

ST PAUL'S NEWS

October 2024



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SERVICES

Sunday 6th October The Nineteenth Sunday After Trinity

- 8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)
President & Preacher: The Vicar
- 10.00 am Harvest Festival
Joint Parade Service
Ministers: The Vicar, Rev. Nicholas Burton
Daphne Pilcher, Speaker: TBC
- 6.30 pm Eucharist (CW)
President & Preacher: The Vicar

Friday 11th October 9.30 am School Harvest Service at the Parish Church

Sunday 13th October The Twentieth Sunday After Trinity

- 8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)
President & Preacher: The Vicar
- 10.00 am Parish Eucharist with Baptism (CW)
President & Preacher: Rev. Nicholas
Burton, Minister: The Vicar
- 10.00 am Family Service at the Church Centre + Zoom
Lead: Daphne Pilcher
Link: Chris Bassett
- 6.30 pm Choral Evensong (BCP)
Minister: Rev. Nicholas Burton

Sunday 20th October The Twenty First Sunday after Trinity

- 8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)
President & Preacher: The Vicar
- 10.00 am Eucharist (CW)
President : The Vicar
Preacher: Daphne Pilcher
- 10.00 am Family Service at the Church Centre + Zoom
Lead: Susan Powley
Link: Jean Kerr
- 6.30 pm Evensong (BCP)
Minister: Tim Harrold, Preacher: The Vicar

Sunday 27th October The Last Sunday after Trinity Bible Sunday

- 8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)
President & Preacher: The Vicar
- 10.00 am Matins (BCP)
Minister & Preacher: Rev. Nicholas Burton
- 10.00 am Family Service with Holy Communion
at the Church Centre + Zoom
President: The Vicar
Link: Rosemary Romano
- 6.30 pm Eucharist (CW)
President & Preacher: The Vicar

Sunday 3rd November The Fourth Sunday before Advent All Souls

- 8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)
President & Preacher: The Vicar
- 10.00 am Parish Eucharist (CW)
President & Preacher: The Vicar
- 10.00 am Family Service
at the Church Centre + Zoom
Lead : Wendy Anderson
Link: Viv Littlechild
- 6.30 pm Service for the Faithful Departed
Ministers: The Vicar & Daphne Pilcher



From the Registers

Marriages and Blessings - We ask God to bless the marriage of:

Molly Grace Moseley and
Alexander Hollis Authur Schultz

Baptisms – we welcome as newly Baptised members of the Church:

Matilda Esme Ashton-Grey
Molly Margot Ashton-Grey

DIARY

Monday 30th September

8.00 pm PCC meeting in the Lodge

Wednesday 9th October

11.00 am Julian Group at Chancellor House

Thursday 3rd October

11.30 am Communion to Mount Ephraim
- John Bazley

6.00 pm Youth Council meet in the Lodge

Saturday 5th October

10.00 am Parish Church being decorated for Harvest

Wednesday 9th October

3.00 pm Communion to Chamberlain Court
- The Vicar

Saturday 12th October

9.30 am Brass group at the Church Centre
12 noon Interment of Olivia Moorman
at the Parish Churchyard

Thursday 10th October

10.45 am Communion to Rusthall Lodge
- Rev. Tony Rutherford

Thursday 17th October

11.30 am Communion to Mount Ephraim
- TBC

Wednesdays throughout the month

9.00 – 11.00 am Playtime at St Paul's
at the Church Centre

Thursdays throughout the month

12 for 12.30 Rusthall Lunch Club
at the Church Centre



Fridays throughout the month

12.30 – 2.00 pm Community Larder
At the Church Centre

Saturdays & Sundays throughout the month

10 am – 4 pm Choristers Café in the Lodge

The aim of this 'café' is to raise funds to support the Choir tour to France next year. Refreshments for those attending Sunday morning services are, as usual, by voluntary donation.

Churchwardens' Notes



Well Autumn has hit us with a bang, plenty of thunderstorms, thankfully the weather is improving and hopefully will be with us for a while.

We are pleased to say that the repairs have been completed on the inside and outside of the south side of the church.

We have been given permission to remove some of the front pews temporarily to make room for wheelchairs.

The repair to the vestry roof is still ongoing and we are awaiting permission from Rochester.

Those of you that have occasion to visit the new churchyard will see that it is looking much tidier now thanks to the Tuesday group who have worked really hard to clear it.

We are still looking for volunteers to help as sides persons, Please speak to us if you feel that you can help.

The flower team would also like more volunteers to help with flower arranging, especially as it is the 175th anniversary next year and there will be lots of flower arranging to do.

We are sure the flower team would be pleased to hear from you.

May and Rod

Magazine Article Deadlines

13th October for November

17th November for December/January 2024

The time between the deadline and magazine issue is to allow for typing, formatting, proofreading, and compiling the magazine. These all take time and have to be fitted around the volunteer editorial team's other commitments. We would therefore be very grateful if you would keep to the deadlines set. Please send items for publication to magazine@stpaulsrusthall.org.uk.

Magazines are posted on the Parish website by the 1st of the month. Photocopies of the magazine can be made available to those who cannot access the magazine online. Please contact Ginette di Palma at the Church Office (TW 521447) to arrange production and collection/delivery.

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From the Vicarage

October 2024

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your continued support, prayers and hard work. Special thanks to members of Rusthall Scouts for their involvement in the preparation and delivery of the Harvest Thanksgiving service on the 6th of October. A very big thank you to Bradley Johnson for agreeing to give the address for this service.

I have been part of a Church of England Mentoring training programme for a while now and recently received the certificate of completion. The Mentoring Programme is part of the implementation of the recommendations of the 2021 report on Racial Justice in the church, entitled 'From Lament to Action'. The training which was delivered by Career Intelligence Academy (CIA) in conjunction with the Racial Justice Unit of the Church of England had five strands: attending two full days at Church House, London – the first at the start and the second at the end of the training; four online modules with a 'certificate of achievement' for each; four workshops/discussion sessions via Teams; meetings in small groups ('trios') and a one-to-one meeting with one of the facilitators of the training. It was a demanding but very illuminating programme. The purpose of the training is to create a pool of trained Christian mentors from ethnic minorities/global majority heritage (UKME/GMH) Clergy, staff and parishioners who will be available to mentor Christians, especially at key stages on their Christian journey.



Part of the training involved increasing our sense of self-awareness and 'intentionality' in life - and ministry and focused on four areas (hats) referred to as the Inner Dimension, the Current Dimension, the Outer Dimension and the Future Dimension. It reminded me of the Johari Window – which I have referred to in the past. One thing that was quite pointing on the second training day was the idea that instead of trying to implement/ implementing the 'golden rule' we should try implementing the 'diamond rule'. I'm sure you all want me to state the 'diamond rule' but I will let you find out what it is for yourself. If you can't or once you've found out, please contact me – and it could make for an inspiring conversation.

The Inner Dimension is about 'stepping back and looking at the big picture of your career and life priorities overall'.


The Current Dimension is about 'offering work at your highest level of contribution in your current role, while getting what you need to do a good job in a sustainable way (for you)'. The Outer Dimension is about 'cultivating your reputation and relationships.

It's not about showing off but showing up in a way that helps you engage with others more effectively'. The Future Dimension is about 'prioritising your own development and progression. *There is no one-size-fits-all way to do this, it's about finding what's right for you*'.

We also looked at mentoring relationships in the Bible – and the Bible is awash with them. I was drawn to two specific aspects of Elijah and Elisha's relationship/story: 1. It is okay to be ambitious and desire more, for desire is an integral part of/for success; 2. Even though it may not seem obvious, God is the initiator of 'meaningful relationships' and is intricately and intentionally involved in developing and shaping such relationships.

May almighty God, help us to realise and experience his involvement and guidance in our relationships with one another. Amen.

Ronnie



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Editorial for October 2024

Have you survived the exceptionally wet September we've just had? It looks like they got the new drainage in down Major Yorks Road just in time. Perhaps we will get an Indian summer to make up for it! My garden could certainly do with some dry days if the lawn is to get a final cut before the winter. If you are looking forward to the 'season of mists and mellow fruitfulness' but don't know where this expression comes from, turn quickly to this month's poems.

My apologies if you looked in vain for the online magazine last month. I experienced printing problems and had to staple and fold all the magazines by hand. I was so busy doing that I forgot to make the necessary arrangements for the magazine to go on the website. Fingers crossed that the photocopier problems are now resolved. I may as well get my apologies for extra typos in this magazine in early – Sue is on holiday in the Canaries and is very much better at proof reading than me.

At church we will be celebrating the Harvest with a joint parade service on 6th October. We also remember the apostles Luke on 16th and Simon and Jude on 28th. Luke the physician is well known as the author of both gospel and The Acts of the Apostles, but the identities of Simon and Jude are much less secure. It is thought that Jude was called by this diminutive of Judas to distinguish him from Judas Iscariot, but sometimes called Judas Thaddeus or just Thaddeus. What is less sure is whether he is the Jude/Judas named as either brother or cousin of Jesus. Simon was known as Simon the zealot or Simon the Canaanite, but again it is uncertain as to whether he might be the Simon listed as a brother of Jesus or his cousin. All three are considered martyrs, but it is thought that Luke lived to the age of 84, whereas it is believed that Simon died either from having his hands sawn off, or, even more gruesomely, by being sawn in half lengthwise. One account reports that he travelled to Britain and was crucified in Lincolnshire. Jude, patron saint of hopeless causes, was clubbed or hacked to death in about 65 AD Beirut.

On 12th October we remember Bishop Wilfred of Ripon who died in 709, but also two much more modern women, Edith Cavell and Elizabeth Fry – details can be found following Tim's sermon.

Having given some thought this month to St Alban and Christian martyrs and Edith Cavell who had died for her principles, I watched the two-part Channel 4 documentary Trump's Heist: The president who wouldn't lose, and watched the pressure that was put on elected and public officials to lie about the 'stolen election', and how some had found the bravery to maintain their integrity in the face of public vilification. I can recommend it as an interesting watch. It certainly gave me an insight into how dictators like Hitler or Putin could have manipulated the democratic process to take power. Quite a warning in these troubled times. October 7th marks the first anniversary of the Hamas incursion into Israel, the massacre and kidnapping of soldiers and civilians which has resulted in such severe reprisals that Gaza has been reduced to rubble and an estimated 50,000 Palestinians have been killed and another 90 thousand injured. The conflict now seems to be spreading to Lebanon, with the killing of the Hezbollah leader there, and the risk that other middle-eastern countries will be drawn in. Prayers for the peace of Jerusalem seem very relevant at the moment.

The whole of October is designated as Black History Month, devoted to education about the history of Black people and the celebration of their contributions to history. Jewish New Year starts on 2nd, ten days of penitence culminating in Yom Kippur. 4-10th is World Space Week – expect to hear more about the earth's temporary extra orbiting satellite. 5th is World Smile Day, started by Harvey Ball, creator of the 😊 smiley and also UNESCO World Teachers Day. 6th is Grandparents Day – and my grandson Bertie's birthday! 19th is World Singing Day – give a thought to joining the choir – especially if you're a tenor. We are getting ready for a fantastic year next year. On 27th October the clocks 'fall' back from BST to GMT at 2am, giving us an extra hour in bed – so no excuses for being late to church that morning. And finally 31st is Halloween. A convention seems to be growing that 'trick or treaters' will only call on houses with a pumpkin lantern by the front door, so use this as a sign that you are, or are not, willing to be involved.

Please could you get your articles for the November Magazine to us by Sunday 13th October, so that we can get the magazines to church by 27th October. Also, if you prefer to go cashless, please note that the electronic payment machines have a £1 donation option which is a perfectly acceptable way to pay for your magazine.

Deborah Bruce and Sue Hare

St Paul's Church Autumn Fayre

November 16th 2024

10:00 – 14:00

The time is fast approaching for one of the major fundraising and social events of the year when the whole church family get together and use their skills to raise funds for our church. This year's event will be on Saturday November 16th from 10am in the Church Centre.

We will be providing refreshments and lunches along with all the usual stalls. This year the secrets room, where Children can buy and wrap a present for their parents or siblings, will be in the top hall of the church centre and the mega Scalextric will be on the stage in the main hall for everyone to test their driving skills.

Donations are needed for the stalls and boxes will be at the back of both churches for your contributions. Things needed include:-

Raffle prizes for the Grand Raffle

Bric-a-brac

Books, CDs and DVDs

Toys and Games

Chocolate for Tombola and sweets to fill jars

Bottles – alcoholic and non-alcoholic for bottle stall

Bathroom supplies – that gift you will never use perhaps

Gifts for the Secret Room

Bric-a-brac

Anyone who likes making craft items is very welcome to donate them for sale on the craft stall run by Family Service.

If you think you might be able to help out on the day of the fayre or with the setting up or clearing up after the fayre please get in touch. A volunteer is needed to be in charge of the books, DVDs and CDs stall and helpers for other stalls are needed too. Please consider if you spare even an hour or two, to help raise money for Church Funds.

Boxes will be available for donations at the back of both churches from the end of September. Please put the date in your diary, sort out your donations and bring them along and enjoy being part of *TEAM FAYRE*.

If you have any questions, please contact Jean Kerr on jeak4000@gmail.com or 07905758799.

A Musical Note



On 7th and 8th September, the choir traveled to St Albans to sing at the Cathedral for the weekend. We last sang at St Albans in 2021, just as restrictions were lifted on choral singing following the pandemic, so it was lovely to go back under more normal circumstances. St Albans probably wins the award for the most friendly and welcoming Cathedral we have sung at and we had a wonderful weekend away.

We sang for Evensong on Saturday and afterwards were treated to refreshments with the clergy which was so kind of them and made us feel really welcome at the Cathedral. We then sang for Eucharist (with the added excitement of being live-streamed) on Sunday morning and then a very late Evensong which gave us time to see the city and have a look around the Cathedral rather than spending our whole weekend singing. We were a small group with a number of the choir being unavailable for this weekend but it was great fun and we were well balanced on the parts. Special thanks to our soloists during the weekend and most especially to Alasdair for accompanying the choir so brilliantly well and treating us to some amazing organ voluntaries.

St Albans are very keen that we should return and sing there again very soon which would be lovely so I will look for a suitable weekend that would work. They don't allow visiting choirs to just sing for one service so you do have to commit to the full weekend.

The choir are now busy preparing the music for our concert on 19th October at 6.30pm. This concert promises to be very exciting and we are enjoying learning lots of new music for it. The concert will include anthems by Bairstow, Holst, Stanford, Gibbons, Bruckner, Rutter and Parry alongside pieces by some less well known composers. I do hope that many of you will be able to come along and support us at this concert as it would be lovely to see a large audience.

The concert is free, although we will have a retiring collection, and there will be refreshments available throughout the evening to help with your enjoyment of the event! The money raised at the concert will go towards the cost of our choir tour to Normandy next summer for which we are

fundraising throughout this year. The cost of touring in Europe has increased considerably following Brexit and therefore we do need to raise lots of money to ensure that everyone in the choir who wants to go on the tour is able to do so.

After the concert we will be starting to work on the music for Advent and Christmas. There will be a service of Readings and Music for Advent on Sunday 1st December at 6.30pm and then our Service of Nine Lessons and Carols will be on Sunday 22nd December also at 6.30pm. I hope you will be able to come along and join us at these services.

Fiona Johnson

St Alban

During our refreshments Rev Canon Will Gibbs told us about St Alban from the account written down by the Venerable Bede..

He lived in the then Roman town of Verulamium in the 3rd century, a time when Christians were being persecuted. Verulamium (St Albans) was the first major town as you left Londinium (London) heading north on Watling Street. Alban was a pagan and a Roman soldier, but he gave shelter to a priest fleeing from arrest. They spoke at length and the priest so impressed Alban that he converted to Christianity. When soldiers arrived looking for the priest, Alban swapped clothing to help him escape. He took the priest's cloak and went to admit the soldiers wearing it. He was arrested as they mistook him for the priest and, as Alban refused to renounce his new Christian faith, even after torture, he was beheaded. The priest, whose name is not known but who has been given the name 'Amphibalus' gave himself up to the authorities in an attempt to save Alban's life, but he too was executed. They are the earliest known British Christian martyrs, thought to have died around 250 AD, but perhaps as early as 209.

The Cathedral stands near the site of Alban's execution and contains shrines to both Alban (below left) and Amphibalus. Starting as a small pilgrimage site, they believe that it is the oldest site of continual Christian worship in Great Britain.



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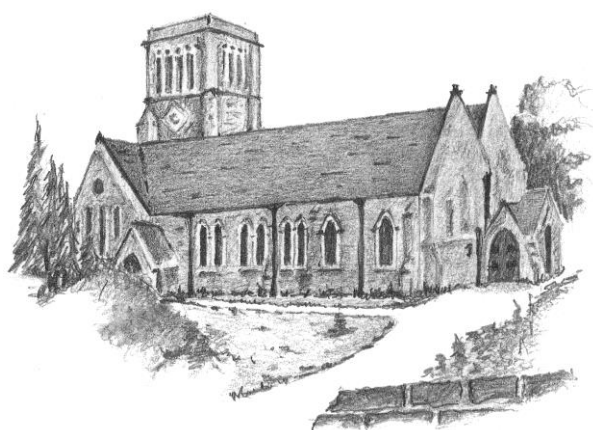
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Saturday 12th October 2024 – 6.30 pm
Poor Things (2023) Cert 18



Director: Yorgos Lanthimos
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Runtime: 2h 21 mins
Starring: Emma Stone, Mark Ruffalo, Willem Dafoe

Sunday 13th October 2024 – 2 pm
Verdi: La Traviata (Cert PG)

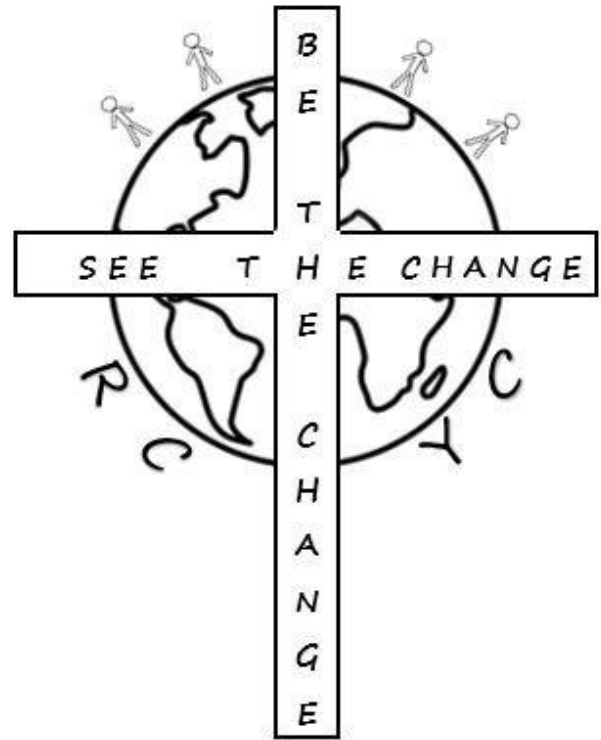


Director: Richard Eyre
Conductor: Antonello Manacorda
Genre: Recorded Live Opera
Runtime: 2h 16 mins
Starring: Placido Domingo, Ermonela Jaho, Charles Castronovo, Catherine Carby

Saturday 26th October – 6.30 pm
Finite: The Climate of Change (2022)
Cert 12A



Director: Rich Felgate
Genre: Documentary
Runtime: 1h 39 mins



RUSTHALL CHURCH YOUTH COUNCIL

The new school year has got off to a terrific start with a visit from our fabulous Community Police Officer and a Crazy Golf and Burger outing!

The CYC meet on the first Thursday of every month 6 - 7.30 pm in The Lodge and we welcome all secondary age children. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you or your child is interested stpauls.cyc@gmail.com or speak to Angela Culley, Jean Kerr or Ronnie. We would love to welcome new members and are very happy for children to try us out before committing!

FUTURE EVENTS

Thursday 3rd October: Scarecrow building

Thursday 7th November: Cooking with Charlie of Charlie's Angels. We shall be cooking and eating out own community supper with food which otherwise would have gone to waste.

Saturday 16th November: We will be in charge of The Secrets Room, Bric-a-Brac and Toys stalls at The Autumn Fayre in the Church Centre from 10 - 2 pm.



COMMUNITY LARDER

What is it?

A community larder receives surplus short date food from supermarkets to offer to people in our community.

When and where is it?

Our community larder will be in the St Paul's Church Centre every Friday between 12:30pm and 2:00pm

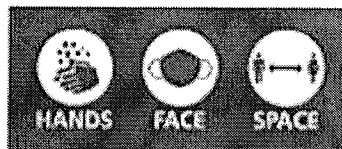
Who can use it?

Anyone can come and visit the community larder. There are no restrictions, no booking necessary, just turn up with a carrier bag to fill.

How much does it cost?

We suggest a small cash donation of £2, or as much as you can afford. For this, you can take away a bag full of quality food.

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Letting go

I think it must be a sign of age that this year seems to have flown by and here I am writing about 'letting go' which, as one gets older, is possibly the hardest thing of all to do, particularly if the months pass too quickly. However, if we are to let go we want to be spiritually at peace with the world and one's inner self. Speaking for myself having retired twice it is hard but necessary. Perhaps the biggest test and 'letting go' was downsizing from a house full of memories and a collection of various items all loved in their time. We must have visited the tip dozens of times. So much so that one of the attendants remarked 'you guys ought to take out a season ticket'. The recent appeal for volunteers made me think how this fitted well with the readings set for the twentieth Sunday after Trinity. Indeed, Mark tells us of the sort of person we might want to welcome to our congregation and to volunteer although of course I hasten to add that this need not be of the male species in the 21st century.

Matthew tells us he was young. Luke says he had influence. They and Mark tell us that he was rich. He was also moral, and he was keen. Despite the horrors of living in Roman-occupied Palestine, he was full of hope. God was going to bring a new age of justice and peace. Moreover, it seems he had sensed Jesus might have something to do with making that happen. He wanted to be part of it. So, how would he qualify?

The reading from Hebrews speaks of the word of God penetrating even to dividing soul and spirit – everything is laid bare before God. And the conversation with this wealthy young man illustrates just that.

Jesus opens with an implicit challenge as he turns the conversation to God rather than his, or the young man's, moral virtues. But he still acknowledges his enquirer's good intentions by identifying Commandments that he's likely to have kept.

However, I wonder if he noticed what Jesus left out. Those about God and idols. And that sting in the tail – the Commandment about coveting.

Jesus sees into his very heart. Not with judgment. He looked at him and loved him. And not for his money, worldly ambition or influence. Such assets would become liabilities in the new age.

'There's just one thing you need to do' Jesus said. 'Sell up, give everything to the poor, so you enjoy the wealth of the new age, and then come and follow me'.

We read that the man's face fell and he went away sad. His good desire was frustrated. He was shackled by his attachment to his wealth.

By now, you might well be identifying more with 'the poor' than with this well-to-do seeker. And, in a cost-of-living crisis with little or nothing to spare and the attack on Pensions soon to unfold, surely Jesus wouldn't be asking us to sell everything would he?

Indeed – this does seem to be a one-off. But there's something for us too. Jesus answered using the Ten Commandments. The Beatitudes are sometimes seen as their successor, the manifesto of the new age. And the last Commandment about coveting leads into the first Beatitude, about the poor in spirit.

This Beatitude has layers of meaning but it's broadly saying that happy and at peace are those who are free to let go, who aren't covetous or possessive or shackled by attachments, who know their need, and who live from a place of trust.

In theory, rich people can still be poor in spirit (though Jesus thought it unlikely) and it would show in their giving to the poor. And poor people are poor in spirit only if they're also not enviously fixated on getting richer and acquiring 'stuff'. The politics of envy are always to be ignored.

But like me you'll have met those people who don't have much money yet are still open-handed. Over the years I have met many such people with a heart of gold whilst not having riches to enjoy. There have been many in our own Church of whom I am in awe. Remember the extraordinary generosity of the poor church in Macedonia, just begging Paul to take their gifts. I think of one late member of our congregation who told me, 'I just like giving'. That is freedom from attachment. That is happiness. They could have been role models for our rich friend.

Like him, we're often unaware of our attachments – the things we cling to. But imagine Jesus looking into our eyes and hearts and loving us. And revealing what is tying us, denying us happiness and freedom. We can ask him to show us.

We might ask ourselves, 'Deep down, what *do* I want?', 'Where is my heart set?', and then, 'Where is my energy directed?', and 'What are my red lines?' Those red lines might be about possessions – or, possibly, different attachments, like control or status.

Jesus knows well how big a challenge this is for us. Our reading from Hebrews reminds us that he was tempted like us, with those all-too-human

attachments. So, he promises grace to help us in time of need. The poor in spirit get that.

The rich young man's story is left hanging. Did he reconsider? Was he one of those who, only weeks later, joined Jesus' post-Pentecost followers, found release and joyfully let go of possessions? We don't know. Or did he prefer his life of comparative comfort? It would have been nice to know as I find, as age increases, I am increasingly cynical - which is wrong. But what we can know is *our* story. Whatever our circumstances, how will that unfold? What release might we discover? 'Letting go' in one sense is giving and volunteering in another.

Tim Cripps

Recommended Readings:

Hebrews 4:12-16;

Mark 10:17-31

You can access the recommended readings online by going to <https://bible.oremus.org>. Enter the passage details and select your preferred edition of the bible – New Revised Standard Version (Anglicised Edition) and King James Bible are both available. This website is free of charge.

Remembering Two British Heroines

October 12th is the day that the Church of England remembers two very formidable women.

Edith Cavell, nurse, died 1915

Edith Cavell is surely one of the most famous British nurses, remembered by the Church of England each year on 12th October, the anniversary of her death. Born near Norwich on 4 December 1865, the daughter of an Anglican vicar. She initially worked as a governess, including in Belgium, but returned to England when her father became seriously ill and subsequently trained as a nurse in London.

She swiftly gained promotions and by November 1903 was Assistant Matron of an infirmary in Shoreditch. After a year working as a Matron in Manchester, she was recruited as Matron of a newly founded nursing school in Brussels. Within a year she was training nurses for 3 hospitals, 24 schools and 13 kindergartens and was still there at the outbreak of WW1 when Belgium was occupied by German forces. She became known for treating anyone who needed help, whether ally or enemy.

Although the First Geneva Convention gave protection to medical workers, Edith also helped allied soldiers to get into neutral Holland, from where they could be returned to England. For this she was arrested on 3 August 1915, court-martialled and executed by firing squad on 12th October 1915, aged 49. The night before she died she was attended by an Anglican chaplain and said "I realise that patriotism is not enough, I must have no hatred or bitterness towards anyone. I am glad to die for my country."

At the end of the war her body was exhumed and repatriated, along with the body of an unknown warrior destined for burial in Westminster Abbey. She became the first female commoner to be given a state funeral in Westminster Abbey and, by special permission of King George V, was re-buried in the grounds of Norwich Cathedral.



Several films have been made about her life, Edith Piaf was named after her and Edith became a much more popular name both in Britain and on the continent. A memorial to her stands in St Martin's Place, opposite the entrance to the National Portrait Gallery.

Elizabeth Fry, prison reformer, died 1845

Elizabeth Fry was born in Norwich, into a prominent Quaker family, the Gurneys. Her father, John Gurney, was a partner in Gurney's Bank. Her mother, Catherine, was a member of the Barclay family, who were among the founders of Barclays Bank. Her mother died when Elizabeth was twelve years old.

She met Joseph Fry, a banker and a cousin of the Bristol Fry family, who was also a Quaker, when she was 20 years old. They married on 19 August 1800 at the Norwich Goat Lane Friends Meeting House, and moved to the City of London. Elizabeth Fry was recorded as a minister of the Religious Society of Friends in 1811. They had eleven children, five sons and six daughters:

Prompted by a family friend, Fry visited Newgate Prison in 1813. The conditions she saw there

horrified her. Newgate prison was overcrowded with women and children, some of whom had not even received a trial. The prisoners did their own cooking and washing in the small cells in which they slept on straw.

Fry was eventually able to fund a prison school for the children imprisoned with their mothers. She promoted the idea of rehabilitation instead of harsh punishment which was taken on by the city authorities in London as well as many other authorities and prisons. Women prisoners were provided with materials to develop skills that would enable them to gain employment when released.

It is believed that she was the first woman ever to be called to give evidence to a Select Committee of the Houses of Parliament. Fry campaigned first for the death penalty to be commuted to transportation and then for the rights and welfare of prisoners being transported until transportation was eventually abolished.

Thomas Fowell Buxton, Fry's brother-in-law, was elected to Parliament for Weymouth and began to promote her work among his fellow MPs. In 1818 Fry gave evidence to a House of Commons committee on the conditions prevalent in British prisons, becoming the first woman to present evidence in that house of Parliament.



Fry reading to inmates in Newgate prison

Elizabeth Fry also helped the homeless, establishing a "nightly shelter" in London after seeing the body of a young boy frozen to death in the winter of 1819–1820.

In 1840 Fry opened a training school for nurses in Guy's Hospital. Her programme inspired Florence Nightingale, who took a team of Fry's nurses to assist wounded soldiers in the Crimean War.

Fry died from a stroke in Ramsgate on 12 October 1845.

Deborah Bruce

Ride and Stride 2024

This year's Ride and Stride was preceded by altitude training for the Goldsworthys. We like to ensure that we are able to manage the challenging hills on Romney Marsh!

We had a long overdue invitation to stay with friends in Colorado, who we met on a Croatian cycling tour pre Covid. We decided to tag a visit to them onto a trip to Vancouver. Our friends arranged a 3-day trip from west to east across Colorado, starting at Dillon, through Vail ski resort, Eagle and ending in Glenwood Springs, where there are indeed hot springs.

No tandem for us this time – Ian borrowed, and I hired a bike.

The first day (37 miles) involved a 20 mile very gradual climb from 6 – 10, 000 feet, mostly alongside Ten Mile river. This was followed by a 10-mile descent into Vail which was fabulous.

The cycleways were all very well maintained two-way tarmacked tracks separate from the road, something we could do with more of in the UK.



The second day (33 miles) we rode from Vail to Eagle alongside the Eagle river through several gorges and past minor towns. There were often beautiful clumps of sunflowers lining the track as we went along.



few miles, and we were able to cycle through the canyon in peace.



Luckily we didn't have to deal with bears!



The final day we met with the Colorado river and found ourselves cycling through increasingly dramatic landscape as the mountains closed in. We were led into a canyon where we travelled alongside a double decker highway on one side of the Colorado river and a railway track on the other. At one point a double engine oil tanker train passed us with probably in excess of 100 tanks attached (we lost count!!). Although the sights were very impressive both geologically and engineering-wise, it wasn't the most peaceful cycle ride, and we were quite glad when the road went into a tunnel for a

We completed the tour with a lovely relaxing soak in Glenwood hot sulphur springs, followed by occasional plunges into the "ice pools" – although actually slightly warmer than the north sea!



The trip was a great success and culminated in an additional 12 mile cycle circuit around Leadville, at nearly 11,000 feet. Leadville's existence stems from the very early mining of silver in the 1860's and remains to this day one of the world's largest mining areas. The route was breathtaking in more ways than one.

So, we had a week to reacclimatise before heading down to Romney Marsh for this year's Ride and Stride. We had 11 riders, including Kevin and Susan Powley representing the Church Centre. This time we were on our tandem. Sue Willby also did a circular "Stride" route around several churches on Romney Marsh.

We cycled a total of 41 miles and visited 20 churches in a circular route from Appledore. Fortunately, we were blessed with very good weather as the wind can sometimes be quite a challenge in the last part of the ride back into Appledore.



All in all, we had a very successful day raising £500+ and counting!!

Many thanks to all the sitters at both churches and to those who have sponsored us so generously. Half of the money will go to St Paul's Church and the other half will go to the Friends of Kent Churches Trust.



Anyone else want to join us for next year???



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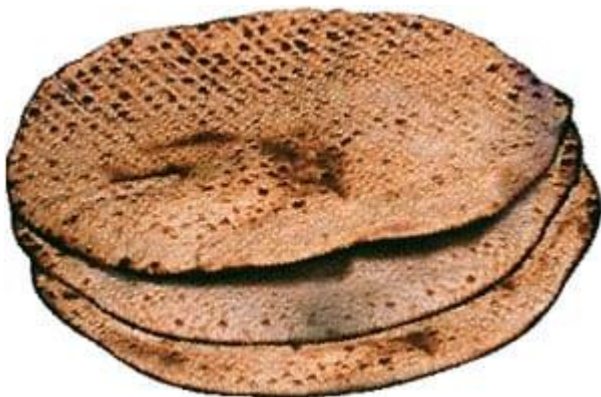
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The Importance of Nature in the Bible Part 1

Nature plays a big part in the whole of the Bible in that it is used for illustrations to make various points. This is perhaps something we don't necessarily take into account because for many of us today nature is not so interwoven in our lives.

In Old Testament times there was no real gulf between a person who lived in a town and a person who lived in the countryside. In varying degrees the countryside was shared by both villagers and townspeople alike. In fact the psalmist speaks of 'going out' and 'coming in'. People went daily from the 'town' to the countryside to work in the fields during the day and returning to the 'town' each night.

The Hebrew year was divided by seed-time and harvest. It ended after the gathering of the crops in the autumn. This also determined their pattern of religious life and the three most ancient Hebrew festivals were associated with the harvest of barley, wheat and summer fruits before the Exile. Funnily enough although trade, industry and commerce were beginning to expand there is no trace of them in religious records so far as festivals are concerned.



The first festival of the year became Passover, or the Feast of Unleavened Bread. This was a composite of the original. The older festival was a lambing festival which related back to the Nomadic days of the Israelites. This became joined to a Canaanite feast of the barley harvest when unleavened cakes were eaten. These two spring festivals were combined and eclipsed the original meaning for shepherd and farmer with the commemoration of the Exodus (the Passover). Perhaps the significance of this is the victory of the religion of Moses over the religion of Canaan, however the feast for the beginning of the barley harvest was probably observed more or less in its old form during the greater part of Old Testament times.

The second festival of the year - the Feast of Weeks - always remained a purely agricultural celebration and was held in summer at the beginning of the

wheat harvest which (in theory) was held in the seven weeks following the cutting of the first stalks of barley.



The Feast of Ingathering, held in the Autumn, outshone the other two festivals and simply became known as The Feast. It is sometimes referred to as the Feast of Tabernacles or Booths. Those taking part left their homes for the duration of the festival and dwelt in booths made out of branches cut down from trees. This was a festival of great revelry, but it was also a combination of thanksgiving for the ingathered harvest and petition for the coming seedtime.

When the Israelites began to occupy Palestine, they exchanged the community life of the tribe clan for a kind of existence in which private property assumed a new importance. Grazing land was still held in common, but hard jobs like cultivating the ground and making vineyards was not worth doing unless, in the end, the property was your own. This led to the growth of a new wealthy class of arable landowners.

It was to this rather unscrupulous section of society that Micah was referring to when he denounced those who 'covet fields, and seize them; and houses, and take them away; and they oppress a man and his house, even a man and his heritage' in chapter 2. The story of Naboth's vineyard in 1 Kings chapter 21 shows how defenceless the peasant proprietor was in the face of wealth and power and how he fought for his rights to the bitter end. The end was nearly always bitter, since most Israelite farmers lived on the verge of bankruptcy, so that it only needed one or two bad harvests to reduce them to slavery. Farmers lived from hand to mouth in the most literal sense in that they grew what they needed for food. This dividing line between the so called educated people and those who worked on the land grew more quickly after the time of Solomon.

Daphne Pilcher

Poems for October

In the midst of concern in our increasingly unstable world, we can be grounded and nourished by watching the change of seasons day by day. These three poems may remind us to notice and savour the gifts and blessings that nature brings.

Susan Barber

To Autumn

Season of mists and mellow fruitfulness,
Close bosom-friend of the maturing sun;
Conspiring with him how to load and bless
With fruit the vines that round the thatch-eves run;
To bend with apples the moss'd cottage-trees,
And fill all fruit with ripeness to the core;
To swell the gourd, and plump, the hazel shells
With a sweer kernel; to set budding more,
And still more, later flowers for the bees,
Until they think warm days will never cease,
For summer has o'er-brimmed their clammy cells.

Who hath not seen thee oft amid thy store?
Sometimes whoever seeks abroad may find
Thee sitting careless on a granary floor,
Thy hair soft-lifted by the winnowing wind;
Or on a half-reap'd furrow sound asleep,
Drows'd with the fume of poppies, while thy hook
Spares the next swathe and all its twined flowers:
And sometimes like a gleaner thou dost keep
Steady they laden head across a brook;

Or by a cyder-press, with patient look,
Thou watchest the last oozings hours by hours.

Where are the songs of Spring? Ay, where are they?
Think not of them, thou hast thy music too, -
While barred clouds bloom the soft-dying day,
And touch the stubble-plains with rosy hue;
Then in a wilful choir the small gnats mourn
Among the river shallows, borne aloft
Or sinking as the light wind lives or dies;
And full-grown lambs loud bleat from hilly bourn;
Hedge-crickets sing; and now with treble soft
The red-breast whistles from a garden-croft;
And gathering swallows twitter in the skies.

John Keats



The Quinces

That autumn we stayed in an old manse;
A place full of ticking clocks that sounded
Like disapproving Victorian gentlemen.

At breakfast between a hurry of bowls and courses
She told us of the laden trees in the garden,
All those quinces she hadn't had time to pick.

Late that afternoon I went out
Under the blue-cold skies of October
A world closed in by trees and crows

A low sun pierced the woods in a bonfire of light;
All round the house the lanes
Were gullies of red and gold leaves.

But that garden was yellow-white globes on branches
The colour of mistletoe berries, lamps of things
Shaped like pears.

Their stalks broke like ice,
Cracked in the frozen stillness –
I put them, piece by piece, in a basket.

I went back, wondering what her kitchen would smell like –
What things it would make for the winter –
The quinces frothing in pans like lava.

Kenneth Steven

October

Give me October's meditative haze,
Its gossamer mornings, dewy-wimpled eyes,
Dewy and fragrant, fragrant and secure,
The long slow sound of farmward-wending wains,
When homely Love sups quiet 'mid his sheaves,
Sups 'mid his sheaves, his sickle at his side,
And all is peace, peace and plump fruitfulness.

Alfred Austin





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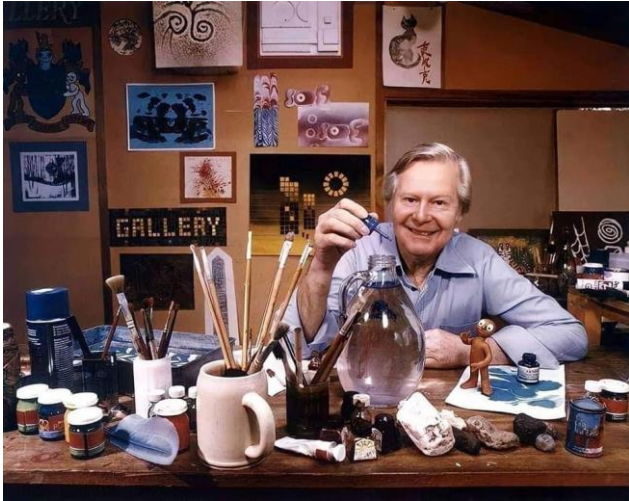
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Take Hart



Tony Hart, born Norman Antony Hart on 15 October 1925 in Maidstone, was a much loved British artist and television presenter known for his significant contributions to children's television. Over his long career he inspired generations of young viewers to explore their creativity through his engaging and accessible approach to art.

Hart's passion for art began at an early age, and he pursued his interest by studying at the Maidstone College of Art. His career took a significant turn when he served in the British Indian Army during World War II, where he used his artistic skills to create maps and illustrations. After the war, he returned to England and continued to refine his artistic talents.

In 1952, Hart's television career began when he was invited to join the BBC's children's programme 'Saturday Special'. His engaging personality and ability to simplify artistic concepts made him a natural presenter. However, it was his association with the long-running children's art show 'Vision On' that cemented his place in the hearts of British viewers. 'Vision On', which aired from 1964 to 1976, was designed to be accessible to both hearing and non-hearing children, and Hart's segments, where he created drawings and paintings live on air, were a highlight of the show.

Following the success of 'Vision On', Hart continued to share his love of art with children through several other television programs, most notably 'Take Hart' (1977-1983) and 'Hartbeat' (1984-1993). These shows featured a mix of live-action and animation, with Hart demonstrating various artistic techniques and encouraging viewers to send in their artwork. One of the most popular segments of these shows was 'The Gallery', where viewer-submitted art was showcased, often to the accompaniment of Jean Michel Jarre's soothing electronic music.

A key figure alongside Hart in these programs was Morph, a small clay character created by Peter Lord and David Sproxton of Aardman Animations. Morph's humorous interactions with Hart added a playful and endearing element to the shows, making them even more enjoyable for young audiences.

Hart's impact extended beyond television. He authored several books on drawing and art, further spreading his enthusiasm and expertise. His approachable teaching style and ability to inspire creativity made him a beloved figure not just in the UK but internationally.

Throughout his career, Tony Hart received numerous accolades for his contributions to children's television and art education. In 1998, he was awarded a BAFTA Special Award in recognition of his outstanding work. Even after retiring from television, his legacy continued through the countless children who grew up watching his shows and developing a lifelong love of art.

Tony Hart passed away on 18 January 2009, but his influence remains enduring. He is remembered fondly as a gentle, talented artist who brought joy and inspiration to millions of children. His ability to make art accessible and fun left an indelible mark on the world of children's television and art education.

Deborah Bruce



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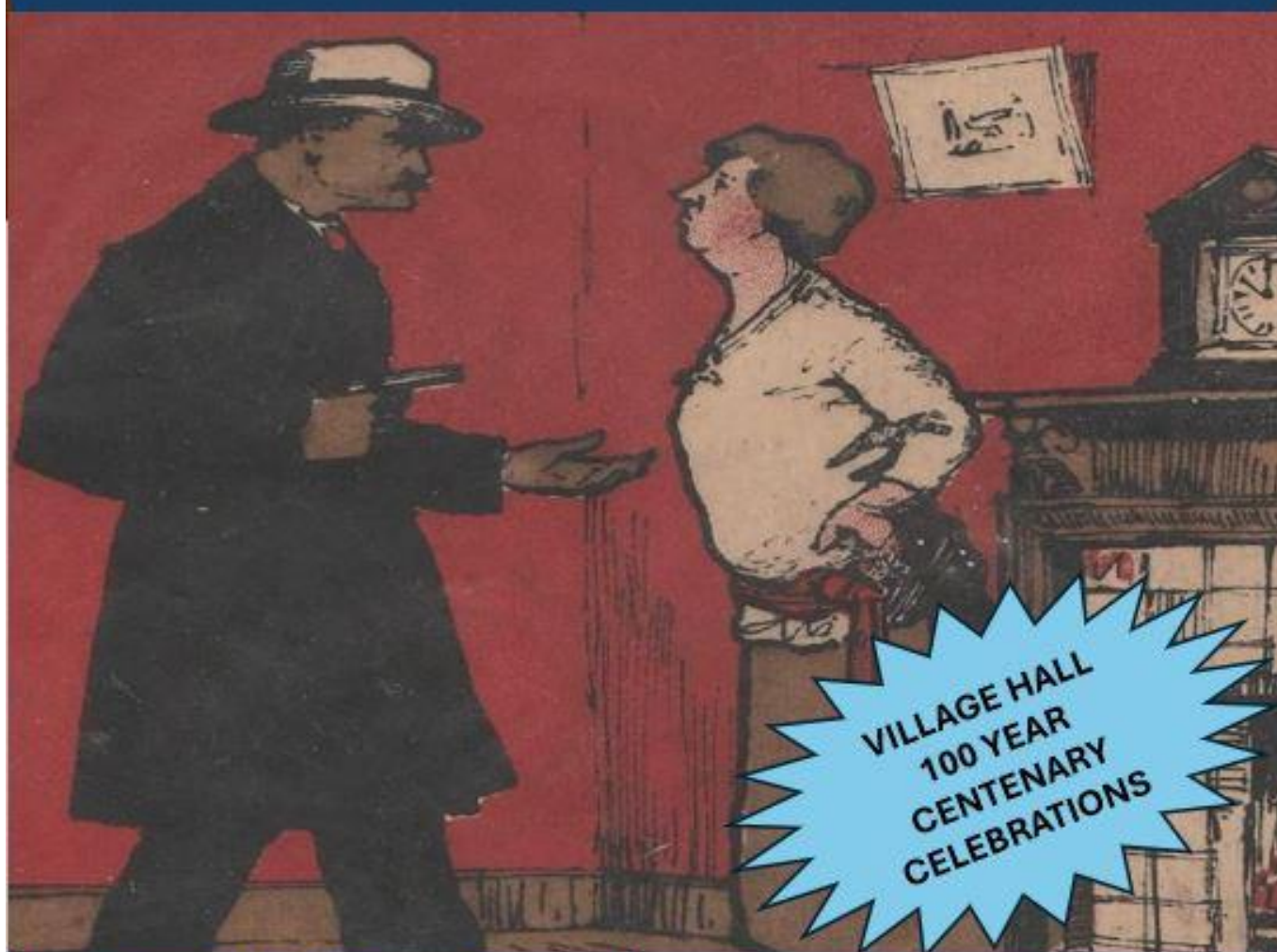
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Never let it be said that ground crews lack a sense of humour. Here are actual maintenance complaints submitted by UPS pilots ("P") and solutions recorded ("S") by maintenance engineers:

P: Left inside main tyre almost needs replacement.
S: Almost replaced left inside main tyre.

P: Test flight OK, except auto-land very rough.
S: Auto-land not installed on this aircraft.

P: Something loose in cockpit
S: Something tightened in cockpit

P: Dead bugs on windshield.
S: Live bugs on back-order.

P: Autopilot in altitude-hold mode produces a 200 feet per minute descent
S: Cannot reproduce problem on ground.

P: Evidence of leak on right main landing gear.
S: Evidence removed.

P: DME volume unbelievably loud.
S: DME volume set to more believable level.

P: Friction locks cause throttle levers to stick.
S: That's what friction locks are for.

P: IFF inoperative in OFF mode.
S: IFF always inoperative in OFF mode.

P: Suspected crack in windshield.
S: Suspect you're right.

P: Number 3 engine missing.

S: Engine found on right wing after brief search.

P: Aircraft handles funny.

S: Aircraft warned to: straighten up, fly right, and be serious.

P: Target radar hums.

S: Reprogrammed target radar with lyrics.

P: Mouse in cockpit.

S: Cat installed.

P: Noise coming from under instrument panel.

Sounds like an elf pounding on something with a hammer.

S: Took hammer away from elf.



That's what I call Reverence

The former Bishop of London Richard Chartres (now Lord Chartres) was asked what his most enjoyable moment as Bishop of London was. He tells his own story:-

“One day I was due to meet my friend and fellow clergyman Neil for lunch and I had it in mind to discuss an ecclesiastical appointment with him. I thought that I was meeting Neil outside the Chapter House of St. Paul's Cathedral, where I lived as Bishop. However, Neil thought that we were meeting alongside the statue of Queen Victoria below the steps of the Cathedral. It was a hot summer's day and, as ever, the surrounds of the Cathedral were packed with many tourists from all over the world. After waiting some time I thought the best thing I could do was to climb to the top of the steps of the Cathedral to see if I could spot Neil. I did and summoning the loudest voice I could I shouted “NEIL” and immediately a party of American tourists sank to their knees on the steps of St. Paul's. I was mighty embarrassed and beat a hasty retreat, but to this day I chuckle that those tourists must have gone home thinking that they heard the voice of God from heaven.”

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Try your hand at this wordsearch based on games, activities and terms used in them. The words are written forwards, backwards and diagonally. At the end you will be left with eleven unused letters which will give you an overall term for one activity.

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Twenty Questions to Test You

1. The creator of Donald Duck
2. The decorated screen behind the Altar
3. The sacred Egyptian beetle
4. The canine symbol of Britain
5. In the Bible, another name for the Lost Son
6. King of England from 1603 – 1625
7. The crime of causing fire
8. Where in Kent might you go to see the work of Marc Chagall
9. The Friar of Sherwood
10. To which Rock Band do you connect Franz Ferdinand
11. What type of material is found in the first 5 books of the Bible
12. What is a piebald horse called
13. Who informed the shepherds of the Birth of Jesus
14. Name the Ivy League University
15. Pole used in the Highland Games
16. Frankenstein's servant
17. Author of Rob Roy
18. Carlisle's river
19. The collective name for the first four books in the New Testament
20. To which town in Italy is St Francis connected

A Crossword with a Difference

The last letter of each answer is the first of the next. All the answers are water related.

1.				2.		3.						
	11.					12.						4.
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		17.			16.					15.		
10.			9.			8.						7.

- River which flows through Nottingham
- Turn on this in the house to get water
- Ocean between America and Australia
- Manmade waterway
- Scottish name for a lake
- Frozen water

- A body of water separated from larger bodies of water
- In Scotland, this area of water is supposed to house a monster
- A line of foam formed by waves breaking on the shore
- An estuary which flows into the North Sea between Fife and Edinburgh
- An estuary in NE England which is navigable up to Hull
- A lake used as a source of water supply
- Small stream
- An outdoor swimming pool
- Bend or curve in river
- Small dam
- River of East Sussex
- Area of water between Egypt and Saudi Arabia
- River of South America rising in the Andes
- River of Egypt
- River in the Bible mentioned as one of the borders of the Promised Land
- A sea where eels go to breed
- River which reaches the sea at Newhaven
- Tidal river mouth
- Most important river of China
- Tributary of the River Medway
- Largest lake on the island of Ireland
- Tidal strait in New York city flowing between the Hudson and East rivers
- Necessary for operating a wheel in certain structures
- A large lake fed by the river Jordan

Unscramble the Birds

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| 1. K A H W | 2. O T P R R A | 3. L O W | 4. A R C N A Y |
| 5. R D U C | 6. G E L A E | 7. N O B R I | 8. K L R A |
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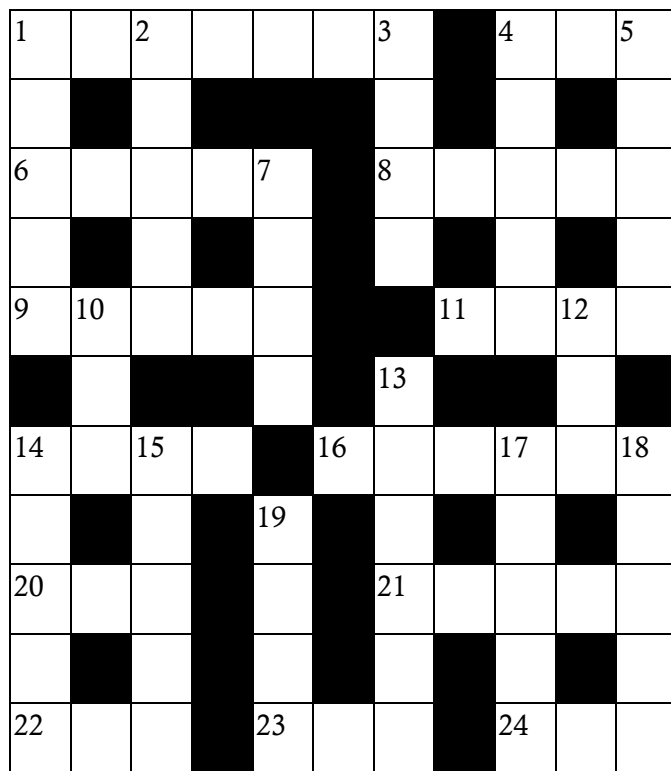
Bible Men and their Characters

Rearrange the adjectives so that they truly describe the ten people. It is a different adjective for each person.

ABRAHAM	GOLIATH	HEROD	JOB	MOSES	PETER
SAMSON	SOLOMON	THOMAS	ZACCHAEUS		
CRUEL	DOUBTING	FAITHFUL	FOOLISH	IMPULSIVE	MEEK
PATIENT	SMALL	TALL	WISE		

A Crossword – Biblically based

Where references are given they are taken from the Good News version of the Bible.



Clues Across

1. Giant killed by David
4. 18th Book of the Old Testament
6. Worn by a Bishop
8. Who went up on the roof (Joshua Ch 2)
11. 29th book of the Old Testament
14. What will you not harvest (Micah Ch 6 v 15)
16. Name of the Holy Place (Amos Ch 4)
20. Priest who spoke to the child Samuel
21. 2nd name (Joshua Ch 19 v 28)
22. Female animal often used as a sacrifice in the Old Testament
23. Father of Joshua
24. Boanerges means what of Thunder (Mark Ch 3)

Clues Down

1. Hosea's wife (Hosea Ch 1)
2. A measure (Ezekiel Ch 46 v 5)
3. Instrument of angels
4. 18th word (1 Chronicles Ch 5 v 14)
5. A tower built in Genesis to symbolise why people speak different languages
7. 11th word (Genesis Ch36 v 23)
10. Bezalel's grandson (Exodus Ch 31)
12. Adam's partner
13. What was Caleb given (Judges Ch 1)
14. Where did Paul leave Titus (Titus Ch 1)
15. What leaf did the dove bring back (Genesis Ch 8)
17. Who was king of Hebron (Joshua Ch 10)
18. Jacob's uncle (Genesis Ch 29)
19. Brother of Abel

ANSWERS

Word Search

The unused letters make up Water Sports

Twenty Questions to Test You

- | | | | | | |
|---------------|------------------------------|-----------|-------------|------------|-------------------------|
| 1 Walt Disney | 2 Reredos | 3 Scarab | 4 Bulldog | 5 Prodigal | 6 James 1 st |
| 7 Arson | 8 All Saints Church, Tudeley | 9 Tuck | 10 Scottish | 11 Law | |
| 12 Pinto | 13 Angels | 14 Yale | 15 Caber | 16 Igor | 17 Walter Scott |
| 18 Eden | 19 Gospels | 20 Assisi | | | |

A Crossword with a Difference

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|-------------|-------------|-------------------|------------|--------------|----------|--------------|
| 1 Trent | 2 Tap | 3 Pacific | 4 Canal | 5 Loch | 6 Hail | 7 Lagoon |
| 8 Ness | 9 Surf | 10 Firth of Forth | 11 Humber | 12 Reservoir | 13 Rill | 14 Lido |
| 15 Oxbow | 16 Weir | 17 Rother | 18 Red Sea | 19 Amazon | 20 Nile | 21 Euphrates |
| 22 Sargasso | 23 Ouse | 24 Estuary | 25 Yangtze | 26 Eden | 27 Neagh | 28 Harlem |
| 29 Millpond | 30 Dead Sea | | | | | |

Biblically Based Crossword

Across

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|-----------|--------|----------|---------|---------|--------|---------|
| 1 Goliath | 4 Job | 6 Mitre | 8 Rahab | 9 Rhesa | 11 Joe | 14 Crop |
| 16 Bethel | 20 Eli | 21 Rehob | 22 Ewe | 23 Nun | 24 Men | |

Down

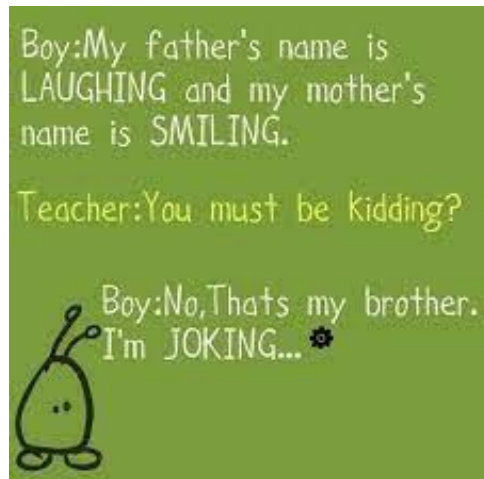
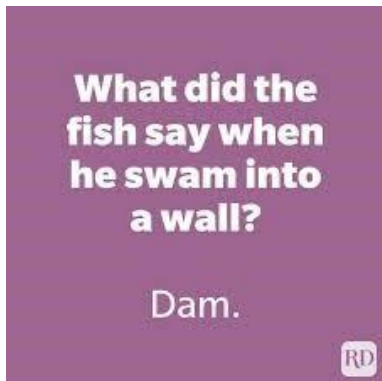
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| 1 Gomer | 2 Litre | 3 Harp | 4 Jahdo | 5 Babel | 7 Elal | 10 Hur |
| 12 Eve | 14 Crete | 15 Olive | 16 Hoham | 18 Laban | 19 Cain | |

Unscramble the Birds

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| 1 Hawk | 2 Parrot | 3 Owl | 4 Canary | 5 Duck | 6 Eagle | 7 Robin |
| 8 Lark | 9 Dove | 10 Wren | 11 Sparrow | 12 Ostrich | | |

Bible Men and their Characters

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| Abraham – Faithful | Goliath – Tall | Herod – Cruel | Job – Patient |
| Moses – Meek | Peter – Impulsive | Samson – Foolish | Solomon – Wise |
| Thomas – Doubting | Zaccheus – Small | | |



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CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL

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