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Readings for October

These are the lectionary readings that we will use during October. If you cannot get along to church, do try to read them and reflect on them on the days set.

Sunday 2nd October

9.30 am Parish Eucharist

Habakkuk 1:1 – 4 + 2: 1-4
2 Timothy 1: 1 – 14
Luke 17: 5 - 10

5.30 pm Evening Prayer

Psalm: 142
Jeremiah 7: 1 – 5
Ephesians 5: 22 – 6: 9

Sunday 9th October

9.30 am Parish Eucharist

Jeremiah 29: 1 + 4 - 7
2 Timothy 2: 8 - 15
Luke 17: 11 - 19

Wednesday 12th October

10.30 am Mid-Week Eucharist

Galatians 5: 18 - end
Luke 11: 42 – 46

Sunday 16th October

9.30 am Parish Eucharist

Jeremiah 31: 27 – 34
2 Timothy 3: 14 – 4: 5
Luke 18: 1 – 8

Sunday 23rd October

9.30 am Family Service

Romans 15: 1 - 6
Luke 4: 16 – 24

Sunday 30th October

9.30 am All Saints Day Parish Eucharist

Daniel 7: 1 – 3 + 15 – 18
Ephesians 1: 11 – end
Luke 6: 20 - 31

Greetings from the Vicarage

My dear friends,

I write this letter on the day of the funeral of the late Queen Elizabeth II at the end of the period of national mourning. It has been a privilege to open our church every day and to welcome so many people from the village to take a few moments to reflect on what it means to have lived through the second Elizabethan era, write messages of condolence, light a candle or lay flowers in remembrance of a much loved sovereign. Throughout the days of mourning, we prayed this prayer...

God of love,
We thank you for the life of The Queen,
for her service to our nation,
and for her faith in you.
Be close to all of us who mourn,
that we may we find comfort and hope in your love,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank members of the PCC and all those who assisted me in keeping the church open. Those who comforted the sad, encouraged children to pay their respects and provided refreshments for the weary. I would also like to thank Chris and David Marcus and the extended team of bell ringers who spent so much time over the last two weeks muffling and unmuffling bells, gathering to ring at different stages both to pay respects to the late Queen and to welcome King Charles III.

Of course, at the death of the Queen, the crown passed immediately to her son and heir, and so it was also our joy to pray for the reign of the King, to sing the words of the National Anthem and pronounce God Save the King in strong voice. At each of our acts of worship we were honoured to pray...

Everlasting God, we pray for our new King.
Bless his reign and the life of our nation.
Help us to work together
so that truth and justice, harmony and fairness
flourish among us;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

By the time you read this letter the funeral of the Queen and the period of national mourning with all its many facets and requirements will be behind us. However, we know that the loss of someone who we have loved hits us hardest after the formalities of a funeral are over. We will continue to offer support to anyone who finds themselves feeling bereaved or sad during the coming months. Our church is often open. You will find prayer cards, peace and an opportunity to talk if you would like to.

As Christian people we know that death is not the end. It is the beginning of the next stage of the journey of life with God, eternal life. So, for those of us who are left, expect some tears, comfort those around you who are sad, remember that a cup of tea and some company is the greatest consolation. The words of familiar psalms, prayers, and a sense of hope for the future sustain us. We trust in the promise of Jesus that he is the way, the truth and the life... so we can confidently say...

Rest eternal grant unto Queen Elizabeth, O Lord
And may light perpetual shine upon her.
May she rest in peace and rise in glory.

Whilst proclaiming loudly... God save the King.

Praying for peace and hope for every one of you.

Wishing you every blessing

Rev'd. Carolyn

From the Register of Services September 2022

Baptism Register

25th September

George David Wynn Caddick

SIDESPERSIONS' ROTA FOR 9.30 SERVICE IN OCTOBER

2 nd October	David Ellingford	Sandra Ellingford
9 th October	Doris Baker	Susan Garwood
16 th October	Bryan Whymark	Jennifer Whymark
23 rd October	Sylvia Edey	Yvonne Heaver
30 th October	Alun Powell	Margaret Ginn

Prayer for October

Loving, Creator God,

Thank you for your wonderful creation. In these days of concern about climate change and the damage caused by modern lifestyles and choices, help us to be more aware. Help us to make good choices. Help us to be good stewards of Your creation.

You are so generous Lord. You provide for us – more than enough to meet the needs of all people. Help us to play our part in making sure there is fair distribution of all Your provision. Help us to reflect Your generosity, Your compassion, Your justice. Help us to care for Your world and Your precious children.

In Jesus' name

Amen

Taken from Parish Pump, a resource for Church Magazines and written by Daphne Kitching

Late

Sidesman to timid parishioner: Why are you late?

Timid parishioner: Church started before I got here.

Miscellaneous observations on life:

A lot of people want to serve God, but only in an advisory capacity.

It is easy to do any amount of work - provided it isn't the work you are supposed to be doing.

Anyone who thinks talk is cheap never argued with a traffic warden.

Anything that is good and useful is usually made of chocolate.

One reason why a dog is such a lovable creature is that its tail wags instead of his tongue.



Eco Church

The Eco Church initiative run by A Rocha UK, of which St Mary's is now a part, was set up to help support all churches take practical action on caring for God's earth. As part of this there is an Eco Church survey, which guides churches on 'going green' in all areas of their church life. Under the Community and

Global engagement section of this survey we are asked if we participate in the Tearfund 'Toilet Twinning' scheme. At the moment St Mary's does not, but it is a wish of the PCC that we do so. So let me explain what 'Toilet Twinning' is and how we go about participating in it.

Toilet Twinning

Toilet Twinning is an initiative set up by the Tearfund Charity to enable families living in poverty to have lifesaving toilets. By donating £60 to twin one of our toilets we can help fund a project in a poor community that will enable families to build a basic toilet, have access to clean water and learn about hygiene – a vital combination that saves lives. It's a shocking statistic that 1.7 billion people don't have somewhere safe to go to the toilet. A luxury that I'm sure most of us take for granted. For the elderly, women and girls especially, toilets restore dignity and help keep them safe.

When we twin a toilet, we will get sent a certificate, which we can display, showing a photograph of our overseas toilet twin. St Mary's would like to twin both of our toilets at a cost of £120.

Bin Twinning

As well as trying to twin our toilets the PCC would also like to twin our bins. Bin Twinning is also run by Tearfund and it helps to fund sustainable projects that are being set up to collect people's rubbish, dispose of it safely, recycle as much as possible and promote waste reduction. According to their website, 2 billion people don't have their rubbish collected. Twinning our bins, at a cost of £45 per bin, will help fund a community project that's preventing disease, protecting the environment and creating jobs. In turn we will be helping to save lives and protect the planet.

When we twin our bins, we will be sent a certificate to display showing a photo of the rubbish collection and recycling enterprise that we have twinned with overseas.

Change a family's life forever

Bring health and hope to a family living in one of the poorest places on the planet.

Twin today!



Funding

To cover the cost of the above we hope to dedicate one of the church service collections to it, so that those who would like to contribute to this initiative can. Of course, Toilet and Bin Twinning is not just an initiative for organisations to take part in, as individual households we can take part too. So if you would like to twin your toilet or your bin please visit the Tearfund websites at www.toilettwinning.org and www.bintwinning.org or contact me and I'll be happy to help you.

Prayers for October

With the above in mind our October environmental commitment to prayer is for **Tearfund**. Tearfund is a Christian charity which partners with churches in more than 50 of the world's poorest countries. They tackle poverty and injustice through sustainable development, by responding to disasters and challenging injustice. They believe that an end to extreme poverty is possible. If you would like further information on the work of this charity, please visit www.tearfund.org and hold the invaluable work that this charity does and the communities that they serve in your prayers. Let us know too if you have any suggestions for an environmental charity to pray for.

Rachel Butterworth

and the rest of the Eco Team: Sarah Clark, Sheila Hasler, Yvonne Heaver, Karen Paxton, Kathy Rouse and Glynis Worboys. We're always here to help and happy to listen to any ideas about how we can continue on our Eco Church journey, so please do get in touch.

A POTATOFEST

One of my duties during my Army service included that of clerk to the Company Quartermaster Sergeant (CQMS) . He was an interesting man who had been a boy soldier on the North-West Frontier (now part of Pakistan), had then, in the Second World War, fought through North Africa and Italy before being taken prisoner in Holland. But, despite requests from me he never spoke of his experiences with the exception of the following.

One evening I visited the camp cinema to see a WW2 Prison of War (POW) escape story. The next day I asked him did he try to escape. He replied with a resounding “No!” Breaking out of the camp was not difficult, he said and some of them would go out a few times a week. He then proceeded to tell me the following story:

“It was mid-winter bitterly cold and wet and you didn’t know where in Germany you were escaping from and where you needed to aim for. At least in the POW camp we had a roof over our heads. Close to the camp was a field of potatoes which, due to a wet Autumn, had not been harvested. So, carefully avoiding the guards on the sparsely patrolled perimeter wire and the probing searchlights, we went under the wire and out. Making our way to the field we harvested as many potatoes as we could carry in our battledress tunics. The dangerous part of the operation was getting back into the camp. With tunics stuffed with our plunder the hole under the wire had to be enlarged, then there was the problem of avoiding the patrolling guards and endeavouring to lie flat with up to fifteen pounds of potatoes stashed on you, trying to avoid the probing searchlights. Safely back in our hut, potatoes washed and placed on the wood-fired pot-bellied stove we sat back and waited. After some time, they were ready to eat and for the next few hours we GORGED!

Eventually, so painfully full, we could do nothing more than slump, feeling that we would never want to eat again. A few hours later we were as hungry as hunters.”

He had never eaten a jacket potato since!!!!

Brian Whymark

Getting older and better

“For as the days of a tree, so will be the days of my people; my chosen ones will long enjoy the work of their hands.” Isaiah 65:22 NIV

In 1968 a scientist discovered a six-hundred-year-old necklace in a Native American grave. It was made up of seeds which had been strung together. He planted one of those seeds and, guess what happened, it sprouted and grew. Although the seed had been dormant for six hundred years, it still had the potential for life. Maybe you have been a Christian for years and have been spiritually dormant for most of that time, but now you would like to be productive. You desire to be fruitful. The good news is, it's not too late! You can begin right now. “The righteous will flourish like a palm tree...planted in the house of the Lord, they will flourish in the courts of our God. They will still bear fruit in old age, they will stay fresh and green, proclaiming, ‘The Lord is upright; He is my Rock.’ (Psalm 92:12-15)

Did you know that a palm tree produces its greatest harvest of fruit in its final years? That can be your destiny too. “For as the days of a tree, so will be the days of my people; my chosen ones will long enjoy the work of their hands.” (Isaiah 65:22) That scripture mean bunions, bifocals, and baldness notwithstanding, your last season of life can be your greatest season of life. It may take you longer to do what you do, but fuelled with the wisdom of God's Word and the years you have walked with Him, you can still make a mark for God in this world.

Source U.C.B. Word for Today

GIFT DAY

Many thanks to those who gave donations on our gift day. The total donated amounted to just over £2,000 which, with gift aid, will add about £2,500 to our income for this year. For those who missed the day but still wish to donate, there is still plenty of time to add to the total! If you wish to do so by bank transfer, please have a word with me for the bank details.

Alun Powell

A Curate's Egg

This month I want to recommend a book by Kathleen Norris called *The Quotidian Mysteries: Laundry, Liturgy and "Women's Work"*. Don't be put off by the title! Quotidian means occurring every day, belonging to every day, commonplace, ordinary.

Norris believes it is in the everyday tasks, the mundane and monotonous, that we can be drawn closer to God. It is in the daily tasks, particularly those of a household (hence the subtitle) where we remember what life is about and where we see God at work. "Menial derives from a Latin word meaning 'to remain' or 'to dwell in a household'. It is thus a word about connections, about family and household ties." As with so many things in modern life, we have made menial into a negative word. But if we look at it from the root of building and maintaining our household or family ties, it takes on a very definitive perspective.

We may think about the Israelites receiving manna from God in the desert – it was to be daily collected not stored up because the daily collection was important. We pray in the Lord's Prayer, "Give us today our daily bread". Have you ever stopped to think about this?

"We want life to have meaning, we want fulfillment, healing and even ecstasy, but the human paradox is that we find these things by starting where we are, not where we wish we were. We must look for blessings to come from unlikely everyday places – out of Galilee, as it were – and not in spectacular events." We have just lived through a momentous point in history with the death of Queen Elizabeth II and the accession to the throne of King Charles III. Spectacular events and ceremonies that have not been enacted for seventy years have been witnessed in the last month. And sometimes when our world is shaken, whether by national and international events or by important events in our own lives, it can feel that the ground is unstable beneath us. Then our daily routine, our daily tasks, can offer us certainty and stability. But the ground is not shaken beneath our feet when we stand on Jesus our Rock.

And Norris says it is in the daily, in the routine, in the menial, that we can find connection with God. We can use the time when we are washing up or cleaning the house to pray. We can be grateful for the opportunity to serve our household, our family, by using the daily to keep connected. We can all too often rush through life in a misguided attempt to get to where life is

happening! Our daily tasks ground us, but also, when we do everything in prayer and praise, we bring God into every part of our life.

Rev'd. Dawn

Hymn of the month

All things bright and beautiful

The words for this hymn are taken from Genesis:1 and Ecclesiastes:3, which sends the message very clearly that God is great and the maker of all. It was originally written by Mrs. Cecil Frances Alexander and was first published in 1848. For several years a small group of us from St. Mary's visited, on a regular basis, Madelayne Court and what was then called The Grange, two care homes situated in Broomfield. We conducted a small service which included a homily, prayers led by Rev'd. Diana, a short Bible reading and three hymns. We always finished with this hymn. A few remembered it and that put a smile on all our faces, the guests, the carers and visitors alike. Such simple words, along with a tune which can keep you humming all day!

*All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small,
all things wise and wonderful, the Lord God made them all.*

*Each little flower that opens, each little bird that sings,
He made their glowing colours, He made their tiny wings.*

*The purple headed mountain, the river running by,
the sunset and the morning, that brightens up the sky.*

*The cold wind in the winter, the pleasant summer sun,
the ripe fruits in the garden, He made them every one.*

*The tall trees in the greenwood, the meadows for our play,
the rushes by the water, to gather every day.*

*He gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell
how great is God Almighty, who has made all things well.*

(Mrs. C. F. Alexander 1818-1895)

Margaret Ginn

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Thank you for continuing to support us through these difficult times.

The items most needed at present

FOODSTUFF

Tinned Rice

Long-life Milk

Coffee - small and medium jars

Instant mash potato

(packets and medium boxes)

Sponge puddings

Sweets and choc. bars

TOILETRIES

Shampoo - mens and ladies

Shower gel - mens and ladies

Deodorant - Ladies

larger size nappies (size 5 and larger)

Items can be delivered to our warehouse in Beehive Lane at any time

www.chelmsford.foodbank.org.uk

Follow us on Facebook as well

St Mary's Ladies Group



The speaker at our August meeting was one of our own members, Joyce Ashford who stepped in at the last moment when our booked speaker cancelled.

Her husband, Delmas, had been the first Independent Mayor of Chelmsford in 1985 and her talk was entitled – “My Year as Lady Mayoress”.

Joyce had kept a diary of all the functions they had attended, and she brought along her photograph albums and many items of memorabilia. She told us that in total they had attended 462 mayoral engagements in the 12 months.

There were many highlights of the year including three “Royal” occasions. First, a visit to the Royal Garden Party at Buckingham Palace on a very hot day in July. Then by contrast on a foggy winter day they were presented to Princess Diana during her visit to Hargrave House in Great Baddow. Finally, to Westminster Abbey for a service attended by the Queen Mother to commemorate the Domesday Book. Delmas had decided to change into his Mayoral robes nearby which caused much interest to tourists and passers-by!

They were guests of the Head Postmaster of Chelmsford who accompanied them from Chelmsford on a journey to Cromer on board the Orient Express to deliver First Day Covers to the local lifeboat station. School children had gathered all along the route and waved flags as the magnificent train passed.

They made many hospital visits and reinstated the Christmas Day visits to Broomfield, Chelmsford & Essex and St. Johns where Joyce held a new-born baby only a few hours old.

We all thoroughly enjoyed Joyce’s talk which was both amusing as well as being poignant at times. She commented that she and Delmas would never forget the experience – it was tiring and very time-consuming, but a very great honour and privilege to serve the people of Chelmsford.

Sue Cole

LIGHT GROUP



A group for school years 6-9,
meeting together for pizza,
fun and the chance to
explore contemporary issues
from a Christian perspective.

First Tuesday of the month,
5.30pm in the church hall.

Next meeting 4th October - just turn up or contact

Rev. Carolyn

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for more information

MUFFLED BELLS

It is the custom to ring fully muffled bells on the death of the Monarch and I thought it would be of interest to explain the process. Many of you will be aware that we ring half muffled bells prior to the Remembrance Sunday service and toll the tenor bell afterwards as the congregation process up to the War Graves. To achieve that we muffle on one side of the clapper only and it follows that fully muffled means both sides of the clapper are muffled.

So what are muffles? These are basically thick leather “cups” which we fix into place around the clapper with plastic tie tags. The photographs below show a fully muffled clapper with the two muffles. The muffle nearest the camera in the left hand photograph pre-dates the newer muffle behind it which was one of six purchased in December 1994 and is shown in the right hand photograph.

Fixing them is a bit of a palaver requiring someone to crawl around under the bells in all the debris from the birds to muffle all six Bells. Hopefully the task will be cleaner once the Spire is bird proof.



We rang the muffled Bells in memory of the Queen and then removed the muffles to ring “open” for the proclamation of King Charles III. They were then muffled for the Queen’s funeral and kept that way during the period of mourning.

David Marcus

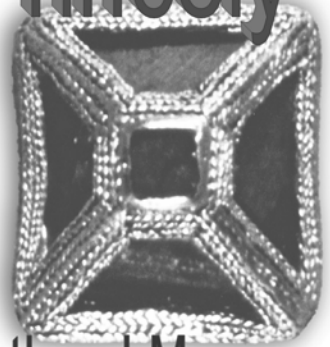
Broomfield Parish Church

PEOPLE & STONE

A Project Rutherford Talk

Broomfield's Princely Saxon Burial

- a comparison
with Prittlewell



Ken Crowe, formerly of Southend Museum

Saturday 29th October

2pm

Tickets £5 from the Church or email Ros
rosalindmercer0309@gmail.com



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*Raffle &
Refreshments*

BROOMFIELD PARISH
CHURCH

*A time to
Remember
Bereavement
Service*

Sunday 30th October 3pm

Refreshments will be served after the service

IF YOU CANNOT ATTEND BUT WOULD
LIKE YOUR LOVED ONE REMEMBERED
PLEASE CONTACT US TO LET US KNOW
THEIR NAME
STMARYBROOMFIELD@GMAIL.COM



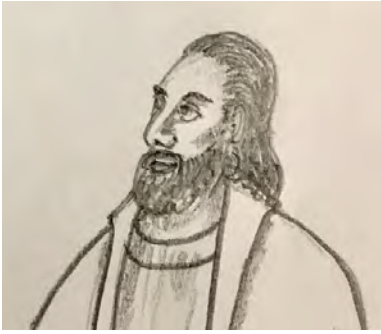
Collecting for Guide Dogs

Although Guide Dogs are no longer taking crisp packets and wrappers to recycle for fundraising they are still collecting stamps, old UK or foreign money and ink cartridges. Donations can be left with us at:

5 Butlers Close, Broomfield, Chelmsford, Essex, CM1 7BE

Tel: 01245 440540

Brian & Glynis Worboys



People of the Bible

Ham – Genesis 9:

Ham was one of Noah's three sons. Ham and his wife worked on, and took up residence in, the Ark along with the rest of Noah's family who were saved from the great flood that God had sent as a punishment on the sinful earth. When the waters subsided and Noah's family could return to normal life again God spoke to

Noah and commanded that Noah's family, specifically his sons and their wives, should go out and multiply in order to repopulate the earth. Following the flood, the land had to be reclaimed and it was during this time that Ham became involved in a somewhat disreputable family incident. It appears that Noah became a farmer and set up a vineyard. The vineyard proved very successful and he grew fine grapes in abundance. One day Noah who, of course, had to sample the fruits of his labour, overdid the wine-tasting and became very drunk, so much so that he must have passed out in his tent. Sometime later, Ham and his son Canaan went looking for Noah and found him laid out in his tent not only drunk but without any clothing. Stupidly, Ham went off and found his two brothers Shem and Japheth and informed them of their father's condition. The three of them made their way back to Noah's tent and found him as Ham had described. Shem and Japheth, being respectful of their father's state turned away from the sight whilst covering their naked father with some clothing. When Noah woke up, he quickly realized that his younger sons had dutifully hidden his shame and thanked them for what they had done. So pleased was Noah, that he blessed his two sons but was so cross with Ham that not only did he refrain from blessing him but cursed him instead along with Ham's son. There is no record saying why Noah was so cross with Ham, whether it was just a case of disrespect, or something more indiscreet or sinister. We are not told, But the curse was carried through the lineage of Ham's son Canaan, whose people would become enslaved to his uncle Shem's descendants and eventually destroyed.

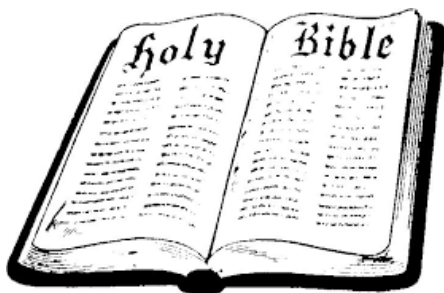
Point: I would love to know why Noah was so cross with his son Ham and his grandson Canaan, there must be a lot more to the story than we are told?

Opinion: It must have been really life-challenging to go from spending years designing and building a huge boat, spending months with all manners of animals and then having to go back to living a normal life again, somewhat like us and the covid. What do you think? e: joan@grabawish.com

Bible Study: If you want to know more about bible classes here at St Mary's please speak to Rev'd. Carolyn.

Joan Vine

Bible Sunday
Family Service
23rd October @ 9.30am
St. Mary's Church, Broomfield



Bring your own Bible
and share your
favourite Bible story

All are welcome. Please come and join us!

Church Calendar October 2022

The Church Building will be open on Tuesday and Thursday mornings between 9.30am – 12.30pm for people to sit and pray or to find out more about The Rutherford Project

Morning Prayer will be said in Church Monday – Friday at 9am ~ All are welcome to join us

Saturday 1st 2.30 pm Ordination Service in Church—invitation only

Sunday 2nd

The Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

9.30 am Parish Eucharist with Rev'd. Dawn Presiding

10.45 am Celebration of Dawn's Ordination in St. Leonard's Hall

5.00 pm Archdeacon Elizabeth's Leaving Service at the Cathedral

5.30 pm BCP Evening Prayer in Church

Tuesday 4th

9.00 am Working Party in the Churchyard

10.00 am Friends with Faith in St. Leonard's Hall

5.30 pm Light Group in St. Leonard's Hall

Wednesday 5th

1.45 pm Baffled by the Bible

7.00 pm Puppet Crew in St. Leonard's Hall

7.30 pm Wedding Rehearsal in Church

7.45pm Bell Ringing practice in the Tower*

Thursday 6th

9.30 am Thanksgiving on a Thursday in Church

10.00 am Little Lambs in St. Leonard's Hall

5.30 – 8.15pm Beaver & Cub visit to Church

Friday 7th

4.30pm Choir Practice in St. Leonard's Hall

Saturday 8th

2.00 pm Wedding of Lisa & Steve

Sunday 9th October

The Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

9.30 am Parish Eucharist

Monday 10th

12.30 pm Film & Lunch Club in St. Leonard's Hall

Tuesday 11th

9.00 am Working Party in the Churchyard

11.00 am Deanery Chapter meeting in Church and Hall

Wednesday 12th

10.30 am Mid-week Eucharist

	11.30 am	Parish Coffee Morning
	1.45 pm	Baffled by the Bible in St. Leonard's Hall
	7.00 pm	Puppet Crew in St. Leonard's Hall
	7.45 pm	Bell ringing practice in the Tower*
Thursday 13 th	9.30 am	Thanksgiving on a Thursday in Church
	10.00 am	Little Lambs in St. Leonard's Hall
Friday 14 th	4.30 pm	Choir Practice in St. Leonard's Hall
Saturday 15 th	10.00 am	Hall being used for a function
Sunday 16th October		The Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity
	9.30 am	Parish Eucharist
	12 noon	Baptism
	4.00 pm	Eco Church in Church Meadow
Tuesday 18 th	9.00 am	Working Party in the Churchyard
	10.00 am	Friends with Faith
Wednesday 19 th	1.45pm	Baffled by the Bible in St. Leonard's Hall
	7.00 pm	Puppet Crew in St. Leonard's Hall
	7.45pm	Bell Ringing practice in the Tower*
Thursday 20 th	9.30 am	Thanksgiving on a Thursday in Church
	10.00 am	Little Lambs in St. Leonard's Hall
	2.00 pm	Beetle Drive in St. Leonard's Hall
Sunday 23rd October		The Last Sunday after Trinity (Bible Sunday)
	8.00 am	Holy Communion
	9.30 am	Family Service
During Half Term Week we will not meet for Morning Prayer		
Monday 24 th	2.00 pm	Hall being used for a function
Tuesday 25 th	9.00 am	Working Party in the Churchyard
Wednesday 26 th	7.00 pm	NCMMP Council Meeting in Boreham
	7.45pm	Bell Ringing practice in the Tower*
Thursday 27 th	10.00 am	Standing Committee Meeting in St. Leonard's Hall
	2.00 pm	Ladies Group in St. Leonard's Hall
Saturday 29 th	2.00 pm	Rutherford Project talk in St. Leonard's Hall (details on page 16)

Sunday 30th October

9.30 am
3.00 pm
5.30 pm

All Saints Day

Parish Eucharist
Bereavement Service in Church
BCP Evening Prayer in Church

Monday 31st

9.00 am

Morning Prayer in the Choir Stalls

November 2022Tuesday 1st

9.00 am
10.00 am
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The Rutherford Project Update

The main concern for the project this last month has been trying to fund the repairs to the spire timbers that became apparent when the shingles were removed. After the tremendous fund raising efforts made pre-COVID and the success of Rev'd. Diana's application to the NHLF, we had thought we were well on the way to achieving our desired ends. It was therefore, quite a blow to realise we were now facing the need to find £85,000 to restore the integrity of the spire. We have approached a significant number of charities for help and are extremely grateful to The Round Tower Churches for a swift response of a £5,000 grant, Friends of Essex Churches for a hefty £30,000 grant and £5,000 from FSJ Charities Trust. Please continue to pray for a positive response from others.

This hiccup has put the building work back by at least eight weeks, so the tower and spire will not be completed until the end of December, and we have had to postpone the conservation work scheduled for the fresco. The restoration to our Lychgate has also been delayed until after the New Year. However, work continues apace on other aspects of the Rutherford Project.

We still need to find purchasers for the three pews that are up for sale – do ask around friends and family; £300 each will provide an excellent garden seat, and the length could be reduced by cutting in half to create two seats (buy one get one free!). Once removed, we intend to establish a temporary exhibition, using tables and screens, whilst the permanent display cabinets and boards are fashioned. Patrick Readings and Ian Mercer have come up with some really professional designs for the exhibition so we have sought a little extra funding to enable them to fulfil their plans and do justice to the work of Rosemary Rutherford.

A number of volunteers have been hard at work identifying Rosemary's artistry around the country and collating materials to use in the display and in various publications. They have also been working with both the primary and secondary schools in the parish to ensure we create activities that fit in with students' curricula. We are hoping the first children's activity will take place in early October with the local Cubs and Beavers visiting the church.

We plan to undertake a number of talks (in the *People and Stone* series) as a fund raising activity and are delighted that Ken Crowe has agreed to undertake a repeat of the Saxon Princely Burial talk on Saturday 29th October at 2pm. Tickets (£5) are available from Ros Mercer and the associated booklet is now

available. It will be held either be in the church or the hall depending on Numbers. Help with refreshments will be needed. Further talks on Rosemary Rutherford, Stained Glass and perhaps a one-day event on Broomfield at War are envisaged.

The Church Website is currently being remade and will include a Rutherford tab for information relating to the project, including link pages for QR codes for extra information resources for the exhibition and activities

Trudy Stevens

Trudy is away from mid October until the end of November; Rev'd. Dawn will stand-in on the management team, acting as the go-to person, if needed.



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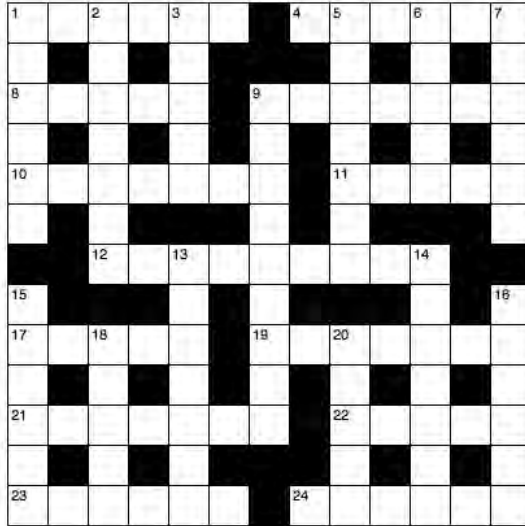
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Crossword (answers on page 39)



Across

- 1 Tertullus, who presented the high priest's case against Paul in his trial before Felix, was one (Acts 24:1) (6)
- 4 As balm (anag.) (6)
- 8 Having explored Canaan, he and Joshua urged the Israelites to take possession of it (Numbers 13:30) (5)
- 9 On becoming king of Judah, he had all six of his brothers killed (2 Chronicles 21:4) (7)
- 10 'Even the — has found a home, and the swallow a nest for herself' (Psalm 84:3) (7)
- 11 Banishment (Jeremiah29:1) (5)
- 12 'And now I will show you the most — way'(1Corinthians12:31) (9)
- 17 'Titus did not exploit you, did he? Did we not —— the same spirit and follow the same course?' (2 Corinthians 12:18) (3,2)
- 19 Mice den(anag.)(7)
- 21 How Egypt is often described in the Old Testament: 'the land of — ' (Exodus 13:3) (7)
- 22 One of the first Levites to resettle in Jerusalem after the exile in Babylon (1 Chronicles 9:15) (5)
- 23 'As a sheep before her shearers is —,so he did not open his mouth' (Isaiah 53:7) (6)
- 24 Paul's birthplace (Acts22:3) (6)

Down

- 1 Ravenous insect inflicted on Egypt in vast numbers as the eighth plague (Exodus 10:14) (6)
- 2 Well-being (Philippians 2:20) (7)
- 3 Small piece of live coal or wood in a dying fire (Psalm 102:3) (5)
- 5 Sportsman or woman (2 Timothy 2:5) (7)
- 6 The original name of Abraham's wife (Genesis 17:15) (5)
- 7 'So in Christ we who are many form one body, and each — belongs to all the others' (Romans 12:5) (6)
- 9 According to Peter, a wife's beauty should not come from wearing this (1 Peter 3:3) (9)
- 13 'For God did not send his Son into the world to — the world' (John 3:17) (7)
- 14 'The Lord of heaven and earth...does not live in — built by hands' (Acts 17:24) (7)
- 15 'If your hand — you to sin, cut it off' (Mark 9:43) (6)
- 16 Something like these fell from Saul's eyes as soon as Ananias placed his hands on him (Acts 9:18) (6)
- 18 Track (Job 41:30) (5)
- 20 Religious doctrine (5)

Shooting season

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Alarmed, the little boy nudged his father. "Do we have to work this one out?"

Try our October Sudokus (solutions on page 39)

Easy

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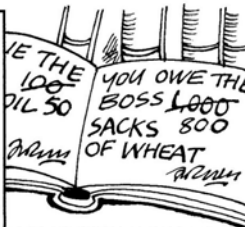


THE RICH MAN HAD HEARD THAT THE MANAGER HAD BEEN WASTING MONEY.

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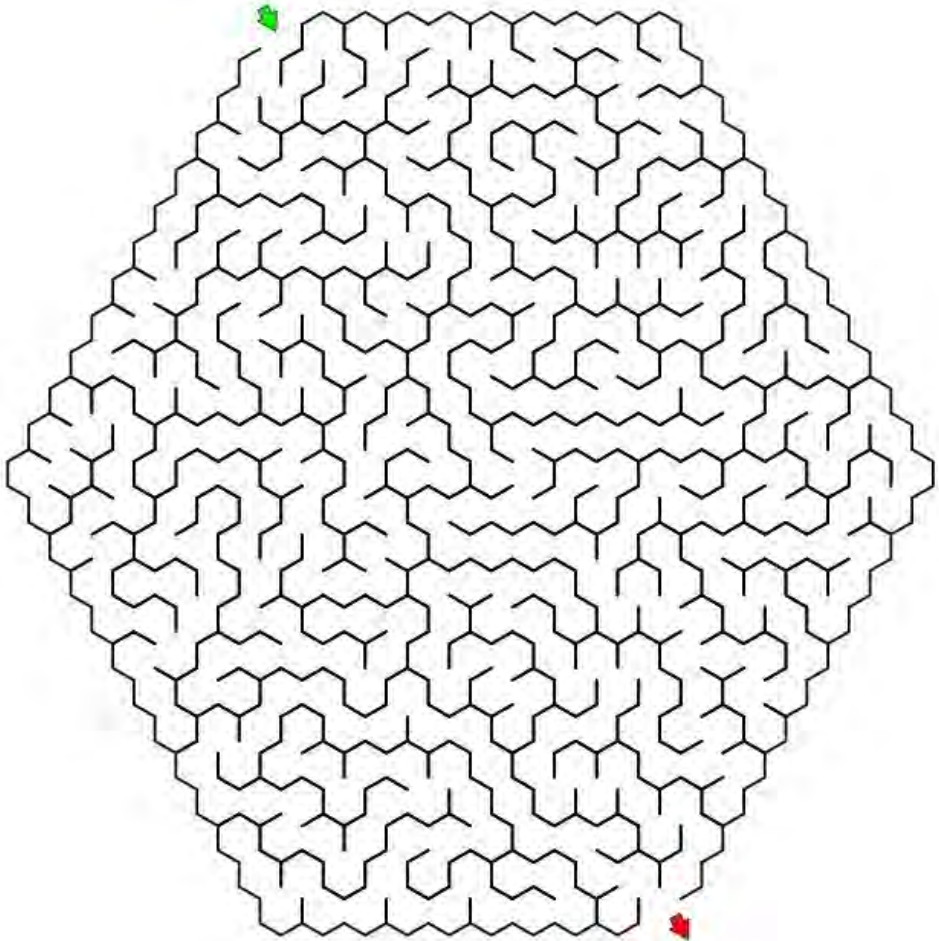
SO THEY ALTERED THEIR DEBTS - AND STAYED FRIENDS WITH THE MANAGER.

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Solution to Sudokus on page 30

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