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First Words

October is here and we move into a season of long and dark nights, but we also can look forward to bright, crisp Autumn mornings - possibly the most beautiful season of the year!

We begin the month on **Wednesday 1st October** with **The Seeking Heart at 6pm** in Church.

On **Thursday 2nd October, at 10.30am**, after the mid-week Communion there is a service at **Nightingale Nursing Home**.

This year the **Diocesan Development Day** is on **Saturday 4th October from 9am to 3.45pm** - for more information and details of how to book a place please see the Diocesan website.

On **Sunday 4th October at 12 noon**, after the Parish Eucharist we have **Baptisms** in Church.

There is are two **funerals** in Church on **Monday 6th October at 9am** and again at **10.15am**.

On **Tuesday 7th October at 9am** in School we have the **Foundation Stage and KS1 Harvest** celebration. The **KS2 Harvest** will be in Church on **Thursday 9th October at 1.30pm**.

On **Saturday 11th October** it is **Prayer Breakfast at 9am** and **Bereavement Cafe at 10.30am**.

On **Sunday 12th October** we have our **Harvest Festival at 10am**, and in the evening there will be *no service at St Mary's* as it is the **Deanery Confirmation at St Saviour's High Green at 7.30pm**.

Please note there will be no evening service at St Mary's on this day.

The **Fabric Team** will meet in Church on **Monday 13th October at 2pm** and in the evening, at **7pm the Gatty Trustees** meet in The Gatty Hall.

On **Wednesday 15th October at 2pm** we meet in Church to plan **hymns and services** for November and December (including the Christmas Services). At **6pm that evening The Seeking Heart** meets in Church.

On **Thursday 16th October** there is a **Major Churches Meeting** in Doncaster Minster.

On **Saturday 18th October** there will be a **May Queens' Coffee Morning** in Church from **10am**.

The monthly **Book of Common Prayer Communion** is at **St Mark's Grenoside on Sunday 19th October at 3pm**.

On **Thursday 30th October, at 10.30am**, after the mid-week Communion there is a service at **Nightingale Nursing Home**.

For more information about any of these events please speak to Tim.

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Kate Guest

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Counselling is a talking therapy where you can discuss your problems and emotions in a safe, confidential space.

Counselling can help improve your mental health, teach you better ways to handle stress and anxiety, and increase your self-awareness and emotional resilience.

Maybe you are suffering a sudden life crisis such as bereavement, job loss, or lack of direction, or that you feel that life is just getting on top of you, and you need someone to help with your thoughts and feelings.

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I work with individuals and also provide couples and relationship counselling.

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Prayer for the Month

*Father of all,
we give you thanks and praise,
that when we were still far off
you met us in your Son and brought us home.
Dying and living, he declared your love,
gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory.
May we who share Christ's body live his risen life;
we who drink his cup bring life to others;
we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world.
Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us,
so we and all your children shall be free,
and the whole earth live to praise your name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

This beautiful 'prayer after communion' was written in the 1960's for the revisions of the Communion Service in the Church of England, and the version that we use today in Common Worship is a light revision of the original.

For me it is one of the great 'Anglican Prayers' that will stand the test of time and will be prayed for generations to come - much like Thomas Cranmer's great 'Collect for Purity.'

What I love so much about this prayer is that at its heart is a theology of deep and wide grace. It is not about us, it is about God and what God has done and is doing for us in Christ; not when we are worthy, not we we, by our own good works are close to God, but when we are 'far off.'

It always reminds me of Jesu' parable of the Good Shepherd who searches for the lost sheep **until** he finds it, and **when** He finds it the Shepherd brings the lost home; and then, says Jesus, all the angels rejoice.

When I pray this prayer after having received communion, the Holy Spirit through these words reminds me not only of God's grace in Christ, but also of my calling in Christ. The logic of the Gospel is that God calls some for the sake of all, that we who eat the Body of Christ are called to become the Body of Christ for the world that He loves.

When I share in Communion I am called to become a new and better person, a more Christlike person, someone who brings the light of Christ into the dark corners of the world.

None of this though is a precondition to receiving Christ; rather it is the result of coming to Christ. We who know the grace and generosity of God are called to live graciously and generously in response. For although we can never earn the love and grace of God, we can and we must try to be worthy of it.

God bless you,
Tim.

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Praying with the Prayers of the Bible

the Prayer for Holy Love

Editor: by Canon Paul Hardingham

The Friend at Midnight

As we remember St Luke this month, let's note that one of the major themes in his gospel is prayer. Jesus tells the *Parable of the Friend at Midnight* (Luke 11:5-8) in the context of teaching His disciples to pray (1).

Pray Shamelessly:

In the parable a man approaches his friend at midnight and asking: *'Friend, lend me three loaves, for a friend of mine has arrived on a journey, and I have nothing to set before him'* (5-6). Despite the hour, the rules of hospitality mean that this is not an unreasonable request. Jesus says, *'though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, yet because of the man's boldness he will rise and give him whatever he needs'* (8). Jesus is telling us to approach our heavenly Father in *'shameless boldness'* with our needs. As adopted children we should have no hesitancy in coming to talk with our Father. It is not God who is reluctant to answer, but we to ask. Do we pray with shameless boldness?

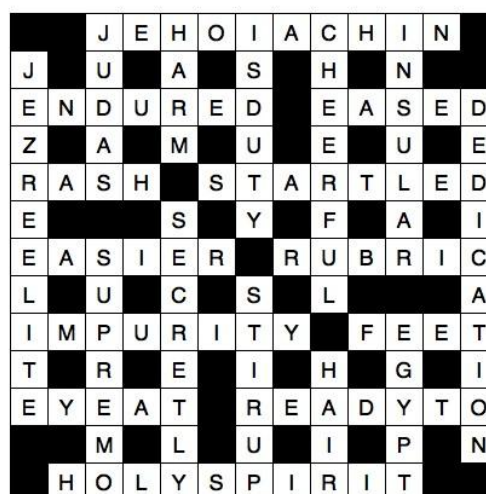
Pray Persistently:

Like children we should be persistent in our requests: *'Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you.'* (9). All three verbs indicate a continual habit: *'Keep on asking...seeking...knocking'*. We will not be content simply to ask once and then move on. Jesus tells us to bring our prayers to God persistently. Do we give up too easily in prayer?

Pray Expectantly:

'For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened.' (10). Are we expectant in our prayers, believing that God delights in meeting our requests? Why not begin this adventure of prayer today!

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God in The Arts

Editor: The Revd Michael Burgess surveys works of sacred art that can be found in various museums...you can see the image by googling the title of the painting and the artist. If you use the graphic supplied, please credit: 'Lucas Cranach's 'Adam and Eve', public domain'

'He gave us eyes to see them': Lucas Cranach's 'Adam and Eve'

In October we traditionally give thanks for the good gifts of God's creation at harvest time. In the readings for our worship, we often return to that original goodness in the Garden of Eden, described for us in the opening chapters of Genesis. We glimpse that scene of paradisaical harmony in Lucas Cranach's painting 'Adam and Eve.' It shows a wonderful menagerie of birds and animals around the couple, all unaware that the harmony will be shattered as Adam takes the apple from Eve.



One version of this painting is in the Courtauld Gallery of Somerset House in London. It is a large, neoclassical building by the Strand in the centre of the city. In the summer months 55 fountains play in the courtyard outside, while in the winter people skate on the ice rink. Somerset House was built on the site of a Tudor palace and dates from the 18th century. It is now a centre for the visual arts with an impressive collection of paintings.

Lucas Cranach, this month's artist, was born in 1472 in what is now Bavaria. He became a court painter to the Electors of Saxony until his death in 1553. Cranach was a close friend of Martin Luther, but also had Catholic patrons. Like the Electors, they marvelled at his mastery of landscape and animals. In this painting we are invited into the garden to look on all the beauty and wonder there. Among the animals we can see a hog, a lion (although Cranach would never have seen a lion in the flesh), a sheep, and a stag, a symbol of Christ. There are birds as well, including a pair of partridges, who traditionally represent the power of love, but also deceit. The roe deer drinking from the pool in the foreground is a reminder of Psalm 42 and the soul thirsting for God. But dominating the scene is that moment of turning from God: there is a glorious tree, laden with fruit, and in front Adam and Eve, whose hands clutch an apple, while the serpent slithers down the trunk in a moment of triumph.

The painting is reminiscent of medieval tapestries and, like them, has a beguiling quality. All is beautiful and harmonious: it is Isaiah's vision of the lion lying down with the lamb amid the fruitfulness of nature and the oneness of creation. As we look on, we know that the defiance of God and the temptation to eat will lose this paradise. But we also know that creation will be redeemed by another fruit. Around Adam and Eve are the vine and grapes: they represent the Eucharist, the gift of Christ's body and blood.

The fruit of the tree in the painting leads to a fall from grace, but the fruit from that other tree, the vine, will redeem and lift humanity again to share in the bread and wine, the gifts of creation given at harvest and shared at every Holy Communion.

Mothers' Union - Wednesday 3 September 2025

We held our first meeting of the new term on Wednesday 3 September, about 20 members were present. We started with a reminder of the fire drill. Our treasurer told everybody that the subscription for 2026 was going up to £32.00 and advised that she would be willing to take payment in instalments, from now until the end of January 2026.

Unfortunately our guest speaker didn't turn up, so Norma Priest and Maureen Lambert spoke about what our subscription is used for. We were reminded that the Mothers' Union has a voice on some government committees and also within the United Nations.

The Mothers' Union was founded in 1876 by Mary Sumner, the wife of a Hampshire clergyman. She realised that it was the mothers who were usually responsible for their children's education, especially their religious education. Going against the normal conventions of the time, she addressed meetings on the topic and so young mothers came together and the Mothers' Union was formed.

150 years later the MU has over 4 million members worldwide, working in 84 countries. We support literacy campaigns, parenting groups, encouraging women to read and write, so they can work to support their families and allow their children to go to school. They can run businesses and set up and run community loan groups.

In this country we support and raise money to set up creches in prisons and in under privileged areas. Providing help to the homeless, trafficked individuals, helping to provide basic necessities for babies. Sending families who have suffered hardship through illness or bereavement on holiday for a week in a caravan.

We are also advocates for the elimination of domestic violence in all its forms. And here in Sheffield we support two refuges.

Only a very small portion of our subscription goes on salaries and the running and upkeep of our headquarters, Mary Sumner house in Westminster.

Mary Sumner was outward looking and that same principle drives us forward today, that with God's assistance we can help the vulnerable in our world today.

The meeting closed with a short service, led by Janet Daniels and we all joined in singing the hymn 'Bind Us Together Lord'.

Mothers' Union Subs

I have been informed that next year's subscription is going to be £32.00. That amount is due by the end of January 2026. As this is a lot of money for some, I will be quite happy to take the payment in instalments, starting in September 2025. This £32.00 goes to our head office, Mary Sumner House, and pays the salaries of those who work there, on our behalf. The majority of the money is used to fund projects overseas and in this country. Mothers and children's healthcare in 3rd world countries. Literacy programmes to enable families to get employment so they can feed their children and send them to school. In this country, safe places in prisons, so children can meet with their parents. Playgroups and nurseries in deprived areas. Contacts with other charities and the police, that help support trafficked individuals, such as Clewer. Baby Basics. And many more. Any queries with this please contact me, Jennifer Armeson. Treasurer. 07944195906

Reflecting Faith: Glory to God The Revd Dr Jo White considers...

For the last few months we've been looking at the way that church services are put together.

Last time we looked at how we begin by recognising how great and amazing God is, and therefore apologise for all the things we've done wrong – or should have done and haven't – in the light of His 'perfection'.

We then receive God's forgiveness.

At this point, recognising how gracious and forgiving God is, we are asked to rise from our knees and stand together to give 'Glory to God'.

Known in Latin as '*The Gloria*'.

You will recognise those words from those spoken by the angels announcing the birth of Christ to the shepherds on the hills over Bethlehem:

"Glory to God in the highest, and peace on earth to people of good will" (Luke 2:15)
Traditionally this 'angelic hymn' has been sung and begins with praise to God the Father. It then asks for the mercy from God the Son, the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.

The final lines soar into the blinding mystery of the Trinity: 'Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father'. Because it is so full of joy it is not included in worship during Advent and Lent.

This hymn dates back to the third century of the Church. Tradition holds that it was first composed as a prayer in the East, and then translated to Latin by Saint Hilary of Poitiers around the year 360. Because this hymn is so special over the years there have been limitations on who was allowed to sing or recite it. At first it was only bishops and then in the 11th century priests were allowed to do so.

Now we all sing or say it together. That means we take our place in our Christian heritage alongside those angels singing or saying it each week. What a privilege!

This month - Next time you go to a Sunday church service think about those angels as you stand to say or sing 'The Gloria'. Can you feel their wings alongside you?

From the Registers

Baptisms

Sunday 14th September Leo Joseph Williams and Edward Willim Webster

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

Funerals

Wednesday 3rd September August Goodwin (baby)
Monday 15th September Veronica Lorraine Tingle

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

St James the Least of All

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

On what those adverts from parishes wanting clergy REALLY mean...

The Rectory
St. James the Least

My dear Nephew Darren.

So, you are being encouraged to look at adverts for parishes for that happy day when you will have charge of your own church. You wonder if you should look to moving to another part of the country; I suspect it may be better if you look to moving to another planet, as your reputation may not yet have travelled that far.

Reading the specifications that parishes provide, giving a picture of life in their community, need to be read in the same way as estate agents' specifications for houses for sale. Both demonstrate a triumph of optimism over reality. Let me help you decode some of the statements you will find:

"We look to grow our Sunday School" – We do not have a Sunday School.

"We have an enthusiastic choir" – We have a choir totally out of control.

"Our youth group is always eager to learn" - Our youth group experiments with some strange substances.

"The new incumbent should be sympathetic to our musical tradition"- The new incumbent must be able to play the organ as well as lead the Services.

"While cherishing our traditions, we see the need for change" – We always see the need for change, but alter anything at your peril.

"Plans for church renovations are in hand" – The building is in imminent danger of collapse.

"We have a large range of church groups" – You will have to run a large range of church groups singlehandedly.

"The vicarage is being refurbished" – The vicarage is a death trap. Its rising damp and dangerous electrics will not be fixed for many months yet.

"There is opportunity for developing ecumenical relations" – No one in living memory has ever spoken to clergy of other denominations in our town.

"The new incumbent should have a sense of humour" – He or she will need it when reading this specification.

My dear nephew, *caveat emptor*. Let the buyer beware!

Your loving uncle,
Eustace

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What's the Big Idea?

Editor: Canon Paul Hardingham continues his series on the books of the Bible, which will run until the end of 2025.

What's the Big Idea? - An Introduction to the Books of the New Testament: Galatians

Paul's letter to the Galatians has been described as the '*Magna Carta of Christian Liberty*', because it emphasises the freedom that we have through faith in Jesus Christ. Paul vigorously defends the truth that people are justified ('*made right with God*') by faith in Jesus Christ alone. Our standing with God is not determined by what we do, but by dependence on what Christ has done.

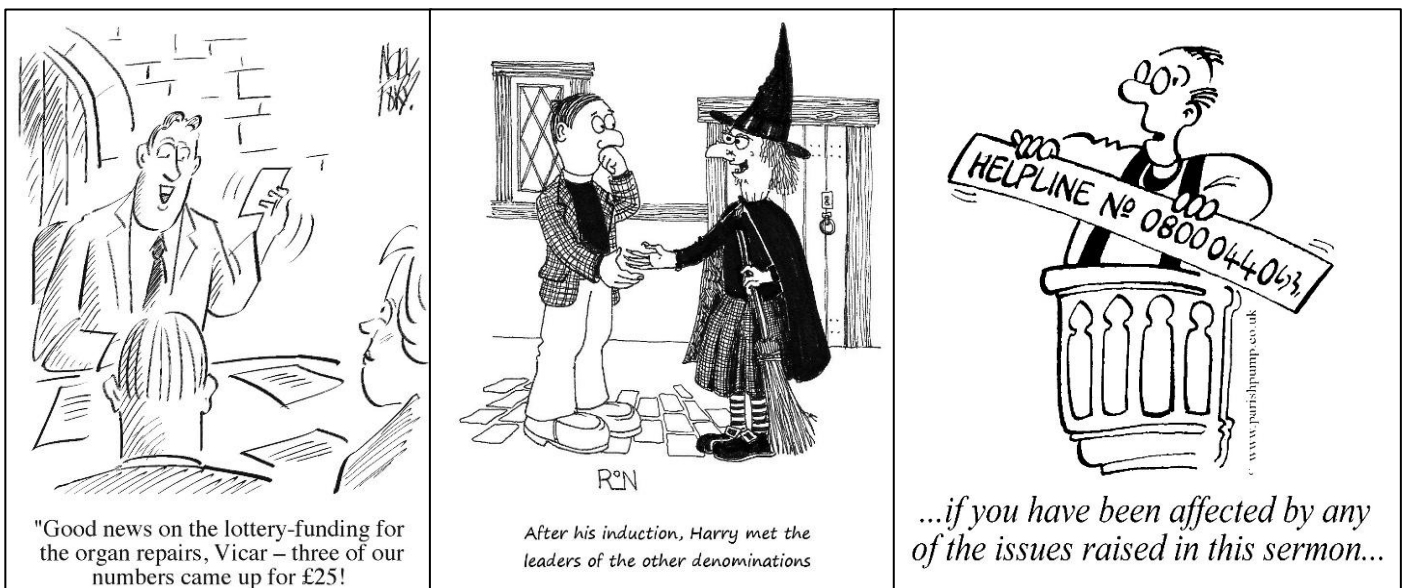
It is generally believed that Paul wrote this letter in 48/9AD to the churches in the southern area of Galatia, which he planted on his first missionary journey. It was written before the Council of Jerusalem (Acts 15), making it the earliest of Paul's letters.

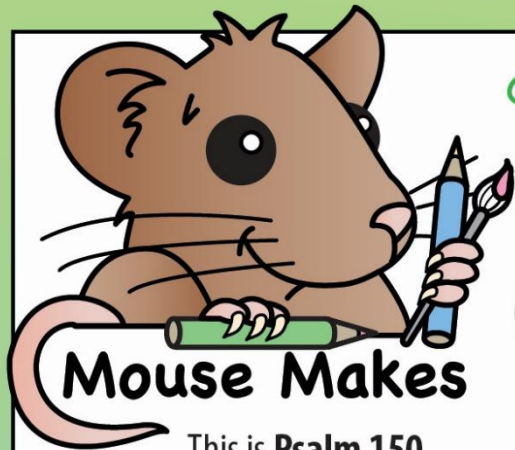
Paul is dealing with Jewish-Christians (or Judaizers) who were advocating ceremonial practices of the Jewish law, including circumcision, in addition to faith in Christ as the means of salvation. They were undermining Paul's authority as an apostle, by asserting that his gospel didn't agree with the apostles in Jerusalem.

In response, Paul defends his apostolic authority and presents the true gospel, by emphasising the unique importance of Christ and His cross in salvation. He argues that '*a person is justified not by the works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ*' (2:16). He appeals especially to the examples of Abraham (3:6-9) and Hagar and Sarah (4:21-31), who stand in contrast as being a 'slave' under the law and 'free' in Christ.

'It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery.' (5:1). We are justified through faith alone and it is by faith alone that we live out our new life in the freedom of the Spirit.

Toons



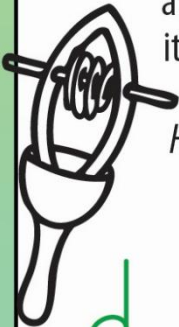


Mouse Makes

This is **Psalm 150**,
a song of praise to God,
it tells us why and how
to worship God.
*How do you praise and
worship God?*

Praise God in His Temple,
Praise Him in His mighty heavens.
Praise Him for His acts of power,
Praise Him for his surpassing greatness.

Praise Him
with the sounding trumpet,
Praise Him
with the harp and lyre,
Praise Him
with tambourine and dancing,
Praise Him
with the clash of cymbals,
Praise Him
with the resounding cymbals.
Let everything that has breath
PRAISE THE LORD!



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God in the Sciences

Editor: Dr Ruth Bancewicz, who is based at The Faraday Institute for Science and Religion in Cambridge, writes on the positive relationship between Science and Christian faith

Continuing the Celebration!

On 6th-13th October this year many people around the world will be celebrating the Jewish festival of Tabernacles, or Sukkot. They will celebrate the Harvest, and also remember God bringing the Israelites out of Egypt and through 40 years in the desert.

The biblical book of Deuteronomy contains a description of what Tabernacles should have been like back then. “Celebrate... for seven days. Be joyful... you, your sons and daughters, your male and female servants, and the Levites, the foreigners, the fatherless and the widows who live in your towns.”

These festivals were not just a celebration, but also an expression of gratitude to God: “celebrate the festival to the Lord your God...For the Lord your God will bless you in all your harvest and in all the work of your hands, and your joy will be complete.” Tabernacles was a proper holiday, with two whole days off normal work and seven days of feasting.

Farming looks very different today. Very few of us have had to sweat long hours over crops, so we're not as ready for (or deserving of) a rest and a party as our ancestors were at this time of year. That might be even more the case in future, as the agri-tech revolution unfolds. For example, small autonomous tractors are already becoming available that do less damage to the soil and make better use of steep or oddly shaped fields.

Many arable farms already hire contractors to do the routine work with large specialist GPS-equipped machinery. In future years those people might find themselves using very different kinds of high-tech kit, acting more as land-management advisors, helping farmers to gather data and to find ways of improving soil quality, biodiversity and the water cycle.

I'm very grateful for the food that arrives on my shelves. Instead of worrying about whether or not we earned it, our modern-day Tabernacles or Harvest celebration could include ways of encouraging those involved in agriculture and developing new agricultural technologies, as well as enjoying how we can learn about and benefit from God's creation through Science.

So, after you celebrate Harvest at church, why not follow it up with a trip to a local farm this month? Why not learn from the ancient Israelites, and follow it up with a meal together? It stands to reason that those of us who live in countries where food is plentiful and cheap could do with being proportionately more generous in our gratitude and giving. Should we throw better parties? Probably!

Sukkot is a week-long Jewish festival of thanksgiving for the autumn harvest and a commemoration of the Israelites' 40-year journey through the desert after their Exodus from Egypt. It is celebrated by building temporary huts called sukkahs with leafy roofs, eating meals inside them, and waving a bundle of four sacred plant species known as the Four Kinds. The holiday is a time for families to express gratitude, connect with their heritage, and appreciate their blessings.

Sukkot's 4 Holy Species are Hadass (myrtle), Lulav (palm frond), Aravah (willow branch), Etrog (citron - lemon)



Whitley Hall Cricket Club



2025 has been the season when we have celebrated 100 years of the modern club since it moved from Grenoside to Ecclesfield, even though the club is actually around 140 years old. And we are very proud of the achievements this year in the League although knockout cup results have been mixed.

1st XI have been working all season to get high up in the Premier League and, have been close all season other than a wobble in July. August was a very good month with 5 straight victories so, at the end, the final match at Barnsley on 13th September, gave the team an opportunity to finish in 2nd position. Barnsley scored 154 all-out with Whitley at 113 for 2 after 26 overs, a much better rate and score compared with Barnsley, when the heavens opened. It was decided that play could not reasonably resume and The Duckworth-Lewis-Stern system for rain affected matches determined that with more than 20 overs played in the Whitley innings, 113 for 2 was well ahead of the revised target of 65 and was a clear win by 8 wickets. So, Whitley finish on 198 points, just 8 points behind champions Cleethorpes. Well done!

The 2nd XI have also had a good season with a creditable finish in upper mid-table 5th position although the final game at home against Barnsley 2nd XI was interrupted by a severe rain shower and the game was abandoned. The 3rd XI have had a challenging season and have been playing at the lower end of the table most of the time. A real fight at the end on the last day was only sorted when Whitley achieved a win for 12 points over Handsworth and with more victories than Wickersley who ended on the same points as Whitley. This resulted in Whitley 3rd XI holding their place in Division 6 and Wickersley relegated.



The final event of our Centenary year was a grand dinner at the Owlerton Event and Conferencing Centre (OEC) with guest speaker, David Gower. I write before the date but I am certain it was a tremendous evening.

ECB Premier League 2025

ECB Yorkshire Cricket Southern Premier League

1st	Cleethorpes CC 1 st XI	206 points
2nd	Whitley Hall CC 1 st XI	198 points
3rd	Wakefield Thornes CC 1 st XI	190 points
4th	Sheffield Collegiate CC 1 st XI	178 points
5th	Tickhill CC 1 st XI	156 points
6th	Appleby Frodingham CC 1 st XI	156 points

Looking forward to the 2026 season and with updates in this magazine in the spring.

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Andrew Robinson

Thought for the Month

One of the things that I have always loved about Jesus is that whenever anyone asked Him a question, He always answered by asking them a question or by telling a story, a parable. In doing this He gets us to work out the answer for ourselves; He makes us use the brains and the wits that God has given us.

The parables are not always easy to understand, but the key is usually found in the ending, a shock or a surprise which makes us see God or the world, ourselves or others differently.

This is certainly the point of what is perhaps the most famous parable, the Good Samaritan (St Luke chapter 10). In Jesus' day and culture a Good Samaritan was a contradiction in terms. Samaritans were despised, untrustworthy, the enemy. There was nothing good about a Samaritan! They could be treated as sub-human, and some of the Rabbis even taught that the Commandment 'Thou shalt not kill' did not apply to Samaritans.

And so if I read this parable it challenges me. It compels me to look again at the people that I vehemently disagree with, the people that I believe are wrong in their beliefs and actions; the people I feel most distant and disconnected from. When I read this parable, Jesus does not allow me to demonise them, to speak of them or treat them as less human and less deserving than myself.

In a culture like ours, dominated by social media, we attack those we disagree with, we see them as completely beyond any understanding or sympathy. Disagreements very quickly become deep divisions, we are happy to believe the very worst of them. And what happens on social media is soon played out in life and on our streets.

When Jesus made the hero of His parable a Samaritan it challenged His hearers to remember that those people who they disliked and disagreed with; those who were different are as human and as loved by God as the people that they most loved.

Jesus' parable takes us right back to the first creation story in Genesis chapter 1 where we read that all are made in the image and likeness of God. This is as true for the stranger as it is for the friend; as true for the enemy as it is for those I love. The shock and challenge of the story of the Good Samaritan is this - can I see God in and at work in my enemy?

God bless you,

Tim.

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Editor's Humour & Philosophy Page

Alcohol & Fats

It's a relief to know the truth after all those conflicting medical studies.

The Japanese eat very little fat and suffer fewer heart attacks than the British or Americans.

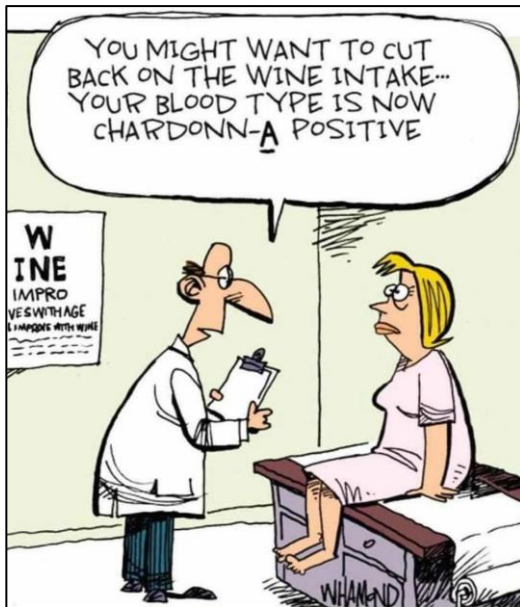
The French eat a lot of fat and also suffer fewer heart attacks than the British or Americans.

The Japanese drink very little red wine and suffer fewer heart attacks than the British or Americans.

The Italians drink excessive amounts of red wine and also suffer fewer heart attacks than the British or Americans.

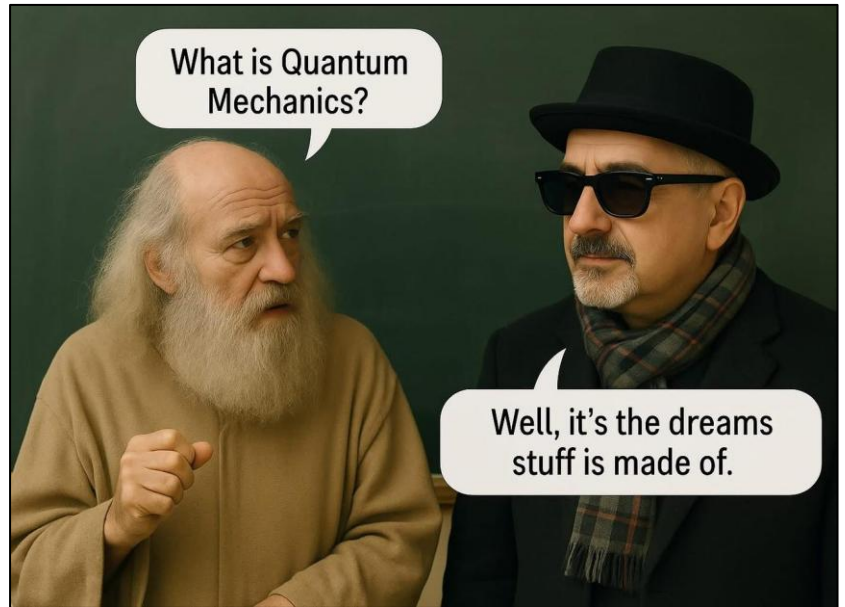
The Germans drink a lot of beer and eat lots of sausages and fats and suffer fewer heart attacks than the British or Americans.

Conclusion: Eat and drink what you like. Speaking English is apparently what kills you.



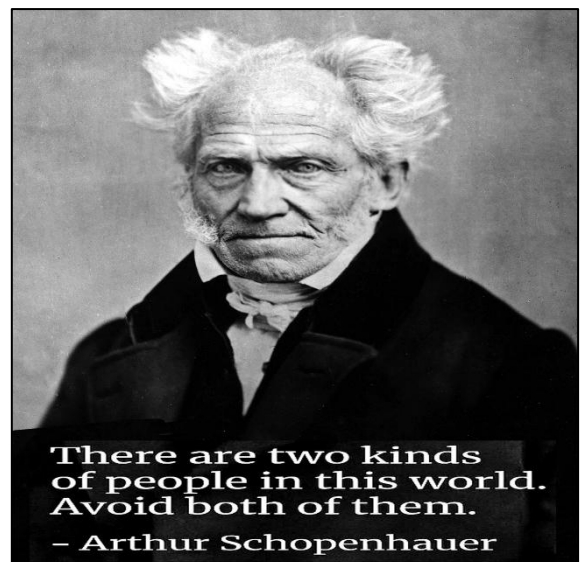
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Any help most welcome. Thank you. Pat Wood

Those magnificent men in their flying machine...

Editor: by Tim Lenton

It was 125 years ago, on 20th October 1900, that the American aviation pioneers the Wright Brothers made their first untethered glider flight at Kill Devil Hills in North Carolina.



This was a key moment in the history of aviation, although their first powered flight of a heavier-than-air aircraft came three years later, on 17th December 1903, also at Kill Devil Hills, which is near Kitty Hawk.

Orville and Wilbur Wright, who lived in Dayton, Ohio – more than 600 miles from Kitty Hawk – were the sons of a bishop in the Church of the United Brethren in Christ, and were both named after clergymen. However, they became inventive mechanics and owned a bicycle shop at a time when cycling was becoming safer and popular. They chose the Kitty Hawk area for flight attempts, based on advice from the US Weather Bureau.

There had been many unpowered glider flights in Europe before, and the Wrights, who were in their thirties, were particularly impressed by the successful German pioneer Otto Lilienthal, who had been killed in 1896. The Wrights' big leap forward, however, was a system of three-axis controls that made fixed-wing powered flight possible. It enabled the pilot to steer the aircraft and maintain its equilibrium. It remains standard on aircraft today.

Flying changed the world for us all. It had long been a dream, dating back at least as far as the Greek legend of Icarus and Daedalus, and including kite-flying in China and ballooning in 18th-century France, with the Montgolfier brothers. A small piece of the Wright Flyer is now on Mars – a piece of cloth attached to a small but active reconnaissance helicopter called *Ingenuity*.

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The Gardening Year – September

Compost and fertilisers - why use fertilisers?

In a traditional plot with good quality soil, you don't really need fertilisers. However, in containers there is only a little soil, the plants will rely on you for nutritious meals so that you can enjoy yours later in the season. Some people report that using fertiliser gives them a better crop yield. In addition, fast growing plants require more nutrients so will be healthier and stronger if you feed them. Fertilisers can be used when plants are showing signs of nutrient deficiency, this is often shown in leaf discolouration.

What's in fertiliser. The three major plant nutrients are Nitrogen (N), Phosphates (P) and Potassium (K), these are needed to support healthy leaves, roots, flowers and fruit. They also help to keep the plants strong, although they can be bewildering a ray of fertiliser's available, each one will state how much of each nutrient is in the product plus some brands will contain trace elements.

Inorganic and organic - inorganic fertilisers are made from synthetic components and deliver a more concentrated, fast acting meal to your soil. Organic fertilisers are made from plant or animal ingredients such as seaweed, fish blood and bone or poultry manure and tend to be slower acting. You can make your own organic fertiliser from plants such as comfrey. Getting the balance right, some fertilisers contain a mixture of nutrients in total balance or favour one nutrient more than others for the requirement of certain crops. Others provide just one nutrient and are used to correct a nutrient deficiency. Slow-release fertilisers are a mixture of nutrients that degrade slowly over time and are useful if you tend to forget to feed your crops or if you are away during the feeding season.

Using fertilisers - although it can seem overwhelming at first, you will soon get the hang of using fertiliser's if you remember the following: dependant: crops in containers rely on you for food, unlike those grown in an open, traditional plot or allotment. Nutrients the three major plant nutrients are Nitrogen (N), Phosphorus (P) and Potassium (K) inorganic fertiliser's, these are made up from synthetic ingredients and are fast acting. Organic fertilisers, these are made from natural ingredients and take longer to work. nutrient mix, check each product for its NPK ratio to find the best one for your needs. Do it yourself, if you have access to comfrey or nettles, you can make your own fertiliser. Directions, follow the directions on the product for how much to use and how often to use it.

Colin William

Eat the Seasons – October

Vegetables - Artichoke, Beetroot, Butternut Squash, Carrots, Celeriac, Celery, Kale, Kohlrabi, Leeks, Marrow, Onions, Parsnips, Potatoes (Maincrop), Pumpkin, Wild Mushrooms, Swede, Tomatoes, Turnips

Fruit - Apples, Clementines, Cob Nuts, Coriander, Elderberries, Figs, Grapefruit, Medlar, Pears, Quince

Herbs – Brazil Nuts, Chestnuts, Chives, Fennel, Parsley (Curly), Parsley (Flat-Leaf), Sage, Walnuts, Watercress

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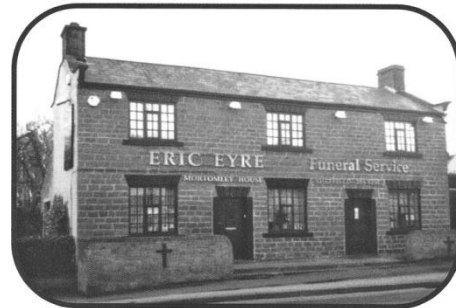
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Time to Eat - Quince

Resembling a lumpy pear, the ancient quince has become a bit of a forgotten fruit in recent times. This is perhaps because beneath the quince's distinctive golden yellow skin and alluring fragrance, its flesh is astringent and sour when raw. However, given some patient and gentle cooking, quince can be a delicious and distinctive addition to many dishes, both sweet and savoury. It is particularly popular in jams and jellies due to its high levels of pectin and it is the main ingredient in the well-known Spanish membrillo, a quince paste which is commonly served alongside Manchego cheese.



History - Born in Caucasus where it still grows wild today, the quince made its journey west across to the Mediterranean regions of Europe around 600BC. In ancient Greece, the quince was heralded as a fruit of love, marriage and fertility and it was often given as a wedding gift to the bride to sweeten her breath. The quince made its way to England in 1275 when Edward I ordered that quince trees be planted at the Tower of London. Thereafter, it was a common ingredient in jams, jellies, crumbles and pies and was often served alongside rich cuts of meat. The quince (*cydonia oblonga*) is the sole member of the genus cydonia and belongs to the Rosaceae family, along with apples and pears. It grows on small bush trees and is usually ready for harvest in late October, when it is golden yellow in colour and beautifully fragrant.

Buying, storing & preparing - Look out for firm fruit with a golden yellow skin. It is unlikely that you will find quince in the supermarket; instead, seek them out at your local farmers market from around the end of October when the quince season begins. Quince store very well if kept in cool and dry conditions and can keep for a month or two. Wrap quince and keep refrigerated until you are ready to use them. They have a strong (but pleasing) aroma, so it is best to store them away from other fruits. Fresh off the tree, quince tend to be covered in a light, downy fur which should be rubbed off under a tap before the fruit is prepared. It is best to remove the tough skin of the quince which can be tricky to do with a knife, but easier with a vegetable peeler. The flesh of the fruit oxidises rapidly when exposed to the air, so squeeze half a lemon or lime over the flesh of the quince to prevent it from going brown. Raw quince is unpleasantly acidic - cooking softens and sweetens the flesh whilst turning it a rather fetching golden pink colour. The quince is rich in vitamin A, vitamin C, fibre and iron.

Miscellany - Before quince recipes started to appear in Medieval English recipe books in the 16th Century, it was common for quince pastes to be imported to England from Portugal, Spain and France. In Medieval England, quince paste used to be prescribed by apothecaries to assist with digestion. This may have been why quince, in various forms, was often served alongside rich meats or after the meal.

Quince Jelly

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Membrillo

https://www.simplyrecipes.com/recipes/membrillo_quince_paste/

Marmalatha Kythoni: Quince Jam

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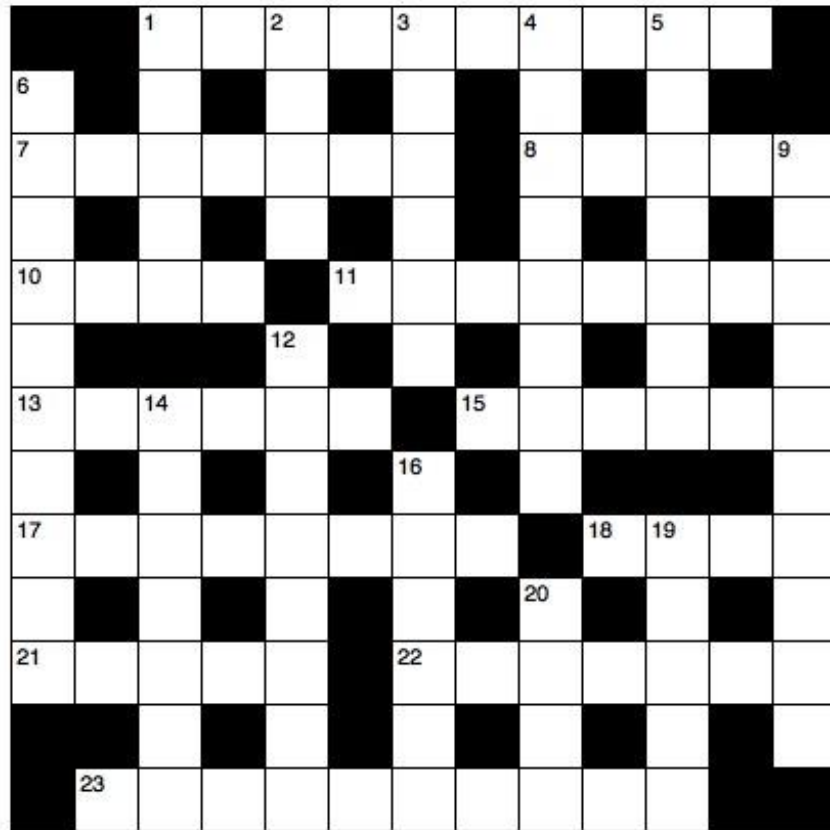
Crossword Puzzle

Clues Across

- 1 He was replaced as king of Judah by his uncle Mattaniah (2 Kings 24:17) (10)
- 7 'Let us fix our eyes on Jesus... who for the joy set before him — the cross' (Hebrews 12:2) (7)
- 8 Relieved (5)
- 10 Impetuous (Acts 19:36) (4)
- 11 Surprised and alarmed (Luke 24:37) (8)
- 13 'It is — for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for the rich to enter the kingdom of God' (Mark 10:25) (6)
- 15 Directions for the conduct of a church service (6)
- 17 One of the acts of the sinful nature (Galatians 5:19) (8)
- 18 and 20 Down 'She began to wet his — with her tears. Then she wiped them with her — ' (Luke 7:38) (4,4)
- 21 'We will all be changed, in a flash, in the twinkling of an — , — the last trumpet' (1 Corinthians 15:51–52) (3,2)
- 22 'But he replied, "Lord, I am — — go with you to prison and to death"' (Luke 22:33) (5,2)
- 23 Third person of the Trinity (2 Corinthians 13:14) (4,6)

Clues Down

- 1 He betrayed Jesus (Matthew 27:3) (5)
- 2 Paul's assurance to the Philippian jailer: 'Don't — yourself! We are all here!' (Acts 16:28) (4)
- 3 'Fear God and keep his commandments, for this — the whole — of man' (Ecclesiastes 12:13) (2,4)
- 4 The sort of giver God loves (2 Corinthians 9:7) (8)
- 5 Sun rail (anag.) (7)
- 6 Naboth, the ill-fated vineyard owner, was one (1 Kings 21:1) (10)
- 9 Paul said of young widows, 'When their sensual desires overcome their — to Christ, they want to marry' (1 Timothy 5:11) (10)
- 12 This was how Joseph of Arimathea practised his discipleship 'because he feared the Jews' (John 19:38) (8)
- 14 Mop ruse (anag.) (7)
- 16 Foment (Philippians 1:17) (4,2)
- 19 Where Joseph and Mary escaped to with the baby Jesus (Matthew 2:14) (5)
- 20 See 18 Across



Prayer for October 2025

Dear Lord,

In this autumn season, when the harvest is gathered, we thank You for Your provision for us. We have so much, and yet we see terrible images of starving children on our televisions and smartphones and in our newspapers.

Lord, prompt us to do what we can to change things, whether that is by writing a letter or email to someone with influence, or by contributing in some way to aid agencies.

Lord, we ask You to touch the hearts of those leaders of nations whose decisions cause such hunger and suffering. Soften those hard hearts, Lord. Fill them with Your compassion. May there be a new harvest of love - and a kinder world.

In Jesus' name,
Amen.

By Daphne Kitching

Editor - October is the tenth month of the year in the Julian and Gregorian calendars. Its length is 31 days. The eighth month in the old calendar of Romulus c. 750 BC, October retained its name (from Latin and Greek *ôctō* meaning "eight") after January and February were inserted into the calendar that had originally been created by the Romans.

Chapelton & District Probus Club



We welcomed the return of Mike Ogden on 10th September with his topic, Zeppelins – Hotels in the Sky. Mike gave an extremely detailed talk about the full history of Zeppelins, illustrated with photos and films. He tracked the development since the late 1800s in Germany, the USA and UK with a focus on commercial travel. The German companies were the most successful with the name Zeppelin after designer Count Ferdinand von Zeppelin. During the 1930s, the German Zeppelins successfully carried passengers very long distances with luxurious cabins and dining rooms. But, the super-airships ended in catastrophe. The British *R100* performed flawlessly on her first and only flight but months later *R101* crashed on a French hillside on 5th October 1930 only hours after departing on her inaugural flight to India, killing 48 of the 54 people on board and effectively ending the British airship industry. The German airships continued with success until Zeppelin *Hindenburg* had the most spectacular end, bursting into flames on camera as she landed at the Lakehurst, New Jersey, airship terminal on May 6 1937 killing 36 of the 97 people on board.

Our final trip in 2025 was to the Royal Armouries Museum in Leeds, on Wednesday 24th September. The programme for 2026 is being worked on and should be available in time for the October magazine.

Our next speaker on 8th October will be Dennis Ashton with his talk on Iditarod , the last great race on earth about sled racing in Alaska.

PROBUS Club meets every month in the Community Centre in Grenoside. The club is about providing a relaxing social environment to welcome retired and semi-retired men including those still working but with time on their hands. You can visit a meeting as a guest or choose to become a member. Please make contact with the Secretary, Trevor Winslow (see below).

Upcoming meetings on Wednesday at 10.00 in Grenoside Community Centre (followed by optional lunch at Wortley Hall):-

8th October – Dennis Ashton - Iditarod, The Greatest Race on Earth
12th November – Alan Hancock – Jack the Ripper, Part 1
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Autumn Glades

We stroll through leafy autumn glades,
An amber carpet 'neath our shoes;
As Nature's summer beauty fades
She clothes herself in golden hues.

The stillness of October days,
The chillness of a frosty dawn,
Yet autumn sunshine's slanting rays
Caress us with their glowing warmth.

They also warm the southern breeze,
Which comes upon us, as it may,
Releasing crispy, ochre leaves
To gently patter on our way.

Soon, soon comes winter's icy grip,
Of freezing wind and driving snow,
But, just for now, we'll gladly slip
Through gentle autumn's golden glow.

A Weeny Garage!

I purchased a lovely new house
But what is making me grouse
Is the lack of a marriage
Twixt my car and my garage
Which is challengingly sized for a mouse!

Both by Nigel Beeton

The Gates of the Kingdom

Give us, O God, the needs the body feels,
Give us, God, the need-things of the soul;
Give us, O God, the balm which body heals,
Give us, God, the soul-balm which makes whole.

O great God, thou who art upon the throne,
Give to us the heart repentance true,
Forgiveness give us of the sin we own, -
The sin inborn and the sin we do.

Give us, O God, a yearning that is strong,
And the crown of glory of the King;
Give us the safe home, God, for which we long
In thy kingdom's lovely gates to sing.

May Michael, archangel warrior white,
Keep down hostile demons of the fall;
May Jesus Christ MacDavid guide our flight
And give lodging in His peace-bright hall.

Part of an ancient Celtic prayer

A Helping Hand

There is much we can do just to brighten
This world of all take and no give,
There's a great deal that we can contribute
Through the everyday lives that we live.

By supporting one's elderly neighbours
Or through lending a hand in some way
It's by taking a bunch of spring flowers
To someone to brighten their day.

It's by sparing a few precious hours
In the service of those most in need
It's all about setting a standard
And trying to give others a lead

It's the way that we tend to treat others
And help and aid folks in distress
In the care and assistance we offer
That will set us apart from the rest.

The choice that we face is quite simple
The rewards plain for all men to see
As you did all of this to My brother
Then said Jesus, you did it to Me.

By Colin Hammacott

Praise to the Holiest in the height

Praise to the Holiest in the height,
And in the depth be praise,
In all His words most wonderful,
Most sure in all His ways.

O loving wisdom of our God!
When all was sin and shame,
A second Adam to the fight
And to the rescue came...

And in the garden secretly,
And on the cross on high,
Should teach His brethren, and inspire
To suffer and to die.

Praise to the Holiest in the height,
And in the depth be praise,
In all His words most wonderful,
Most sure in all His ways....

By John Henry Newman

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