# News & Views From St Mary's Church Ecclesfield



Church Magazine September 2022

#### **First Words**

For me September means two things. At the start of the month, it is the beginning of the new school year and at the end of the month (29th September) we celebrate the feats of St Michael and All angels, often called Michaelmas. September is both a new start and in this month as the days shorten we move towards the end of the year.

On Saturday 10th September at 9am in Church we have our monthly Prayer Breakfast. This is followed on Sunday 11th September by our monthly All Age Celebration - Sam will be taking the lead this month as I will be on holiday!

On the **16th and 17th September** we open our doors for the **Heritage Open Days** - watch out for more information about this year's events.

Baptisms will be held on Sunday 18th September at 12 noon.

The **PCC** will meet on **Monday 19th September at 7.30pm** in Church. Any items for the agenda to Tim as soon as possible please.

On **Wednesday 21st September at 4pm** we will be meeting in Church to plan the services and choose hymns for October.

There will be a wedding in Church on Saturday 24th September at 1pm.

On **Sunday 25th September** at the 10am Eucharist we will be dedicating the Prayer Ministry team, and later that day, at **6.30pm** we welcome the return of our **Prayer and Praise.** It has been over two years since the last Prayer and Praise and many of us have missed it! If you have never been, why not come along, sing and worship in an informal way. The theme for this month will be Jesus the Living Water.

Finally on **Thursday 29th Septembe**r, after the morning mid-week Eucharist, there will be **St Mary's Gathering at 10.30am.** 

I mentioned the feast of **Michaelmas** at the start of this month's 'First Word.' As it falls on a Thursday we will be celebrating the festival on Sunday 2nd October in our 10am Eucharist, and on this Sunday we will be offering Prayer Ministry during the Communion.

Do pray about these events in the life of our Church, that in everything we do we may glorify God our gracious and loving Father.

God bless.

Tim

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#### Innovation and Invention

- Baptismal church of Thomas Boulsover, inventor of silver-plate
- Resting place of Alexander John Scott: Nelson's secret spy
- Home of Margaret Scott Gatty Children's author, scientist and first to use chloroform during childbirth
- Stanley Royle, artist
- Elisha Kirkall, engraver

#### **Sheffield Family History Society stall**

## Highest temperatures ever recorded

One hundred years ago, on 13th September 1922, the highest temperature ever recorded in the world was reported to be 57.7 Centigrade (136 Fahrenheit) in Al'Aziziyah in Libya.

This stood for nearly a century but was challenged at various times and eventually decertified by the World Meteorological Organisation in 2012, which believed there was a faulty reading. It was replaced by a record of 134F (56.7C), taken not in these heady days of climate crisis, but back in July 1913, at the aptly named Furnace Creek Ranch in Death Valley, California. There are many other examples of temperatures near to 60C going as far back as 1909 (Cherokee, Oklahoma) and 1966 (Sonora, Mexico).

The WMO is an agency of the United Nations responsible for promoting international cooperation on atmospheric science, climatology, hydrology and geophysics. Temperature peaks are measured in three major ways: air, ground, and through satellite observation. Of these, air measurements are used as standard because of the persistent unreliability of ground and satellite readings. Since these measurements generally are taken of necessity in extreme conditions, they are frequently challenged, and a great deal of uncertainty remains.

For comparison purposes, the hot weather in the UK in July this year peaked at 40.3C (104.5F), at Coningsby, Lincolnshire, on the 19th of that month. Many schools closed.

# Michael and All Angels – 29th September

Michael is an archangel, whose name means 'who is like unto God?' He makes various appearances throughout the Bible, from the book of Daniel to the Book of Revelation. In Daniel, he is 'one of the princes' of the heavenly host, and the special guardian of Israel. In Revelation, he is the principal fighter of the heavenly battle against the devil.

From early times, Michael's cult was strong in the British Isles. Churches at Malmesbury (Wiltshire), Clive (Gloucestershire) and Stanmer (East Sussex) were dedicated to him. Bede mentions him. St Michael's Mount in Cornwall was believed to commemorate a vision there in the 8th century. By the end of the Middle Ages, Michael had 686 English churches dedicated to him.



In art Michael is often depicted as slaying the dragon, as in the 14th century East Anglican Psalters, or in Epstein's famous sculpture at Coventry cathedral – see above. Or he is found (in medieval art) as weighing souls, as at Chaldon (Surrey), Swalcliffe (Oxon.), Eaton Bishop (Hereford and Worcester), and Martham in Suffolk. Michael's most famous shrine in western Europe is Mont-Saint-Michel, where a Benedictine abbey was founded in the 10th century.

The 'All Angels' bit of this feast-day was added in 1969 when Gabriel and Raphael were included in with Michael.

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### Did you know?

# Nothing whatsoever happened in British history between the 3<sup>rd</sup> and the 13<sup>th</sup> of September 1752

#### The Gregorian calendar

The Gregorian calendar is the one most used nowadays. It is named after Pope Gregory XIII who introduced it in 1582. There is a leap year every four years (or more precisely, 97 leap years every 400 years). This means that the year corresponds closely with the astronomical year (365.24219 days) so that it is just one day out every 3,300 years.

#### The Julian Calendar

Up until 1753, the calendar we used in Britain was the Julian Calendar. It was based on the solar year, the time it takes for the Earth to rotate around the Sun, and thus was less accurate than the Gregorian Calendar. The Julian Calendar was 365.25 days long, which was fractionally too long, and the calendar over time fell out of line with the seasons.

#### All change - "Give us back our 11 days!"

In 1752 Britain decided to correct this by abandoning the Julian calendar in favour of the Gregorian. By doing so, 3 September instantly became 14 September — and as a result, nothing whatsoever happened in British history between 3 and 13 September 1752. Many people believed their lives would be shortened. They protested in the streets, demanding "Give us back our 11 days!"

**September** is the ninth month of the year in the Julian and Gregorian calendars, the third of four months to have a length of 30 days, and the fourth of five months to have a length of fewer than 31 days. September in the Northern Hemisphere and March in the Southern Hemisphere are seasonal equivalent.

In the Northern hemisphere, the beginning of the meteorological autumn is on 1 September. In the Southern hemisphere, the beginning of the meteorological spring is on 1 September.

September marks the beginning of the ecclesiastical year in the Eastern Orthodox Church. Harvest Festival - Traditionally 24th September was the day on which harvesting began in medieval England. It is the start of the academic year in many countries of the northern hemisphere, in which children go back to school after the summer break, sometimes on the first day of the month.

September (from Latin septem, "seven") was originally the seventh of ten months in the oldest known Roman calendar, the calendar of Romulus c. 750 BC, with March (Latin Martius) the first month of the year until perhaps as late as 451 BC. After the calendar reform that added January and February to the beginning of the year, September became the ninth month but retained its name. It had 29 days until the Julian reform, which added a day.

**Astronomy and astrology** - The September equinox takes place in this month, and certain observances are organized around it. It is the Autumn equinox in the Northern Hemisphere, and the Vernal equinox in the Southern Hemisphere. The dates can vary from 21 September to 24 September. September is mostly in the sixth month of the astrological calendar (and the first part of the seventh), which begins at the end of March/Mars/Aries.

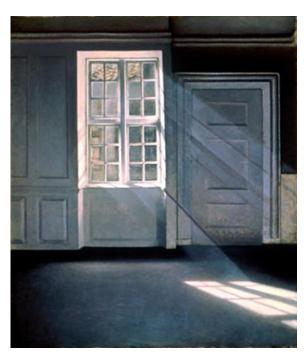
#### God in The Arts

Editor: The Rev Michael Burgess continues his series on God in the Arts with a look at 'Dust Motes Dancing in Sunbeams' by Vilhelm Hammershøi. It is found in Ordrupgaard, Copenhagen, photo by Pernille Klemp.

#### 'Tis the gift to be simple

Have you ever read a book by Robin Meyers, 'Morning Sun on a White Piano'? It is subtitled 'simple pleasures and the sacramental life.' Its theme is that we can easily pass life by, as we search for it. We shun the 'ordinary' and the simple in pursuit of more worthwhile endeavours because we equate the 'ordinary' with the mundane and unrewarding.

The Shaker melody 'Tis the gift to be simple, 'tis the gift to be free' is the origin of the popular hymn 'The Lord of the Dance.' It says: Look closely at the simple things of life and find in them depth and divinity. The 17th century Dutch artist Vermeer created masterpieces out of the ordinary – a woman reading a letter or pouring water into a basin. Critics have described his work as 'the timeless contemplation of the ordinary.'



Over 200 years later, a Danish artist found his inspiration in that same world of the simple and the ordinary: Vilhelm Hammershøi. He lived a reclusive life in Copenhagen with his wife, painting only a few pictures a year. Hammershøi died of throat cancer in 1916 at only 52 years. The theme of most of his paintings is limited to the world of his apartment at different times of the day and night.

His painting, 'Dust Motes Dancing in Sunbeams,' was painted in 1900. We are shown quite simply an empty room with a wall, a window, a floor and a door. There is no handle on the door. All is stillness and peace. And all is shadow until the winter sun streams into the room, catching in its rays the dust and lighting up the floor. It is the miracle of sunlight bringing life into the stillness. An ordinary aspect of creation, but lighting up a room and bringing wonder in its wake. One critic has called it 'a hymn to an everyday marvel.'

In this and in all of his paintings, Hammershøi seems to be saying: Accept the simplicity of the present, find beauty there and live in that beauty. For him the grass is never greener in the next field – it is here and now in the world we have that we find beauty and meaning.

John Keble's hymn 'New ev'ry morning is the love' says that 'the trivial round, the common task will furnish all we need to ask.' The artist is echoing that truth on canvas, telling us that the ordinary and common things of everyday life can provide the backcloth against which we can live and act.

When we are young, that backcloth stretches out to embrace the wider world and time: it is full of potential and promise. As we grow older, that world shrinks to our home, our church, our town. If illness comes, our world may be bedroom or the hospital ward. In that smaller world life can seem trivial and ordinary. But wherever we are, Hammershøi invites us to pause, to ponder and to find there beauty and light which will bring us 'daily nearer God.'

#### St James the Least of All

Editor: The Revd Dr Gary Bowness continues his tongue-in-cheek letters from 'Uncle Eustace'...

#### On how to save electricity in church

The Rectory St. James the Least

My dear Nephew Darren.

Your church certainly seems to have taken to the idea of green electricity with a vengeance. To have covered the whole of your roof with solar panels was a brave move, and it makes quite a sight – especially when the sun catches them, dazzling motorists on the by-pass and causing multiple pile-ups. I pity the local pigeons, who try to land on it and then do a gentle glissade into the gutters.

I know there have been objections to your proposal to erect a wind turbine in your car park – although no one could claim that it spoils the aesthetic appearance of your church. Nothing, my dear Darren, could do that.

May I humbly offer you some further suggestions for reducing your electricity consumption. If you cut your sermons by half, then everyone could go home 20 minutes earlier. Similarly, if you only sang each chorus once instead of your customary 17 times, that should cut your service times in half. And why have lighting so good that everyone can see everyone else? That is the last thing our own congregation ever want to do.

I raised the issue at our last church council meeting, but having only recently gone on to electricity, there seemed little enthusiasm for yet more change. Major Hastings still fondly remembers our old acetylene plant in the churchyard, destroyed during one Mattins when the verger was unaware of the gas leak and lit up a cigarette. We still occasionally find pieces of his cassock when mowing the grass.

Mr Prentice, with a slightly malicious gleam, suggested building a treadmill, to be worked by the Young Farmers – which would also keep them out of the pub while Evensong was taking place. I couldn't help feeling that our Ladies Group would have far more determination to keep the thing rotating – probably providing enough energy to light the entire County. I was tempted to suggest we invite the vicar from our adjoining parish, St Agatha's, to preach every Sunday, as that would fill our church with more than enough hot air.

I finally stopped all further discussion on the subject when a solar panel consultant arrived at the Rectory and began his sales pitch with the phrase: "I've come to convert you".

Your loving uncle,		
Eustace		

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# Thought for the Month

After Covid and almost two years of living very restricted lives, like most people, I was looking forward to a better year in 2022. And then came war in Ukraine and the refugee crisis caused by that, and now we face a cost-of-living crisis and most of us are looking forward to winter and huge fuel bills with dread.

We hear of so many people struggling to feed their families already. What on earth will happen when the cold weather hits us?

The other question that I am asking myself is what can we as a Church do in this worrying situation?

Well firstly, Church will be open with heating on every Tuesday and Friday from 10 until noon - a warm place where people can meet and have a cup of tea. We will be looking into ways of funding keeping the building open to the parish and warm on other occasions too.

Currently we are a collecting point for the local food bank. Sadly in what is still one of the wealthiest countries in the world we will see the need for Food Banks increase in the winter months. Those who are able, please drop goods off at St Mary's so that we can get it to those who most need it.

There are some small charitable trusts associated with St Mary's which can be used to relieve poverty and also to help with educational needs in the ancient parish of Ecclesfield. If you know of any person or family that we can help, please put them in touch with me.

In the winter months it will be more important than ever that we are good neighbours, keeping an eye out for each other, especially for those among our neighbours who live alone or who are vulnerable.

Finally we can all pray. Pray for visionary leadership for our nation in this time of crisis. Pray for the most vulnerable in our community. The central symbol of the Christian faith, the Cross, assures us that we are not alone and we are never abandoned. The God who meets us in Jesus is with us throughout our lives, sharing the joys and also sharing the struggles. It is because Christ is with us that we can face the future and its challenges with hope and with boldness.

We pray that St Mary's will be a place of welcome, joy and hope in the difficult times that lie ahead.

God bless you, Tim

**Food Bank** - We are now able to accept donations in kind - boxes at back of church. You can also help to support the local foodbank by donating money at this link:

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### Mothers' Union - Platinum Celebration Afternoon Tea

#### **Proceeds to Summer of Hope Appeal**

August 3rd saw a mixed group of people sitting in Church enjoying Afternoon Tea, not quite up to the Ritz standards, but everyone enjoyed the food and company. The money raised £340 will go to the Summer of Hope Appeal. Helping and empowering so many women around the world to move out of poverty, to enable them to educate themselves giving them and their families a better life.



Our next meeting is September 7<sup>th</sup> when the Fire Service comes to speak. September 9<sup>th</sup> is our Caravan Drive a version of a Beetle drive starting at 6.30 pm. This is a fund raiser for holidays for families who cannot afford to go away. We welcome your support.

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	Planned Activities			
Date	Time & Venue	Activity		
7th September	1.30pm in the Gatty Hall.	Speaker will be a Fire Officer		
9 September 2022	6.00pm Gatty Hall	Caravan Drive		
14 September 2022	Winthrop Gardens TBA	Lunch/Tea - Holy Cross Day		

# From the Registers

#### **Baptisms**

Sunday 7th August Oliver Freddie Hope; Erin Jackson

Spencer Christopher Rose

Sunday 21st August Louie Joe Johnson; Joey Andrew Jackson

May they know the love of God in their life and may all things of the Spirit live and grow in them

#### **Marriages**

Friday 12th August
Saturday 13th August
Wednesday 17th August
James Waite & Paris Wagstaff
Richard Dawson & Carrie Brown
William Gillott & Emma Colton

Saturday 20th August Christopher Coy & Samantha Keady Saturday 27th August Robert McDowell & Danielle Lambert

Saturday 27th August Mark Walker & Carla Johnson

May each be to the other strength in need a comfort in sorrow and a companion in joy

#### **Funerals**

Monday 15th August Iris Margaret Glaves

Grant them, O Lord, refreshment, light and peace.

# Be kind to hedgehogs

The latest State of Britain's Hedgehogs report warns that between 30 per cent and 75 per cent of the UK's population of hedgehogs has been lost in rural areas in the last two decades. The largest falls are in the eastern half of England.

However, there is some evidence that in our towns and cities, a more stable population may be establishing itself, thanks to the constant help from considerate gardeners and animal-lovers. If you have a garden, and would like to help hedgehogs this coming winter, please visit: https://www.rspca.org.uk/adviceandwelfare/wildlife/animals/hedgehogs/garden

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#### God in the Sciences

This series is written by Dr Ruth M Bancewicz, who is Church Engagement Director at The Faraday Institute for Science and Religion in Cambridge. Ruth writes on the positive relationship between Science and Christian faith. Picture copyright: Dr Ruth M Bancewicz

#### Big perspective, big questions

This summer the first operational images from the James Webb Space Telescope astonished and delighted astronomers, as well as the rest of us.

Those of us who have grown up in an age when 'astronaut' is a career option (albeit a pretty specialist one) might struggle to identify with the wonder of these events, and the true scale of the challenge. Human beings developed the technology to send first a probe, then living people, out of Earth's atmosphere, and cross the 252,000-mile gap to the moon. It was in 1959 that the Luna 3 probe managed to send back grainy images of the far side of the Moon, and in 1969 Apollo 11 managed to actually land on it, take off again, and arrive back in one piece. It's the safe arrival home that gets me – like hitting the bullseye twice in a row.

For some space-travellers, seeing Earth from a distance is a life-changing experience; a shift in thinking dubbed 'the overview effect'. The observer feels a sense of awe at seeing the whole planet as a single entity rather than a fragmented collection of countries, and at getting a sense of the fragility of the whole system. It brings people out of themselves — something psychologists call a 'self-transcendent experience'.

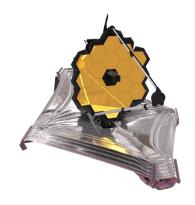
Some people claim to have a 'nothing but science' approach to life that trusts only in things for which we can produce very concrete, measurable, evidence. Is it perhaps ironic, then, that this overview of the whole globe – which is made possible by science – can trigger such a deep sense of meaning?

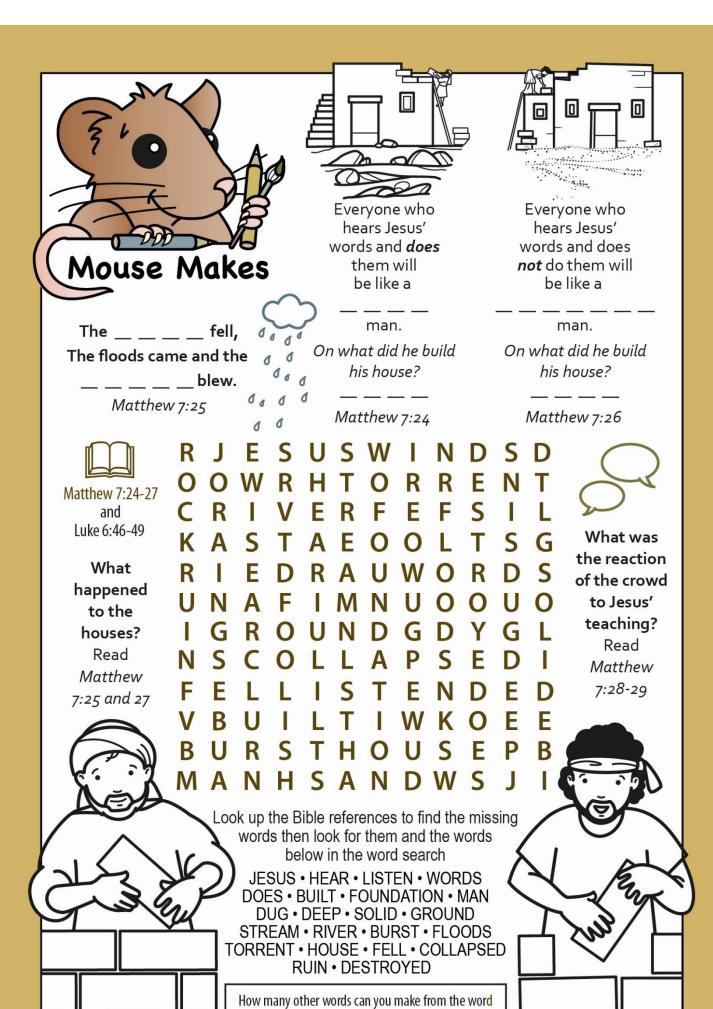
Science can bring us to the big questions of meaning and purpose, but it doesn't answer them. It's important to recognise that science, wonderful though it is, has limits. Beyond those boundaries we step into other ways of knowing, such as philosophy or theology. At the interface between science and theology we can have some fascinating conversations.

The discussions about science and religion that I enjoy most happen when people share what really matters to them. What do you find beautiful? Which scientific discoveries changed the course of your life? How do you see yourself in relation to the cosmos?

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*Editor*: The James Webb Space Telescope (JWST launched December 2021) is a space telescope designed primarily to conduct infrared astronomy. As the largest optical telescope in space, its greatly improved infrared resolution and sensitivity allow it to view objects too early, distant, or faint for the Hubble Space Telescope. This is expected to enable a broad range of investigations across the fields of astronomy and cosmology, such as observation of the first stars and the formation of the first galaxies, and detailed atmospheric characterization of potentially habitable exoplanets. The telescope is named after James E. Webb, who was the administrator of NASA from 1961 to 1968 during the Mercury, Gemini, and Apollo programs.





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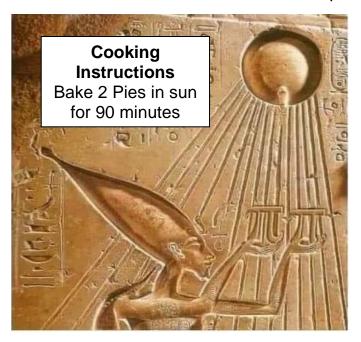
"Liar Liar Pants On Fire" is a playground taunt that is used to indicate they think that someone is lying. If liars' pants really *did* catch fire, watching the news would be much more fun.

You know you're over 40 when you have "Upstairs ibuprofen and Downstairs ibuprofen"

**Note to self:** just because it pops into my head does NOT mean it should come out of my mouth...

**Someone just honked to get me out of my parking space faster**. So... now I have to sit here until both of us are dead.

Benefits of a Good Vocabulary! - I recently called an old engineering friend of mine and asked what he was working on these days. He replied that he was working on "Aquathermal treatment of Ceramics, Aluminium and Steel under A Constrained Environment." I was impressed until, upon further inquiry, I learned that he was washing dishes with hot water under His wife's supervision.





# A special coffee morning

On Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> September, John Snook, a theatre patron, will be hosting a monologue/poetry/reading event at:

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Theatre is open from 10 am, but the readings will start at about 11am

Come and join us!

Val Baggett

# Prayer for the Month - The Blessing of Marriage

Everlasting God,
you have ordained and constituted the ministries
of angels and mortals in a wonderful order:
grant that as your holy angels always serve you in heaven,
so, at your command,
they may help and defend us on earth;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen

The prayer for the feast of St Michael and All Angels (Michaelmas) which falls on the 29th of September, however this year we will be celebrating Michaelmas on Sunday 2nd October.

Michaelmas has always been a special time for me - when I was ordained I was curate in the Parish of St Michael and All Angels in North Hull, and this was our patronal festival. We always celebrated with a beautiful service, including a procession and then a meal together in the Church Hall.

I have been thinking about that Church recently as my training vicar, who has been there in one of the most challenging parishes in the Church of England for about 40 years, has recently retired.

An angel is simply a messenger of God. We see them throughout the Bible, often at important times when God's plan of salvation is advancing. Some angles are simply human beings who hear God's call and follow where God leads, speaking the words that God gives them. Others are obviously supernatural creatures, and people who see them are tempted to worship them.

In the book of Revelation, John writes letters to seven Churches, he speaks of the risen Christ walking among His Churches, and he speaks of the angel of each Church. St Mary's Church has an angel who is with us! When we gather to worship, we are not alone, but our sacrifice of thanks and praise joins with the worship of all creation, including the angels and archangels.

Michaelmas reminds us that there is more, much more to God's creation, than we are aware of. It reminds us that God has purposes and plans for the creation that are beyond our knowledge and understanding. It also reminds us, very importantly, that we are not the centre of the universe.

May the angels of God watch over us and keep us in the way of Christ. Amen.

# Why English is hard to learn

We'll begin with box; the plural is *boxes*, But the plural of ox is oxen, not *oxes*. One fowl is a goose, and two are called *geese*, Yet the plural of moose is never called *meese*.

You may find a lone mouse or a house full of *mice*; But the plural of house is houses, not *hice*. The plural of man is always *men*, But the plural of pan is never *pen*.

If I speak of a foot, and you show me two *feet*, And I give you a book, would a pair be a *beek*? If one is a tooth and a whole set are *teeth*, Why shouldn't two booths be called *beeth*?

If the singular's this and the plural is *these*, Should the plural of kiss be ever called *keese*?

We speak of a brother and also of *brethren*, But though we say mother, we never say *methren*. Then the masculine pronouns are he, his, and him; But imagine the feminine... *she*, *shis*, and *shim*!



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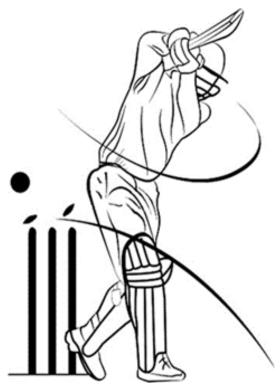
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# Help needed in the church garden

If you can, mow, weed, strim, sweep, pickup sticks, rake leaves or drive a sit on mower, we need you. If you can spare just one or two hours a week it would be a great help. Not only will the church look good, but you might even feel your spiritual and physical well-being improve and in our small way help the environment. We come to the churchyard every Tuesday and Friday afternoon (weather permitting) followed by a drinks and biscuits, sometimes even a cake.

Any help most welcome. Thank you. Pat Wood

# Whitley Hall Cricket Club



It has been a challenging season for the first XI following an excellent start. As the middle of the season came, results became quite mixed and this pattern continued in July and August. A win at home against Tickhill on 16<sup>th</sup> July was followed by a defeat at Appleby Frodingham and then the game at home against Elsecar on 30th July was cancelled due to heavy rain - looking at the condition of the outfield on 20th August, that seems almost unbelievable! August started with a very tight victory at Cleethorpes followed by defeat at Treeton. The visit of Cawthone to Baxter Field on 20th August was an important one and Whitley set a target of 252 with Matt Cartright getting 75 in their innings. Cawthorne responded with some vigor with batsman Kade Fletcher achieving 109 not out but Whitley edged it with Cawthorne all out for 229. With just 2 matches remaining, The 1st XI sits in 6th place

in the table and more points required to confirm safety and the opportunity to end the season in mid-table or better.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> XI has had a good season sitting in 5<sup>th</sup> place in

the table with 3 matches left although promotion looks just out of reach following the defeat on 20th August at Sheffield United. The 3rd XI has had a solid season, currently in 4th with a mathematical outside chance of a promotion place with 3 games to play.

Spectators are welcome to use all the facilities in the pavilion where there are toilets and drinks and snacks are available.

#### Fixtures at Baxter Field, Cinder Hill Lane (12 noon start)

27 <sup>th</sup> August	2 <sup>nd</sup> XI	V	Warmsworth 1st XI
3 <sup>rd</sup> September	1 <sup>st</sup> XI	V	Wakefield 1st XI
10 <sup>th</sup> September	2 <sup>nd</sup> XI	V	Doncaster 2 <sup>nd</sup> XI

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Andrew Robinson

## Listen up

While I was giving a sermon one Sunday, two teenage girls at the back giggled and disturbed people. Finally, I interrupted my sermon and announced sternly, "There are two of you here who have not heard a word I've said." That quieted them down.

When the service was over, I went to greet people at the front door. Three members of the PCC shuffled by, apologised for going to sleep in church, and promising it would never happen again.

# The Gardening Year – September

**Apple Trees**, although it is possible to grow apple trees in containers you need to choose the right sort. You need to look for one grown on a dwarfing root stock, such as M27 (which reaches 6 foot) (when full grown) or M9 (which reaches 8 foot). Most apple trees need other apple trees to pollinate them, so you need to check this and either buy two or three.

If you don't have room for more than one apple tree, buy yourself a self-fertilising variety. suitable containers, for fruit trees you must not skimp on the containers you choose. Buy the biggest you can afford, such as a half barrel. Ensure the container has drainage holes at the bottom and put a layer of broken crocks in the bottom before filling with soil. Some people use old dust bins to plant apple trees.

Soil and Planting, Apple trees need fertile moisture retentive soil that is well draining. Apple trees are traditionally planted during the Autumn when the tree is dormant. This gives it the winter to settle into its new position. Apple trees like a sunny site. Care of apple trees, Apple trees need a regular watering so the container soil never dries out, especially during their first year. Feed the soil once a month to keep the tree healthy. During early spring remove the top few inches of compost and replace with fresh compost to feed your tree. You may need to water your tree twice a week during the summer.

Pruning, when you buy dwarfing root stocks, you will notice some require pruning and others don't, take this into account when making your final decision and choose one to suit your needs. Varieties, perfect for the small garden are trees that have had two or three different varieties grafted onto the same root stock. This way you can enjoy a few varieties of apple with only one tree. Pest and Diseases, look out for canker, mildew, rust, and scab. Once the fruit have ripened wasp and birds are attracted to them, so make sure you get to the fruit before they do.

Harvesting, it will take two or three years before you eat an apple from your tree. It's simple to test if an apple is ready to be picked, if you hold the apple in the palm of your hand and twist it once or twice, it will fall away easily when ready. Depending on the variety some apples need eating quick whereas others will store well.

Colin Williams

# Eat the Seasons – September

**Vegetables -** Artichoke, Aubergine, Beetroot, Broccoli, Butternut Squash, Carrots, *Celeriac,* Celery, Chillies, Courgettes, Cucumber, Fennel, French Beans, Garlic, Horseradish, Kale, Kohlrabi, Leeks, Lettuce & Salad Leaves, Mangetout, Marrow, Onions, Pak Choi, Peppers, Potatoes (Maincrop), Pumpkin, Radishes, Rocket, Runner Beans, Shallots, Spring Onions, Sweetcorn, Tomatoes, Turnips, Watercress, Wild Mushrooms

**Fruit** - Apples, Bilberries, Blackberries, Damsons, Elderberries, Figs, Grapes, Medlar, Melons, Nectarines, Peaches, Pears, Plums, Raspberries, Redcurrants

**Herbs** - Chestnuts, Chives, Cob Nuts, Coriander, Oregano, Mint, Parsley (Curly), Parsley (Flat-Leafed), Rosemary, Sage, Sorrel, Thyme

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#### To Autumn - Season of mists and mellow fruitfulness

John Keats - 1795-1821

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 sweet 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-brimm'd 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,
Spares the next swath and all its twined flowers:
And sometimes like a gleaner thou dost keep
Steady thy laden head across a brook;
Or by a cider-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 wailful choir the small gnats mourn
Among the river sallows, 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 redbreast whistles from a garden-croft,
And gathering swallows twitter in the ski es.



#### Crossword Puzzle - Solution is here



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#### It is time to eat Celeriac

A couple of good knobs of butter

It may appear to be just an ugly, uninteresting, knobbly root but celeriac has inner beauty. The flesh - crispy when raw, silky smooth when cooked - has a delicate taste which suggests the flavours of celery and parsley with a slight nuttiness. Try it mashed with potatoes and garlic or in the excellent Celeriac Remoulade.



Celeriac is derived from wild celery, which has a small, edible root and has been used in Europe since ancient times (it is mentioned in Homer's Odyssey as selinon). It is unclear when celeriac was first cultivated but there are references to it dating back to the seventeenth century. Today celeriac is uncommon outside of Europe or W. Asia and is not widely used in Britain. It is popular in France (where it is used in the classic dish céleri rémoulade - matchsticks of celery in a flavoured mayonnaise) and Italy.

Choose medium-sized celeriac that are firm and free from soft spots or damage. Allow for around ¼ of the weight to be discarded during preparation. Refrigerated in a plastic bag (unsealed) celeriac can keep for 2 or 3 weeks. Preparation - Trim leaves (if present) and root end. Scrub well and cut off the skin quite thickly to remove any brown bits and the root channels in the base. Drop cut pieces in water with a squeeze of lemon juice to prevent discolouration. Grate or cut into thin sticks for serving raw (blanch briefly in boiling water for a slightly softer, smoother texture). Boil cubes until tender (15 - 20 minutes) before mashing with potatoes and garlic, or other root vegetables. Celeriac also works well in stews and roast celeriac is excellent with meat.

**Celeriac and Lancashire cheese pie -** If this sounds like some kind of vegetarian main course at a dinner party, well it pretty much is, and most vegetarians would be really happy to be served a slice of this. You could even get away with serving non-vegetarians this dish – or just make it to take in a packed lunch for work or for a picnic.

1 medium onion, peeled and finely chopped
1 celeriac weighing about 350g
Salt and freshly ground black pepper
200g Lancashire cheese, grated
About 250-300g puff pastry, rolled to ¼ cm thick (if using pre-rolled sheets use squares not rounds)
1 egg, beaten

Preheat the oven to 180C/gas mark 5. Melt the butter in a pan and gently cook the onion without colouring for 2-3 minutes; remove from the heat and leave to cool. Cut the celeriac in half and slice it as thinly as possible with a very sharp knife or a mandolin. Blanch the slices in boiling salted water for 2-3 minutes.

Cut the puff pastry into two discs (squares), one about 20cm across and the other about 25cm. Lay the smaller one on a tray and prick holes in it with a fork. Arrange layers of the celeriac on the pastry, leaving a 2cm gap around the edge; scatter with some onion, a little cheese and season.

Continue layering up the rest of the ingredients in a dome fashion until you have used them all up. Brush the edges of the pastry with egg and lay the larger one on top, pressing the edges together with your fingers. Brush the top with egg and leave to rest in the fridge for 30 minutes.

Bake for about 30-40 minutes: test with a knife to ensure the celeriac is cooked.

# Chapeltown & District Probus Club

There seems to be some confusion about what the club is about and what we actually do with the PROBUS name maybe slightly confusing. The acronym simply refers to retired professional and businesspeople and the club is a locally run society for semi-retired, retired and about to be retired men to offer friendship and interesting talks and trips. Visitors are always welcome on the trips and the quarterly lunches.

We welcomed speaker Paul Adey back for our August meeting. Paul continued his history of the British motor industry covering Vauxhall, Hillman, Singer, Rolls Royce, Bentley and many other margues including the Sheffield Simplex. A truly fascinating presentation and Paul will return with for our Christmas meeting presenting on the Battle of Jutland and next year with further presentations about the European and American motor industries. 37 people attended the meeting, including six guests, and 28 went for lunch afterwards at Wortley Hall. On the 18th of August we held the Annual Dinner at Wortley Hall which was attended by just under 60 people.

New members are always welcome and if you may be interested, you are welcome to come as a guest. Please contact the Secretary, Trevor Winslow (see below).

#### **Upcoming meetings at 10.00 in Grenoside Community Centre** (Followed by lunch at Wortley Hall): -

Sheila Dyson "The Forgotten Faroes" 14th September

12th October **David Templeman** "The Queen That Never Was" "Japanese Garden Design" 9th November **Nick Tovey** 

#### Other Events

Tuesday 4th October, Visit to Newark Air Museum

Regrettably we have had to cancel September's planned treasure hunt and walk in Penistone, we hope to reschedule sometime next year.

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Andrew Robinson

#### When all else fails

My colleague and I delivered a large refrigerator to the local priest's home. With difficulty we had managed to get the fridge into the porch, but then struggled for over 20 minutes to make the 90degree turn through the narrow door. The priest, seeing our difficulty, asked what we usually did when confronted with such a situation. Rubbing some badly skinned knuckles, I replied, "Well, Father, at this point we usually start swearing."

"That's fine, gentlemen," Father replied, "just allow me time to move out of earshot, so you can continue your work."

#### Crossword Puzzle

#### **Clues Across**

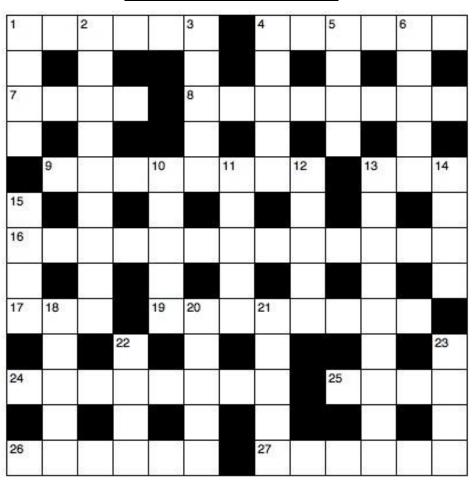
- 1 'Unless the Lord builds the house, its builders in vain' (Psalm 127:1) (6)
- 4 Season of the year (Psalm 84:6) (6)
- 7 'My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death. here and keep watch with me' (Matthew 26:38) (4)
- 8 It came over the whole land from the sixth to the ninth hour on the first Good Friday (Luke 23:44) (8)
- 9 Paul invariably did this in the synagogues he visited on his missionary journeys (Acts 17:2) (8)
- 13 'It is God who works in you to will and to according to his good purpose' (Philippians 2:13) (3)
- 16 Members of the Church of Scotland (13)
- 17 'Now when he saw the crowds, he went up on a mountain side and down' (Matthew 5:1) (3)
- 19 Mock (Luke14:29) (8)
- 24 Disgrace (Psalm44:13) (8)
- 25 First month of the Hebrew calendar (Exodus13:4) (4)
- 26 Christianity of the Britons before Augustine arrived from Rome (6)
- 27 Mean (Numbers 35:23) (6)

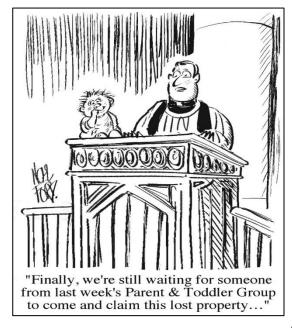
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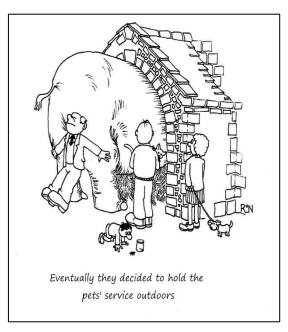
- 1 'Whoever finds his life will it' (Matthew 10:39) (4)
- 2 'My lord the king, let the — on me and on my father's family, and let the king and his throne be without guilt' (2 Samuel 14:9) (5,4)
- 3 O raid (anag.) (5)
- 4 'If two of you on earth about anything you ask for, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven' (Matthew 18:19) (5)
- 5 Take care of (1 Samuel 17:15) (4)
- 6 What the older son heard as he came near the house the day his prodigal brother came home (Luke 15:25) (5)
- 10 'Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with judgment' (Romans 12:3) (5)
- 11 Do ten(anag.) (5)
- 12 Architectural style first used in Greek temples in the sixth century BC (5)
- 13 Capable of being used(1Kings7:36) (9)
- 14 'Each one should his own actions' (Galatians 6:4) (4)
- 15 Among the items imported by Solomon's fleet of trading ships (1 Kings 10:22) (4)

- 18 'But I am afraid that just —— was deceived by the serpent's cunning, your minds may somehow be led astray' (2 Corinthians 11:3) (2,3)
- 20 Outstanding 18th-century hymn writer, Watts (5)
- 21 One of the four sons of Asher (Genesis 46:17) (5)
- 22 Be distressed (Proverbs24:19) (4)
- 23 He was the father of Gaal, who threatened rebellion against Abimelech (Judges 9:28) (4)

#### Solution is on Page 23







## **Prayers and Poems Page**

#### Prayer for September - By Daphne Kitching

Father, September – a month of new starts for many. We pray for all starting school, university or college, or moving into a new class or job.

We pray for the new Prime Minister to prove to a person of integrity, dedicated to working for the good of all.

We especially ask you to help those struggling with the rising cost of living who don't know how they are going to make ends meet.

Have mercy on this nation, Lord and bring us back to Your ways.

Thank You for Jesus and that through trusting in Him we can know You, as Father and God of truth, mercy and compassion.

Thank You that You never give up on us. You will help us if we turn to You, In Jesus name, Amen.

Editor: Here is a poem written with 'Back to Church' Sunday in mind, which this year is on 18th September.

#### Going back

(Luke 15:11-32)

Could I go back
After all this time,
After all I've done,
The places I've been,
The wild living
And the wasted years,
Could I go back?

Would they let me in, Would he want me at all, Is it possible even now To turn round And simply go home?

From the coming to my senses Comes decision, Comes a risking, Comes a turning And a danger of rejection, after all.

But when I'm still far off
And searching
The way beckons like a beacon And there He is,
Arms wide in welcome.
And He's running out
To bring me in
To the still place of the love
That is my Father and my home.

#### The Rhythms of Creation- By Nigel Beeton

The rhythms of creation The never-ceasing beat
Of seasons in rotation
As cold gives way to heat;
We know, when it is raining
The sun will dry the rain
And when the moon is waning
It soon will wax again.

The farmer drills his acres
When springtime rains shall fall
Then gathers wheat for bakers
As sunflowers grow tall;
In spring, the fruit trees, blooming
Attract the busy bees;
As autumn clouds are looming
We pick from loaded trees.

The Lord, our Great Creator Allowed us, by His grace To be the regulator Of earthly time and space But mankind has been greedy In burning coal and oil So farmers now are seeding In dry and desert soil.

The rhythms of creation
Are wand'ring from their beat
Increasing suffocation,
Of fire, flood, and heat.
Lord, teach us new behaviour
To spend, with care, our days:
Dear loving Lord and Saviour
Forgive our foolish ways!

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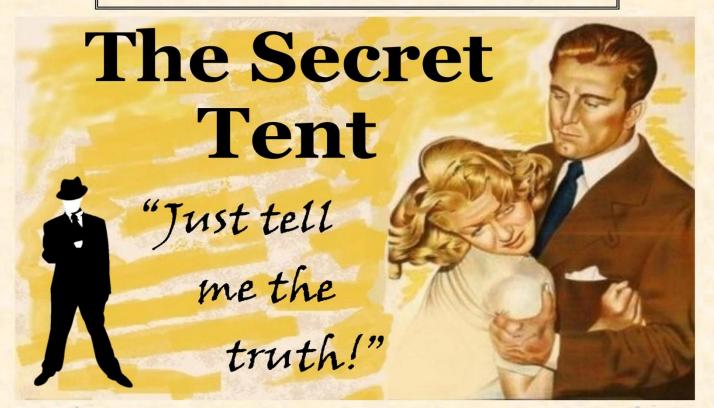


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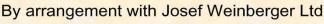
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