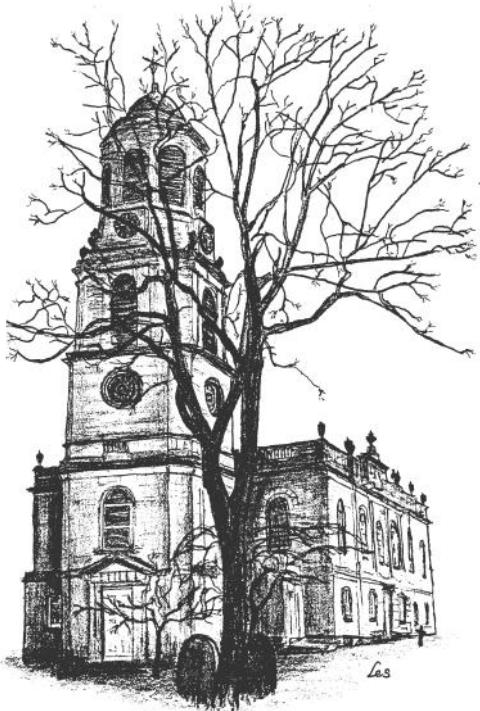
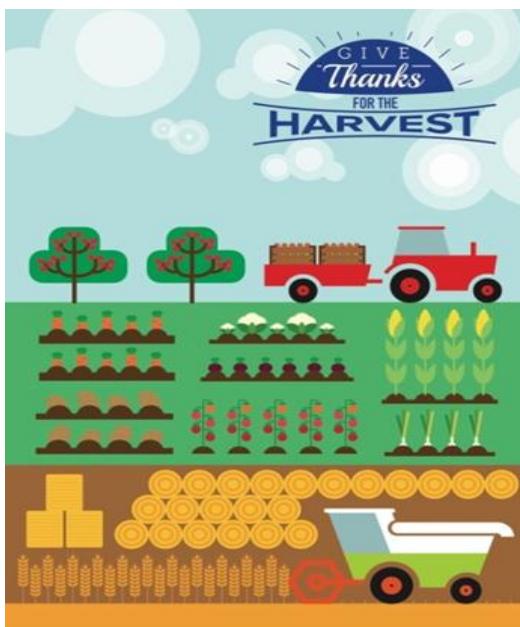


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## 'Mary, Mary, how does your garden grow?'

How many of you remember that from your childhood? And, as you look around your garden now the year is waning, what would you say? For us, it's been a good year for blackberries, raspberries and loganberries, but a disaster for gooseberries. Summer saw a battle for several weeks with Solomon's seal sawfly – we eventually won. And lockdown meant that the tomatoes were a couple of months behind schedule.



But move up the scale, from gardening to farming, and it's not been the best of years for many. A cold, wet spring and a hot, dry summer have been a disaster for many crops. In many of our local fields, wheat and barley are stunted, and yields will be down by about a third. 'You reap what you sow' isn't always true. Across the world, drought, flooding, locusts and wildfires mean that there will be no harvest at all, and starvation will be a reality for many people.

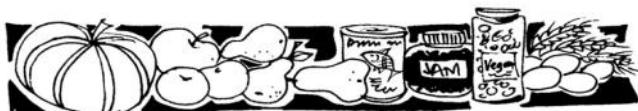
So, as we approach our Harvest Festival on 11 October (which will be a distinctly different service from past years) it's a chance for us to reflect on the idea of 'harvest', of 'All is safely gathered in'. In our world, fresh fruit and vegetables are always available, in some cases after a journey of several thousand miles. So our sense of being dependent on the success of our local farm workers has become blunted. Rather than the food we need, and

the flowers we can enjoy, our life gardens have become filled with Mary's 'silver bells and cockle shells'; things that give an illusion of beauty and glamour, but which ultimately cannot sustain us.

Many of Jesus' parables had a farming theme; it was something most of his hearers could relate to from their own experience. And it's an image Paul uses in the epistle for our Harvest Festival. 'If you're stingy with what you sow, you're planning for a poor harvest' he says; 'if you want a good harvest, be generous with the seed'. It's something we've seen in our communities over the past few months; deprived of what people have seen as 'normal', or even 'essential', there has been a marked increase in mental health problems. But the biggest disaster is not having nothing to post on Facebook!

So what has your harvest – not in your garden, but in your life – been like this year? What has gone well; what has enabled you to grow? And out of it, what kind of seed will you plant for a future harvest? Perhaps it's a chance to try a new strain, or even a completely new plant; to do something you've never had the chance, or the courage, to try before. It may mean clearing a new plot; of finding a new use for that run-down corner that's been neglected in the past, but now can offer a chance for new life. And the harvest you gain from it can then bring new life and strength to those around you.

Brian Morris

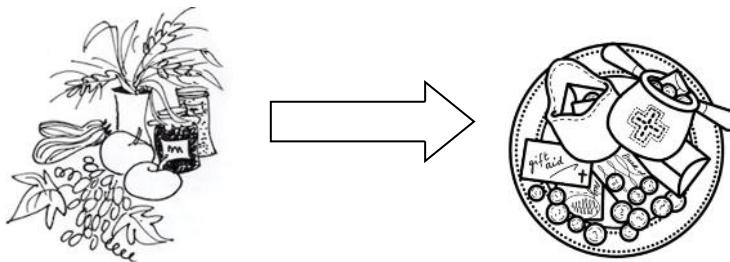


## **Harvest Family Communion Service**

### **Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2020 at 10am**

We will be supporting St Catherine's Foodbank at our Harvest Festival this October. However, the best way to support the work of the foodbank this year is to give cash rather than tins and packets!

We will therefore be having a retiring collection for St Catherine's Foodbank at the service, instead of giving the usual gifts of food and toiletries.



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For the foreseeable future there will be one Sunday service at St John's at 10am. This will be a said Communion Service. The Family Service on the second Sunday of the month will also be a communion service. All are welcome. It would be a great help in our planning if you could let Susan Lawson (01924 378101 or [shlawson0@gmail.com](mailto:shlawson0@gmail.com)) know if you are intending to come to the 10am service.

The 10am service will be recorded as it happens in church. A link to the video will be sent out on Sunday afternoon or evening by email. If you are on email and would like to receive the weekly newsletter and link to the video of the service, please let Stephanie know.

If you have no email account but can access the internet, you will find a link to the video on our Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/wakefieldstjohns>) & on A Church Near You (<https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/7365>)



## Understanding the Bible

As we celebrate Bible Sunday on 25 October it's a good opportunity to ask the question:

### ***Why should I read the Bible?***

The Bible is the world's best-selling book of all time. However, it isn't one book, but a library of 66 books, composed by some 44 writers over a period of 1500 years in a range of literature including history, poetry, prophecy, letters and apocalyptic (end times). Despite having a number of different writers, the Bible claims one author: God himself!

This is the basis of the unity of its message and authoritative claim to be the primary way by which God speaks to us:

*'All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work'* (2 Timothy 3:16).

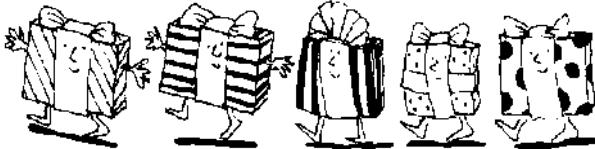
The Bible is inspired ('*the word of God in the words of men*') and presents itself as a ***manual for life***, equipping us to live for God in every aspect of our lives. We have the promise of the Holy Spirit to guide us in applying the words to our lives: '*the Spirit will guide you into all truth*' (John 16:13).

However, the Bible could also be described as a ***love letter*** from God, as He uses it to deepen our relationship with him. As Jesus said: '*You diligently study the Scriptures because you think that by them you possess eternal life. These are the Scriptures that testify about me*' (John 5:39,40). Christians follow a person, not a book, and the Scriptures are intended to help us to know Jesus better.

At her coronation the Queen was given a Bible with the words '***the most precious thing this world affords***'. Does this reflect our own attitude to the Bible?

***Paul Hardingham***

## **NO shoe boxes this Christmas?**



With lockdown in place due to the pandemic, it does not seem a good idea to ask people to shop for, and fill, a shoe box for a child this Christmas. However, it is always possible to make a donation instead of producing an actual box.

If you would like to do this you can donate directly via their website: [www.samaritans-purse.org.uk](http://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk)

We will also put a collecting box out at church for you to make donations, which we can then pass on.

If you cannot get to church, nor access their website, but still wish to support them, you could send a cheque (payable to St John's PCC - NOT to Samaritans Purse) and send this to our Treasurer, Brian Morris, at 263 Park Lodge Lane, Wakefield WF1 4HY, *saying that the money is for a Christmas Shoebox.*

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History books will inevitably tell the story of a virus that swept the world in 2020. But it is up to us what that story will look like. Either... the story of a virus that ... showed up the weakness, selfishness and frailty of people... or how people responded with their best, how the virus was a medical but not a social tragedy.

*Canon Will Hughes, Vicar of Petersfield, Portsmouth Diocese.*

The Covid-19 pandemic is traumatic not only because it threatens our existence... but it also threatens the cultural norms, frameworks and habits that we take for granted ... leaving us socially isolated and ... disorientated. It is no longer easy for us to say '...but life goes on'.

*Canon Joanna Collicutt, Ripon College Cuddesdon*

## **Surviving Lockdown**

I have been in lockdown for six months now and have only been out twice to shop and once to the dentist. I was told to buy a kit and fill the teeth myself, but that did not work very well.

So, what have I been doing? I play Origami or patience on my computer, mostly whilst checking for messages from friends and family. I have knitted half a blanket, crocheted, watched television and baked. Every day I walk 20 times around my carport (this totals 660 paces every day) which gives me time to think.

My cleaner and hairdresser stopped coming until July, so I kept pretty busy. I get a food delivery from Morrisons every month and a group from Wrenthorpe kindly fetched me milk and bread twice a week.

My family often drove up to give me a wave. Now I am in their 'bubble', so occasionally I do manage to go and see them, although they refuse to let me use buses, taxis or accept lifts.

A few years back I decided to try my hand at tapestry: now I am delighted to say that it is nearly finished. So lock-down has not been too bad for me.

**Joyce**

Martyn worked his normal 3 days per week from home, which went really well. On many occasions he helped out on a Thursday or a Friday as well! It was great when he popped back into our house for coffee, lunch or cups of tea.

We did no grandparent duty, which was very different for us.

As we all know, there is always a job to do. We cleaned and sorted inside and outside our house. We also did a few garden jobs - the blind leading the blind comes to mind!

We enjoyed going for our daily walk, and it was surprising how many people we met (socially distanced) of course.

Where we live is near a main road, so is (normally) quite noisy. Having almost no traffic was wonderful.

Martyn missed going to his Radio Rallies, one of his hobbies that he loves. You can tell our house because of the tall poles outside on our land.

It was unusual to meet Stephanie each week on zoom. We did miss going to her house for a meeting and enjoying one of her lovely cups of coffee or tea. The other difference, of course, was recording the Sunday service on a Thursday, until we were allowed to open the church.

We were sad to see the numbers of people who had died every day, with the total going up and up. We thanked God every day that, as far as we knew, our family and church family were all safe and as well as could be expected.

***Susan Lawson***

Being on my own, and needing daily exercise, I agreed with a neighbour along the road that we might take a regular walk together - socially distanced, of course. Her husband is restricted to the house, due to his health, so she welcomed the chance to be with someone else and to have fresh air and exercise with the bonus of conversation. It was good for me to have someone to talk to as I walked, and an encouragement to go for a walk even if I did not feel like it. I am sure it was not only good for us physically, but mentally as well.

***Sue Slaven***

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### **Ian Elliott**

We are very sad to learn that Ian Elliott died on 6 September. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family at this very difficult time. Ian's funeral was held at St John's on 24 September.

We will make sure that there is an opportunity in St John's, when this is possible, to give thanks for, and to remember, Ian and others who have died during the lockdown.

# Why are you facing such a temptation?

*'Happy is the man who doesn't give in and do wrong when he is tempted, for afterwards he will get ...his reward.'*

*James 1:12*

Are you facing temptation of some sort? It is easy to think of it as a bad thing, but it can be a stepping-stone rather than a stumbling block. Just think: it is as much an opportunity to do the right thing, as the wrong thing. Temptation just gives you the choice!



God develops the fruit of the Spirit in us by allowing into our lives circumstances in which we are tempted – in order that we might express the exact opposite quality!

For instance: He teaches us to love by allowing unlovely people into our lives. It takes no character to love people who are lovely and loving you.

God teaches us joy in the midst of sorrow by urging us to turn to Him for comfort and strength when all our other support is gone.

God grows peace in us by helping us learn to trust in Him in situations where we're tempted to worry or be afraid.

Likewise, patience grows through having to wait...

You can't claim to be good if you've never been tempted to be bad; or to be faithful if you have never had the chance to be unfaithful.

Integrity grows through defeating dishonesty. Humility grows as you refuse to give place to pride. Endurance develops when you reject the temptation to give up.

## **Notes from the PCC Meeting held via Zoom 8 September 2020**

It was reported that many of the recommendations of the **Fire Risk Assessment** were now in place, and others were being addressed.

### **Streaming services.**

We have been fortunate to receive a grant of £1,000 from the Diocese towards the cost of live streaming of services. This has enabled us to buy suitable IT equipment. We are also arranging for the installation of a permanent telephone line and broadband connection, using the existing trunking installed during the re-ordering. We hope to start live streaming in October / November, depending on the supply firms.

### **Mid-week activities.**

It was agreed that we would allow the youth group to meet in church during the week, as a trial run for any wider opening of the church.

### **Finance**

The treasurer reported that our expenditure is exceeding our income, but so far at a manageable level. Once we need to have the heating on, as the weather gets colder, our costs will rise substantially.

### **Church fabric.**

We have had a report from a specialist firm who have investigated the leak in the roof. They report that the roof tiles and slates are fine, but there is a problem with some of the flashing. Their suggested remedial works will cost £10,000 (far less than any major roof repairs would cost) so we will investigate what grants we might apply for towards this work. If we do not make the building watertight, it will only deteriorate and cost us more in the longer term.

### **Annual Parochial Church Meeting**

There will be a report on the APCM in the next magazine.

# DIARY DATES for OCTOBER 2020

**Sunday 4 TRINITY 17**

10.00am Holy Communion, said, distanced

*Readings:*

Philippians 3:4b-14    Matthew 21:33-end

10.00am in Bradford Cathedral ORDINATIONS

Rob Harper will be ordained Deacon at this service

**Sunday 11 TRINITY 18**

10.00am Family Communion,  
said, distanced



*Readings:*

2 Corinthians 9: 6-15    Matthew 13: 1-9, 18-23

**Sunday 18 TRINITY 19**

10.00am Holy Communion, said, distanced

*Readings:*

Isaiah 45: 1-7    Matthew 22:15-22

Sat/Sun 24/25 CLOCKS GO BACK ONE HOUR

**Sunday 25 Bible Sunday**

10.00am Holy Communion, said, distanced

*Readings:*

Nehemiah 8:1-4a,5-6,8-12    Matthew 24:30-35



**Sunday 1 November All Saints' Day**

10.00am Holy Communion, said, distanced

*Readings:*

Revelation 7: 9-17    Matthew 5: 1-12

Parish Morning Prayer - 9.30am Mondays - is now happening by Zoom. Please contact Stephanie if you would like an invitation to join in.

# **Sunday Services at St John's are very limited due to the COVID19 restrictions**

EVERY SUNDAY

**8.00am      Holy Communion**

*This is currently NOT happening*

1st, 3rd, 4th & 5th SUNDAY EACH MONTH

**10.00am      Parish Communion**

This is now a said service.

There are no hymns, prayer stations etc.

Chairs are arranged for social distancing,  
so numbers are slightly limited.

2nd SUNDAY EACH MONTH

**10.00am      Family Service**

This is now a said communion service  
as on other Sundays,

and all family members are welcome.

*It would be a great help in our planning  
if you could let Susan Lawson know  
(01924 378101 or [shlawson0@gmail.com](mailto:shlawson0@gmail.com))  
if you are intending to come to the 10am service.*

The entrance door to the church is on the city centre / High School side of St John's Square. There is a ramp access for wheelchairs and pushchairs up to this door.

There is a fully accessible toilet at the church, and a baby-change facility.

There is an induction loop for those who use a hearing aid.

## **PARISH ACTIVITIES / ORGANISATIONS**

**Parish Morning Prayer** 9.30am Mondays - is happening by Zoom. Please contact Stephanie if you would like an invitation to join in.

*A short service of readings and prayer to start the week*

### **SUSPENDED DUE TO COVID19 RESTRICTIONS:**

**Toddler & Baby Playgroup** 9.15-11.30am Friday in church  
(during term time)

*A time for babies, toddlers and their carers to play and share.*

**Lunches** (Weekly) Wednesdays Noon to 1.00pm  
Lunches served. See overleaf

*A chance to meet friends and chat.*

**Julian Meeting** Fourth Tuesday each month  
7.45pm in Church

*All are welcome to share in Christian contemplative prayer.*

**Taizé Service** Last Friday in the month. (usually)  
7.00-8.00pm + coffee / tea

*A reflective ecumenical service*

**Church Choir** Practice after the 10.00am  
service on Sunday

*Join us in helping to lead Sunday worship*

**Conversation Café** 10.00am - Monday

*Non-English speakers can develop their language skills in a relaxed environment*

*You could remove these centre pages to keep for reference,  
or give to someone who might be interested.*

## UNIFORMED ORGANISATIONS

*Purposeful activity in a structured, fun environment.*

**25<sup>th</sup> Wakefield Scout Group** For boys and girls, held in the Scout Hut by St. John's Parish Centre at the following times.

**Beaver Scouts** (6-8 years) Tues & Thurs 5.45 - 6.45pm

**Cub Scouts** (8-11years) Mon.& Tues 7.00pm-8.15pm

**Scouts** (11-14 years) Wednesday 7.30pm-9.00pm

Details: Group Scout Leader Laura Stephenson 07772869561

**Girl Guiding UK** [www.girlguiding.org.uk](http://www.girlguiding.org.uk)

**Rainbows** (Girls aged 5-7) Thursdays 6.00-7.00pm in church

Contact: Ann Coulson [a.coulson@leedsbeckett.ac.uk](mailto:a.coulson@leedsbeckett.ac.uk)

**Brownies** (Girls aged 7-10) Tuesdays 6.15-7.30pm in church

Contact: [www.girlguiding.org.uk/registeryourinterest](http://www.girlguiding.org.uk/registeryourinterest)

**Girl Guides** (Girls 10 – 14 years) Thursday 7.15-8.45pm in school

Contact: Rachel Gibbs [www.girlguiding.org.uk/registeryourinterest](http://www.girlguiding.org.uk/registeryourinterest)

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We take bookings for the Church, the café area, the Samaritan Room, or the whole building.

Please contact Lorraine Hanson on 01924 257376 for details of prices etc. See page 26 for photos

### Mission Statement

St John's is here to be a living, loving and serving witness to Christ; worshipping, learning and growing in our faith together, reaching out to share God's love in the community and bringing His Word to all

God of mission,  
You give fresh life to St John's.  
Send your Holy Spirit  
    to give vision to our planning,  
    wisdom to our activities,  
    and power to our witness,  
that we may grow  
    in love and commitment to you  
    in number of disciples  
    and in loving service to our neighbours  
        through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

## *Come for Lunch at St John's*

**CANCELLED UNTIL  
FURTHER NOTICE**

**DUE TO  
CORONAVIRUS**

## **Sam's gone potty for you!**

The September sun is shining.  
Christmas is far from our minds,  
but not from Sam Megaw's mind.  
Sam has already potted up over  
100 hyacinth bulbs to sell, as  
usual, towards Church funds.  
It would not be Christmas  
without his lovely hyacinth  
baskets.



However, it seems unlikely  
that we will be able to hold our Christmas Fayre, due to the  
pandemic. So, if you would like to pre-order one or more of  
Sam's hyacinth baskets for Christmas, please could you let  
him or Mona have your name, phone number and how many  
baskets you'd like. Either speak to them at church, if you are  
coming to church, or ring them on 01924 378310. Or you  
can let Susan Lawson know.

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## **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.

## **Why the hymn ‘To God Be The Glory’ means so much to me**

Our first grandson was born in America in May 2012. At his one month check up, the doctor noticed something wasn't right. Tests revealed that Charlie had Biliary Atresia, a childhood liver disease when the bile ducts don't drain correctly. The doctors did a procedure to bypass the bile ducts, but this didn't work. Within a few weeks, it was obvious that Charlie needed a liver transplant. Devastating news for Daniel, our son, and Sophie, his wife.

Patients awaiting transplant have a number - 10 to 1, 1 being the most urgent. Charlie was 4, so couldn't leave hospital. By November he had moved up to 2 (1 means you need a transplant today). Sophie's Mum and I took turns to go out to support Daniel and Sophie in America. I took the first two weeks, over Thanks-giving weekend. The doctors expected a child's liver to become available then - a prime time for water accidents. How shocking. A child has to die to save your grandson. How do you pray about that? What do you pray for?

No match was found , and Charlie was getting weaker and weaker. He was like a little skinned rabbit with a swollen face, a tummy big as a football and very yellow skin. Soon he was number 1 - in urgent need of a transplant. Obviously we all prayed, and at least 3 prayer chains were set up around the world. That night a matching liver was found, from a young man in a motor bike accident.



It was an adult liver, far too big for our skinny little rabbit. The operation took all day. Charles was so tiny, part of the liver sat outside his body (wrapped in 'cling film') for some weeks. Then it slowly shrank until the Doctors could push it inside his tiny body and stitch him up.

Martyn and I, daughter Rebekah and her husband, plus year

old Isabella (our granddaughter) visited the family in Miami just after Christmas 2013. We all had to have gowns and masks, even Isabella. Charlie was still very ill, with wires in every part of him, but he wasn't yellow any more and the doctors were really pleased with his progress and convinced that he would be fine. This was an answer to prayer.

Today, Charlie is a typical boisterous 8 year old boy, mad on football, very good at maths and with a lovely kind heart. Of course, he has a massive scar, but he is not worried about it. It's just part of him. He still takes anti-rejection medicine, but has surprisingly few health problems.



The family returned to England when Charles was 2 and Sophie was expecting their second child. Daniel and Sophie go to a free church in Southampton. They decided not to baptise their children, but they waited for the new baby to arrive and then had a joint thanksgiving service for them both.

When travelling in the car, Charles loved to sing "To God be the glory" and he could sing all the verses and chorus. This was the song he wanted at this thanksgiving service, but being a free, quite modern, young Church, nobody knew the tune. But the Church kindly learnt it for that special service.

The 19<sup>th</sup> century hymn writer, Fanny Crosby, captured an important sentiment for me when she wrote, "Great things he has taught us, great things he has done, and great our rejoicing through Jesus the son". Yes, to God be the Glory.

**Susan Lawson**



# St John's School Page

Year 6 have read the creation story and reflected on it. They each had a sheet with an open cross to colour in, and space around the outside of it to write what they were glad or grateful. Here are some comments from Emily, Eliza, Inaya, Sophia, Chloe, Ali, Daisy and Harius.

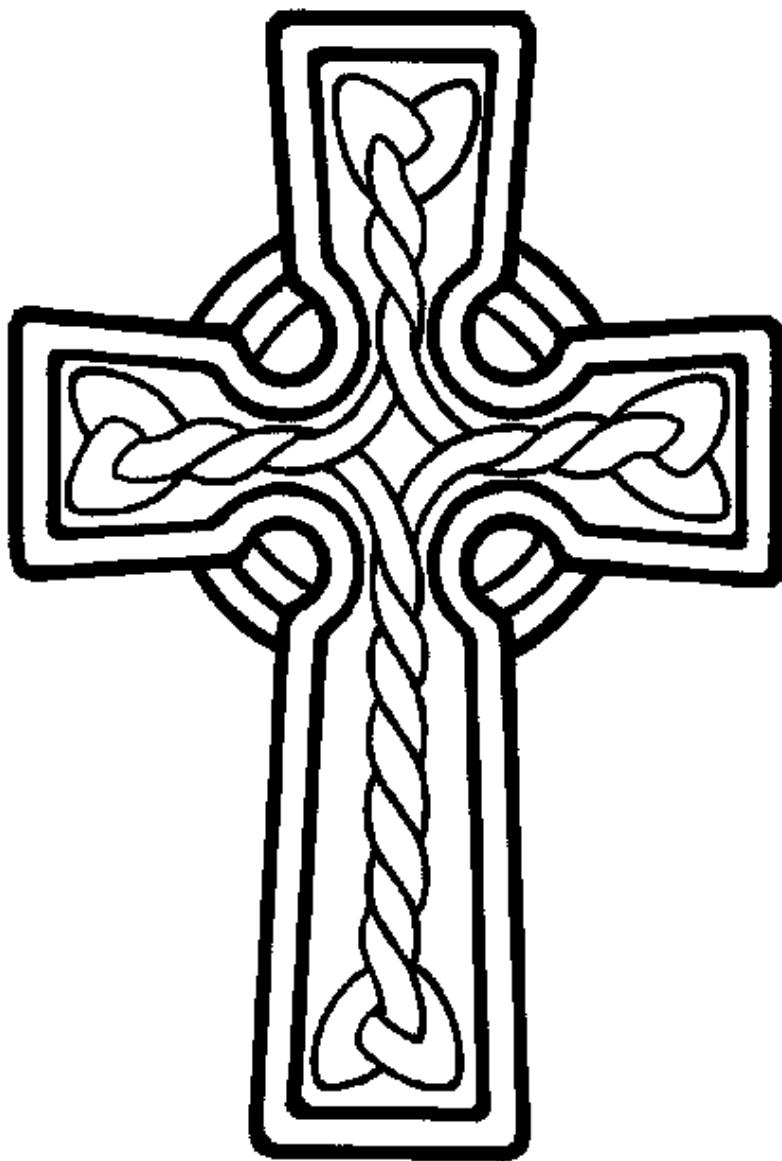
**I am grateful** :- that the world was created; for my family who care for me; for food and water because they help me survive and live; for my school and the teachers who help me with my learning; for my sister, even though she is annoying but I still love her; for the doctors and nurses for taking care of us; for my home because it provides me shelter and I feel safe; for the delicious meals my Mum and Dad make for me and my siblings; for my home and everything in it like my warm bed and all the food and drink that some people do not have; for my pets; for a warm house with heating.



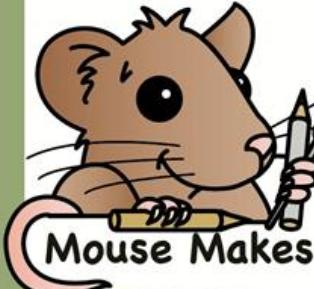
**I am thankful** :- for the world!; for charity; for the NHS; for nature because it is beautiful and helps us to breathe; for my holidays where I spend money and I have lots of sun when I am there; for myself and for God. For my life and privileges. That my parents are well

and I love my friends; for my family and friends because they care for me, love me, also make me happy and feel safe; this may sound silly but I am thankful for my toilet and my bed; that I have a love of football and sports because it makes me feel happy.

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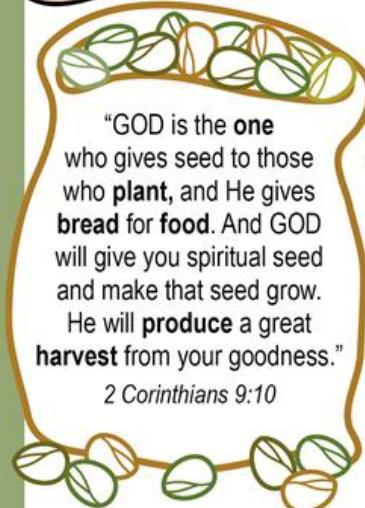


A Celtic Cross to colour in - and perhaps write around it what things you are thankful for or grateful for at this time. 21



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

2 Corinthians 9:10



Look out for seeds in the park and garden

and in your kitchen store cupboard.



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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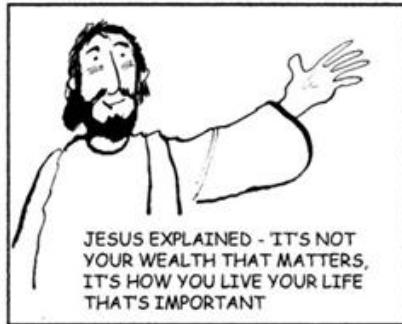
# The tale of the **RICH FOOL**



JESUS OFTEN TOLD STORIES WITH HIDDEN MEANINGS



ONE STORY WAS ABOUT A MAN WHO HAD LOTS OF LAND WHICH GREW WONDERFUL WHEAT.





## FUNERALS

*We commit to the Lord's  
eternal care*

**2 September      Betty Wrigley  
24 September    Ian Elliott**

Both in St John's Church

Don't grumble because you don't get what you want;  
be grateful you don't get what you deserve. - Anon

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



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."

Our minister, an avid golfer, was once taking part in a local tournament. As he was preparing to tee off, the organiser of the tournament approached him and pointed to the dark, threatening storm clouds which were gathering.

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Our minister shook his head. "Sorry," he replied. "I'm in sales, not management!"

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