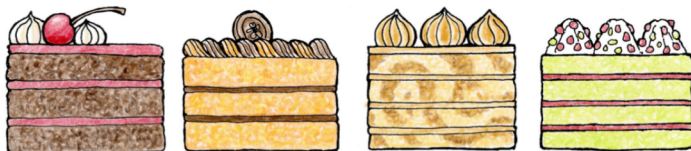

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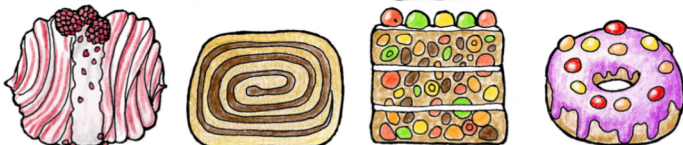


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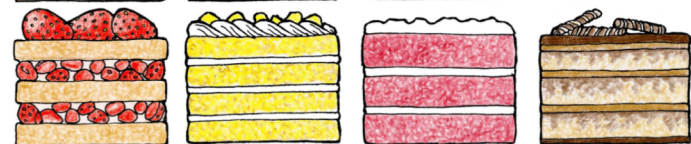
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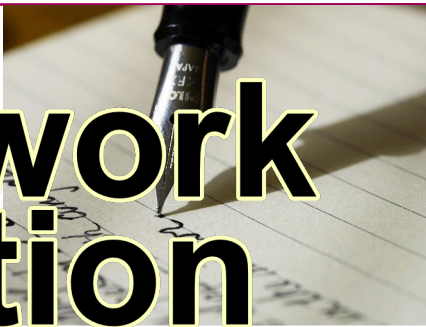
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Robert's Rambles.

God's work in creation



I hope that many of us will have taken Jo's advice in her July/August magazine letter to have a "time of real blessing, peace and relaxation" over the summer.

As we move into September, for many the pace of life will be picking up again with new school, college and university places or perhaps a new job to start. For others, it will be carrying on as it was before the summer, with perhaps a week or two weeks holiday, making a break from work.

It's a new season in so many ways, for our parish as we start up our meetings again, some gatherings have continued over the summer, others will start afresh this month. It's appropriate that, through September the Church thinks about a season of "Creation in Christ" – a new festival for early September and then a "Season of Creation" – which has been part of the church seasonal cycle for many years -leading towards our Harvest Festivals.

We have often prayed for God's work in creation, but over the last few years as we've seen the results of climate change in so many countries, there has been more need for prayer, as one of the Five Marks of Mission for the Anglican Communion is "To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation, and sustain and renew the life of the earth". As our worship centres work towards the eco-church silver status, through our prayers and work at church and in our homes, we can play our part towards caring for God's work in creation in our parish.

Robert.

Bin Envy

'I've got bin envy' was heard from one of the parishioners from another centre having seen our new home for our bins at the centre.

John Partridge and Stephen and Barbara Newhouse worked tirelessly to build it. They dug out a load of old bricks and other stones in order to lay the foundations for the fence panels. With a doorway and soon to be stone floor it has meant the bins are out of sight and can easily be put out on bin day.

Thank you to these wonderful three.

Jo



People who lunch

Well the numbers are going up and up for our people who lunch. 23 of us gathered at the Waggon and Horses in Hawkshaw for a fabulous lunch on Wednesday 8th July. The choice was excellent and it catered well for vegetarians and gluten free. With a special 2 or 3 course set menu it was very reasonably priced too.

It is always good to recommend eating places within the parish .

Next outing:

Tuesday 8th September
see Jo if you want to join us



15th Sept

St Adam of Caithness - the way NOT to tithe

Teaching people to 'tithe' can be a delicate matter. Some clergy teach 'tithing' well, and inspire their people to great generosity of spirit. Other clergy teach 'tithing' at least well enough, and get their people's sluggish cooperation.

But – there are clergy who teach 'tithing' badly – and then, watch out! St Adam (bishop 1213 – 22) is a good example of how NOT to do it.

Adam was a young Cisterian monk who became abbot of Melrose. Then in 1213 William, king of Scotland, appointed him as bishop in a remote area where his own kingly power was weak and that of the Norse earls was strong.

Adam attempted to enforce law and order, including canon law, and particularly the payment of tithes. The people sullenly obeyed most of his teaching about the law and order, and didn't care a fig one way or another about canon law. But tithing was a subject on which they had passionate views!

The customary offering at this time was a span of butter to the clergy for every twenty cows that a person owned. Adam said this was not enough. He wanted more butter. He increased the tithe to one span for every fifteen cows. Then one span for every twelve cows. Then one span for every ten cows that a person owned.



And so Adam managed to double his butter income. But any modern-day Diocesan Board of Finance thinking of doubling the parish share should beware what happened next.

For the people revolted. One night they forced their way into his bishop's house at Halkirke, and burnt him and his followers to death.

The only good news was that his body, although 'roasted with fire and livid with bruises, was found entire under a heap of stones, and buried honourably in the church.' Thus ended Adam, and the people kept all their butter tithe – presumably spreading it on toast?

Fast prayer

A little girl, dressed in her Sunday best, was running as fast as she could, trying not to be late for Sunday School. As she ran, she prayed. "Dear Lord, please don't let me be late! Dear Lord, please don't let me be late!"

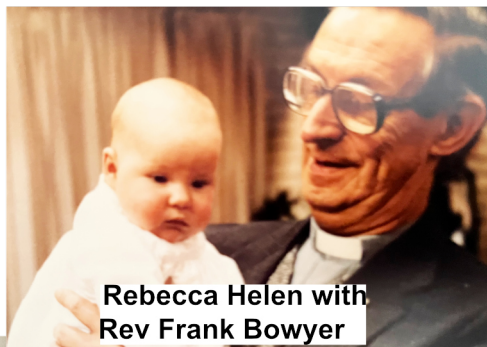
Suddenly, she tripped on the pavement, and fell over, getting her clothes dirty and tearing her dress. She got up, brushed herself off, and started running again. As she ran she once again began to pray, "Dear Lord, please don't let me be late...But please don't shove me either!"

Jubilee memories

Soon after moving to Greenmount in the summer of 1981, Roland and I became regular worshippers at the Canon Lewis Hall. So when our son, Ben was born in August 1983, we took him to the Sunday morning service there when he was just a few days old.



The then Rector, Dick Haigh greeted us on arrival and asked if we would be happy for him to include in the service for the first time the recently introduced "Thanksgiving for the Birth of a Child." So, Ben was duly welcomed into the congregation, and subsequently on 8th January 1984, he was christened Benjamin Matthew, becoming, I believe, the first of only a handful of people to have been baptised at Canon Lewis Hall.



It was natural therefore that when our daughter, Rebecca Helen, was born in August 1988, she too was baptised by the then Rector, Frank Bowyer on 8th January, 1989. This was a joint baptism with Matthew Jackson, the son of Stella and John Jackson – no relation – and was a truly joyful occasion. For the baptism, water from the River Jordan, generously provided by our Reader, Ida Rushton, was used, and Ida had also made a beautiful celebration cake which was shared at the reception following the service.

These were two very special occasions which we still treasure, bringing together our family and friends and the wider church family.

As an aside, Stella Jackson and I, together with Afton Wood who worshipped at Emmanuel Church, would later go on, with the encouragement and guidance of Sheila Bowyer, Rector Frank's wife, to start "Travellers" Mums and Toddlers Group, which is still going strong after all these years as "The Canon Lewis Hall Playgroup."

Canon Lewis Hall provided a lovely nurturing atmosphere in which our children grew up. They were always made welcome, with especially the older members of the congregation taking a great interest in their progress, and they have very happy memories of being part of the church family there.

Linda Jackson.

Can't sleep? Could these drinks be keeping you awake?

Sleep experts suggest the following possible suspects:

- **Alcohol.** It interferes with the way your brain shuts down for the night. It can disrupt the deeper, more restorative level of sleep that you need.

- **Hot chocolate.** Here it is the added sugar that is the problem. It gives you an energy boost that you don't need at bedtime!



- **Tea or coffee** in the afternoon. Caffeine stays in your system for at least five hours.
- That **glass of water** by your bed. It will probably wake you up in the night. Instead, consider increasing your liquid intake earlier in the day.

But if you really want a drink at bedtime, here are three that might help:

- **Chamomile tea** has an antioxidant called apigenin, which promotes sleepiness.
- **Warm milk** contains tryptophan, an amino acid that helps produce serotonin and melatonin.
- And **peppermint tea** soothes your digestive system.



After the success of the



which launched our Jubilee Year in January,
we are having a similar service on

6th September at 2pm
all are welcome.



We will be singing all or some of our favourite hymns and songs as we had too many for the last service. If you want to sing a particular favourite let Sheila or Jo know. I am sure that it will be a great time of fellowship faith and fun and who knows it may even be nice enough for us to spill out into the reflective garden.

Binny Dipping

You have heard of skinny dipping, but have you heard of Binny Dipping?

Claire and Jo have spent time going through the blue recycling bins in Holcombe Brook and Summerseat for even more empty 2litre water bottles and pop bottles to complete the eco greenhouse before the Garden Party. We started the project having seen a prototype at an ECO conference at a United Reformed Church in Clitheroe. This inspired us to make our own. When the old bin store was demolished this gave us a perfect frame so John Partridge customised it for our Greenhouse.

The congregation started collecting bottles from family and friends and we even asked on wastesavers and collected bottles from Tottington Elton and Walmersley.

At the Summer Carnival the children helped to start the project by cutting through the bottom of the bottles removing the labels and stringing them together and attaching them to the frame. This was continued over the next 2 weeks until it was finished in time for our Garden Party. The idea is that groups like the Brownies can grow seeds for plants for the

garden. It is situated opposite the compost areas and near the water butts so that the plants can easily be watered.

There was great admiration on the day and we also have tomatoes growing in the area.



Our next project is to help Emmanuel Holcombe build one in September so keep saving the bottles.

We do not waste anything and the bottom of the plastic bottles have been painted and make plastic flowers . St Mary's Sunday Church have decorated them before the Summer Break .

We hope you like it

Jo

Wedding guest

A little boy at Sunday School learned about the time Jesus went to a wedding and changed the water into wine. "And what did you learn from that story?" asked his father afterward.

The boy thought for a moment and answered, "If you're having a wedding, make sure Jesus is there."



Ste Anne d'Auray

The second greatest shrine in France after Lourdes is at Ste Anne d'Auray in Brittany which is quite near my cottage in France and is a must see for my visitors. Pope John Paul 11 visited in 1999.

St Anne mother of the Virgin Mary appeared numerous times to a humble ploughman , Yves Nicolazic whom she instructed to build a chapel. When a statue was discovered at the spot she had indicated, a church was built there. It was replaced by the present basilica in 1872. The church is massive and contains depicting scenes from the life of St Anne and her husband Joachim and of the ploughman. You can visit the cloisters and the treasury with statues votive plaques from the 15th to 19th century.

The annual pardon or patronal festival is over 2 days on the 25th and 26th July each year. This year was the 401st one they have held and a friend and I took part in the procession in the street from the old house of Yves Nicolazic to the basilica following the carrying of the statue of St Anne. We sang



chants in French and when we got to the basilica we had a service of Vespers. The basilica was packed with pilgrims or Pelegríns in French.

There are outdoor altars and a peace chapel and statues to Anne and Mary in the grounds as well as a monument aux morts a memorial to the 250,000 Bretons who died in World War 1.

Well worth taking part in even if you do not speak the language

Jo

Lovely Things

Bread is a lovely thing to eat –
God bless the barley and the wheat!
A lovely thing to breathe is air –
God bless the sunshine everywhere!
The earth's a lovely place to know –
God bless the folks that come and go!
Alive's a lovely thing to be –
Giver of life – we say – bless Thee!

By H M Sarson

Back to School - facing that first Day

No matter how old we are, we can probably remember our first day at school – being left at the door, meeting children we did not know, separated from the adults we did know and had trusted since the day we were born. But on the other hand, there was the excitement: a big step along the road of life, new friends to make, another adult to become important in our lives. Yes, quite a lot to handle when you're rising five!

And that's what hundreds of thousands of children are going to experience this month. Parents may have prepared them for it, and they may in a slightly apprehensive way be looking forward to it, but it must feel to the five-year-old like a massive step into the unknown.

Not much less is the anxiety of mum, who leaves her precious child, proudly resplendent in their new school uniform, in the Reception class-room. Will he or she suddenly panic, and



cry for that familiar parental cuddle? Will they feel abandoned in an alien setting? Will they like the teacher?

Of course we'll be praying for them, and we know that like millions of others before them they will very probably eventually decide that their schooldays were among the best of their lives. But end of class can't come soon enough for mum on that first day! How wonderful when they come running out, laughing and excited, clutching a piece of paper with some obscure crayon marks on it – written evidence of their first day's education.



...Rodney, I've been meaning to have a word with you about your carbon footprint!



Cutbacks to the school budget had somewhat restricted after-school activities.

God in the Sciences

How can a Christian be a scientist?

I used to ask this question as a student. I wondered what it was like to have a career in science, and how being a Christian might make a difference. Eventually I met a good number of successful scientists who were sincere Christians, and I learned that science and faith are a great combination. Dr Francis Collins, former Director of the project to decode the whole of human DNA, wrote that it is “possible for the scientist-believer to be intellectually fulfilled and spiritually alive, both worshipping God and using the tools of science to uncover some of the awesome mysteries of His creation.” So, what do people like this make of the opportunities and challenges of a life in science?

Although our beliefs may affect what we notice about the world and how we interpret our data, they don’t affect the outcome of the experiments themselves. If a Muslim and a Christian drop the same ball from the same height under identical conditions, it will fall at the same speed. This means that a scientist can be respected by her colleagues for doing good work, regardless of what she believes and what her colleagues think of her worldview.

Science is an exercise in observing and measuring things, and coming up with general principles about the way things are. The world has been declared by God to be ‘very good’ (see chapter one and two of Genesis), and exploring it is a way to express our gratitude to Him. Scientific discoveries can also bring a sense of awe and wonder that feeds into our worship.

Some people don’t want to get involved in certain lines of research because of ethical concerns. On the other hand, there are many issues that make Christians want to get stuck



into new research that will help care for people and the rest of creation, such as medical research, ecology or developing appropriate technologies.

Organisations such as Christians in Science and the Faraday Institute gather together scientists who are also people of faith, and others who are interested in the subject. They come from a wide range of backgrounds, and express their beliefs in a variety of different ways. What they have in common is the conviction that you don’t have to choose between science and God. As the young people in our churches prepare to return to their studies, online if not in person, let’s encourage them that science (along with many other fields) is a great way to serve God.

This series is written by Dr Ruth M Bancewicz, who is Church Engagement Director at The Faraday Institute for Science and Religion in Cambridge. Ruth writes on the positive relationship between Science and Christian faith. See www.faraday.cam.ac.uk/churches and <http://www.cis.org.uk>



The Cathedral in Vannes Brittany is preparing for the visit of the Pope at the end of September so like we used to prepare for royal visits there is lots of activity going on.

I remember reading how the Queen used to say there was always the smell of new paint wherever she went. It is the cleaning of the stone inside the Cathedral. The prayer for his visit is thought provoking.

Prayer to welcome the Pope

Lord our God,

You who never cease to soar in our hearts
the desire to live in justice and peace,
we give you thanks for the visit
to France and to UNESCO
by our Holy Father, Pope Leon XIV.

Bless his Apostolic journey.

Prepare our hearts to welcome him with joy.

Grant us to receive his words with trust.

Teachers to serve the magnificent humanity
that you have created.

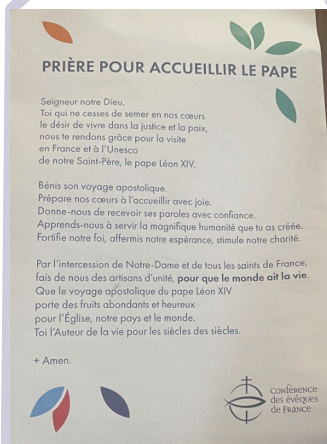
Strengthen our faith, strengthen our hope,
stimulate our charity.

Through the intercession of Our Lady and all
the Saints of France, make us artisans in
unity, so that the world may have life.

May the Apostolic journey of Pope Leo XIV
bear abundant and happy fruit for the church,
our country and the world.

You, the author of life, forever and ever.

Amen



AI Guidelines for Churches

Recently, a friend at church told me of her Sunday school session. It was for primary-aged children and focused on Elijah on Mount Carmel. The teaching material she had seemed uninspiring, so she turned instead to ChatGPT which she was already using at work:

“Write a song to the tune of ‘Twinkle twinkle’ based on this passage, that young children will enjoy singing and will make this story memorable,” she asked.

.... A few seconds later out pops a song.

And then: “Suggest a craft activity based on this passage that they will enjoy doing – we have 25 minutes and basic craft materials.”

Her verdict afterwards?

“Amazing!
Our kids loved it!”

Just one example of how AI is making inroads into church

life. But it also raises important questions:

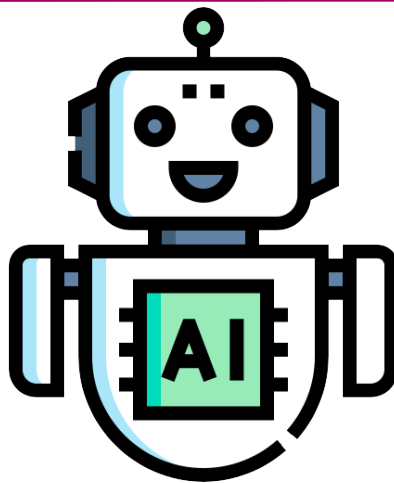
Is it OK to use AI in church?

How do we use it well?

And what areas of church life should AI not be involved in?

Used well, AI could be a great asset for Christian ministry, used badly it could leave us with fast-food ministry – great on the outside but lacking humanity and depth on the inside.

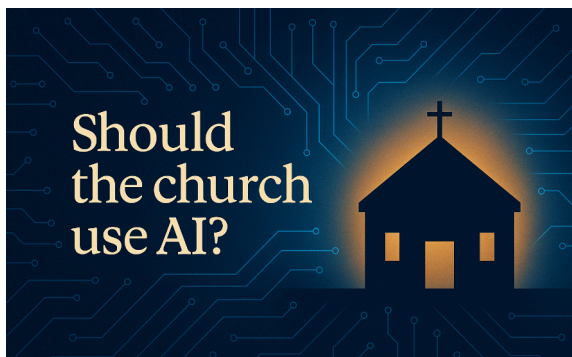
To help churches think through these issues, the AI Christian Partnership has published AI Guidelines for Christian Ministry, a practical guide for church leaders and volunteers. The Guidelines were piloted in churches from four denominations and reviewed by UK experts.



Among its recommendations are:

Use AI to critique, not create

We need to maintain our own skills and dependence on God – so do the work yourself but use AI for suggestions, alternative perspectives or constructive criticism.



Use AI as an assistant not an expert
AI can be an excellent research assistant, but it doesn't know your church or your community. Always treat its answers as advice that needs careful human judgement.

The Guidelines explain the benefits and risks of AI, offer practical guidance for everyday use, and include a simple Church Statement that congregations can adapt to start their own conversations about AI.

Download AI Guidelines for Christian Ministry free at www.aichristian.org/guidelines

999 Day 9th September

[Emergency Services Day](#) begins at 9am on 9th September, (9th hour of the 9th day of the 9th month) with two minutes' silence to remember the more than 7,500 members of the emergency services who have been killed as a result of their duties.



- Promotes our 999 heroes who serve / have served.
- Promotes career and volunteer opportunities across the emergency services.
- Promotes using the emergency services responsibly.
- Educates the public on essential life-saving skills.
- Promotes emergency services charities and the work they do.
- Promotes campaigns being run by frontline emergency services.

Creation

One day a group of scientists got together and decided that man had come a long way and no longer needed God. So, they picked one scientist to go and tell Him so.

The scientist walked up to God and said, "God, we've decided that we no longer need you. We're to the point that we can clone people and do many miraculous things by ourselves."

God listened very patiently and then replied: "Very well, how about this? Let's say we have a man-making contest. We're going to do this just like I did, back in the old days with Adam."

The scientist said, "Sure, no problem" and bent down and grabbed himself a handful of dirt.

God looked at him and said, "No, no, no. You go get your own dirt!"

Police

A young clergyman, fresh out of theological training, thought it would help him better understand the world if he served as a policeman for a while before taking on a congregation.

He studied hard and passed the exams; passed the physical; and then came the all-important final interview. One question was: "What would you do to disperse a frenzied crowd?"

He promptly responded, "I would pass an offering plate." He got the job.

**Lord, may I ever speak as though it were the last word that I can speak.
May I ever act as though it were the last action that I can perform.
May I ever suffer as though it were the last pain I can offer.
May I ever pray as though it were for me on earth the last chance to speak
to you.**

Chiara Lubich, Focolare Movement.

For Reflection



Summer provides a great opportunity for most people to take time out from the usual routine, to take a breather and recharge one's batteries; although it must be noted that this is not always so for many whose circumstances make getting a break impossible. But maybe one of the downsides of the summer "close down" is that many regular activities and social gatherings are paused, and it brings into focus the importance of "community".

Humankind has an innate need to engage with others, to socialise and enjoy a sense of belonging. People need people.

We are told that loneliness is a significant issue in our modern society. People are not connecting in the ways they once did. A lasting legacy of the covid lockdown, together with a growing dependence on "smart" devices and social media have been responsible for a decline in face-to-face communication and conversation. We are in danger of becoming a "me-focused" society, missing out on the interpersonal relationships vital for our well-being.

It is now scientifically proven that engaging in activities with other people has physical and mental health benefits, and doctors are now adopting "social prescribing" as an alternative or addition to medication. Walking, gardening, swimming and litter-picking are just some of the activities being recommended.

We find "community" in our schools, workplaces, pubs, sports clubs and hobby groups. We all know how good it can feel when we gather together with others with similar interests. In recent weeks we've seen the pleasure people have gained from music and arts festivals, street parties, parades and pageants; from watching sporting events

together in large numbers: camping out and queuing at Wimbledon, gathering around big screens to watch the World Cup – albeit that results haven't always been as we might have hoped! And far-reaching benefits are evident from being part of mutual support groups for people with various disabilities and health conditions and their carers, and for those who campaign for important worthwhile causes. In our news bulletins we see communities working together with compassion and practical support, showing solidarity in response to disasters and crises of various kinds.

It is clear from the gospel accounts that Jesus enjoyed meeting and mingling with people, and He and His disciples shared a deep friendship and life-enhancing companionship. And, of course, the Church is the ultimate example of community, a worldwide worshipping and serving body of disparate people, yet drawn together by Christ, endeavouring to follow His example and spread His Good News in the places and times in which we live. What a wonderful community to belong to!

Loving Father, we thank you for the various communities of which we are part, and especially for the joy and privilege of belonging to our Church community. Help us to be welcoming and hospitable, sharing with one another and those around us in care, support and encouragement, which is only a foretaste of the glorious fellowship which awaits us when we finally come, with those who have gone before us, into your heavenly Kingdom.

Amen.

Linda Jackson

September Services

6th September - Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity

Exodus 12: 1-14 ; Matthew 18: 15-20

Emmanuel Church Centre	Emmanuel, Holcombe	St. Mary, Hawkshaw
9.30am Holy Communion Common Worship <i>Rev Robert Airey Dick Gorst</i>	11.00am Morning Worship Common Worship <i>Michael Burton</i>	10.45am All Age Worship with Holy Communion <i>Rev Vic Fletcher & Dick Gorst</i>
		6.30pm Evening Worship 3 Hawkshaw Lane

10th September - 2.00pm - Holy Communion

Emmanuel Church Centre - Rev. Robert Airey

13th September- Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

Exodus 14: 19-31; Matthew 18: 21-35

Emmanuel Church Centre	Emmanuel, Holcombe	St. Mary, Hawkshaw
9.30am Morning Worship Common Worship <i>Jo Venn & Rev Vic Fletcher</i>	11.00am Holy Communion Common Worship <i>Rev Richard Moffat</i>	10.45am Morning Worship with Groups <i>Richard Byrom & Rev Vic Fletcher</i>
3pm Campfire Church		6.30pm Evening Worship 3 Hawkshaw Lane

20th September - The Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

Exodus 16: 2-15; Matthew 20: 1-16

Emmanuel Church Centre	Emmanuel, Holcombe	St. Mary, Hawkshaw
9.30am Holy Communion Common Worship <i>Rev. Robert Airey & Michael Burton</i>	11.00am Morning Worship with Baptism <i>Rev. Robert Airey & Michael Burton</i>	10.45am Holy Communion with Groups <i>Rev Richard Moffat & Dick Gorst</i>
	6.30pm Choral Evensong 1662 <i>Stephen Newhouse</i>	6.30pm Evening Worship 3 Hawkshaw Lane

Passage & Prayer

31st Aug. – 6th Sept.

Prayer for the week:

Dear Lord, remind us when we falter and fail that You uphold us. Your merciful hand has purposed our lives and we cannot outrun your love or free gift of salvation by Jesus' sacrifice for us. Father, you weave our stories throughout ancient history and onto tomorrow. You number our days and surround us with Your love. When we are down, send Your Holy Spirit to remind us of Your loving kindness.

There is much to fear and be frustrated about in this life on earth but You are our comforter through everything life throws at us. Help us to keep getting up, keep following You and holding on to the joy and peace Jesus died to give us.

Please include the following in your prayers each day:

All those young people who will be returning to school or college during the coming week and particularly those who are starting in a new school, college or university.

Readings for this week:

Deuteronomy 8: 7 – 18.

Sunday Reading:

Matthew 18:15 – 20.

Passage and Prayer

The idea is to take a few moments out during each day to meet with God.

Keep these pages for the two month and refer to them each day.

Read a passage of Scripture and spend a little while thinking on what God might be saying to you through it. Then pray for whatever is on your heart and mind, and perhaps include the things happening around the parish.

Each month, a new sheet will be included in the magazine.

Passage & Prayer

7th – 13th Sept.

Prayer for the week:

Lord, may nothing separate me from You today. Teach me how to choose only Your way so that each step leads me closer to You. Help me walk by the Word and not my feelings. Protect me from my own careless thought, words and actions. Help me to embrace what comes my way as an opportunity rather than a personal inconvenience. You already see the ways I will fall short but I know Your absolute love for me is not based on my performance. So, whatever happens today, hold my hand and let me remember that I am not facing it alone.

Please include the following in your prayers each day:

The members of our Pastoral Care Team and all those around the parish who help others.

Reading for this week:

Deuteronomy 26: 1 – 11.

Sunday Reading:

Matthew 18: 21 – 35.

Passage & Prayer

14th – 20th Sept.

Prayer for the week:

Dear Father God, thank you for Your amazing power in our lives, for Your goodness and Your blessings over us. Thank You that You are able to bring hope through even the toughest of times, strengthening us for Your purposes. Thank You for Your great love and care, Your mercy and grace. It is amazing to know that You are always with us and will never leave us. We give thanks for Your incredible sacrifice so that we might have freedom and life. Forgive us for when we don't thank You enough, for who You are, all that You do, for all that You have given. We give You praise and thanks for You alone are worthy.

Please include the following in your prayers each day:

For the person whom God is calling to be the new Rector of our Parish.

Reading for this week:

Ezekiel 37: 1 – 14.

Sunday Reading:

Matthew 20: 1 – 16.

Passage & Prayer **21st – 27th Sept.**

Prayer for the week:

You call us to service, to be your eyes and ears, hands and voice in your world. To open our eyes not only to the beauty and love which you create, but the injustice, hate and suffering that mankind generates. To open our ears not only to the chattering of this coming week, but the searching, fears and questioning of all we shall meet. To open our hands not only to those we choose our lives to share, but in welcome, love and fellowship to all who you draw near. To open our mouths not only to speak platitudes and simple words, but the truths you lay upon our hearts.

Please include the following in your prayers each day:

For the members of our Parish Leadership team as they think about the ministry and mission in our parish.

Reading for this week:

Proverbs 8: 1 – 4; 22 – 31.

Sunday Reading:

Matthew 21: 23 – 28

Passage and Prayer **28th Sept. – 4th Oct.**

Prayer for the week.

Most gracious God, as we celebrate this harvest season of thanksgiving, we give thanks for the blessings of food, provision and nourishment. Please grow in us a harvest for the world. Come sow a seed of hope within our souls Lord, that we might yield goodness, patience and kindness in abundance. Sow a seed of peace in our lives Lord, that we may bear the fruits of forgiveness, compassions and righteousness. Come sow a seed of love in our hearts Lord, that others would reap the blessings of family, friendship and community. May each seed of hope and love grow within us into a harvest that can be feasted on by all.

Please include the following in your prayers each day:

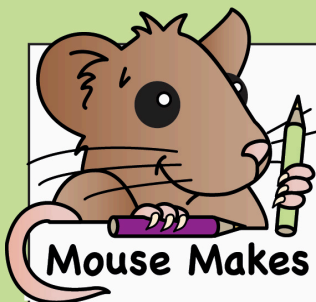
For the Harvest services last week and this week at our three worship centres.

Reading for this week:

Isaiah 35: 1 – 7.

Sunday Reading:

Matthew 21: 33 – 46.



Mouse Makes



READ
John 15:1-17

How many
times does Jesus
use the word
FRUIT?

What does
Jesus command?
To _____
one another.
John 15:12,17

THE TRUE VINE

Who is the vine?

John 15:1

What does Jesus
ask us to do?

"Go and bear

_____"

John 15:16

What happens
to the branches
that do not remain
in the vine?

Thrown into the

and

How many
times does Jesus
command us
to **LOVE**
one another?

John 15:6

H T H R O W N A W A Y
I R A B I D E W I S B
D U F R U I T F U L U
N E R A J S I A M J R
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JESUS • I AM • TRUE • VINE • FATHER
GARDENER • FRUIT • FRUITFUL
BRANCH • PRUNES • CUT • WITHERS
CLEAN • THROWN AWAY • FIRE • BURNS
REMAIN • ABIDE • DISCIPLES • JOY

September Services

27th September - The Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity
Exodus 17: 1-7 Matthew 21: 23-32

Emmanuel Church Centre	Emmanuel, Holcombe	St. Mary, Hawkshaw
9.30am Morning Worship Common Worship <i>Michael Burton</i>	11.00am Holy Communion Common Prayer <i>Rev Richard Moffaty</i>	10.45am Morning Worship with groups <i>Tim Webber & Richard Byrom</i>
		6.30pm Evening Worship 3 Hawkshaw Lane

October Services

6th September - Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity
Exodus 12: 1-14 ; Matthew 18: 15-20

Emmanuel Church Centre	Emmanuel, Holcombe	St. Mary, Hawkshaw
9.30am Harvest Service <i>Rev Richard Moffat</i>	11.00am Morning Worship Common Worship <i>Robert Airey</i>	10.45am All Age Worship with Harvest <i>Rev Vic Fletcher & Ethel Houghton</i>
		6.30pm Evening Worship 3 Hawkshaw Lane

1. What's a cat's favourite colour?

Purr-ple

2. Why do ducks make good detectives?

They always quack the case

3. What kind of fish only swims at night?

A starfish

4. What do you call a dog who does magic tricks?

A labracadabrador

5. Where do cows go when they want to watch a film?

The moo-vies

6. What part of a fish weighs the most?

The scales.

7. What do you call a bear with no ears?

A B

8. What do elephants wear to go swimming?

Trunks

9. Why couldn't the pony sing Happy Birthday?

Because she was a little hoarse.



What's the Big Idea?

- an Introduction to the Books of the Old Testament: Daniel

This month we return to looking at Old Testament books. The book of Daniel describes his life in Babylon during the sixth century B.C., when he served both Babylonian and Persian rulers.

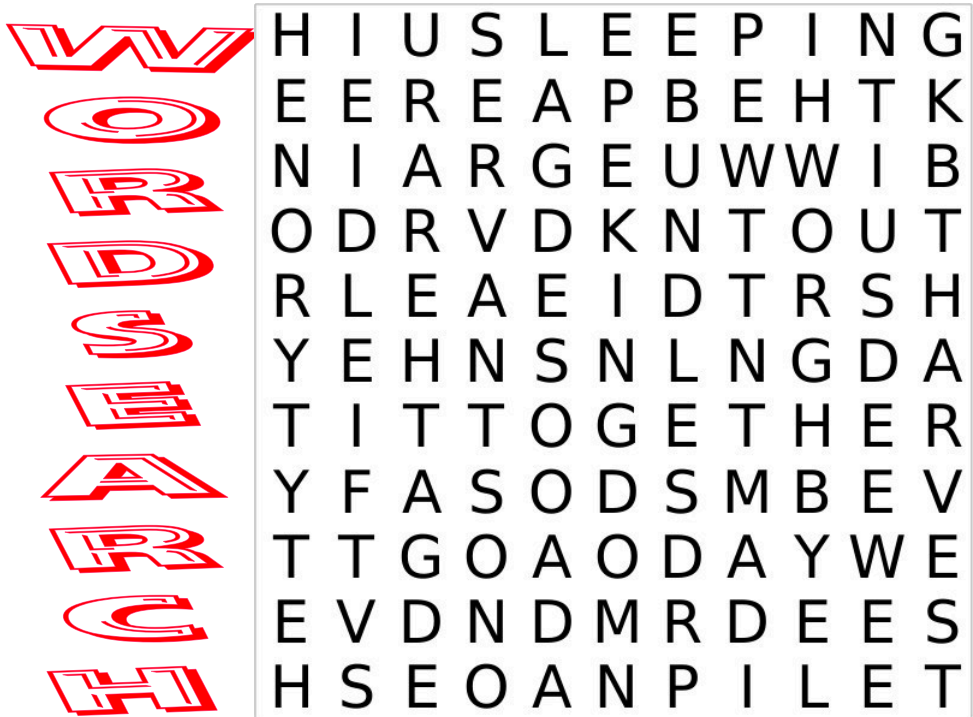
As a teenager, Daniel and his three friends were deported in 605 B.C. to Babylon, where he lived for over 70 years. They were trained as officials in King Nebuchadnezzar's court for three years. Their names and diets were changed to reflect Babylonian culture and take away their Jewish identity. However, Daniel and his friends showed the superiority of their Jewish diet and gained the favour of the king.

Chapters 1-6 are largely narrative, with Daniel and his friends (renamed Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego) demonstrating that God is in control. The three friends refused to worship the pagan Babylonian gods and were thrown into a fiery furnace. However, they emerged unharmed because of God's miraculous protection. He also delivered Daniel from a den of lions when he refused to



worship the Persian king Darius. Daniel also interpreted several visions and dreams for King Nebuchadnezzar and Belshazzar. The second half of the book (chaps. 7-12) consists of a series of visions, which show that God is in control of history.

The book affirms that God is the sovereign ruler of the world and rewards His faithful servants, as expressed by Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego: 'If we are thrown into the blazing furnace, the God we serve is able to save us from it, and He will rescue us from your hand, O king. But even if He does not, we want you to know, O king, that we will not serve your gods or worship the image of gold you have set up.' (Daniel 3: 17,18)



The Parable of the Weeds (Matthew 13.24-30)

Ever wonder why there is both good and evil allowed in this world? Jesus told a parable that touched on this subject – it is called the Parable of the Weeds. It runs like this: Consider the world as if it were a field where a Farmer has sown good seed. But then an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat. So, when the wheat came up, so did the weeds. What to do? Instead of destroying the weeds, and thereby risking the wheat, the Farmer tells his reapers to wait and let both wheat and weeds grow together until the harvest. At the harvest he will instruct the reapers to gather up the wheat, but to discard the weeds. So do not despair when evil seems to thrive in this world – there is a reckoning still to come, and justice will be done.

Kingdom
Heaven
Good
Seed
Field
Sleeping
Grain
Weeds

Enemy
Servants
Master
Sow
Gather
Reap
Root
Let

Grow
Together
Harvest
Bundles
Barn
Burned

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Sudoku

Easy

Medium

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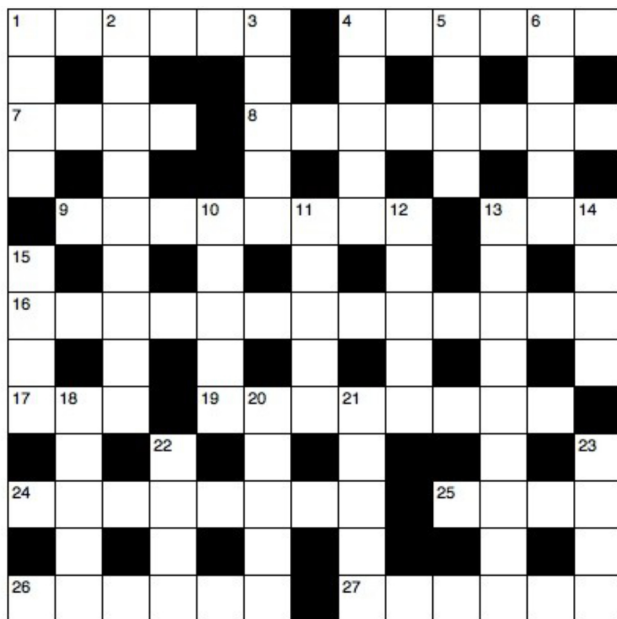
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Cutbacks to the school budget had somewhat restricted after-school activities.



Harvest Services next month



27 Mean (Numbers 35:23)(6)

Down

- 1 'Whoever finds his life will — it' (Matthew 10:39) (4)
- 2 'My lord the king, let the — on me and on my father's family, and let the king and his throne be without guilt' (2 Samuel 14:9) (5,4)
- 3 O raid (anag.) (5)
- 4 'If two of you on earth — about anything you ask for, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven' (Matthew 18:19) (5)
- 5 Take care of (1 Samuel 17:15) (4)
- 6 What the older son heard as he came near the house the day his prodigal brother came home (Luke 15:25) (5)

Across

- 1 'Unless the Lord builds the house, its builders — in vain' (Psalm 127:1) (6)
- 4 Season of the year (Psalm 84:6) (6)
- 7 'My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death. — here and keep watch with me' (Matthew 26:38) (4)
- 8 It came over the whole land from the sixth to the ninth hour on the first Good Friday (Luke 23:44) (8)
- 9 Paul invariably did this in the synagogues he visited on his missionary journeys (Acts 17:2) (8)
- 13 'It is God who works in you to will and to — according to his good purpose' (Philippians 2:13) (3)
- 16 Members of the Church of Scotland (13)
- 17 'Now when he saw the crowds, he went up on a mountain side and — down' (Matthew 5:1) (3)
- 19 Mock (Luke 14:29) (8)
- 24 Disgrace (Psalm 44:13) (8)
- 25 First month of the Hebrew calendar (Exodus 13:4) (4)
- 26 Christianity of the Britons before Augustine arrived from Rome (6)
- 10 'Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with — judgment' (Romans 12:3) (5)
- 11 Do ten (anag.) (5)
- 12 Architectural style first used in Greek temples in the sixth century BC (5)
- 13 Capable of being used (1 Kings 7:36) (9)
- 14 'Each one should — his own actions' (Galatians 6:4) (4)
- 15 Among the items imported by Solomon's fleet of trading ships (1 Kings 10:22) (4)
- 18 'But I am afraid that just — was deceived by the serpent's cunning, your minds may somehow be led astray' (2 Corinthians 11:3) (2,3)
- 20 Outstanding 18th-century hymn writer, — Watts (5)
- 21 One of the four sons of Asher (Genesis 46:17) (5)
- 22 Be distressed (Proverbs 24:19) (4)
- 23 He was the father of Gaal, who threatened rebellion against Abimelech (Judges 9:28) (4)

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**Dementia, God and the Church:
Journeying with hope
By Wendy Gleadle and Frances
Attwood, BRF, £12.99**

Dementia is one of today's most feared health conditions, and Christians with the condition may also worry about losing their faith and their connection to God. However, there is still hope: those living with dementia can still find meaning in their life and their faith.

Written by two practitioners in this field, *Dementia, God and the Church* aims to show how person-centred approaches to dementia can provide hope. Wendy Gleadle first examines the difficulties of maintaining religious beliefs as cognition declines, and the implications of this if faith is equally emotional as cognitive. She explores other forms of spiritual awareness, such as relationships, the arts and creativity.

Frances Attwood asks how churches can better support those living with dementia, through examining what they and their families and carers find helpful and want most. Throughout, space is given to first-hand stories of those with dementia, those working with them and those caring for them.



**Bible Stories Activity Pad - 60
Activities for 5 years and under
By Deborah Lock, Candy
Books, £9.99**

Fun and engaging activity books with tear-off sheets covering all the favourite Bible stories and more for young children. Packed with a wonderfully varied mix of early-learning activities inspired by favourite Bible stories from both the Old and New Testaments, this vibrant activity pad gives children aged 5 years and under a playful, engaging way to explore the greatest story ever told - one page at a time.

It includes colouring pages featuring familiar Bible characters, dot-to-dot, puzzles, mazes, matching games, drawing and creative activities, bright illustrations, and tear-off sheets for easy use or for sharing. Makes a brilliant gift for birthdays, baptisms, Easter, Christmas, or as a Sunday school prize.

Remembering Buddy Holly

Ninety years ago, on 7th September 1936, Buddy Holly, the American rock and roll singer, was born Charles Hardin Holley in Lubbock, Texas. His career was cut short when he was killed in a plane crash in 1959 – an event remembered as “the day the music died”.

Holly was raised by a devout Southern Baptist family and was baptised at the Tabernacle Baptist Church in his hometown. His widely recognised talent as a musician and singer led him into the emerging country rock scene, where performers were often exploited by those working behind the scenes.

His influence has been acknowledged by many top singers and guitarists, including Bob Dylan, the Beatles, the Rolling Stones and Eric Clapton.

The plane crash happened during a poorly organised winter tour of the Mid West where the buses supplied were hopelessly inadequate in terms of reliability and heating. Temperatures well below freezing led Holly to hire a small private plane to take three of them to the next venue. The inexperienced pilot crashed the plane shortly after take-off near Clear Lake, Iowa, killing everyone on board: himself, Holly, J P “The Big Bopper” Richardson, who was given his seat because he



was suffering from flu, and Ritchie Valens, who won it on a coin toss.

Holly's pregnant wife Elena heard of his death on the radio, and the shock of it led to a miscarriage. This resulted in the convention of not broadcasting the sudden death of anyone without close relatives being informed.

The disaster was immortalised by singer/songwriter Don McLean, who said he had idolised Holly and felt his death marked a watershed between the innocence of the 1950s and the changes brought about by the Vietnam generation. His song, The Day the Music Died, was a long and brilliant solo performance.

Where are we?

When Columbus started out, he didn't know where he was going. When he got there, he didn't know where he was. When he got back, he didn't know where he had been. And he did it all on other people's money. Can't help thinking that Columbus reminds me of some teenagers who go on family holidays...



Crossword solution

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Wordsearch solution

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Sudoku solutions

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The Great War 1

Sidney Cornell was minister at Hawkshaw only during the three middle years of WWI. Soon after the end of the war he wrote:

‘The terrible conflict through which we have passed was the culminating point to which the forces of unhealthy rivalry, international hate, lust for power and wealth and unbridled passions inevitably led, creating a virus infecting all the springs of life. The world has been drenched with blood, unspeakable depths of suffering and grief have been unstopped. The profuse and generous spirits of nature have been perverted into instruments of destruction. Age-long relationships between classes and orders of human life have been swept away or radically changed and the foundations of every institution shaken. Now we are waking as from a horrible dream and hoping for the dawn of a better and brighter day.’

By then Cornell was Vicar of Christ Church, Chadderton. He also wrote:

‘Even while the rejoicings over the cessation of the war were sounding on every hand, a terrible epidemic of influenza spread over the entire world, carrying off more victims in six weeks than the devastating war had done in four years. It laid its hand on many of the people in our own parish, two of three sometimes dying in one house.’

Cornell trained for the ministry at St Aidan’s Theological College, Birkenhead, during the time Guy Warman – an evangelical Christian who subsequently became Bishop of Manchester – was Principal. Cornell was curate under W Stanton Jones at Kirkdale in Liverpool. When Jones was appointed Rector of Middleton by Mr Alfred Butterworth, he brought Cornell with him. Butterworth was one of those who had left Werneth Parish Church in Oldham, when it deviated from Biblical truths, and built Christ Church, Chadderton, determined to ‘secure a permanent evangelical ministry’. An earlier Middleton Rector whom he had appointed was Thomas Cleworth, husband of his daughter Edith. Another of Alfred Butterworth’s daughters, Alice, married Frederick Whowell,

patron of Hawkshaw church, in 1903. Frederick built Croich Hey to be their family home but tragically Alice died in 1906 leaving Frederick with two young sons. Her brother-in-law Canon



Cleworth preached at her funeral in Hawkshaw, and in 1915 it was Edith, widowed in 1909, who ‘used her influence very directly’ in bringing about the appointment of Sidney Cornell to Hawkshaw.

Cornell must have had a harrowing time in Hawkshaw as he sought to minister to families who had sons, husbands or brothers away at the Front, and sought to console the many who lost loved ones. But after less than three years Sidney and Mrs Cornell received an invitation to minister at Christ Church, Chadderton. ‘It was’, they recorded, ‘the hardest decision they had ever made ... to leave that exceedingly congenial sphere of labour and bid farewell to a people so happy and united together ...’. It was during their time in Hawkshaw that the first Zeppelin raid occurred, on the night of 25-26 September 1916, with bombs dropped on Holcombe, damaging the building opposite the Shoulder of Mutton (where shrapnel marks can still be seen) and Emmanuel School – and stopping the church clock!

A measure of Cornell can be found in the notes of part of his inaugural sermon at Chadderton:

‘A minister of Christ is ordained to serve. To follow in the steps of Him who “came to minister”. The Church must not expect him to be:

- (a) A caterer for social amusements.
- (b) A political leader.
- (c) A prophet of smooth things.

You are invited to
St. Mary, Hawkshaw

“Sizzling Seniors”

Thursday

3rd September

10am - 12noon

Usually every first
Thursday of the month.

Contact: Jane Fletcher for details
or if you need transport.

The Soup Company

A simple meal of bread and soup
in good company!

12.30pm to 2pm

Why not come along and share good
company and heart warming soup and
gorgeous puddings .

Thursday 10th September

Canon Lewis Hall,
Longsight Road, BL8 4DB

Note: at 2pm there is a
Holy Communion Service



Thursday
evenings
7.30 - 9

THE CELLAR
St Mary's Youth Club
Not during School holidays

School
years
7 - 9

**Canon Lewis Hall
Playgroup
(Formerly “Travellers”)
Adult and Toddler Group
Wednesdays
1.30pm to 3pm
Canon Lewis Hall.**

Drop IN

10am until 12 noon
every Monday,

at Canon Lewis Hall,

Longsight Road, BL8 4DB
welcomes anyone and everyone,
who wants a “bit of company, a
cup of coffee and a chat”.

Quiet Morning

Tuesday

**15th September
10am to 12noon**

Emmanuel Church Centre



**Sunday 13th
September @
3pm**

Campfire Carols is a relaxed, family-friendly outdoor Christmas gathering at Emmanuel Church Central. Join us around the fire for festive hot chocolate, Christmas games, joyful carol singing, the nativity story, and plenty of cosy seasonal fun together.

Everyone is welcome

Emmanuel Church Centre,
Holcombe Brook, BL8 4DB



Parish of
Holcombe &
Hawkshaw



www.holcombehawkshaw.org

Mothers' UNION

Christian care for families

**Tuesday 1st September
at 2.00pm
Emmanuel Church
Centre**

**A social gathering and
the dedication of a tree
for the 150th
Anniversary of the
national Mothers' Union.**

You are welcome to come
and pray for East Asia

**Overseas
Missionary
Fellowship**



**Prayer
Meeting**

**Thursday,
3rd September
2-3.15pm**

3, Hawkshaw Lane,
BL8 4JZ

Followed by
tea/coffee and cake.

Greenmount Village Community

D-CaFF



A lovely place to meet... For people living with
dementia, their carers, family and friends.

**Friday
11th September
David Dunne
entertains**

**Look forward to seeing
you all!**

**1pm-3pm at
Canon Lewis Hall,
Longsight Road .
BL8 4EQ**

Any help is welcome.

**Working
Party**

Emmanuel Church Centre
Garden

**Wednesday
9th September**

1.30pm to 4pm

Your help would be much appreciated.

Any help is welcome.

**Working
Party**

Emmanuel Church Holcombe

**Wednesday
16th September**

1.30 to 4pm

Your help would be much appreciated.

Those new Royal Mail solar-powered digital post-boxes

Royal Mail has converted about 3,500 of the old trusty red post-boxes into digital affairs, out of the 115,000 post-boxes in the country.

The new solar-powered digital post-boxes feature a solar panel roof, a built-in barcode scanner, and an extra-large drawer that accepts parcels up to shoebox size.

The idea is that the solar panels on top capture sunlight to power the digital scanner and automated drawer mechanism. So, then all you have to do is to scan the 2D barcode on your pre-paid parcel label, using the box's scanner to automatically open the large drawer.

The traditional letter slot remains, for regular stamped mail.



As for proof of posting? You use the Royal Mail app on your phone to track and request confirmation when you drop off an item.

If you don't want to download an app or use a printer, the good news is that you can still send your parcels as before, at a post office counter.



Do you have problems getting to church?

Do you need a lift?

Want to reduce car usage?

Can you offer a lift?

Contact:

stephen@holcombehawkshaw.org

On what clergy should wear on their feet

The Rectory
St James the Least

My dear Nephew Darren,

Thank you for sending me the photograph of you having your face painted at your parish's 'Fun Day' - although I can't help feeling that to label an event 'fun' is the most effective way of draining it of all amusement whatsoever. Why on earth can't parishes continue with the traditional title of 'Crowning of the Rose Queen and Fete', equally traditionally grimly enjoyed to the accompaniment of thunder and torrential rain.

However, the one thing that caused me the greatest concern in your photo was the fact that you were wearing sandals. Sandals are only to be worn by Franciscan monks (without socks) and holidaymakers on Blackpool promenade (regrettably, generally with socks). I know that you will argue that Jesus wore sandals. This was mainly because reliable pairs of brogues had yet to be invented, but also because He lived in a hot, dry country. We live in a cold, wet one.

The only appropriate colour for footwear for a parish priest is black, and the only appropriate material is leather - although I will concede that can create difficulties. Wet leather shoes and polished marble sanctuary floors are a potentially lethal combination.

I well remember as a curate when old Canon Griffith entered the Sanctuary, having just got drenched coming from the Rectory. His feet moved across the marble floor some miles per hour faster than the rest of his body. Had he landed face down, the congregation may have assumed he was reverently prostrating himself before the



altar. But lying in a supine position, staring in a dazed state at the rafters, only conveyed inappropriate indolence, when he should be at work.

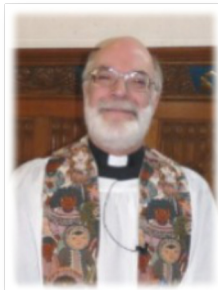
However, do not take the alternative of wearing crepe soles. I suspect your present church will be fully carpeted - it seems to go with your sort of theology - and there will be no problem. But crepe soles and any sort of polished stone floor are a truly disastrous mixture. The slightest movement will make it sound as if you are being followed by a swarm of demented frogs.

Your loving uncle,

Eustace

Eustace

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St. Mary, Hawkshaw: Jane Fletcher and Keith Jones.

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Assistants to Treasurer: Judith Horrocks & Pam Jones

Gift Aid Secretary: Pam Jones.

Electoral Roll Officer: Sheila Partridge,

Safeguarding Officer: Liz Webber: safeguarding@holcombehawkshaw.org

Assistants: Rev. Robert Airey, Julie Ringer and Tim Webber.

Standing Committee: Rector, Churchwardens, P.C.C. Secretary and Treasurer.
Other members to be decided by the P.C.C.

Finance Team: Treasurer, Assistant Treasurers and Gift Aid Secretary.

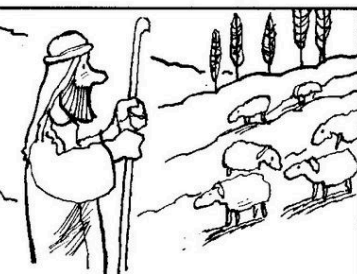
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Booking Secretary: St. Mary, Hawkshaw Penny Hanley 07870 578632

The tale of the Lost Sheep



JESUS OFTEN TOLD STORIES WITH HIDDEN MEANINGS



ONE STORY WAS ALL ABOUT A GOOD SHEPHERD.



WHO TOOK GREAT CARE OF ALL HIS SHEEP

THE SHEPHERD WOULD ALWAYS MAKE SURE EACH SHEEP WAS SAFE.



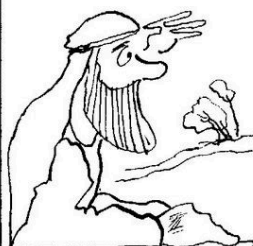
HE WOULD COUNT THEM AT THE END OF EVERY DAY

BUT ONE NIGHT HE REALIZED A SHEEP HAD GONE MISSING

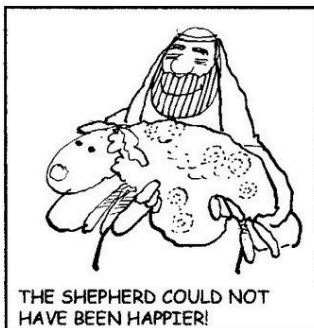


THE SHEPHERD SET OUT TO SEARCH FOR THE LOST SHEEP

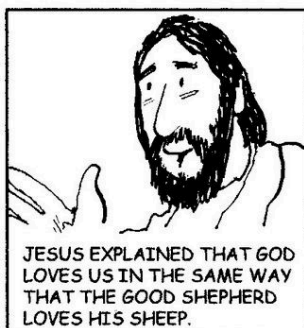
HE SEARCHED HIGH AND LOW



AT LAST THE LOST SHEEP WAS FOUND!



THE SHEPHERD COULD NOT HAVE BEEN HAPPIER!



JESUS EXPLAINED THAT GOD LOVES US IN THE SAME WAY THAT THE GOOD SHEPHERD LOVES HIS SHEEP.

Hymns and Pimms

2pm Emmanuel Church Centre

Sunday 6th September

Join us for music, fellowship & summer refreshment.