

THE BURBAGE & ASTON FLAMVILLE PARISH CHRONICLE



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These Services are held in Church subject to current guidelines. 8.00 am Communion will be held in Church. Please register with Christine Greenway who can be contacted by email: c.greenway945@btinternet.com.

MORNING PRAYER – Please do consider joining us for Morning Prayer via Zoom which starts at 10.00 am each day. We would love to see you.

Sunday, 4th October

Harvest Festival

8.00 am Holy Communion

9.30 am Holy Communion

(Aston Flamville)

10.00 am The Parish Eucharist and Zoom

6.00 pm Evensong



Sunday, 11th October

18 after Trinity

8.00 am Holy Communion

10.00 am The Parish Eucharist and Zoom

6.00 pm Evensong

Sunday, 18th October

Luke the Evangelist

8.00 am Holy Communion

10.30 am The Morning Service

(Aston Flamville)

10.00 am "Fresh Ground –

A new Family Worship Service



Sunday, 25th October

20 after Trinity

8.00 am Holy Communion

10.00 am The Parish Eucharist and Zoom

Evensong	Evensong 6.00 pm via Burbage Parish Facebook page
Zoom Meetings:	Morning Prayer: Monday to Friday Zoom Coffee Morning Tuesday 10.30 am Holy Communion: Wednesday 10:30am Evening Prayer: Thursday 6.30 pm
Live Streaming via Burbage Parish Facebook page	Compline Service 9.00 pm Monday to Friday
Church Opening Times for Private Prayer	Monday mornings 11.30 am – 1.30 pm and Foodbank drop off Thursday evenings 6.00 pm – 8.00 pm and Foodbank drop off

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St Catherine's Parish Burbage QR Code. Please Scan and Give Generously.



Our Services are now being recorded and are being edited and will be sent out to those who request them. Please contact Christine Greenway.

Churches enjoy Zooming

Most churches who used digital channels during lockdown, in order to keep in touch with their congregations, found that their favourite platform was Zoom.

A recent survey by Ecclesiastical found that Zoom was used by 78 per cent; Skype by 12 per cent, and other platforms, including WhatsApp, by eight per cent.

Nearly one third of churches who used digital channels have also reported an increased attendance at their virtual services.

That has led to some 38 per cent of churches saying that they would continue to use digital channels, even now that churches are physically open again.

Church of England and RSCM await next steps following study into singing safety

The Church of England and Royal School of Church Music (RSCM) have been awaiting updated guidance on singing in places of worship after findings of a Government-backed study were published.

The research project, known as 'PERFORM', recently published its findings on measuring aerosol production from humans. It measured singing, speaking and breathing in a zero-background environment.

Researchers reported a steep rise in aerosol mass with increase in the loudness of the singing and speaking, rising by as much as a factor of 20-30. However, it was also found that singing does not produce substantially more aerosol than speaking at a similar volume.

The RSCM's Director, Hugh Morris said: "We welcome this news. Singing is of such importance in worship, and this is a really encouraging step towards its safe resumption.

"It is of course vital that all choirs and singing groups follow the relevant government advice, and so we look forward to receiving the latest guidance in this important area."

Fly-tipping

¹⁴ ...The king sent them after the Aramean army. He commanded the drivers, 'Go and find out what has happened.' ¹⁵ They followed them as far as the Jordan, and they found the whole road strewn with the clothing and equipment the Arameans had thrown away in their headlong flight. So the messengers returned and reported to the king. (2 Kings 7:14-16)

One good thing about coronavirus has been the reduction of litter on the roads. When the burger shops were shut, people did not buy a snack, eat it on the way home and then throw the plastic container and the milkshake mug and straw out the car window.

What possesses people to do this? For another type of anti-social behaviour has increased: fly-tipping. Council tips have been closed, so irresponsible people have decided to turn a field entrance or a pathway into another tip. Fly-tipping costs money to deal with and it is also dangerous to people and wildlife.

The government is tackling this problem and there are heavy fines and even imprisonment for the offenders. Quite right, but it is not only the tipper who is responsible. You have an old settee and some bags of rubbish and need someone to dump it. A man with a van offers to do it for £20 in cash. A week later you get an email from the council to say that *you* are going to be investigated for fly-tipping as the man simply dumped your stuff on a roadside, and someone recognised the sofa and there were letters to your home address in the bags.

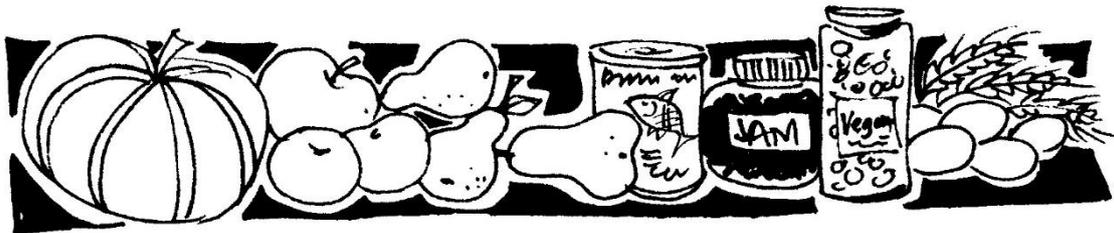
Or here is another scenario: you are going on holiday and decide to leave some rubbish at the back of your house. You phone a mate to come and collect it, but they forget. Both of these scenarios could result in a heavy fine.

In the 2018/19 year, local authorities in England dealt with over one *million* fly-tipping incidents, nearly two thirds of which involved household waste. But fly-tipping is a *criminal offence* punishable by a fine of up to £50,000, or 12 months imprisonment if convicted in a

Magistrates' Court. The offence can attract an unlimited fine and up to five years imprisonment if convicted in a Crown Court.

What can we do as responsible people? We can report fly-tipping to the local authority and if there is a serious problem, we can ask our local and parish councillors what is being done about it.

When you go for a walk, you might sometimes take a rubbish bag with you, to collect stray litter. Just make sure you protect yourself with rubber gloves, and take care on the roads.



Is your face mask making your skin break out?

Face masks are giving us skin complaints. In fact, so many of us are now suffering that the complaint has been given its own name: 'maskne'.

The causes are obvious. Our breath is warm and moist, and every time we exhale into our masks this humid air gets trapped. Masks move, and so we have friction. Added to that is the unpleasant fact that our saliva is actually teeming with bacteria (with more bugs per square inch than even a loo seat!).

Acne mechanica is the medical term for 'maskne'. With all that bacteria being trapped and rubbed against our nose and chin, no wonder 'mask breakouts' are rising dramatically.

Stress is another cause for skin complaints, and the pandemic has given many of us huge stress this year. We may face crippling anxiety over job security, finances, the health of loved ones, social isolation, or even being trapped in an abusive household. No wonder our faces are breaking out in a rash!

6th October: William Tyndale - Bible translator and Reformation martyr

Tyndale was an outstanding English scholar, translator and martyr of the Reformation.

William Tyndale (c. 1494 - 6th October 1536) was born near Gloucester and studied at Oxford and Cambridge. He could speak seven languages and was proficient in ancient Hebrew and Greek. As a priest, his abilities would have taken him a long way, but by 1523 Tyndale's only desire was to translate the Bible, so that English men and women could read it for themselves. It became his life's passion.

For Tyndale had rediscovered a vital doctrine that the Church had been ignoring: that of justification by faith. He had found it when reading Erasmus's Greek edition of the New Testament. In fact, his life's work was well summed up in some words of his mentor, Erasmus: "Christ desires His mysteries to be published abroad as widely as possible. I would that [the Gospels and the epistles of Paul] were translated into all languages, of all Christian people, and that they might be read and known."

Tyndale's translation was the first Bible to be published in English, the first to draw directly from Hebrew and Greek texts, and the first English translation to take advantage of the printing press.

It was to cost him his life. For Tyndale's work was seen as a direct challenge to the power of both the Roman Catholic Church and the laws of England in maintaining the Church's position.

When the authorities had tried to stop his translation, Tyndale fled to Hamburg, Wittenberg, Cologne, and finally to the Lutheran city of Worms. It was there, in 1525, his New Testament emerged. It was quickly smuggled into England, and King Henry VIII, Cardinal Wolsey, and others, were furious.

Tyndale moved on to Antwerp, where for nine more years he continued his work. Then in May 1535 he was betrayed, arrested, and jailed in a castle near Brussels. Tied to the stake for strangulation and burning, his dying prayer was that the King of

England's eyes would be opened. Sure enough, two years later King Henry authorised the Great Bible for the Church of England, which relied largely on Tyndale's work.

Not only that, but in 1611, the 54 scholars who produced the King James Bible drew very heavily from Tyndale. Even today we honour him: in 2002, Tyndale was placed at number 26 in the BBC's poll of 100 Greatest Britons.



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Coronavirus has not stopped gardens growing, nor our love of them....

How is your garden growing?

This year's Green Health Awards were just one of many activities to be cancelled because of the current situation. Whilst churches have been closed their gardens have continued to grow and many of these will have been used for therapeutic gardening.

But have these been growing wild or have enthusiasts found ways round the rules and regulations to tend and care for them?

Have some special plants been given new homes where they have been encouraged to thrive in these unusual times before they can be returned to more holy ground?

We would like to find stories of how therapeutic gardening may have been underway despite lockdown.

We have already discovered some - the group of gardeners from St Pancras Hospital who volunteer at St Paul's Woodland Garden in Camden have been missing their weekly visits during lockdown. The garden was the overall winner of the Green Health Awards organised in 2018 by Church Times, The Conservation Foundation and Guild of Health and St Raphael, in association with the Church of England.

Green City Projects' Ben Ledden and Catherine Tidnam, who run the garden, arranged for seeds, baby plants and compost to be delivered to them by the hospital's activity worker, Tom Parnell. "Our patients struggle with severe mental health issues and it has been great for us to continue to feel part of St Paul's during this time", Tom explained. A WhatsApp video call with Ben and Catherine helps keep them in touch with their hospital garden growing and tomatoes, basil, squash, peas, courgettes, cucumber, basil and sunflowers are coming along. Said one patient, "It felt like we were off the ward and at St Paul's Garden again".

Meanwhile our friends up on the roof of Manchester Cathedral report they have been kept busy. "We are still in lockdown, but the Volition bees carry on as usual no lockdown for them. Neither are they thinking about social distancing as they overcrowd their hives getting ready to swarm. Weekly inspections are going ahead in line with Defra guidelines on livestock. All hives at Manchester Cathedral are as they should be for the time of year."

The Bishop of Carlisle is a great supporter of using church space for therapeutic gardening projects and as lead bishop for health chairs the church's Green Health initiative. As he says "Almost everyone agrees that the Coronavirus pandemic has had a significant effect on people's mental health and wellbeing across the country. That's why it is more important than ever that we use the green spaces around church buildings for therapeutic gardening as part of our co-ordinated effort to tackle mental health issues'.

If you have some good news from your garden do let David Shreeve know at david.shreeve@churchofengland.org.

Ten Commandments

A Sunday School teacher was discussing the Ten Commandments with her five and six-year-olds. After explaining the commandment to 'honour thy father and thy mother', she said: "Is there a commandment that teaches us how to treat our brothers and sisters?"

Without missing a beat, one little boy answered: "Thou shalt not kill."

The Revd Michael Burgess continues his series on animals and birds as seen in art and scripture... this month he considers 'St Francis of Assisi preaching to the fish' by Luc-Olivier Merson.

He gave us eyes to see them: 'St Francis of Assisi preaching to the fish'

On 4th October we give thanks for one of the most loved saints in the church - Francis of Assisi. He died in 1226, but his example and witness have lived on to inspire Christians through the centuries.

His was a life focused on the crib and the cross, Lady Poverty and the stigmata, suffering and transfiguration. But also, it was a life marked by a deep love of creation: St Francis had a special nearness to all creatures great and small. As we read the stories of Thomas of Celano, we learn how he tamed a wolf in Gubbio, how swallows would chirp and fly around his head, how lambs would come close and gaze with delight, how his faithful donkey wept as the saint approached death, and in this month's painting, how fish would come to the shore to hear him preach.

Thomas relates how Francis returned some fish that had been caught to the water, telling them not to be caught again. They lingered near the boat, listening to the saint until he gave them permission to leave.

The sermon to the fish is portrayed in this work by Luc-Olivier Merson, a French artist who lived from 1846 to 1920. He is better known for his work with designs for banknotes, postage stamps, and the basilica of Sacré - Coeur in Montmartre. Here in this canvas, we see St Francis with followers young and old, a faithful dog and the fish at the water's edge.

What was the saint telling them? I think that they were loved and valued as part of the rich tapestry of God's creation, and they must return that love. It is the mood of the Benedicite where all things that move in the earth, the skies and the seas are exhorted to praise the Lord and magnify him forever. St Francis captures that mood in his own Canticle of the Sun.

In the weeks and months of lockdown many of us have had the time to look afresh at our relationship with the world of nature as we have journeyed through the seasons of spring and summer. We have learnt to wonder at the richness and variety of creation. We need to take that lesson into the 'new normal' as restrictions are gradually relaxed. The clock and the complexity of life may easily take over again, but St Francis is inviting us to journey with him in simplicity and joy as we praise God with all His creatures:

*'Let all things their Creator bless
and worship Him in humbleness.'*

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Noah and the Ark – 2020 version

In the year 2020, Noah was living in England when the Lord came unto him and said, "Once again, the earth has become too wicked to continue. Build another Ark and save two of every living thing. You have six months before I will start the unending rain for 40 days and 40 nights."

Six months later, the Lord looked down and saw Noah weeping in his garden, but no Ark. "Noah", He roared, "I'm about to start the rain! Where is the Ark?"

"Forgive me Lord", begged Noah "but things have been difficult. I needed Building Regulations approval because the Ark was over 30 square metres. I've been arguing with the Fire Brigade about the need for a sprinkler system. My neighbours claim that I should have obtained planning permission for building the Ark in my garden because it is a development of the site even though in my opinion it is a temporary structure, but the roof is too high.

"The Local Area Access Group complained that my ramp was going to be too steep and the inside of the Ark wasn't fully accessible. Getting the wood has been another problem. All the decent trees have Tree Preservation Orders on them and we live in a Site of Special Scientific Interest set up in order to preserve the Spotted Owl. I tried to convince them that I needed the wood to save the owls - but no go!

"When I started gathering the animals the RSPCA sued me for intending to confine wild animals without the proper paperwork. The County Council, the Environment Agency and the Rivers Authority have ruled that I can't build the Ark until they've conducted an Environmental Impact Study on your proposed flood. The Trade Unions insist that I can't use my sons to build the Ark; I can only employ members of the Shipbuilding and Allied Trades union. Finally, Customs and Excise have seized all my assets, claiming I am going to attempt to leave the country illegally with endangered species.

“So, forgive me Lord, but it will take me at least another ten years to finish this Ark.”

Suddenly the skies cleared, the sun began to shine, and a rainbow stretched across the sky. “No need for me to destroy the world after all,” observed God. “The government has the matter already in hand.”



From the Desk of Fr Andrew

Hi everyone, we have launched a Harvest Gift Campaign on-line at St Catherine's Parish Church. Please see our Facebook page for information or use the QR code above.

Harvest is a lovely time of the year and a reminder to us all about God's goodness towards us. Please do consider what you could give in this Harvest Season. It will greatly help us in our Mission and Ministry in the Parish and beyond.

Fr Andrew

CHRONICLE

**COPY FOR THE NOVEMBER ISSUE OF THE
PARISH CHRONICLE
SHOULD BE SENT TO MARTIN MELLOR
BY: MONDAY 26TH OCTOBER**



Looks like the sexton went to Spain after all, and is still in quarantine.

Honey, honey!

If your grannie gave you honey when you had a cold, she was right. Research published in The British Medical Journal has found that honey is especially good for treating upper respiratory tract infections (URTIs) such as the common cold.

Honey has anti-microbial and anti-inflammatory properties. These do better at soothing your cough and sniffles than any of the over-the-counter remedies. In fact, URTI sufferers who were given honey suffered their symptoms for up to two days LESS than those who did not use honey.

All good news, especially as honey is cheap, readily available, and has virtually no side effects.

Ivy – never underestimate its goodness!

Autumn is in full swing but there is at least one plant that is in full bloom. Not spectacular to look at, yet ivy is an important source of nectar for bees, moths, flies and wasps, and while they are not most people's favourite insects, they all play a vital part in Nature's jigsaw.

Ivy produces flowers from September to November. Spherical clusters of greeny-yellow blobs, which on closer inspection have endearing little horns with knobs on! The resulting fruits are dark berries with ridged sections, resembling tiny black footballs each containing five seeds. Poisonous for us, but birds love them.

Ivy is one of the few native climbing plants that can reach a substantial size. Contrary to popular belief, it is not a parasite. Its stems have lots of fibrous, adhesive-covered, roots which cling to buildings, brickwork, trees, telegraph poles, in fact just about anything to help it gain some height. However, when it comes to nourishment, that comes via the roots in the ground. [There's not much nutritional value in a brick.] Although ivy does not normally damage sound buildings or walls, and is rarely a threat to healthy trees, its weight can cause problems.

What a useful plant it can be! Providing shelter, hibernation and nesting sites for birds and insects, its glossy green leaves are happily munched by sheep, goats and deer. These leaves, so familiar, are different shapes according to whether they are on flowering or growing branches. The flowers are surrounded by heart- or spear-shaped leaves, while the rest of the plant has the three- or five-pointed ones we all recognise.

Many legends involve ivy. But has anyone discovered why although mentioned in the first line of the carol 'The Holly and the Ivy', it is absent from the rest of the verses?

St James the Least of All

Beware what lurks in the church vestry...

The Rectory

St James the Least of All

My dear Nephew Darren

I am unsurprised that the cleaning lady took exception to you dismantling your motorbike in the church vestry. Clergy vestries are the final repositories of rotting hymn books, ancient cassocks with a certain aroma, buckets with holes in, which are kept “just in case” and dead animals in various states of decomposition; but they are no place for bike chains, disc brakes and inner tubes.

I will concede that vestries seem to attract all those objects no one quite knows what to do with, but which parishioners can't bear to throw away. Flower arrangers creep into my vestry, looking for space for boxes of twine. Decorators arrive with cribs and Easter gardens they are hoping to store. And even the choirmaster occasionally sidles in, trying to slip some anthems past me. I repel them all with vigour, and a firm broom.

One thing I can't keep out of the vestry are the portraits of all my predecessors, who stare down at me reproachfully. The most recent, in colour, stare smugly, knowing that I am still being compared to them, and falling short. Earlier incumbents, in black and white, look mildly reproachful, reminding me that *they* all held doctorates from Oxford. The hand-drawn portraits from pre-1870 are the worst – they all look as if they drank vinegar for breakfast and argued Pelagianism over lunch, just for fun. I am already rehearsing my own look of pained forgiveness for my leaving photo that will stare down on my own successor, and perpetually irritate him

It also seems to be a tradition that retiring clergy donate their robes for their successors, probably because it spares them a walk to the dustbin. So, a five-foot, 18 stone Incumbent will leave a cassock for his six-foot, ten stone successor. There will also be a spare 1960s nylon surplice hanging on the back of the vestry door, to remind you

that should you ever forget your own, then this is the horror you will be obliged to wear throughout Evensong.

Notices on the walls will tell you that marriage fees in the 1920s were seven shillings and sixpence, that Communion wine can be obtained from a shop that closed down a generation ago and there will be a copy of the prayer of thanksgiving to be used on the Relief of Mafeking.

My only advice is to remove your bike before it gets bundled up with the Scouts' tents – and lost forever in the churchwarden's shed.

Your loving uncle,
Eustace

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Here is the answer to this month's Suduko

The Revd Peter Crumpler is a Church of England priest in St Albans, Herts, and a former communications director for the CofE.

Need for healing

Heavenly Father,
We bring to you all those struggling with their mental health just
now.

We pray:

For everyone who is smiling, when inside they're in pain.
For everyone who is saying they're fine, when inside they feel
drained and empty.
For everyone struggling with fear and worry as the easing of the
lockdown brings new anxieties.

Be with them in their suffering, as so much of their world has been
stripped back and emptied.

When loved family and friends have been taken by illness,
Or made distant by lockdown.

Pour your healing balm into their pain and sadness.
May you walk with them besides still waters
May you speak to them in a still small voice.

May you heal them, and fill them, and bless them with your
abundant love and fullness of life.

And may they know that they are loved by you for the beautiful
unique person that they are, created in the image of their heavenly
creator and loving Lord.

In the Name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
Amen.

By the Revd Peter Crumpler

The Revd Dr Jo White continues her series on symbols in our churches. This began in March and will run for the rest of 2020.

Reflected faith: Music and Singing

Many churches are holding Sunday, weekday and pastoral (Baptism, Wedding and Funeral) services again in their buildings.

However, for most of us no singing is allowed; and this often means no music is being played.

Whilst the churches were closed, one of the key things about worshipping together that people missed was the communal singing and the listening to the organ or other instruments.

If we look at the time taken to sing in each service (approximately a third of the whole service) and the amount musicians are usually paid, we can see the level of importance churches give to singing together.

So, although we understand the science behind the 'no singing rule' (breath is exhaled more forcibly so reaches further) it is still very strange to be in our normal church buildings but not to be able to sing.

Singing hymns and songs helps us to learn about our faith, to pray and to express our praise – but what is it about singing *together* that lifts our hearts in our time of worship?

There are plenty of said responses during most services, but they don't have that same *lift*!

Is it the physical breathing aspects, the sounds we aim to make, or indeed the way our voices join and blend together?

All through the Bible there are passages telling of times of singing: of musicians leading processions towards a place or time of worship.

There are many exhortations in the Psalms to the people to come together, 'singing with joy and thanksgiving'.

The Bible also talks about a time to put down our instruments and refrain from singing. Let's hope and pray that our time for restraint will pass quickly and we will soon rejoice together with thanksgiving, joyful and loud singing!

Editor: Why not look at our YouTube Channel and listen to the hymns we have sung over the last few months.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eHwNEy-UjtM&list=PL1QyY9gPy9x6SF5ek21A55sz-AuPEv7H2>



COME DINE
WITH ME

Congratulation to all who took part in Come Dine with me at St Catherine's. A magnificent sum of over £1000 was raised. This figure will be equally divided between Christian Aid and St Catherine's Church.

Many thanks to John and Shirley who arranged this event.

Ride and Stride

Congratulations and thanks too, are due to Jerry and Vicki Dolphin and Anita Evans who raised £598 for St Catherine's and the Leicestershire Historic Church Trust.

An excellent result.

Thanks to all who supported these events.

Changing Seasons, Changing Times

One effect of lockdown is that it has caused us all to slow down and perhaps notice things we might not otherwise see. Back when we were only allowed out once a day for exercise we started going for a daily walk, usually following the same route. It took us past a particular field. In March it was bare earth. One afternoon we stood and watched the farmer in his tractor plough the dry, cracked earth to a fine tilth. We didn't see the seeds being planted but we know they were for later we watched tiny green shoots begin to grow. As the months went on these shoots grew taller and taller and we tried to work out what the crop was. I walked past the field again the other day and it is maize, huge plants now, taller than I am. The seasons have changed and local roads are full of tractors. In the fields great clouds of dust are thrown up by combine harvesters. Soon the maize will be harvested too and the cycle will begin again.

It was comforting, especially in the early days of lock down when life seemed so bleak, to see something growing, green shoots of hope. The natural cycle of growth was not locked down but, in this place at least, was flourishing abundantly. It probably won't be maize in that field next year, probably some other crop. Times and seasons change but something new will grow up. When something dies back, something else will take its place.

As we lament what we have lost there is a lot of talk about getting back to the 'new normal'. But what was the old normal? Life has always been full of change and chance, moments or events that can change the course of one's life in an instant for better or for worse. We find comfort in normality, in patterns and routines but the world we live in is constantly moving and changing and we are moved and changed by it. And this can be as exciting as it is scary.

It is looking increasingly likely that Covid-19 is something we will have to learn to live with. It will and already has changed our world forever. As we learn to live with it some things will die back but in their place new things will grow. In our own Church community we have developed new ways of worshipping and praying together via technology, meeting regularly for Morning Prayer and Compline and sharing the best of our choral tradition with a worldwide audience. While it may feel that much is dying back new shoots are growing.

With God there is no 'either...or' it is always 'and ... and'. God's abundant love and mercy overflows towards us as he seeks to draw us into a closer relationship with him. God's steadfast love is the rock we can depend on when all about us is changing.

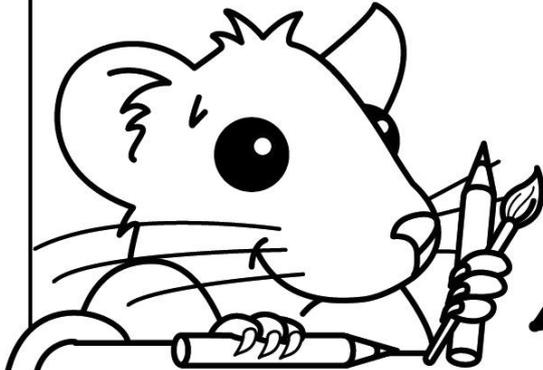
I have found this lovely prayer from Compline very helpful, I hope you do too.

*Be present, O merciful God,
and protect us through the silent hours of this night,
so that we who are wearied
by the changes and chances of this fleeting world,
may rest upon your eternal changelessness;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

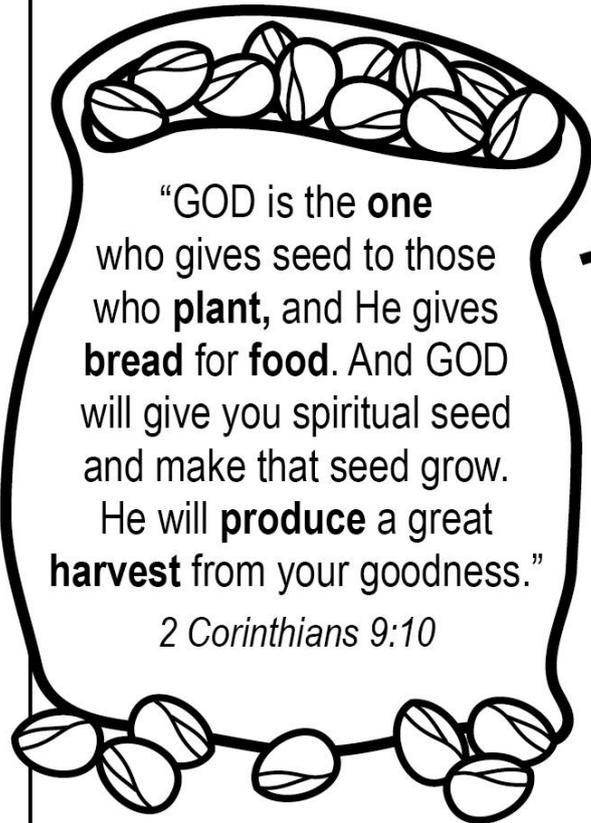
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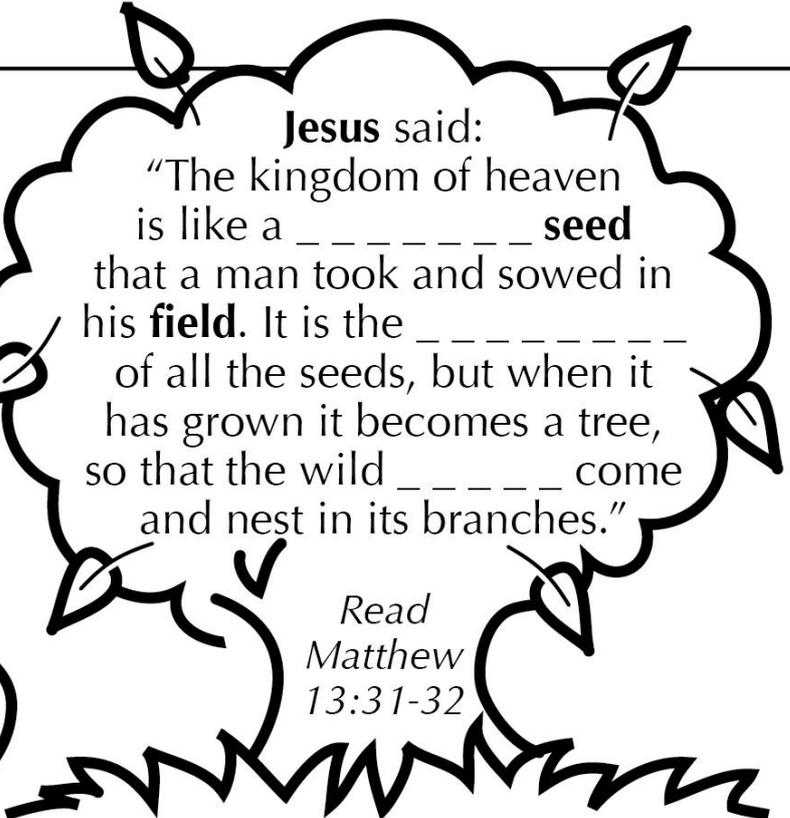


Mouse Makes



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

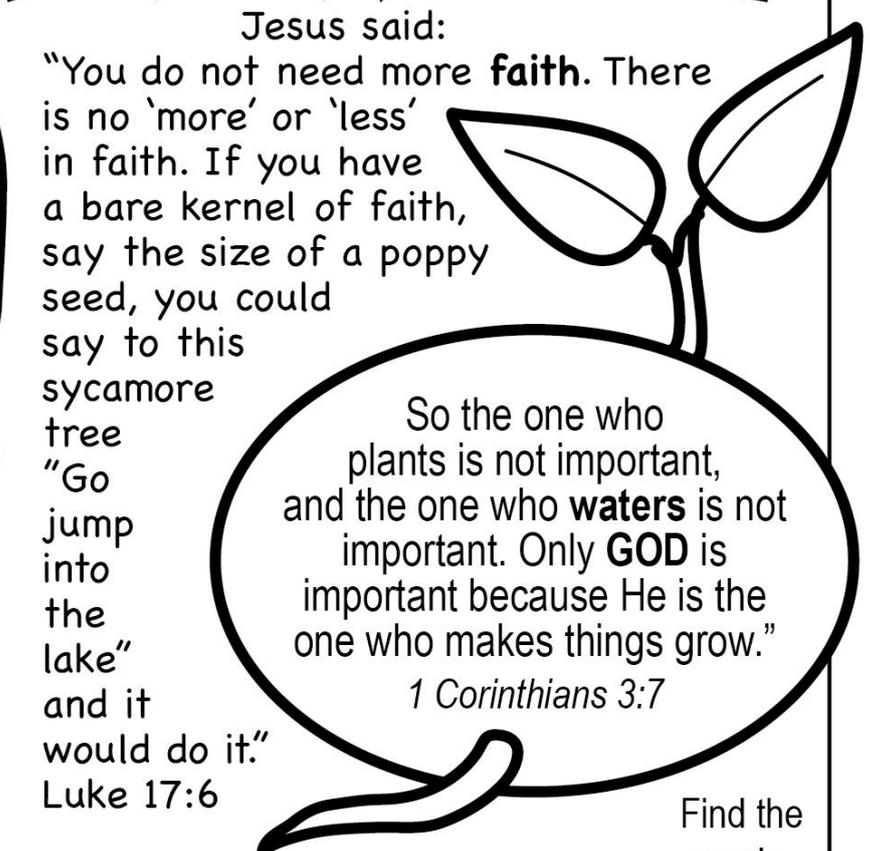
2 Corinthians 9:10



Jesus said:

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

Read Matthew 13:31-32



Jesus said:

"You do not need more **faith**. There is no 'more' or 'less' in faith. If you have a bare kernel of faith, say the size of a poppy seed, you could say to this sycamore tree "Go jump into the lake" and it would do it." Luke 17:6

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

1 Corinthians 3:7

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



How many different seeds can you find?

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