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**September 2026**



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**Friday 25th September, 7.30-9.00pm**  
**Royston Parish Church**

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## **HARVEST SUPPER**

**SATURDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> OCTOBER 6:00PM**

**ROYSTON PARISH CHURCH**

**Tickets £12 individual / £30 family**

**Supper includes casserole, cottage pie or vegetarian alternative, with fruit crumble for dessert.**

**Drinks available to buy.**

**To book please go to**

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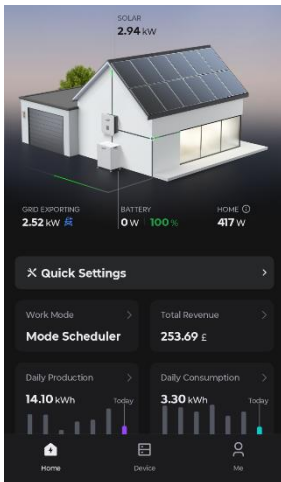


**Entertainment included**

## Solar Panels - My Experience So Far

In the March 2025 edition of the church magazine I wrote an article about what more I could do to reduce my carbon footprint. Installation of solar panels was one potential option.

At the end of April of this year, we had 8 panels installed on our south-facing roof, an inverter to convert the DC solar power into AC to be used by the house, and a 5.5kW battery to store power to use overnight. The system and Installation cost just over £10,000. Scaffolding is needed to give the engineers safe access to the roof during installation. The scaffolding is typically erected a week before the installation of the panels, and comes down one to two weeks after, once it's been confirmed that there are no issues that the engineers need to return to rectify.



We had to share some information about our house with the company we were procuring the system from in advance of the installation. The information included size of the roof, direction it faced and what the roof tiles were made of, photos of the roof showing any roof windows, and our typical monthly electricity usage. This was to allow them to work out the optimum number of panels, the panel configuration on our roof, and the battery size needed.



The inverter controls are connected to the Wi-Fi, and we have an app where we can monitor what the solar panels are doing and how full the battery is. If our

battery is full, and we're generating more electricity than we're using, we can export the excess to the grid, and our energy supplier pays us for it. Different suppliers have different rates that they pay per kWh exported, so shop around for the best deal that gives a good price for exported energy, and good tariffs when buying from the grid, and with a low tariff at a time that best suits your needs.

I warn you that the app is addictive, especially when you first get the panels installed and are getting used to how much electricity your dwelling uses versus how much the panels are generating. I now alternate which days I use high-energy appliances, for example I won't run the dishwasher on the same day as the washing machine, unless it's a very sunny day!

The app shows how much energy the panels are generating, how much electricity is being used by the house, how much is being imported from or exported to the grid, and how full the battery is. It also tells me what the environmental impact on my carbon footprint is due to the use of the solar panels, so far, I've saved more than 2 tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> from being added to the atmosphere!

Since having the panels installed, the monthly income from our export to the grid has exceeded the cost of the monthly standing charge and any electricity we've had from the grid. We've not needed to pay a bill, and our account is in credit. I'm waiting to see how that changes in the winter months, when the days are shorter and less sunny, and when we'll need lights on for longer. I'm glad we had the panels installed, both for the reduction in our electricity bill, and for the reduction of my carbon footprint.

By Ruth Savage

## RESULTS FROM OUR SCONES OF PRAISE .....

### Scones Of Praise

At the start of August we had a "Scones of Praise". It was interesting to find out if any of the worship songs and hymns on my top 10 list had made it on to the combined top 10 of our church congregation. Only 1 did. Steven revealed the songs one-by one, working up to the number one. We sang each one after it had been disclosed. Before revealing the number one, we found out which song had been voted top by the junior members of our congregation, which we had to sing with actions! It was fun to see everyone joining in enthusiastically. After singing the hymn that had come top of the congregation's list, we tucked into copious quantities of scones with jam and cream. Delicious! It was a thoroughly enjoyable afternoon of worship and fellowship.



Ruth Savage

|                                            | No. of votes |                                                  | No. of votes |
|--------------------------------------------|--------------|--------------------------------------------------|--------------|
| O Lord my God                              | 147          | She sits like a bird                             | 26           |
| In Christ alone                            | 135          | There's an old rugged cross                      | 26           |
| Dear Lord and Father of Mankind            | 122          | Give me oil in my lamp                           | 25           |
| Amazing grace                              | 120          | All things bright and beautiful                  | 24           |
| I, the Lord of Sea and Sky                 | 100          | Breathe on me, breath of God                     | 24           |
| Be still for the presence of the Lord      | 92           | O Jesus I have promised                          | 24           |
| Great is thy faithfulness                  | 72           | Our God is a great big God                       | 24           |
| Lord, the light of your live is shining    | 70           | Blessed be your name                             | 23           |
| From heaven you came                       | 66           | Longing for light                                | 23           |
| Praise, my soul, the king of heaven        | 66           | Shine from the inside out                        | 23           |
| And did those feet                         | 64           | How deep the Father's love for us                | 22           |
| Guide me O thou great redeemer             | 64           | Lord of all hopefulness                          | 22           |
| I danced in the morning                    | 64           | In the bleak midwinter                           | 21           |
| Abide with me                              | 61           | Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us                | 21           |
| Love divine                                | 59           | The day thou gavest, Lord, is ended              | 21           |
| The Lord's my shepherd                     | 55           | All I once held dear                             | 19           |
| At the name of Jesus                       | 52           | Every morning when I wake (God suit)             | 19           |
| Thine be the glory                         | 51           | Now thank we all our God                         | 19           |
| Make me a channel of your peace            | 49           | O love that wilt not let me go                   | 19           |
| And can it be                              | 47           | The splendour of the king (How great is our God) | 19           |
| I vow to thee my country                   | 45           | Beauty for brokenness                            | 18           |
| Holy forever (A thousand generations)      | 44           | Brother, sister, let me serve you                | 18           |
| All my hope on God is founded              | 42           | When peace like a river attendeth my way         | 18           |
| There is a redeemer                        | 38           | The church's one foundation                      | 17           |
| Be thou my vision                          | 37           | Thy hand, O God, has guided                      | 17           |
| For all the saints                         | 37           | Alleluia! Sing to Jesus                          | 16           |
| When I survey the wondrous cross           | 36           | Morning has broken                               | 16           |
| He who would valiant be                    | 35           | Once in Royal David's City                       | 16           |
| Lord Jesus Christ (Living Lord)            | 34           | See what a morning                               | 16           |
| Bless the Lord, O my soul (10 000 reasons) | 32           | You call me out upon the water (Oceans)          | 16           |
| I heard the voice of Jesus say             | 30           | As the deer                                      | 15           |
| Just as I am                               | 30           | Let everything that has breath (Praise)          | 15           |
| My song is love unknown                    | 30           | Let us build a house                             | 15           |
| Eternal Father, strong to save             | 29           | There is a green hill                            | 15           |
| Purify my heart                            | 29           | Will you come and follow me                      | 15           |
| How shall I sing that majesty              | 28           | Blessed assurance                                | 14           |
| Holy, holy, holy                           | 26           | Glory and honour                                 | 14           |
| In my wrestling (My Lighthouse)            | 26           | Such love                                        | 14           |
| My Jesus, my saviour                       | 26           | The king of love my shepherd is                  | 14           |

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| You were the word in the beginning               | 14 |
| For the beauty of the earth                      | 13 |
| King of kings (Bethel)                           | 13 |
| When I wake up in the morning (God Beside)       | 13 |
| Immortal invisible                               | 12 |
| It is well with my soul                          | 12 |
| Jesus Christ is risen today                      | 12 |
| O thou who camest from above                     | 12 |
| Take my life, and let it be                      | 12 |
| Crown him with many crowns                       | 11 |
| Noah built the most enormous boat                | 11 |
| Tell out my soul                                 | 11 |
| To God be the glory                              | 11 |
| You are here (Waymaker)                          | 11 |
| Build your kingdom here                          | 10 |
| Goodness of God                                  | 10 |
| Hark, what a sound                               | 10 |
| Jerusalem the golden                             | 10 |
| My heart will sing to you (Robin Mark)           | 10 |
| O for a thousand tongues                         | 10 |
| O worship the Lord in the beauty of brokenness   | 10 |
| Where you there when they crucified my Lord?     | 10 |
| All heaven declares                              | 9  |
| Father hear the prayer we offer                  | 9  |
| God you know me and you love me                  | 9  |
| Hills of the north rejoice                       | 9  |
| If I were a butterfly                            | 9  |
| I know not God's wondrous grace                  | 9  |
| King of Kings, Majesty                           | 9  |
| O happy day                                      | 9  |
| Silent night                                     | 9  |
| Take this moment time and space                  | 9  |
| The royal banners forward go                     | 9  |
| You raise me up                                  | 9  |
| A new commandment                                | 8  |
| Angel-voices, ever singing                       | 8  |
| Christ, whose glory fills the sky                | 8  |
| God is working his purpose out                   | 8  |
| he's the one who makes the sun shine (Superhero) | 8  |

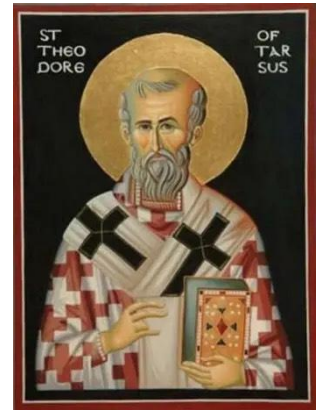
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| In his time                                       | 8 |
| Lead kindly light                                 | 8 |
| Let all the world in every corner sing            | 8 |
| What is our hope in life and death                | 8 |
| Ave Maria                                         | 7 |
| he's Coming on the clouds (The lion and the lamb) | 7 |
| He's got the whole world in his hands             | 7 |
| Lord I lift your name on high                     | 7 |
| O Lord hear my prayer                             | 7 |
| One pair of hands                                 | 7 |
| O sacred head, sore wounded                       | 7 |
| O what their joy and their glory must be          | 7 |
| Through all the changing scenes of life           | 7 |
| Unless a grain of wheat                           | 7 |
| When Jesus wept                                   | 7 |
| Come thou fount                                   | 6 |
| Come, ye thankful people, come                    | 6 |
| Glorious things of thee are spoken                | 6 |
| Jubilate, everybody                               | 6 |
| King of my heart                                  | 6 |
| Praise to the holiest in the height               | 6 |
| The fruit of the spirit's not a coconut           | 6 |
| All glory, laud and honour                        | 5 |
| All people that on earth do dwell                 | 5 |
| Faithful one                                      | 5 |
| Gracious sprit, Holy Ghost                        | 5 |
| I cannot tell                                     | 5 |
| I give you all the honour                         | 5 |
| O my soul arise and bless your maker              | 5 |
| Seek ye first the kingdom of God                  | 5 |
| Stand up, stand up for Jesus                      | 5 |
| There's a wideness in God's mercy                 | 5 |
| This is the air I breathe                         | 5 |
| What a friend we have in Jesus                    | 5 |
| When darkness seems to hide his face (Cornerston  | 5 |
| All to Jesus I surrender                          | 4 |
| Calon Lan                                         | 4 |
| God can do anything                               | 4 |
| God is love, his the care                         | 4 |

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| It came upon the midnight clear                   | 4 |
| Jesus shall reign                                 | 4 |
| Only Jesus who took fish and bread                | 4 |
| Peace like a river                                | 4 |
| Teach me, my God and king                         | 4 |
| Through the night of doubt and sorrow             | 4 |
| Within the darkest night (Taize)                  | 4 |
| Wilt thou not let me go                           | 4 |
| All creatures of our God and king                 | 3 |
| Come down, O Love divine                          | 3 |
| Christ triumphant                                 | 3 |
| God loves me                                      | 3 |
| Jesus, remember me (Taize)                        | 3 |
| Lo, he comes with clouds descending               | 3 |
| Meekness and majesty                              | 3 |
| One bread one body                                | 3 |
| O perfect love                                    | 3 |
| O when the saints go marching in                  | 3 |
| The holly and the ivy                             | 3 |
| You shall go out with joy                         | 3 |
| As with gladness men of old                       | 2 |
| Away in a manger                                  | 2 |
| Christ is the Lord of the smallest atom           | 2 |
| Father we adore you                               | 2 |
| God be in my head                                 | 2 |
| God of creation (So will I)                       | 2 |
| I lift my eyes unto the hills                     | 2 |
| O come all ye faithful                            | 2 |
| The wise man built his house                      | 2 |
| When morning guilds the skies                     | 2 |
| Who am I that you are mindful of me (Friend of Go | 2 |
| Wiggly waggly worm                                | 2 |
| Abba, Father                                      | 1 |
| All hail the power of Jesus' name                 | 1 |
| He's our rescuer                                  | 1 |
| May the mind of Christ my saviour                 | 1 |
| O God, our help in ages past                      | 1 |
| Peace perfect peace                               | 1 |
| Rejoice, the Lord is king                         | 1 |
|                                                   |   |
| This is my desire                                 | 1 |
| We three kings                                    | 1 |
| We plough the fields and scatter                  | 1 |
| Who breaks the power (This is amazing grace)      | 1 |

## CHRISTIAN OF THE MONTH: Theodore of Tarsus - Archbishop of Canterbury

*Commemorated by the Church of England on September 19th*

Theodore of Tarsus (c. 602–690) was one of the most important Archbishops of Canterbury in the Anglo-Saxon period. A Greek-speaking Christian from Tarsus in Cilicia, he brought to seventh-century England an unusual combination of Eastern learning, Roman ecclesiastical discipline and administrative ability. During his twenty-one years as archbishop, he helped transform a collection of regional churches into a more coherent and organised English Church.



Born in Tarsus around 602, he received a highly developed education in the Greek and Christian intellectual traditions of the eastern Mediterranean. He eventually travelled to Rome, where he was living as a monk when the Pope selected him to become Archbishop of Canterbury. He was consecrated in 668 and reached England in 669.

The appointment was unusual: Theodore was already about sixty-five when consecrated and was a Greek from outside the Latin West. Nevertheless, he proved remarkably energetic. He travelled throughout the Anglo-Saxon kingdoms, visiting churches, appointing bishops to vacant sees and addressing problems of discipline and organisation. Bede later described him as the first Archbishop of Canterbury whom the whole English Church willingly obeyed.

Theodore's principal achievement was the reorganisation and consolidation of the English Church. He strengthened episcopal government and sought to establish clearer boundaries and responsibilities between bishops. He helped establish a framework of common ecclesiastical law and a greater sense of unity among the English churches.

He was also a major promoter of education. His school at Canterbury, became an important centre of learning. Students were taught Greek, Latin, biblical interpretation, grammar, astronomy, mathematics and the calculation of the date of Easter. The intellectual culture developed there influenced monasteries and scholars across Anglo-Saxon England. His educational legacy was profound: the Canterbury school helped connect Anglo-Saxon England with the wider Christian intellectual world, bringing together Greek and Latin traditions at a time when such learning was relatively rare in western Europe. Through him England became an important centre for the study of theology, language, biblical interpretation and scientific calculation.

Theodore died at Canterbury on 19 September 690. His importance lies less in surviving writings—few works can securely be attributed to him—than in the institutions and the intellectual culture he helped establish. He strengthened the authority of Canterbury, promoted a more systematic diocesan structure and helped bring greater uniformity to ecclesiastical practice. He remains one of the most consequential early Archbishops of Canterbury.

## FOCUS ON MISSION

Leprosy is a long-term infection by the bacteria *Mycobacterium leprae* which can lead to damage of the nerves, respiratory tract, skin, and eyes. This then may result in a lack of ability to feel pain, which can lead to the loss of parts of a person's extremities from repeated injuries or infection through unnoticed wounds. An infected person may also experience muscle weakness and poor eyesight.



Each year over 180,000 people are diagnosed with leprosy, although many more are undiagnosed. 1.6 billion people still need healthcare for at least one neglected tropical disease (NTD). That's one in five of us. These are not conditions of the past. Today, they devastate lives, trap millions in poverty, and stifle economic growth. Global cooperation to eliminate them is more important than ever.

The Leprosy Mission is a global Christian organisation leading the fight against leprosy. It seeks to break the chains of leprosy and empower people to attain healing, dignity and life in all its fullness. Partnering with governments, churches and other organisations, the Mission works in 27 countries, with especial focus on ten countries in Africa and Asia - Bangladesh, Ethiopia, India, Mozambique, Myanmar (Burma), Nepal, Niger, Nigeria, Sri Lanka and Sudan. These places have high rates of leprosy or lack the services or opportunities needed by people affected.

***The Parish Church of St John the Baptist, Royston has supported the Leprosy Mission for many years. To learn more, or to make an individual donation, visit their website. [www.leprosymission.org.uk](http://www.leprosymission.org.uk)***

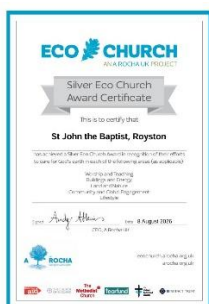
## SPEAKER FOR CREATIONTIDE: MADELA BADDOCK FROM "TAKE THE JUMP"

Our Creationtide speaker this year is Madela Baddock, an ambassador for "Take the Jump", a grass-roots climate-action movement that encourages people to adopt six practical shifts for a more sustainable lifestyle. She will be speaking to us at both the 9am and the 10:30am services on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> September.



Creationtide is the period in the church calendar from 1<sup>st</sup> September (the World Day of Prayer for Creation) to 4<sup>th</sup> October (the Feast of St Francis of Assisi, patron saint of ecology). Our previous guest speakers for this season have included Oliver Franklin-Wallis speaking about his book, "Wasteland", and Professor Rachel Warren who spoke on "Climate Change: Science and Solutions". We look forward to welcoming Madela on 6<sup>th</sup> September.

For more information about "Take the Jump", see their website: [www.takethejump.org](http://www.takethejump.org)  
During the service on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> September, Steven has invited our Creationtide Speaker, Madela Baddock, to present us with our Eco Church silver plaque.



## Heath Watch with Holly (the little dog)

Welcome to the Fifty-first article in a series of dog walking diaries, documenting the flora and fauna on the beautiful heath as the seasons change.



### August 2026

August was one of the hottest months I have ever known, in fact it might have been the hottest. The heath was completely dry and the grass was a golden brown colour, rather like wheat fields at the time of harvest. At first sight it appeared that there was very little to see but as always nature doesn't disappoint.

The first thing that I would like to mention is a number of sightings of dragonflies, we don't often see them around here, it is well known that they live near water, and I was surprised to see them. There was an article in the Daily Telegraph newspaper confirming their increase in numbers explaining that climate change has caused them to migrate north, even to the extent that the UK has seen 6 new species in recent years. I have become quite fascinated by them. Scientists say that they date back 300 million years, predating dinosaurs, worldwide there are thousands of different species, (up to 7000 depending on which source you read) 30 of which are resident in the UK.



The drought continued through August, there was no sign of rain, the forecasts were giving little hope and all of Europe was experiencing the same, even the great River Danube was short of water. Some things did well though, I noticed many more ants and other small insects than usual and blackberries too were plentiful. Some weeds also seemed to thrive, I don't know if they manage with less water or if they are better at finding it, yarrow for instance was very strong and the dark green fern like leaves showed no sign of deficiency. Trees started to shed their leaves and I heard people say that we were experiencing an early Autumn, this however was not the case, the heat and drought causes trees to go into a survival mode and shed leaves to save water.

I really like to see the dried grasses with so many different shapes of seed heads some are as pretty as flowers.

As I have said before Holly is older now and we don't walk far so it is interesting to note that my favourite sighting this month was just a few yards from home, I was pleased to see a hummingbird hawk moth on a buddleia bush, this moth really does look like a tiny hummingbird. I tried to photograph it but it moved too fast, or I was too slow, the photograph shown is taken from the internet.



More next time.....

# Sunday Services for September 2026

## Services to be held in Royston Parish Church

### Sunday 6th September

|               |                                                                                                                                                |
|---------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 09:00 - 09:45 | Communion Service that is quiet and reflective with guest speaker: Madela Baddock - "Take the Jump"                                            |
| 10:30 - 11:40 | Communion Service with guest speaker: Madela Baddock - "Take the Jump", with music/choir, children's groups/toy area, followed by refreshments |
| 11:45 - 12:15 | Treble Makers                                                                                                                                  |
| 15:30 - 17:00 | Tea Time Praise                                                                                                                                |

### Sunday 13th September

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|---------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 09:00 - 09:45 | Communion Service that is quiet and reflective                                           |
| 10:30 - 11:40 | Communion Service with music/choir, children's groups/toy area, followed by refreshments |
| 11:45 - 12:15 | Treble Makers                                                                            |

### Sunday 20th September

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|---------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 09:00 - 09:45 | Communion Service that is quiet and reflective                                                                                       |
| 10:30 - 11:40 | Communion Service with the Baptism of Daisy and Beatrix Nesteriuc, music/choir, children's groups/toy area, followed by refreshments |
| 11:45 - 12:15 | Treble Makers                                                                                                                        |
| 13:00 - 14:00 | Baptism service for Oscar Nowak                                                                                                      |
| 15:30 - 16:30 | Battle of Britain Service with the Royal Air Force Association                                                                       |

### Sunday 27th September

|               |                                                                                          |
|---------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 09:00 - 09:45 | Communion Service in traditional language (BCP) that is quiet and reflective             |
| 10:30 - 11:40 | Communion Service with music/choir, children's groups/toy area, followed by refreshments |
| 11:45 - 12:15 | Treble Makers                                                                            |
| 15:00 - 17:00 | Set up for Royston Arts Festival Finale Concert                                          |
| 17:00 - 19:30 | Royston Arts Festival Finale Concert                                                     |

### DID YOU KNOW?

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