELAND: The Ponteland Repertory Society will be presenting its Christmas production in November this year, to start the festivities in good style (see poster on previous page).

You can book online via their website (www.pontelandrep.co.uk) or for group bookings please contact boxoffice@pontelandrep.co.uk.

They are a large, friendly group, and would also welcome new members, so if anyone would like to find out about what they do, or just to go along to a rehearsal and meet their members and see what happens, you are welcome to



email David: enquiries@pontelandrep.co.uk. The photo above is from one of their recent productions.

FIRST THURSDAY FILMS AT TARSET VILLAGE HALL: A message from John Holland: *Autumn feels like it has arrived and the nights are drawing in, which can mean only one thing: the return of First Thursday Films to Tarset Village Hall. We will kick off the season on Thursday 1st October, with 'Distant Voices, Still Lives', a 1988 British period drama written and directed by Terence Davies. It evokes working-class family life in Liverpool during the 1940s and 1950s, paying particular attention to the role of popular music, Hollywood cinema and the local pub in a tight-knit community. A 2011 poll by Time Out of the 100 greatest British films of all time ranked the film third, and it is seen now as one of the best films ever made. It has been described as "Britain's forgotten cinematic masterpieces."*

As usual the doors and bar open at 7pm, and the film will start at 7.30pm.

GOD'S WORLD, OUR WORLD

Eco-church

Congratulations to St Cuthbert's Bellingham who have recently gained the Silver Eco-church award. If you are interested in knowing more about Arocha's Eco-church scheme then do check out <https://ecochurch.arocha.org.uk/> or get in touch with Cathy Smith.

Tu-wit-tu-woo!

The Tawny Owl is probably our most familiar owl; children grow up learning that tawny owls say 'tu-wit-tu-woo' although this is not the call of one bird. The familiar call is a duet between the female who starts with the harsh 'kee-vik' (which we interpret as 'tu-wit'), which is then followed by the male with the deeper 'woo-hoooo' (the 'tu-woo part).

At this time of year you may hear a lot of owl calls as the young are noisily driven from their natal territory by their parents.

Each existing territory they pass through will elicit much calling, shrieking and hooting. This is a dangerous time for the young owls and many will die, driven from hunting grounds by resident birds before they reach their first year. Once they do find a suitable territory, which is likely to be only a few kilometres from their place of birth, they may remain in it all year round for the rest of their lives, making them one of our most sedentary birds.

Tawny owls are a bird of woodland, choosing to nest within chimney-like holes within large trees. As with many



woodland species, churchyards can be good places for them, containing a range of habitats full of food as well as trees for nesting.

So, listen out for the tawny owls and think of the two birds duetting each other.

With best wishes from Cathy Smith

NEWS FROM BYRNES AND HORSLEY

St. Francis continues to welcome hikers coming through on the Pennine Way and also the National Parks Black House Visitors, we had 20 on 5th September. The potted history we give the visitors always goes down well as we try and pepper it with interesting anecdotes (all true, honest). Our Clergy are working so hard to maintain the rota of services and we are truly thankful. Hopefully progress will be made going forward to attract a new member of the Clergy.

Byrness Village was without power (on and off) over two days while Powergrid ran tests on the Resilience Plant. This seemed to go well and we await news from Powergrid to say the system is a success. A couple of people worked on their laptops from the Village Hall, as while the power was out, the hall could still run on the batteries. We are so happy with the solar and battery installation. We also now have a very sturdy cooker (the induction hob was damaged by a user) with a gas hob and electric oven.

As this October is the 800th anniversary of the death of St. Francis, our "*Blessing of the Animals*" Service will be held on 4th October at 3pm (see poster). Bring your cat,

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS SERVICE

at St. Francis Church, Byrness
Sunday 4th October 2023 at 3pm



In celebration of the 800th Anniversary of the death of St. Francis we invite you to join us at 3pm for our annual service to bless the animals. Bring your pet or a photograph. Light refreshments at the church after the service. All very welcome.

dog, horse or whatever animals are important in your life for a blessing. If the animals themselves can't be there, feel free to bring a photo. It is usually a lovely fun service, and in the past we have actually had a goat, although the poor thing was so terrified it had to be taken outside.

At the Village Hall on 17th October at 3pm we are holding a craft fayre with afternoon tea, in aid of Breast Cancer Now Charity (see poster on page 4) All proceeds will go the Charity. We look forward to seeing you if you can manage to come up, I myself have had some wonderful help from this charity, and their resources of information and help are amazing.

On another note, the inspection of the records and assets by the Archdeacon takes place this week. Fingers crossed we've got everything in order!

With all best wishes from Barb, Byrness - 07860 671442

NEWS FROM HOLY TRINITY, HORSLEY: October brings the start of our autumn maintenance season at Holy Trinity, and we've already made good progress!

The cooler weather has highlighted a few jobs that need attention, so we've been working through checks on the heating, gutters, lighting, and general tidying around the building and churchyard. These small tasks make a big difference as we head towards the darker months.

Our next service will be on Sunday 18th October at 3pm, followed by tea and homemade cakes. The church has a wonderful harvest feel at the moment - warm colours, seasonal touches, and that gentle autumn atmosphere that suits Holy Trinity so well. It makes the service feel especially welcoming.

We're also beginning to look ahead to Christmas. Dates are still being planned, and we'll let everyone know as soon as they're confirmed, so people can get them in their diaries nice and early.

We look forward to seeing everyone, and your support continues to keep Holy Trinity moving well through the autumn season. Jill Thomas

NEWS FROM CORSENSIDE

The Breast Cancer tea afternoon at Corsenside village hall went off extremely well. A grand total of £415 was raised, which included a donation of £143 from the Topic Ladies from their raffle takings.



On Sunday 23rd August, the Friends of Corsenside met in the churchyard for an afternoon 'bring and share' picnic. It was a glorious sunny day and we shared food, poetry and banter. Thanks to Gwennie Fraser for the lovely photos of the picnic! It was so nice to see Jennifer Care and her husband, along with their baby, Aidan. Jennifer was instrumental in organising a scything course for the Revitalising Redesdale project. Last year, this was refreshed by a further course organised by Chris Woodcock, who took over much of Jennifer's role.



On Saturday 3rd October, there will be a Macmillan coffee morning between 10am and noon. Any donations for the tombola would be gratefully received and can be left at the village hall on Wednesdays between 12.30 and 1.30pm.

Also in the village hall, on Tuesday 6th October (between 10am and noon), there will be a demonstration of cooking in a slow cooker. All are welcome.

On Saturday 24th October, there will be a traditional evening of entertainment organised by Graham Dick. It will commence at 6.30pm and tickets will be available both from Graham and from West Woodburn village shop. The cost will be £10 per ticket.

Throughout the month of October, soup and sandwiches are available at the hall on Wednesdays between 12.30 and 1.30pm, with a suggested donation of £1. It is always a popular event!

Hoping you have an enjoyable autumn.

With all best wishes from Diana



NEWS FROM ELSDON

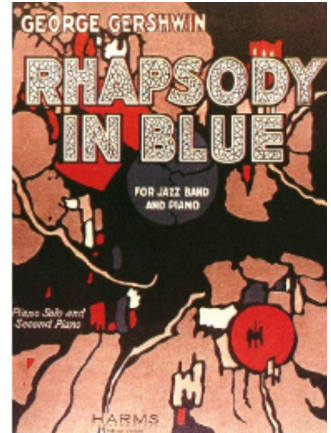
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Culture in a Cool Place



Don't miss these two
'Culture in a Cool Place'
events for October...

Thursday 1st October, 7pm-9pm: "Strike up the Band"

An illustrated talk on the lives, music and lyrics of George and Ira Gershwin, with musical interludes, by the always-entertaining Emma Anderson. The talk is both a history and an appreciation, including George's music, much of which the audience will recognise even if they don't know the composer. Ira was a brilliant, Pulitzer Prize-winning lyricist, who collaborated with his younger brother, George, to create some of the most memorable English-language songs of the 20th century.



Thursday 29th October, 7pm start: "The Blueprint"

An illustrated talk by Chris Woodcock, tracing the dramatic origins of photography and the quiet, revolutionary innovation made by a woman forgotten by history. The evening includes a live demonstration of the fascinating, almost magical process of cyanotype printing.



THE ELSDON FETE 2026: An excellent day was had by all at Elsdon Fete, with over £2400 raised.

With a bill for roof repairs of over £9000 now looming, this will most certainly be a huge help toward keeping our historic church open.

The weather smiled upon us and a great day was had by all. Many thanks to those who put in so much hard work to make the day a success and to those who generously gave prizes.

The medieval reenactors created a storyline based around Elsdon, and their energetic "battles" were well received by everyone who attended.

Visitors remarked how much they had enjoyed the fete, and it is always lovely to see people enjoying our village so much.

Glen Graham, Treasurer.

Photo credits for all three photos below: Wendy Anderson.



NEWS FROM FALSTONE

The leaves are changing colour and are starting to fall from the trees - there is already a carpet of them as you walk down the path to church. There is a chill in the air in the mornings now and I have worn my boots (not my vest yet I am pleased to say) so autumn is upon us.

The warm and sunny summer days are still within memory and one of those days was Falstone Border Shepherds Show, where we were so lucky with the weather. It was perfect conditions, not too hot, no midges, nothing blew away and there was no rain...tombola tickets and rain do not mix or the tickets quickly become papier-mâché!

We had lots of lovely volunteers this year for both the tombola stall and Rest and Reflection Space, so a happy rota was devised which allowed folk to explore the rest of the show field. We raised a whopping £600 for church funds so a BIG thank you to everyone who supported us



both in terms of donating prizes and volunteering.

The Rest and Reflection Space was used for just that, but also making pom poms/ God's Eye crafts and general chatter. The bubble making machine conked out, despite new batteries and soap, so we will purchase a new one for 2027 as the kids love chasing the bubbles.

In the afternoon, the space was used by the North East Ambulance service to assess a lady who had fainted in the industrial tent (it was very hot in there). She made a full recovery and was able to recuperate out of the sun. We were also able provide her with cool water to drink, and the ambulance crew were very grateful for the space. They even bought a few tombola tickets before they left.

A week later, the weather was also kind for Bellingham Show. St



Peter's lent their blow-up tent just in case of inclement weather but in fact, the open-sided gazebo sufficed. I spent time helping making pom poms again (at which I am expert now and even made some 'extreme pom poms' – ask me about them when you next see me). The children and adults did some wonderful painting and there was a great deal of interaction with the public - both locals and visitors. Rector Sarah brought her fibre glass life sized sheep (see photo) which seemed to anger lots of passing dogs who barked and growled at them!

In my view, it is important to ensure there is lively ecumenical church presence on Show days as this partnership working helps to sustain pastoral, spiritual and practical support for folk and they get to see and meet those who they can contact. Working together is vital in rural communities as it pools scarce resources, prevents burnout among volunteers and increases community impact where populations and full-time clergy are limited. During this time of vacancy, it is evermore important to work closely.

Cath Brennand (Church Warden at St Cuthbert's) and I certainly worked closely one Friday afternoon as we endeavoured to clear out the stable attic at Bellingham Rectory. It was very satisfying sorting stuff into piles...lots of piles. We had piles of plastic, cardboard, a recycling pile, stuff for the tip, wood /glass etc plus lots of mice and bat

droppings! It is a good job neither of us have arachnophobia, as there were some mighty BIG spiders' webs. We were absolutely fifthly afterwards, but had a great sense of achievement – see photo.

As I write my article, it has just flashed up on social media that it is only 101 days until Christmas!! I therefore feel vindicated (as the *Christmas* word has been mentioned) to let you know that St Peter's Christmas Fair is Saturday the 28rd of November from 2-4pm in Falstone village hall. We will have lots of local craft stalls, cakes, tombola, refreshments, crafts for the children and of course mulled wine. The competition this year for a Christmas decoration is '*Natural and Sustainable*', and both children and adults can enter.

Best wishes Jill Swaile Churchwarden and ALM

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NEWS FROM OTTERBURN

St John's Church Otterburn: We are having a Race Night in the Memorial Hall on 17th October at 7pm. It will be a joint fund raiser for the church and the Memorial Hall and more information will be published locally nearer the time.

We wish to encourage our villagers to come and support our Church by attending services, which are held at 11am on the first and third Sundays each month. You will be very welcome, and there is an old saying "use it or lose it". Please come along and help us not to lose it.

Meeting Running Costs at St John's: As with many local Churches, recent years have seen increasing costs at St John's, sadly combined with decreasing income, and for several years now total receipts have been less than total payments. Until now, the difference has been covered by reserves, but these are now used up, and we face a significant financial challenge going forward. The PCC has decided to invite all Otterburn residents and businesses to a meeting to discuss the way forward and, in particular, how the community can help should they wish to do so. There will be two meetings - one on Saturday 10

October at 4pm and the other on Wednesday 14 October at 7.30pm, both to be held at Otterburn Memorial Hall. Leaflets will be delivered to homes and businesses in Otterburn Parish around the end of September and beginning of October setting out the situation and inviting people to attend. Interested parties from the wider local area are welcome to attend if they wish. With best wishes from Moira.

NEWS FROM TARSET

Sorry I didn't manage a piece from Thorneyburn last month – even church wardens are allowed a holiday! However, I can report that at the end of August we had a wonderful St Aidan's Day and Benefice Communion with about 35 people there. It is so lovely to see the church full and welcome our neighbouring church congregations. Sadly, the weather didn't play and as we had thunderstorms during the service we opted for an indoor picnic. Sarah Lunn our Area Dean led us in a beautiful service and talked about St Aidan's legacy in Northumberland. Lizzie on the violin and Shona on the organ led us in our singing and Lizzie ended the service with some Irish music to honour St Aidan. Everyone enjoyed the tea and cakes and chat afterwards despite the boiler going on the blink, but everyone got their cuppa in the end. It was so busy and exciting I completely forgot to get photographs of the event!! I will try harder next time.

We have just had our communion service ably led by Rev Ian Kitchen which was swelled by friends and family he brought with him including their beautifully behaved dog. We are so grateful for him and enjoyed his sermon.

In other news: Greenhaugh School are organising a MacMillan coffee morning at the school on Friday 25th September at 10:30 so do try and support if you can. I have finally got around to organising a date for a belated and much asked for **Soup and Pudding Social**. This is to be held as usual at **Tarset Village Hall and is on Friday 9th October 12-2pm**. We would welcome soup or pud makers, helpers, raffle prizes and of course lots of people to come along and enjoy the delicious soup and pud.

Our Harvest Service will be on Sunday 25th October at 6pm and be followed by our traditional soup swap.

Now that, sadly, Rev Claire has left, having had a great send off and is now installed in her new Parish, we need to reassure everyone that while we are in vacancy, you can still get support from your church. Rev Sarah Lunn, along with retired clergy in the area, are organising a rota for communion services across all churches. I and other churchwardens are very grateful for that!

The non-communion services will be organised by Michael Nixon, our wonderful reader, or myself and other authorised lay ministry. If you have any questions or need, you can contact Sarah, details in the back of this Mag, or Michael Nixon nixonmd@outlook.com 01434 240426 or of course myself in the first instance.

It has suddenly seemed like the end of summer and the swallows are leaving but we are blessed with abundance and the Community Orchard is laden with apples so do come and pick some. I also have lots I have collected which are on my stall if you can't make it up to the orchard. I have also been picking wonderful mushrooms as well. I hope you're enjoying the fruits of the season too.

With all best wishes from Caroline Waitt, Churchwarden
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A BRIEF WORD FROM THE EDITOR

This month's amazing cover photo of St Aidan's (Thorneyburn) with the Milky Way behind it, was taken by landscape photographer Pete Alexander Bell (PixPete), and has been reproduced with his generous permission. He is a landscape photographer based in the North East, and his work covers both the incredible, classic beauty of the part of the country we live in and the stunning night skies we are so lucky to experience with minimal light pollution here - always assuming the said skies are not covered by clouds, that is. He has also visited a number of the churches and parishes covered in this magazine, and has recently visited St Cuthbert's in Corsenside.

The online version of the magazine shows the picture in full colour, and if you aren't already on the email distribution list for the online magazine, a pdf copy can be found on the 'aChurchNearYou' website at <https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/8272/news/notice-sheet/grid/> and you can see the full colour version of the cover photo there.

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