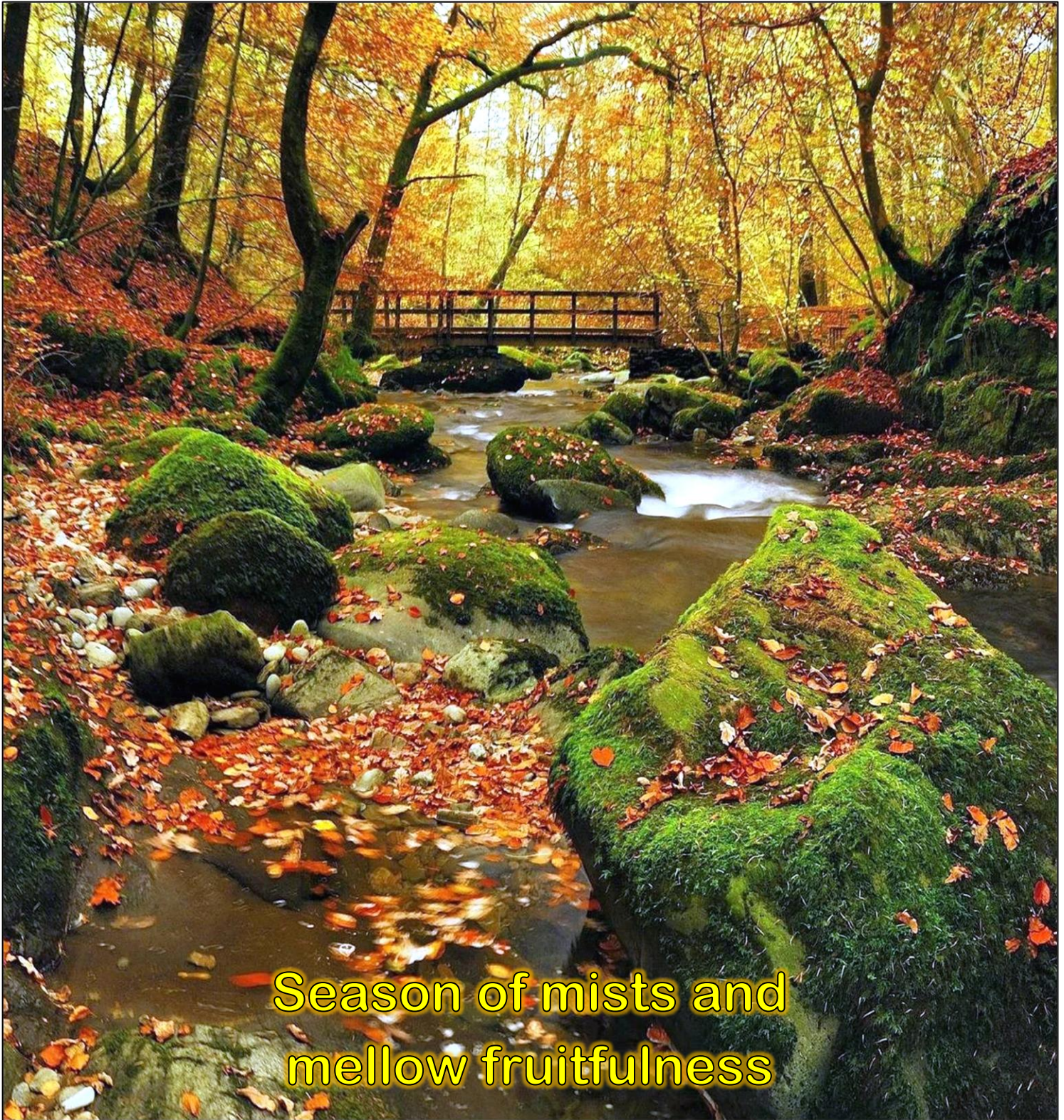


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First Words

On **Saturday 13th September at 9am** we have the monthly **Prayer Breakfast**, followed at **10.30am** by **Bereavement Cafe**.

On **Sunday 14th September** after the morning service we have a meeting to **plan the Christmas Fayre**.

On **Monday 15th September at 1.30pm** there will be a **funeral** in Church followed by burial in the cemetery opposite.

On **Tuesday 16th September at York Minster** the Bishop of Doncaster, Rt Revd Leah Vasey-Saunders will be consecrated by the Archbishop of York.

On **Wednesday 17th September - The Seeking Heart meets at 6pm** in Church.

Heritage Open Days this year are on **Friday 19th to Sunday 21st September**.

Open Hours 10.00 to 16.00 - Refreshments available at small charge - Entertainment for children - Feature on the Gatty Family & The Brownies
Saturday 20th September tours of the belfry 10.00 to 14.00

On **Saturday 20th September 7pm** in Church the **Steel City Choristers** will be performing a concert of choral music, **"To Berlin and Back."** This is a fund-raising concert, suggested donation is £10 at the door.

On **Sunday 21st September at 3pm at St Mark's Church Grenoside** there is a celebration of Holy Communion according to the **Book of Common Prayer 1662**.

The **PCC** meets on **Monday 22nd September at 7.30pm**, and on **Wednesday 24th September** the **Finance Committee meets at 2pm** in Church.

On **Saturday 27th September at 2pm** in Church the **Chapelton Silver Band** will be performing a concert in memory of Graham Oxley.

On **Sunday 28th September at the 10am** Eucharist we will be celebrating the feast of **St Michael and All Angels**.

The **Prayer Ministry team** will meet on **Monday 29th September at 2pm in Church**, and on the same day there is **Baptism Preparation at 7pm in Church**.

On **Tuesday 30th September at 4pm** the **Ecclesfield Charities Trustees** meet in Church, followed at **5.30pm** by a **meeting of the Feoffees**.

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

Kate Guest

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Prayer for the Month

***O Christ, the Master Carpenter,
who at the last through wood and nails purchased our salvation,
wield well your tools in the workshop of the world,
so that we, who come rough-hewn to your bench,
may here be fashioned to a truer beauty by your hand.
We ask this for your name's sake. Amen.***

(George MacLeod, founder of The Iona Community).

I love this simple and beautiful prayer from the founder of the Iona community. It reminds us that for thirty years Jesus lived an uneventful and unnoticed life in Nazareth. It reminds us that He was a labourer, a working man. As the eldest son He would have followed his father Joseph as a carpenter, working with His hands, living a very ordinary life among His neighbours in Galilee.

The prayer reminds us of the irony that the One who worked with wood in His early years won our salvation through the wood of the Cross.

It reminds us that the One who worked and shaped the wood in His years as a carpenter works in and through and on us, shaping us by His Holy Spirit throughout our lives. Christ is present in the joys and in the pains of our days; He is at work in our laughter and in our tears, finally making us into our true selves, the selves we were created to be.

Christ the carpenter and Son of God is always at work turning sons and daughters of Adam into sons and daughters of God. Amen.

God bless you,
Tim

Editor - George MacLeod, was born in Glasgow in 1895. His father (Sir John MacLeod) was a successful businessman before entering politics as a Unionist MP; his mother Edith was from a wealthy Lancastrian family (owning cotton mills). From this background and heir to a baronetcy, George MacLeod was educated at Winchester College and Oriel College, Oxford. His paternal grandfather was the highly respected Revd Norman MacLeod of the Barony Church, Glasgow, a Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland and Chaplain to Queen Victoria. https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/George_MacLeod

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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 provided, please credit: William Holman Hunt's Scapegoat, Wikipedia, public domain.

'He gave us eyes to see them': William Holman Hunt's Scapegoat

14th September in the Jewish calendar is Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement. It is a time of fasting and prayer, and its observance is regulated by Leviticus 16.

The Old Testament ritual involved cleansing the priesthood and the people when a scapegoat bearing the sins of the faithful was sent into the wilderness. Much of that ritual has lapsed, but the heart of Yom Kippur is prayer that the relationship of love and service between God and His people would be renewed and restored. The goat that was sent by relays into the desert had a scarlet cord – a reminder that 'though our sins be scarlet, yet they shall be as white as snow.'



It is the subject of William Holman Hunt's famous painting that is in the Lady Lever Art Gallery at Port Sunlight. This village was founded by Lord Leverhulme in 1889 for the workers in his soap factory. It consists of gabled houses and Elizabethan style cottages which nestle side by side around the impressive domed art gallery containing a wealth of paintings and sculptures.

Work on 'The Scapegoat' began in 1854 and was completed two years later. Holman Hunt went to the Dead Sea to paint the goat in situ, following the Pre-Raphaelite principles of art embodying exact detail and accuracy in its subject matter. There is a photograph of the artist by his easel, a paintbrush in one hand and a rifle in the other. It was a time of political tension between Syria, Palestine and Turkey, which combined with the constant danger of hostile tribesmen in the area.

Undaunted, Holman Hunt sketched by the sea and then finished the details off in his rooms in Jerusalem. He described the scene as a 'beautifully arranged horrible wilderness.' In the distance are the hills of Edom against the sky, and in the foreground the solitary goat with the scarlet cord over its head. It is a bleak landscape, and on the frame surrounding the picture are the words from Leviticus: 'The goat shall bear on itself all their iniquities to a barren region, and the goat shall be set free in the wilderness.'

At the time critics were not sure what to make of the painting, as there was no recognisable story or moral so beloved of the Victorians. Elegant ladies inquired if the artist was going to put in the rest of the flock, and one critic said it was an excellent portrait of Lord Stratford.

We look at the painting with the eyes of faith and realise that the scapegoat was sent over the river Kidron into the wilderness, the very same river our Lord and His disciples crossed to the Garden of Gethsemane which heralded the passion of Jesus. We can see this sad creature, isolated and alone, bearing the sins of God's ancient people, and think of Isaiah's words: 'He was despised and rejected by others.' A scapegoat in the Old Testament bearing the sins of the people: the Lamb of God in the new covenant who takes away the sin of the world.

Praying with the Prayers of the Bible

Learning to Pray by Example

Editor: by the Revd Dr Herbert McGonigle.

Luke 11:1: 'Lord, teach us to pray.'

Luke tells us that the disciples asked Jesus to teach them how to pray after He had just prayed. This is very important. In His preaching Jesus had spoken about prayer; (e.g. Matt. 6:5-8) He had also included prayer in His teaching; e.g. Luke 18:1. But it was neither His preaching or teaching on prayer that inspired this request from His disciples; it was His *example* in prayer. Also, Jesus had sent His disciples out to preach, yet their request was not, 'Lord, teach us to preach.' They had witnessed the mighty miracles that He performed and saw the astonishment of the crowds (Luke 9:43), but they did not ask Him, 'Lord, teach us to perform miracles.' No, they asked instead, 'Lord, teach us to pray.'

The disciples were beginning to learn that there was a direct link between the prayer life of Jesus and His Spirit-anointed ministry. We need go no further than what we find here in Luke's Gospel to see the consistent prayer life of Jesus. As news of His mighty ministry spread far and wide, 'great multitudes gathered to hear and be healed' (Lk. 5:15). This was 'high noon' in the ministry of our Lord and as the crowds gathered to hear Him, 'He withdrew to the wilderness and prayed' (v.16).

The next chapter tells us that Jesus made a habit of having whole nights of prayer. 'In those days He went out into the hills to pray, and He continued all night' (6:12). A little later the evangelist records that immediately following the feeding of the five thousand, the disciples were with Jesus – and He was praying (9:18). When Luke recounts the Transfiguration of Jesus, he says the Lord took Peter, John and James up the mountain 'to pray' (9:28).

Luke wants his readers to know about the prayer life of Jesus. At every step of His ministry we see Jesus praying. He prayed early in the morning before the day began; He prayed late in the evening after hours of demanding ministry; He prayed in secret; He prayed with His disciples, and He often prayed all night. He prayed in homes; He prayed by the roadside; He prayed on mountains; He prayed in boats; He prayed in the wilderness; He prayed in the synagogue; He prayed in the Garden of Gethsemane; He prayed on the Cross.

No wonder that Jesus' example in praying prompted His disciples to ask, 'Lord, teach us to pray.' As we read and study the life and ministry of our Lord, we will be likewise moved to ask Him, 'Lord, teach *us* to pray.'

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Finding Wendy

How an ITV drama led me on an emotional journey to Ecclesfield Cemetery

By: Nicola Perrins

I've worked in editorial roles for more than 25 years, and started my own consultancy when I moved to Liverpool in 2007. When things went quiet during the Covid pandemic, I retrained as an editor and proofreader, setting to work with some fantastic authors, helping them to perfect their fiction novels. I always envied them for having such meaty writing projects to get their teeth into, and was frustrated that I'd never been inspired to start one of my own. But, when ITV aired a drama in 2023, it changed everything.

The Long Shadow, focussed on the women who had fallen victim to Peter Sutcliffe in the 1970s, and little did I realise what an emotional rollercoaster it was about to take me on.

I had been only four years old when Sutcliffe's first victim had been found, so now in my fifties, I was intrigued to know more about what had gone on. As my weeks of research turned into months, I became acquainted with so many women who had been an unfortunate part of this awful story. I felt compelled to make sure they were not forgotten, and so my blog, *theoddfemale.com*, was born in tribute to them.

I have recently moved to Derbyshire, so, when the Sutcliffe story introduced me to a young woman from Middleton-By-Youlgreave, she piqued my interest. Her name was Wendy Sewell, and this month marks the 52nd anniversary of her death.

Wendy was attacked in Bakewell Cemetery on 12th September 1973, and sadly died from her injuries two days later, aged just 32. Some police officers believed at the time (and still do) that Wendy had been a Sutcliffe victim. Having learned what I have about Wendy's case, I disagree.

At the time, 17-year-old local lad Stephen Downing was working as the cemetery groundsman, and had discovered Wendy lying across the gravestones. What followed, was one of the biggest miscarriages of justice in British criminal history. Stephen, who had learning difficulties, was forced into making a false confession by officers wanting a quick conclusion to the case. Locals who knew both Wendy and Stephen, remained unconvinced of his guilt; but he was, nonetheless, charged and detained at Her Majesty's Pleasure in 1974.

Some years later, Matlock reporter Don Hale began a years-long campaign to get Stephen released. A breakthrough in Don's research led to Stephen's conviction being overturned in 2002. Stephen was finally free, after serving 27 years for a murder he did not commit.

But where did this leave Wendy?

Amongst the media furore surrounding Stephen, she had somehow been forgotten. And so, I went on a mission to find her.

My search took me around numerous local cemeteries, involved fruitless hours squinting at faded inscriptions on countless headstones, and writing a multitude of emails to different parishes. Everyone I spoke to had a different opinion on where she might be; I was going around in circles. But just as it felt like I would never find her, I decided to try the British Newspaper Archives.

Bingo! A Family Notice in the Derby Daily Telegraph from Tuesday 18th September 1973 came up, stating that a service was being held for Wendy at St Mark's Church in Grenoside on 20th September, followed by interment at Ecclesfield. Emotional and overwhelmed to finally discover Wendy's final resting place, it then struck me that the size of the cemetery would make it quite a feat to find her. I emailed the office at the neighbouring St Mary's Church, hoping they might have a plan of the graveyard, and they forwarded my request to Mr Peter Lonsborough.

Peter very kindly did some searching of his own ... and quickly had a breakthrough! On the Sheffield Indexers website, Peter found a burial plot number for Wendy. He also told me that I'd need to contact Sheffield City Archives for a plan of the cemetery, which I did.

Before I'd barely had chance to digest what Peter had found, the Archivers had sent me back a plan of plot locations. By this time, Peter's partner Kath had also visited the cemetery in person, and found Wendy's exact resting place for me. Within just a few hours of Peter becoming involved, all the pieces had fallen into place. The search was over.

I visited Wendy on Sunday 27th July 2025. I tidied up her headstone, sat quietly with her for a few minutes, told her she was not forgotten, and left her some fresh flowers.

I'm not sure whether Peter will ever truly appreciate the gravitas of his help and kindness, but he didn't just help me to find Wendy. No one has ever been brought to justice for taking her life, and so by remembering her, we also remember **all** of the women, from across the decades, who wait silently; anonymously; for some unexpected quirk of fate to bring their story back into the spotlight.

Wendy Sewell.



Ecclesfield Cemetery



This series has recently been looking at the opening and closing words of most church services.

They usually go something like this:

(In) The Lord be with you. And also with you.

(Out) Go in the light and peace of Christ. Thanks be to God.

This month let's consider what's pretty much the very next thing we generally do / say at the start of the service.

We acknowledge how great God is: the recognition of His power and might, His goodness and mercy as well as His ability to give us never-ending love. This makes us realise how 'little' we are and how we have not been as loving and forgiving to others – and indeed to ourselves – as we could have been.

This is sometimes called the 'Prayer of Humble Access'.

In a way it mirrors the prodigal son when he returns to his father. The son had demanded his inheritance NOW and then rushes off to have a good time in all the 'usual' ways, followed by poverty and having to work in the lowliest of jobs just to keep alive. Eventually he realised that even the pigs in his father's house lived better than he did – so he decides he will humble himself and return home. He doesn't expect to go back to his previous standing, but rather to beg forgiveness and ask to be a servant.

It's the ending of this story that is so exciting. The prodigal's father is told of his wayward son's approach, and everyone is expecting him to turn away. Instead he rushes out to meet and greet him. Not waiting for an apology or a begging word, the father covers him in rich clothes, holding his (no doubt) smelly body close and just loving him.

And spiritually that is what God does to each of us, as we come deliberately and consciously into His presence and turn to Him. He holds us close and forgives us.

This month

Next time you go to a church service, take note of the words you are asked to say close to the beginning and the wording of 'forgiveness' said over you. Then having been forgiven, try not to stir whatever it was up again – God won't.

From the Registers

Baptisms

Sunday 3rd August

Zara Grace Hoyland

Sunday 3rd August

Cordelia Daisy McDowell

Sunday 3rd August

Lisa Waters

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

Marriages

Saturday 16th August

Gareth Lyons & Kelly Louise Bellamy

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

St James the Least of All

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

On hymns – ancient and more ancient

The Rectory
St. James the Least

My dear Nephew Darren.

So, your church does not bother with hymnbooks but uses one of those hideous screens which are invariably strategically placed to obscure the altar. I suppose I am not bothered, as wherever you placed it in your converted cinema, it could never spoil its architectural aesthetics.

In my fortunately limited experience of such devices, they provide the projectionist with endless opportunities for showing the wrong hymn, or the right hymn but wrong verse, or the right hymn and right verse, but all upside down. In any case, the turnover from one verse to the next always takes place some milliseconds after that verse has started. This means that the congregation, having been silenced for lack of words, is then faced with the challenge of singing two lines at double time.

When we decided to move from *Hymns More Ancient* to *Hymns Slightly Less Ancient* some years ago, our Sunday attempts to 'make a joyful noise unto the Lord' threatened to get lost in the noise of battle.

Colonel Wainwright was happy so long as we continued fighting good fights and urging Christian soldiers onwards. Very keen on smiting is the Colonel; under his command, the Midianites wouldn't have stood a chance. The men wanted the hymns they remembered from school, the ladies wanted those they had sung at their weddings, and no one would consider anything that dropped 'thine's or 'wouldst's. Then a vicious rumour started that the new hymnbook might even offer hymns written in the last 50 years. At this, timetables were consulted for bus services to the next village (and church).

Eventually we reached the perfect solution: we did nothing. Instead, Miss Simpson was charged with buying yards of sticky backed plastic and repairing the current books. But there was still a crisis to come: her young (and radical) niece decided to add a note in the front of every copy. It suggested that if the page for the hymn you wanted was missing, then you could share with the person sitting next to you. Of course, no one has done that yet; it would be an experience almost as traumatic as being invited to pass the peace.

And so, we struggle on with our *Hymns More Ancient*, whenever we can find the words. Harmony reigns once again.

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.

An Introduction to the Books of the New Testament: 2 Corinthians

'For anyone operating under the naïve presumption that joining a Christian church is a good way to meet all the best people and cultivate smooth social relations, a reading of Paul's Corinthian correspondence is the prescribed cure' (Eugene Peterson).

Paul sent four letters to the Corinthian church: one mentioned in 1 Cor. 5:9; 1 Corinthians; a 'severe' letter mentioned in 2 Cor. 2:3-4; and 2 Corinthians sent around AD 55 around a year after 1 Corinthians.

Paul had a number of reasons for writing this letter:

To express the joy he felt at their response to his painful letter (1:3-4; 7:8-9, 12-13).

To share his troubles in Asia (1:8-11) and why he changed his travel plans (1:12-2:4).

To ask them to forgive those who had offended him (2:5-11).

To warn them not to be "yoked together with unbelievers" (6:14-7:1).

To explain the true nature of Christian ministry (2:14-7:4).

To encourage them in giving and completing the collection for the Jerusalem Christians (chs. 8-9).

To deal with the opposition (chs. 10-13) and prepare for his coming visit (12:14; 13:1-3, 10).

In this very personal letter Paul defends his leadership against accusations of inconsistencies in motives and credentials. A major theme concerns the relationship between suffering and the power of the Spirit. His opponents argued that Paul *suffered too much* to be a Spirit-filled apostle.

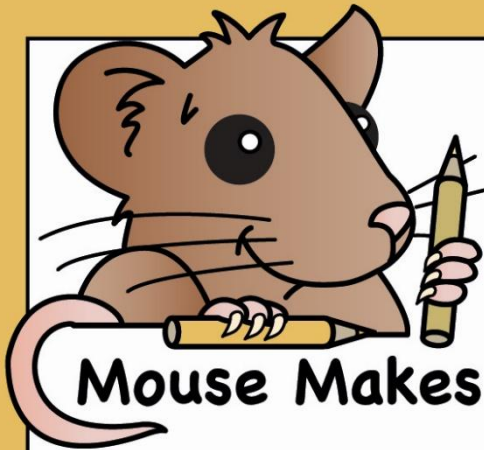
Paul responds by saying that his sufferings embody Christ's death and his endurance reveals God's glory: *'He said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for My power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore, I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me.'* (2 Cor 12:9).

How to have a 'more healthy' heart

Gratitude may help you recover more quickly from a heart attack. So says a study by the University of California, who examined gratitude as part of an outlook that involves appreciating the positive aspects of life, and often goes hand in hand with spirituality.

It was found that people who have a life attitude of being grateful are also likely to have a better mood, better sleep, less fatigue, and lower levels of inflammatory biomarkers related to cardiac health. Researchers said they were surprised to find that gratitude accounted for such beneficial effects. As one scientist put it, "It seems that a more grateful heart is indeed a more healthy heart."

How can you express gratitude in an easy-to-remember and daily way? Why not bring back the habit of pausing to say a simple grace of thanks before each meal? And why not take a few minutes to say your prayers before bed each night?



Mouse Makes



"May the people **praise** you **God**...
The **land yields** its harvest, God,
our God **blesses** us."
- from Psalm 67:5-6



"**Honour** the **Lord** with your **wealth** and the **first part** of your **harvest**."
- Proverbs 3:9



"Let us fear and respect the Lord our God.
He gives **autumn** and **spring** rains
at the right time. He makes sure that we
have the harvest at just the right **time**."

- from Jeremiah 5:24

"God... gives you **rain** from
heaven and good harvests
at the right times. He gives
you plenty of **food** and
fills your hearts with **joy**."

- from Acts 14:16-17



"So the one who **plants** is not
important, and the one who **waters**
is not important. Only GOD is
important because He is the one
who makes things **grow**."
- 1 Corinthians 3:7

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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

Big perspective, big questions

It was three years ago this summer that 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’.

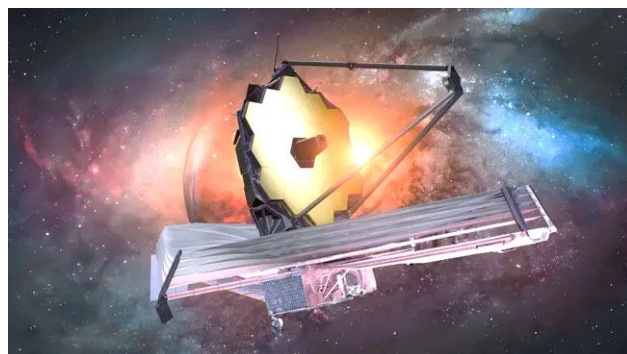
Some people claim to have a ‘nothing but science’ approach to life that trusts only in things for which we can produce very concrete, measurable, evidence. Is it perhaps ironic, then, that this overview of the whole globe – which is made possible by science – can trigger such a deep sense of meaning?

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) is a large, space-based observatory designed to conduct infrared astronomy. It is a collaboration between NASA, the European Space Agency (ESA), and the Canadian Space Agency (CSA). JWST is designed to study every phase of cosmic history, from the first luminous glows after the Big Bang to the formation of galaxies, stars, and planets, and the evolution of our own solar system. It launched on Christmas Day in 2021 as the successor to the Hubble Space Telescope.



Whitley Hall Cricket Club



A really good start to the season with the club in joint 3rd place at the end of June, was slightly tarnished by results during July. July brought a defeat at Hallam followed by a further defeat at home to Cleethorpes where the Whitley total of 155 all-out was no match for the visitors. There was no play due to rain on 19th July and on 26th July, Whitley hosted Collegiate 1st XI. Losing the toss, Whitley batted first achieving 204 all out and a close match resulted with Collegiate just edging the game with a winning score of 212 for 9.

August has seen a return to form with a home game against Appleby Frodingham on 2nd August where the visitors batted first achieving 160 all out and Whitley scoring 163 for 4 after 33 overs winning by 6 wickets. On 9th August Whitley visited Tickhill who achieved 218 for 6 after 50 overs. The reply from Whitley was to achieve 222 for 9 with just 5 overs remaining but a win. 16th August brought Shiregreen to Cinder Hill Lane. Winning the toss, Whitley put Shiregreen in to bat and they achieved a creditable 230 all out with Callum Bethel taking 4 wickets and Biswick Kapala 3 wickets. But Whitley had a great day, scoring 233 for 5 with Neil Longhurst achieving 78 runs not out and a significant victory. At the half-way point in August, the 1st XI sits in 4th position in the Premier League in a tight competition for places, the 2nd XI are 6th in Division 1 and the 3rd XI are in the relegation zone and has a fight to remain in Division 6.



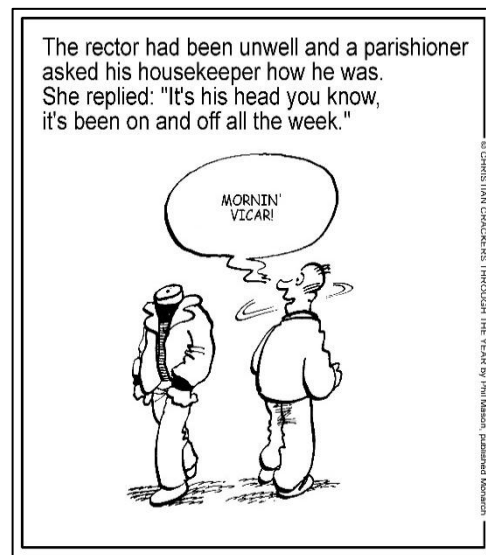
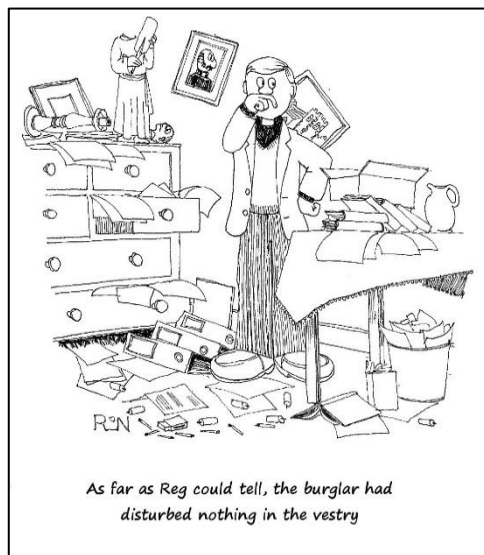
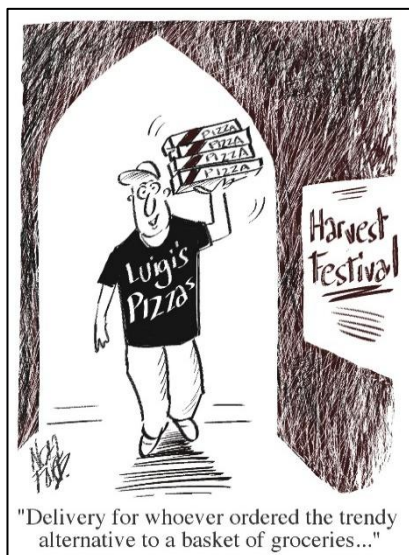
The final event of our centenary year will be a grand dinner at the OEC with guest speaker, David Gower. There may well be places remaining for guests, so please contact Alex Fletcher 07811 949536 to book tickets.

Senior Matches at Cinder Hill Lane (12 noon) (see website for other home games for juniors and ladies)

23 rd August	2 nd XI	v	Warmsworth 1 st XI
30 th August	2 nd XI	v	Upper Haugh 1 st XI
6 th September	1 st XI	v	Doncaster 1 st XI
13 th September	2 nd XI	v	Barnsley 2 nd XI

All visitors welcome to use the facilities in the pavilion where snacks and drinks are available.

Contact: whitleyhall@yicspl.co.uk <https://whitleyhall.play-cricket.com>



Thought for the Month

It is many years since I have been in full-time education, and even my children are now adults, September still feels like the start of a new year to me. I remember the rituals of the season: shopping for uniform and new shoes, buying supplies of pens and pencils, the first day of the new school year.

For me though September is not only about the new school year and the start of Autumn. September also means the feast of St Michael and All Angels (it falls officially on 29th September, but we will be celebrating it on Sunday 28th September this year).

It reminds me that we live through ever-changing seasons, and yet the seasons repeat every year. We go through Autumn and Winter, then comes the long-anticipated Spring which gradually becomes summer and then we are back in the Autumn again.

It is the same with the Church Calendar, which begins not in January with the calendar-year, nor in September with the education-year, nor yet in April - the Tax year. The Church year begins at the start of December with Advent as we await the birth of Christ; Advent becomes Christmas and our celebration of the nativity. Very quickly Christmas becomes Epiphany when we recall the visit of the wise men to Bethlehem and also the baptism of Christ by His cousin John.

After Epiphany we move pace to Lent as we journey to Jerusalem with Jesus, and then we face Passiontide and Holy Week - the Cross of Christ which is overturned on Easter Day by the resurrection. After Easter we celebrate Pentecost and then we enter what we call 'ordinary time' - the long season of 'weeks after Trinity' but before long we are celebrating God's kingdom in November with Remembrance Sunday and the feast of Christ the king, and then it is back to Advent again!

Both the seasons of the year and the seasons of the Church's year are always changing and yet always the same! These two calendars remind me that all of life is lived in God's presence, that we are held at every moment of our lives by the God who meets us in Jesus.

The overlapping yearly calendars remind us that nowhere and no time are secular; God is always present in creation. It reminds me to look for God at work, in my life, in the lives of others and in the world in every season and every time. It reminds me that God is always present, that we, and all people, and all times and all places are enfolded in the love of God.

God bless,
Tim

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For more information see Tim. All welcome.

Exhibition of Queen Elizabeth II's clothes

Next year, the largest-ever exhibition of Queen Elizabeth II's clothes will be staged at Buckingham Palace, in honour of the centenary of her birth.

Queen Elizabeth II: Her Life in Style, will include some 200 items – around half of which is to be displayed for the first time.

As well as clothing, jewellery, hats, shoes, and accessories, there will also be design sketches, fabric samples and handwritten notes that give a glimpse of the process involved in dressing the late Queen for her many public appearances. Caroline de Guitaut, the exhibition curator and surveyor of the King's Works of Art, said: "Her distinctive style became instantly recognisable around the world, bolstering the British fashion industry and influencing generations of designers and couturiers."

The exhibition will include her wedding dress from 1947, her Coronation dress from 1953, and a number of the formal evening dresses she wore for banquets and visiting Heads of State. But there will also be the riding jackets, tartan skirts and silk headscarves that made up her well-known practical everyday style.

'Queen Elizabeth II: Her Life in Style' will be at The King's Gallery, Buckingham Palace, from spring to autumn 2026. Tickets on sale from this November.

Did you spot many butterflies this past summer?

The wildlife charity Butterfly Conservation is deeply worried about our butterflies. Or rather, the lack of them. It seems that more than 80 per cent of our species have declined sharply in number since 1970s.

Each summer sees the Big Butterfly Count, when the public is encouraged to send in the number of butterflies they have seen over a short period of time. Last year saw the lowest number of butterflies spotted in the count's 14-year history. Even the familiar species like the small white, common blue and small tortoiseshell had their worst summer ever. And a record number of people saw no butterflies at all.

Butterflies have been hit by climate change, the use of pesticides, and damage to their habitats. The drought this summer will have been bad news for their caterpillar offspring, which need growing plants to feed on.

So, this autumn, why not plan a happier year for butterflies in 2026? As you prepare your garden for winter, go to <https://www.rhs.org.uk/wildlife/butterflies-in-your-garden> for some ideas of how to make your garden butterfly-friendly.

British Food Fortnight 2025 – 26th Sept to 12th Oct

This annual 'celebration' of the diversity and quality of British Food is aiming to be bigger than ever this year, involving restaurants, pubs, schools, universities, care homes, the NHS, and even the Houses of Parliament. Why not take advantage of the fortnight, and see what one of our local restaurants and pubs might offer? *More ideas at:* <https://www.lovebritishfood.co.uk/british-food-fortnight-2025>

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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.

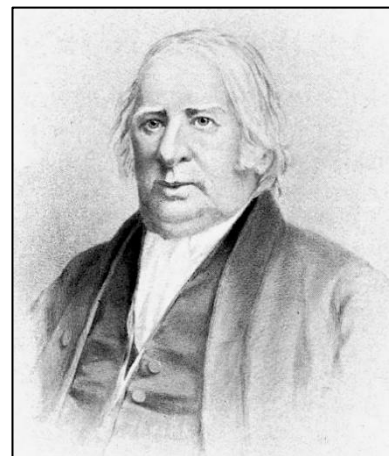
Any help most welcome. Thank you. Pat Wood

Celebrating 200 years of the public railroads

Editor: Tim Lenton looks back on landmark moments in history...

Two hundred years ago, on 27th September 1825, the world's first public railway opened. It was the Stockton and Darlington Railway in north-east England.

Inspired and supported by a prominent Quaker, Edward Pease, and backed financially by many Quakers nationally, it has been described as “the great theatre of railway operations”, sparking the explosion of railways across the world and boosting the industrial revolution. About 20 miles of the original 25 mile stretch still exist, now as part of the Northern Rail line.



Edward Pease

The technical expertise behind it all came from George Stephenson, an extraordinary self-taught engineer whose expertise, which originated in the mines, stretched beyond railways. His *Locomotion No 1*, built for the Stockton and Darlington line, was the first steam locomotive to carry passengers on a public rail line. He worked with his 18-year-old son Robert, who is known for creating the more famous *Rocket* four years later.

The first Stockton and Darlington train – which in fact ran from Old Etherley Colliery, some distance north of Darlington – was led by a man on horseback with a flag. The motto of the organising committee was “At private risk for public service”.

With brakemen stationed between the wagons, the train reached 12 to 15mph and was greeted by an estimated 10,000 people at the Darlington junction, where some passengers left and more boarded. The average speed was calculated at about 8mph. Six wagons of coal were given to the poor by way of celebration.

A nine-month festival in County Durham and the Tees Valley – with artwork, spectacles and community events – is marking the bicentenary of the opening of the railway.

As a tribute to his life and achievements, a bronze statue of George Stephenson was unveiled at Chesterfield railway station in 2005. An earlier statue stands in Neville Street, Newcastle.

More info at: <https://railway200.co.uk> - <https://www.railwaymuseum.org.uk>
[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Edward_Pease_\(railway_pioneer\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Edward_Pease_(railway_pioneer))

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The Gardening Year – September

Preparing containers, now you've planned the design of your container garden, chosen which types of containers to use and have ascertained which crops will grow best based on your confidence level, time commitments and financial circumstances it's time to prepare your containers, what you need you need the following items for setting up your container:

A suitable base for your container - your chosen container - drainage material - growing medium - seeds or plants - trowel or hand fork

A firm base if you are growing food in pots or on a patio, balcony or roof top, your containers will need a suitable base to stand on, The base needs to be level, firm and able to withstand the weight of several full containers of soil, if you are going to use window boxes, hanging baskets or wall mounted containers then this does not apply. People with a courtyard or small garden often have patio paving slabs, concrete or decking which are ideal, raising the base all containers need to be kept slightly above ground level to let air flow underneath and to prevent the plant and pot sitting in water. This is especially important for wooden containers which will rot if left in contact with water, some stone troughs have built in legs to achieve this. For other containers you'll need to buy or make your own, old bricks or chunks of wood are ideal, alternatively you can buy terracotta feet which sit under the corners of your chosen container.

The container - whether you've chosen a terracotta pot, plastic planter or stone trough, you must make sure the container has draining holes at the bottom, most plants will die if their roots are kept in water for too long, The majority of containers have holes in them, but you will have to make them yourself if they don't, drainage material your containers will need a 50mm (2in) layer of suitable drainage material, traditionally this would be stone or gravel, but if you want to save money or re-use items, old broken crocks or broken up polystyrene works well too.

Trees and shrubs - early in the month dig the ground thoroughly before planting hardy evergreen shrubs at the end of the month or the beginning of October, also prepare the ground for deciduous shrubs to be planted later in the autumn, take care not to bring the sub soil to the surface while you dig, and work in compost, or well-rotted manure, slow acting bonemeal at the rate of about 2/3 oz for each shrub may also be used, but avoid any quick-acting fertilizers.

Colin William

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

Meat - Beef, Duck, Grouse, Guinea Fowl, Hare, Lamb, Mallard, Pheasant, Rabbit, Turkey, Venison, Wood Pigeon

Fish - Clams, Cod, Coley, Crab, Dab, Dover Sole, Grey Mullet, Haddock, Halibut, Hake, Herring, Lemon Sole, Mackerel, Monkfish, Mussels, Oysters, Pilchard, Plaice, Pollack, Prawns, Red Mullet, Sea Bass (Wild), Sea Bream, Shrimp, Squid, Turbot, Whelks, Winkles

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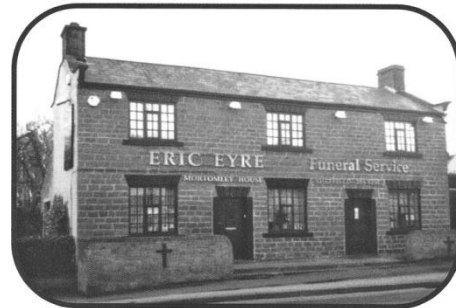
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Time to Eat - Runner Beans

Fresh, young runner beans are a gem amongst the many wonderful vegetables available during the British summer. At their best they are at once tender, succulent and bursting with flavour. There can be few better ways of serving runner beans than piled onto a plate alongside meltingly soft roast lamb, roast potatoes and gravy, with a good glass of claret or perhaps a nice cabernet sauvignon to wash it all down.

Native to the cooler, high-altitude regions of Central America, runner beans have been known as a food crop for well over 2,000 years. They were brought to the British Isles in the seventeenth century by John Tradescant (gardener to King Charles I) and were grown as a decorative plant before being used as a food in Britain.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/John_Tradescant_the_Younger

Today they are a very popular food in the UK, Italy and Mexico, and are grown and eaten in each of the five continents. In many rural areas of Mexico it is common for the starchy roots of the runner bean plant, as well as the beans, to be used in cooking.



Phaseolus coccineus has long been a favourite with gardeners due to its beautiful flowers and fast-growing nature. Most of the beans grown in the UK are of the scarlet runner variety.

<https://www.rhs.org.uk/vegetables/runner-beans/grow-your-own>

Look for pert well-coloured pods that snap easily with a crunch to reveal a fresh and juicy inside. The smaller and younger the better; oversized or withered beans aren't worth bothering with. Runner beans will keep in the fridge for 2-3 days but, as with all legumes, the beans' sugars start turning to starch after picking and they are best eaten as soon as possible.

Wash the beans, top and tail, and remove the stringy bits running up both sides using a small knife or vegetable peeler. Some sources recommend soaking the beans before cooking. Very small and young beans can be served whole, either raw or briefly cooked. The majority of runner beans on sale are larger and need to be finely sliced (diagonally) so that the skin cooks relatively quickly, before the seeds have become too soft. Slicing is easiest with a bean slicer or similar hand-held gadget. Runner beans can be boiled, steamed or stir-fried. They are best cooked until on the soft side of al dente (particularly when larger) for maximum flavour.

Easy Runner Beans Recipe

<https://www.bytheforkful.com/easy-runner-beans-recipe/>

Middle Eastern style runner beans

<https://www.riverford.co.uk/recipes/middle-eastern-style-runner-beans>

Spicy runner bean chutney

<https://www.olivemagazine.com/recipes/vegetarian/spicy-runner-bean-chutney/>

Runner beans with tomato, garlic and chilli

<https://www.olivemagazine.com/recipes/vegetarian/runner-beans-with-tomato-garlic-and-chilli/>

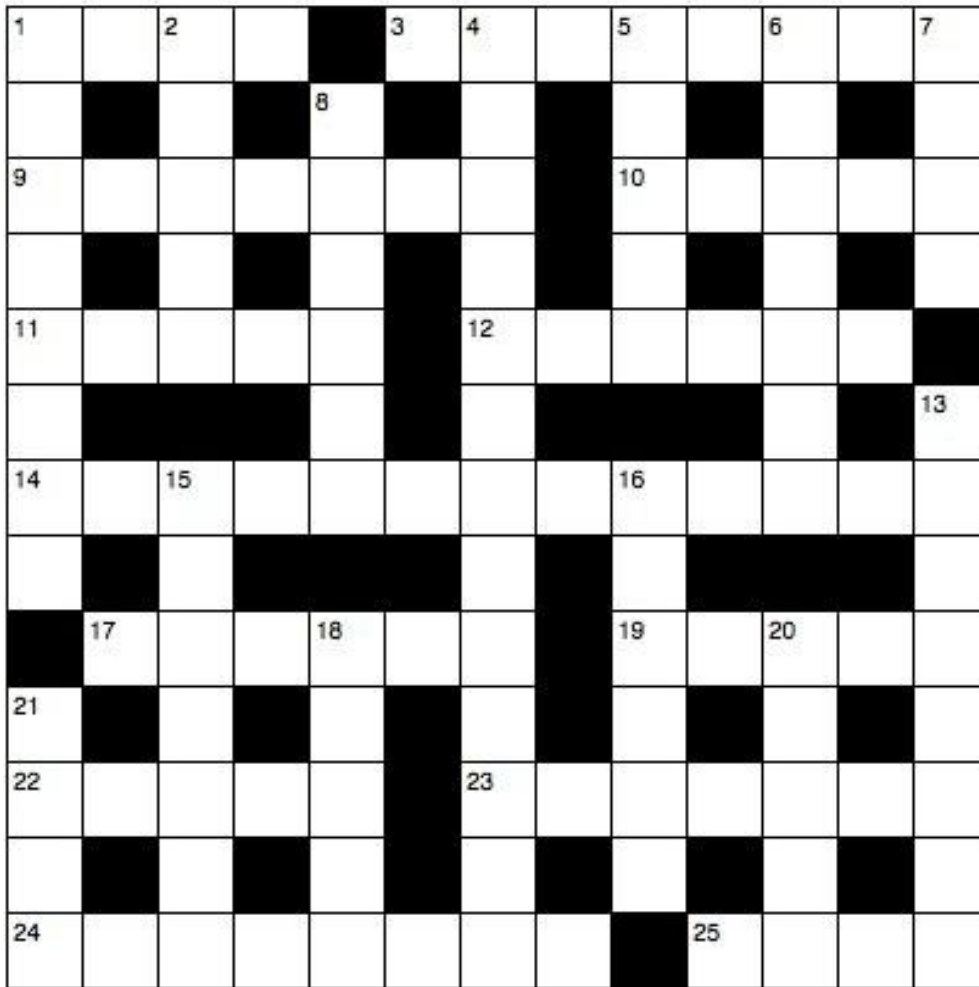
Crossword Puzzle

Clues Across

- 1 'A little later someone else saw Peter and said, "You — are one of them"' (Luke 22:58) (4)
- 3 Giving (1 Peter 2:5) (8)
- 9 They came to Jerusalem seeking an infant king (Matthew 2:7) (3,4)
- 10 'An athlete... does not receive the victor's crown unless he competes according to the — ' (2 Timothy 2:5) (5)
- 11 Pacifist, temperance advocate, open-air preacher, leading 20th- century Methodist, Donald — (5)
- 12 'Come quickly to — — , O Lord my Saviour' (Psalm 38:22) (4,2)
- 14 'The God of Abraham, — — — , the God of our fathers, has glorified his servant Jesus' (Acts 3:13) (5,3,5)
- 17 Sear by intense heat (Revelation 16:8) (6)
- 19 'It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust — — ' (Psalm 118:8) (2,3)
- 22 Goods (Nehemiah 13:15) (5)
- 23 i.e. train (anag.) (7)
- 24 Surrounding area (Luke 24:50) (8)
- 25 'Righteousness will be his — and faithfulness the sash round his waist' (Isaiah 11:5) (4)

Clues Down

- 1 Elegant and creative (Exodus 31:4) (8)
- 2 'Listen, I tell you a mystery: We will not all — , but we will all be changed' (1 Corinthians 15:51) (5)
- 4 'I... delight to see how orderly you are and how firm your — — — is' (Colossians 2:5) (5,2,6)
- 5 Enlist (2 Samuel 24:2) (5)
- 6 Of the Muslim faith (7)
- 7 Sharp intake of breath (Job 11:20) (4)
- 8 Woven cloth (Ezekiel 16:13) (6)
- 13 Plentiful (Romans 5:17) (8)
- 15 CIA char (anag.) (7)
- 16 Paul and Silas stopped him committing suicide after an earthquake in Philippi (Acts 16:27–28) (6)
- 18 One of the ingredients in the making of incense for the Lord (Exodus 30:34) (5)
- 20 Episcopal headwear (5)
- 21 Inhabitant of, say, Russia, Ukraine, Poland, Slovakia or Bulgaria (4)



Prayer for September 2025

Heavenly Father,

September is the month of new starts for so many. New starts can be exciting, but they can also be daunting. We don't always know what to expect and sometimes we feel as if we are on our own in a strange new place, or situation.

Help us to know that, as your people, we are never alone. You promised, through Jesus, to be with us always and You gave us Your Holy Spirit to empower us.

In some ways every day is a new start – a new gift from You. As we unwrap the gift of each new day, this September, en-courage us to receive it confidently and expectantly.

Help us to know that we can do all things, through Christ Jesus, who strengthens us. We can! In Jesus' name.

Amen.

By Daphne Kitching

Chapelton & District Probus Club



Our speaker on August 13th was George Clark, well-known in Grenoside and his subject this time was Richard 3rd, Villain or Hero? George presented an amazingly researched talk on the history of the royal families in the mid to late 15th century. The royal succession was very turbulent at the time and Richard was only on the throne for 3 years before his death at the battle of Bosworth in 1485 after barely 3 years on the throne. But were the pictures of him and the views from Shakespeare of a blood thirsty tyrant correct? George presented sufficient information to bring this into question.

Our final trip in 2025 will be the Royal Armouries Museum in Leeds, likely to be on Wednesday 24th September. The mini-bus is almost full but if you are interested, please contact Peter McDermott via our website below or speak to a member. We are looking to next year's visits programme and hope to have an overnight trip in the options. Information will be available in October or November.

Our next speaker on 10th September will be the return of Mike Ogden who will present Zeppelins, Hotels in the Sky..

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):-

10 th September	Mike Ogden	Zeppelins, Hotels in The Sky
8 th October	Dennis Ashton	Iditarod, The Greatest Race on Earth
12 th November	Alan Hancock	Jack the Ripper, Part 1

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Andrew Robinson

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

The Good Samaritan - by Nigel Beeton

To Jesus came a man one day
Who knew full well what the Law did say;
But thought he might catch Jesus out
With silly questions, shades of doubt
"Love my neighbour, who might that be?"
So, Jesus told the Pharisee:

"A man lay bleeding beside a way
Where robbers often seek their prey.
A priest came by – a man of prayer
But for that victim he'd no care.
A Levite then that poor man spied
He crossed straight to the other side.

"From Samaria a stranger came
Heard his sorrow, felt his pain
Bound his wounds then carried him
To the nearest wayside inn,
And once he'd got him safely there
He paid the landlord for his care."

The Pharisee did not like this
Replying in an angry hiss
"You are kidding, Jesus, right?
"Samaritans are those we fight!"
But Jesus pressed him, "Of the three
"Which one was most neighbourly?"

"The last," he said, with downcast eyes;
"So go," said Jesus, "do likewise!"
And we in turn must be quite sure
Our neighbour may not live next door
But may be one we do not know
To whom a neighbour's love we show."

Saint Michael

Saint Michael, angel of the sea,
Lord of the horses he,
Saint Michael, of the angels king,
Of war, of shepherding;
On steed he flies across the skies;
The first-fruits of the harvest corn,
The first-fruits of the flock-lambs born,
Are his, he meets the soul forlorn.

The saints and angels watch o'erhead,
Their wings and prayers o'erspread:
The righteous ones in heaven wait,
St Peter at the gate;
In might arrayed they shield and aid;
Be with us e'er, archangel powers,
Be with us, angels, life's long hours.

From an ancient Celtic Poem

God's whisper to me- by Mallie Sharpe

God whispered in my ear one day
And said how it would be
I shrugged and turned away and said
"No way, You can't mean me!"

Next time it wasn't a whisper
He spoke quite loud and clear
He had a job for me to do
He said "have faith, don't fear".

So I took the challenge offered
But how should I begin?
This task was much too big for me
I had to trust in Him.

When the problems overwhelmed me
And I couldn't see my way
I'd put my faith and hope in Him
Fall to my knees and pray.

And my God, He never failed me
Through good days and through bad
He filled me with a courage
I never knew I had.

So if you feel God calling you
Don't doubt and answer "no"
He knows the plans He has for you
Step out in faith...and go!

Next to you and lonely - (Matthew 25:40)

Cups of tea and people,
People who do and who know.
People with purposeful expressions,
Their eyes searching beyond her, through her,
The invisible one.
She's next to you and she's lonely.

Smiles and one-way conversations,
With thoughts and eyes elsewhere,
Never noticing the masks of brightness
Hiding hurting children,
The tired ones,
Who are next to you and lonely.

And the makers of the cups of tea,
The knowers and the doers,
Those who smile and seem to have so much.
They too wear masks that hide their crying,
The together ones
Sit next to you and are lonely.

By Daphne Kitching

Contact Details for Local Groups

Ecclesfield Rainbows

Gatty Hall
Thursday 5.00 pm to 6.15 pm
Contact - Girl Guiding Website / To
Register Interest

Ecclesfield Brownies

Gatty Hall
Tuesday 6:15 pm to 7:45 pm
Leader - Mrs A. Kendall
Tel: 0114 246 8866

Ecclesfield Guides

Gatty Hall
Thursday 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm
Leader - Mrs C Topham
Tel: 0114 246 1289

Ecclesfield Priory Players

EPPIC Theatre
Monday 7:30 pm to 10:00 pm
Wednesday 7:30 pm to 10:00 pm
Secretary - Emma Addy
Theatre Tel No. 0114 240 2624

Ecclesfield Community Garden

Ecclesfield Park - Located between
Ladycroft bridge/stream and Bowling
greens. Open Wednesday + Saturday
10 am to 12 noon
Tel: Robert 0771 481 3503

Friends of Ecclesfield Library

Run by the community for the community.
Volunteer helpers always needed.
Tel: 0114 246 3651
email: ecclesfieldlib@gmail.com

Ecclesfield Cubs

Scout Hut (off Yew Lane)
Wednesday 4:45 pm to 6:15 pm
2nd Pack 6:30 pm to 8:0 pm
Leader - Mrs A Hancock
Tel: 0114 245 2780

Ecclesfield Beavers

Scout Hut (off Yew Lane)
Thursday - 5:45 - 7:00 pm
Contact Shane Porteous
shane@ecclesfieldscouts.org.uk

Ecclesfield Scouts

Scout Hut (off Yew Lane)
Thursday 7:15 pm to 9:00 pm
Leader - Bryony Hemming
25theecclesfieldscouts@gmail.com

The Grenoside Singers

Practice Monday in St Mark's
Church Hall at 7:30 pm
Secretary: Judith Gill Tel: 0782 411 2584
www.grenosidesingers.co.uk

Whitley Hall Cricket Club

Matches every Saturday and some
Sundays and weekdays.
Please make contact if you wish to play or
learn. Secretary: Joe Webster:
whitleyhall@yocspl.co.uk
Website:
whitleyhall.play-cricket.com

Chapelton and District PROBUS Club

Meets every 2nd Wednesday in the month
in Grenoside Community Centre
All retired and semi-retired gentlemen welcome
Contact the Secretary: Trevor Winslow
chapelton.probus@gmail.com
We are now face to face see
www.chapelton-probus.org.uk

If you would like your local group advertised, please contact:
Mrs P Blackburn ☎ 0114 246 8453

Useful Contacts



	E-mail:	Phone:
Vicar: Revd. Tim Gill	ttimgill@aol.com	257 0002
Church Wardens Ann Hackett Michael Waldron		
Church Office Tuesday 9:00am to 1:00 pm Thursday 9:00am to 12:00 pm	office.stmarys.ecclesfield@googlemail.com	245 0106
Website	https://stmarysecclesfield.org.uk/	
Groups:	Times and Days:	Phone:
Choir Practice in Church Contact: Lynda Pearce	7 pm on Friday Practice in Church	208 3500
Music Group Contact: Andrea Whittaker	7:30 pm Thursday Practice in Church	246 0746
Mother's Union in Gatty Hall Contact: Maureen Lambert	1.00 pm 1st Wednesday of the month	246 9690
Ecclesfield Ladies Group Contact: Anne Rostron	2.00 pm Thursday in Gatty Hall	245 5492
Bell Ringers Contact: Phil Hirst	7:30 pm Tuesday in Church Belfry	286 2766
Gatty Hall Bookings		0780 307 8223
For Baptisms or Weddings Enquiries please contact the Vicar		
Magazine e-mail:	stmarys.magazine.ecclesfield@gmail.com	

We thought you might find it helpful to know what the significant days and Sundays of each month are called

Date	Day	Colour
7 th September	12 th Sunday after Trinity	Green
14 th September	13 th Sunday after Trinity / Education Sunday	Green
21 st September	14 th Sunday after Trinity	Green
28 th September	15 th Sunday after Trinity	Green

Heritage Open Days Ecclesfield

Come and see an amazing church

Friday 19th September
Saturday 20th September
Sunday 21st September

Open Hours 10.00 to 16.00

(Sunday all welcome to 10.00 Church Service)

Refreshments available at small charge

Entertainment for children

Saturday 20th September
tours of the belfry 10.00 to 14.00

Feature on the Gatty Family & The Brownies



Welcome to St Mary's Church, Ecclesfield



OUR CHORAL JOURNEY

'To Berlin & back'

Saturday 20th September - 7pm
St Mary's Ecclesfield



Come along to support the choir and to sit back & relax with some beautiful choral music



STEEL CITY CHORISTERS

Berlin 2025

Steel City Choristers is a Registered Charity #1195909

Chapelton Silver Prize Band

Musical Director: Garry Hallas

At St Marys – Ecclesfield



Graham Oxley
Memorial Concert



Saturday 27 September 2025

Concert starts at 2.00 pm

Tickets - Adults £8 Children £3.00

Tickets by telephoning

Margaret and Peter on **0114 246 0983** or **0781 242 5387**

Or

Julie and Paul on **0787 647 2246** or **0792 637 7410**

Or from St Mary's Coffee Shop on Tuesdays or Fridays