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EDITORIAL

We now are moving into Autumn with the celebration of the Harvest Festival at the start of the month. This is followed on the next Sunday, 9th October, by the visit of Bishop Martin, who will preside at our Eucharist.

We pray that as a congregation we may grow our numbers by getting others to join us in our Sunday worship at the 10am service. The coffee after the service in the Community Centre is a valuable way of getting to know one another better and to welcome new people into the family.

We also have a means of building our understanding of the scriptures through the Bible Study sessions on alternate Wednesdays at 11am and 7.45pm. It is interesting and at times inspiring to hear the perspective of others and to listen to the phrasing of different translations of the scriptures. The latter can stimulate further discussion. These sessions also include prayer where personal concerns can be brought before God in the fellowship of others. Do join one of these groups to further your understanding of the fascinating book, the Epistle to the Hebrews. See the item on People and Places in the Bible.

As we approach the winter months with so many uncertainties, we need to watch out for people who are in difficulties, financial or vulnerable. With Covid still a threat but under control, the world economic chaos arising from the Ukraine/Russia war, and the climate disasters of drought and flood in various parts of the world, we must pray for those in power in the countries of the world to put aside personal ambition and consider the common good.

To finish on a cheerful note, we have our fun Quiz night on Saturday 15th October, hosted by our Curate, Jan and his son, Adam. Do join us then for a fun evening. Then on the following Friday, 21st October, we have our lunchtime concert which features the soprano Sue Mileham accompanied on the piano by Nicola Grunberg. The start as usual is 1.10pm.

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WOMEN'S SOCIAL

I would like to begin with an apology! In last month's edition of Keynotes I inadvertently missed off a birthday greeting. Jane Gough celebrated her birthday on 4th September. I hope, Jane, that you had a lovely day.

We had two meetings in August which were enjoyed by all members who were able to attend. On the 11th Cream Tea at Hassocks Garden Centre was delicious and I believe some retail therapy also took place!

On the 25th Janet welcomed members to her home for coffee. Thanks go to Janet, Alma and Moz.

In October, the following members will be celebrating birthdays - on the 10th it is Anna's, on the 22nd it is Gill's and on the 30th it is Jean Hawkey's. Congratulations to you all.

Maggie and David Keeling are moving!! From 14th September our address will be 206 New Church Road, Hove BN3 4EA and we hope you will pop in to see us,

Maggie Keeling

Henry Ford's secret

When the late Mr and Mrs Henry Ford celebrated their golden wedding anniversary, a reporter asked them: "To what do you attribute your fifty years of successful married life?"

"The formula," said Ford, "is the same formula I have always used in making cars – just stick to one model."

The Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, said:

“It is with profound sadness that I join the nation, the Commonwealth and the world in mourning the death of Her Late Majesty The Queen.

My prayers are with The King and the Royal Family. May God draw near them and comfort them in the days, weeks and months ahead.

“As we grieve together, we know that, in losing our beloved Queen, we have lost the person whose steadfast loyalty, service and humility has helped us make sense of who we are through decades of extraordinary change in our world, nation and society.

“As deep as our grief runs, even deeper is our gratitude for Her Late Majesty’s extraordinary dedication to the United Kingdom, her Realms and the Commonwealth. Through times of war and hardship, through seasons of upheaval and change, and through moments of joy and celebration, we have been sustained by Her Late Majesty’s faith in what and who we are called to be.

“In the darkest days of the Coronavirus pandemic, The Late Queen spoke powerfully of the light that no darkness can overcome. As she had done before, she reminded us of a deep truth about ourselves – we are a people of hope who care for one another. Even as The Late Queen mourned the loss of her beloved husband, Prince Philip, we saw once again evidence of her courage, resilience and instinct for putting the needs of others first – all signs of a deeply rooted Christian faith.

“As we sustain one another in the face of this challenge, our shared grieving will also be a work of shared reimagining. I pray that we commence this journey with a sense of Her Late Majesty’s faith and confidence in the future.

“As a faithful Christian disciple, and also Supreme Governor of the Church of England, she lived out her faith every day of her life. Her trust in God and profound love for God was foundational in how she led her life – hour by hour, day by day.

“In The Late Queen’s life, we saw what it means to receive the gift of life we have been given by God and – through patient, humble, selfless service – share it as a gift to others.

“Her Late Majesty found great joy and fulfilment in the service of her people and her God, “whose service is perfect freedom” (BCP). For giving her whole life to us, and allowing her life of service to be an instrument of God’s peace among us, we owe her a debt of gratitude beyond measure.

“The Late Queen leaves behind a truly extraordinary legacy: one that is found in almost every corner of our national life, as well as the lives of so many nations around the world, and especially in the Commonwealth.

“It was my great privilege to meet Her Late Majesty on many occasions. Her clarity of thinking, capacity for careful listening, inquiring mind, humour, remarkable memory and extraordinary kindness invariably left me conscious of the blessing that she has been to us all.

“May Her Late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II rest in peace and rise in glory.”



Our Charity for October

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Prayer List Requests

Each Sunday we pray for people in any kind of need.

These may be the names of people on the prayer list which is printed in the Pew Sheet each week. The names are not read out individually during Sunday Intercessions, but are prayed for individually at the monthly Wednesday Prayer Service.

This is a lovely, peaceful, prayerful time in The Old Church. Please join us.

The date of the next Wednesday Prayer Together Service will be on the Pew Sheet.

St Peter's Pastoral Care Group

Our Pastoral Care Group exists to offer entirely confidential help and support on any pastoral matter.

Perhaps you would like a friendly visitor for a good chat now and then, help with transport, a name included in our prayer list at Church, some professional advice which we can help find, or an offer of Communion at home?

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The following is an excerpt from the Presidential Address that the Archbishop of York recently gave to the General Synod.

What our priorities as Christians should be

Writing to the saintly Bishop Edward King in 1861, his predecessor as Principal of Cuddesdon, H.H. Swinny wrote this on the importance of meditation –

“We all try to do too much and don’t give enough time to earnest quiet thought...

Somehow even my prayer, and Divine Service within God’s congregation, lose much of their reality without this deliberate bringing of the Unseen into sight, and basking in the light and warmth of it for a little season. We shall accomplish more by attempting less.”

And Edward King himself persistently maintained that our first priority must be to “secure our own individual reunion with God through Christ, nurtured in those times apart, in solitude and silence.”

‘Oh, blessed are the poor in spirit’, says Jesus, ‘theirs is the kingdom of heaven.’ (Matthew 5.3)

At the heart of what it means for us to be a Christ-centred Church is this renewal of prayer and spirituality, the disciplines of contemplation, the pursuit of holiness, the recognition that we don’t have all the answers, a poverty of Spirit which is a richness in our need of God’s mercy and redemption, the ‘deliberate bringing of the Unseen into sight’, that even a so-called vision and strategy is simply a call – a call to God, a call from God, to centre our lives in Christ and then a few questions that we think are worth addressing and around which we will order our priorities.

So how can we grow younger and more diverse?

And how can we create new pathways of belonging for those who don’t yet know Christ, revitalising the parishes and chaplaincies of our Church and expanding our vision to create new communities of faith and see more people come to faith in Christ?

And how can we learn to be disciples of Jesus ourselves?

Gladden your hearts with the sight of the Most Fair. Be constantly renewed and resourced by the beauty of Christ, the beauty of worship, the beauty of scripture. One thing I ask of the Lord. This I seek. To live – to find my life – in the house of the Lord... to behold God's fair beauty (see Psalm 27:4).

**Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honourable,
whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing,
whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if
there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.
Philippians 4.8**

Four worms

A minister decided that a visual demonstration would add emphasis to his Sunday sermon on temperance. So four worms were placed into four separate jars. The first worm was put into a container of alcohol. The second was put into a container of cigarette smoke. The third was put into a container of chocolate syrup, and the fourth worm was put into a container of good clean soil.

At the conclusion of the sermon, the Minister reported the following results: The first worm in alcohol . . . dead. The second worm in cigarette smoke . . .dead. Third worm in chocolate syrup . . . dead. The fourth worm in good clean soil . . . alive. So, the minister asked his congregation, "What did you learn from this demonstration?"

There was silence, until one farmer at the back hazarded: "That as long as you drink, smoke and eat chocolate, you won't have worms?"

Sussex Wildlife Trust is an independent charity caring for wildlife and habitats

Wasps by Michael Blencowe of the Sussex Wildlife Trust

Legendary protest singer Woody Guthrie had the slogan 'This Machine Kills Fascists' emblazoned across his guitar. The lead singer of John Peel's beloved Half Man Half Biscuit had 'This Machine Kills Wasps' across his. Fascists and wasps. Equally hated and despised. But while one are a bunch of loathsome invertebrates that should be slapped every time they start to agitate us, I have to confess I have some empathy towards the wasps.

The wasps' world was created way back in April. A single pregnant queen emerged from her winter-long hibernation, flew, fed and founded a new colony. She single-handedly constructed 30 hexagonal homes from chewed-up wood, laid an egg in each and lovingly tended to her new babies which, when grown, became her workers. Through sheer determination, spit and sawdust they enlarged the colony, constructing an impressive suspended structure. Other workers collected food – caterpillars, flies, spiders – to feed the now-flightless Queen as she produced more eggs.

June was the golden age of the Empire. The colony swelled to almost 6000 wasps. There was a real buzz about the place. An entire self-contained Utopian society in matching yellow and black uniforms working together to serve their illustrious leader. Inside the dome, the temperature was maintained at 32 degrees. When the temperature rose on hot days, the workers united and the whole colony whirred their wings creating a community-powered air-conditioning unit.

But dark rumours started. The Queen was becoming crazy for power. Workers' eggs were being destroyed to ensure only the Queen's offspring were raised. She had started to create other Queens in her image. With no more workers being born, work levels in the colony increased. The wasps were slaves to a tyrant.

Then came the news. The Queen is dead. Her mesmeric hold over every wasp was lost. Revolution! The virgin Queens fled to mate, hibernate and start a new colony next year. Meanwhile the colony falls into anarchy. Paper walls are torn down, the temperature

plummet. Rome burns. There is fighting and cannibalism. Those that stay face death from cold and starvation. One wasp manages to escape. Alone, betrayed by his leader, without family, without purpose he is confused and lost in an unfamiliar world. Like so many he turns to alcohol to quieten his pain and the fermented fallen fruits of Autumn provide temporary relief. Intoxicated and hungry he stumbles around searching for sugar.

And now in his dying days he bumps into us: giant creatures with sweet drinks and snacks. Our reaction to this 15mm political refugee? To swat him away with rolled up copies of The Daily Mail. So this Autumn, have some sympathy for the lowly wasp.



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People and Places of the Bible

In line with our Bible Study, I am continuing with people and places in the Epistle to the Hebrews.

High Priest.

In the June edition of Keynotes, I described the duties of the High Priest in the time of Jesus and the Early Church until the destruction of the Temple by the Romans in AD 70. The ritual for the annual day of Atonement could only be performed by the High Priest, a Levite, of the line of Aaron. In this ceremony the High Priest, a human like his fellow Hebrews, had first to purify himself before he could atone for the sins of the Jewish nation. It is important to understand that this ritual was understood by the Jewish people to have come from God, being handed down to Moses on Mount Sinai with the Law, making the Covenant. The annual performance of this ritual with the sacrifice of bulls and goats maintained the relationship between the Jewish nation and with God. However, the High Priest was just a human with all the limitations and imperfections that brings with it, and he too had to purify himself before performing the ritual on behalf of the people.

The author of the Epistle to the Hebrews emphasises that Christ's High Priesthood is very different. He introduces the mysterious King Melchizedek, who was the subject of the July/August item, who is also a priest but has no beginning or end. Other than in Genesis 14.7-20 only appears named in Psalm 110. And it is to Melchizedek's priesthood that the author of Hebrews likens Christ, something separate from and superior to the Levitical priesthood. As with St Paul writing in Colossians, Christ is stated by the author of Hebrews as being present at creation. Hence, by his death on the cross Christ, the sinless one, has atoned for the sins of the whole world through a perfect act. This atonement covers the human race, past, present and future.

If you wish to explore this further, please join the Bible Study groups meeting on alternate Wednesdays at 11am and 7.45pm.

The Sanctuary

The original tablets of stone containing the Ten Commandments were said to have been taken by the Prophet Jeremiah and buried in the desert at the time of the destruction of Solomon's Temple, but never recovered.

The next, and last Jewish Temple to be built, was that of King Herod which was the Temple at the time of Jesus. It was not completed until AD63, some seven years before its destruction in AD70.

This was a grand building which I described in the June issue of Keynotes. It had many courts with the outer court of the Gentiles allowing anyone to be present gradually restricting entrance until finally down to the Sanctuary to which only priests had access and then the Holy of Holies. This was only accessed once a year by the High Priest on the Day of Atonement but there was no Ark!

The Writer of the Hebrews shows the perfect New Covenant replaces the imperfect Old Covenant, with Christ being present in the heavenly sanctuary at creation, coming to earth in human form, being the sacrificial lamb on the cross, rising from the dead and ascending to the heavenly sanctuary, something a human priest could not do. The perfect sacrifice.

I think that the words of this verse from English Hymnal Hymn number 273 sums up what this means for each individual human being:

“Look, Father, look on his anointed face;
And only look on us as found in him;
Look not on our misusing of thy grace,
Our prayer so languid and our faith so dim;
For lo, between our sins and their reward
We set the passion of thy Son our Lord”.

Compiled from The Universal Bible Dictionary published by Lutterworth Press and Who's Who in The Bible published by The Reader's Digest, Concise Bible Commentary by Lowther Clarke and other sources by William Holden

**Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice.
Philippians 4.3**

Small Donations Scheme

We have reintroduced the above scheme, or SDS, which ran very successfully up to several years ago. The idea is to give people the opportunity to make a donation towards the cost of items which are one-off purchases or materials which we use. These donations are not regular but are on an “as and when able” basis which may be of something which they are interested in.

The next edition of Keynotes will then contain a “thank you” notice for the gift which can be anonymous or include the sponsor’s name.

Mandy has produced a list of items which may appeal to the congregation and any discussion can be held in confidence with her. This list includes the following;

Coffee	£ 5.50
Envelopes	£ 2.21
Candle Oil	£ 4.80
Advert for the Children’s Worker	£ 118.80
Community Centre window clean	£ 40.00
Monthly website fee	£ 10.75
Altar Breads for communion	£ 10.94

Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

2 Corinthians 9.7

REGULAR WEEKLY SERVICES

SUNDAY

10.00 am Parish Eucharist with Sunday School (except for the first Sunday of the month)

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"Never mind, let's just be happy that Baz came to church in the first place."

PARISH EVENTS DIARY

The following events taking place in October and November as notified are:

Sunday 2nd October - Harvest Festival bring and share lunch in the Community Centre - 11.30am

Saturday 15th October - Quiz Night - 7.30pm

**Friday 21st October - Free lunchtime concert - 1.10pm
Sue Mileham - soprano and Nicola Grunberg - piano**

**Saturday 12th November - Blue Jeans Saturday -
Church yard tidy up - from 10am**

**Friday 18th November - Free lunchtime concert - 1.10pm
Amity Singers**

Saturday 19th November - Family Film Night - 7pm

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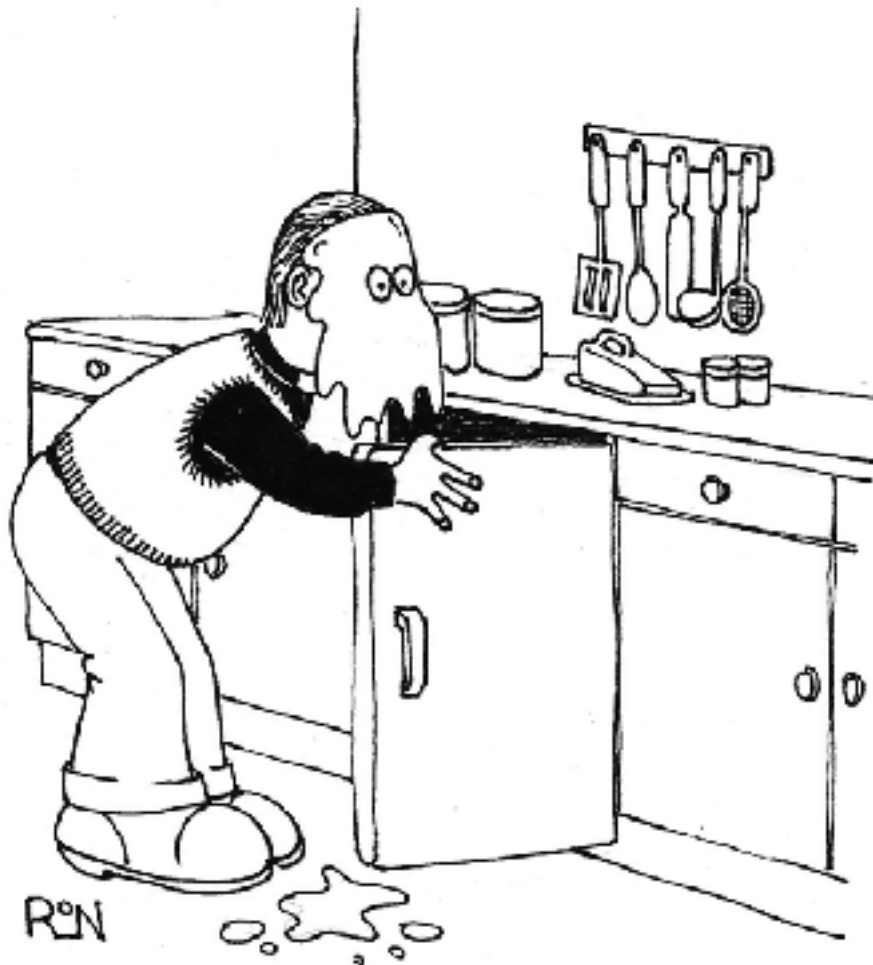
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Dark forces were at work in Dave's fridge



THE FRUITS OF YOUR LABOUR

Last month I dealt with pruning of fruit trees and bushes in some detail. I suggest that you keep that article as a reference for the winter work on the fruit garden.

Now is the time to start the maintenance work. Listed below are the tasks to be tackled in the coming weeks and months.

Apples – harvest and store the sound fruit in a dry location the sound fruit. Salvage what is possible of damaged fruit and cook and freeze.

Blackberries – Cut down last year's canes and tidy up the new growth for next year if not already done.

Black Currants – Prune out oldest wood to make way for new ones. The darkest wood is the oldest. None of the existing stems should be older than four years.

Gooseberries – Clear weeds around bushes. Tidy shape of bush for pruning during the winter.

Grapes – Most should have been harvested during September. Start tidying up for pruning later.

Plums – Start pruning and cut out broken branches. Seal large pruning "wounds".

Raspberries – Cut down last year's canes. Weed area.

Red Currants, gooseberries and blueberries along with the apple trees are pruned in winter.

The Fruit Farmer



WHAT'S HAPPENING IN YOUR GARDEN?

- 1) Protect half-hardy plants with fleece and bring them into a frost free greenhouse.
- 2) Lift and divide overcrowded herbaceous perennials whilst the soil is still warm.
- 3) Lift Dahlia tubers, Begonia tubers and Gladioli corms.
- 4) Prune rambling and climbing Roses once they have finished flowering and tie in stems before autumn winds cause damage.
- 5) Plant spring flowering bulbs.
- 6) Start spring bedding in beds and containers.
- 7) Clear up fallen leaves on borders to prevent diseases such as black spot from overwintering.
- 8) Cut back perennial plants that have died down.
- 9) Clear up fallen leaves from the lawn to allow light to the grass.
- 10) A last mowing can be made this month before leaving your lawn for the winter.
- 11) Reuse spent compost from annual container displays as mulch on the garden.
- 12) Create compost bins for collecting fallen leaves and dead plant material.
- 13) Raise pots off the ground for the winter with "pot feet" to prevent water logging.



COME INTO MY KITCHEN.....

As summer is drawing to an end and the seasonal fruits of apples and plums are in abundance, my thoughts naturally turn to puddings!

TOFFEE APPLE HAZELNUT CRUMBLE

Serves 4

30g plain flour
30g unsalted butter, cubed, plus 50g
25g rolled oats
75g hazelnuts, finely chopped
½ tsp ground cinnamon
1tbsp caster sugar, plus 150g
a pinch of sea salt flakes
4 green apples, peeled, quartered and cored
75ml double cream
ice cream to serve

Heat the oven to 190C/170C fan/ gas 5.

Rub the flour and cubed butter together to form a breadcrumb-like texture. Add the oats, nuts, cinnamon and 1tbsp of sugar, along with a pinch of sea salt flakes.

Line a baking tray with baking paper and tip in the mixture, spreading in an even layer. Bake for 20 minutes, tossing halfway, until golden and crisp, then leave to cool. Turn the oven down to 150C/130C fan/ gas3.

Tip the remaining 150g of sugar into a frying pan in an even layer and cook over a medium heat until dissolved – do not stir the pan, only swirl to move the sugar around. Once dissolved, turn up the heat and cook until a caramel forms - the colour of a rusty penny. Carefully add the 50g of butter and swirl to dissolve. Turn down the

heat to low and add the apples. Cook for 10-15 minutes, turning the apple pieces regularly to cook evenly and coat in the caramel.

Line a tray with baking paper and spread out the apple pieces with a little of the caramel. Bake for 30 minutes until fudgy and caramelised.

Pour the cream into the caramel pan and cook over a medium heat until it forms a smooth, drizzle-able caramel sauce.

To serve, put the apple pieces on a plate, add a scoop of ice cream, scatter over plenty of the hazelnut crumb and drizzle with the caramel sauce.

PLUM AND PISTACHIO FRANGIPANE TART

Serves 8

PASTRY

200g plain flour

100g unsalted butter, cubed

FILLING

200g shelled pistachios

200g unsalted butter, softened

200g golden caster sugar

4 eggs

75g plain flour

4 plums, stoned and sliced

TO SERVE

Crème fraîche or ice cream

To make the pastry, tip the flour into a food processor along with the butter and a pinch of sea salt. Pulse together until it resembles breadcrumbs then add cold water, 1tbs at a time, pulsing in between until a dough forms. Gather it together, wrap and chill for 20 minutes.

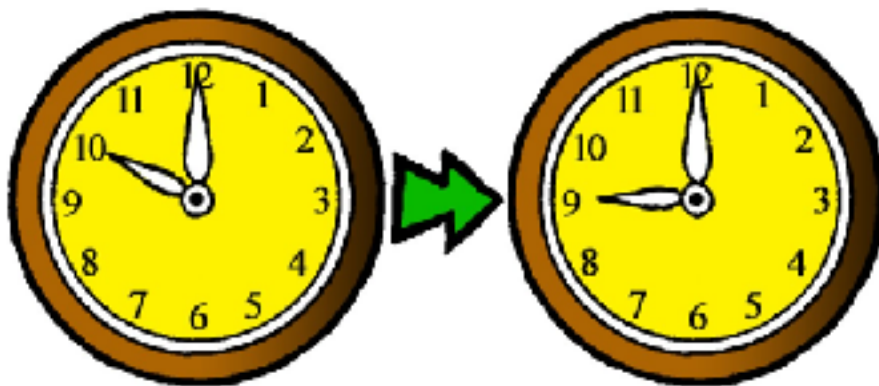
Heat the oven to 200c/fan180C/gas 6. Roll out the pastry on a lightly floured work surface to the thickness of a £1 coin and use to line a 23cm fluted tart tin. Trim any overhanging pastry, prick the base all over with a fork. Line with baking paper, add uncooked rice or baking

beans and bake for 8-10 minutes or until the base is golden. Remove the paper and beans or rice. Turn the oven down to 180C/160C fan/gas 4.

To make the frangipane, pour the pistachios into a food processor and pulse until finely ground. Put the butter in a large bowl and use electric beaters to whisk until really soft then add the sugar and beat again until light and fluffy. Crack in the eggs, one at a time, whisking well in between each addition. Tip in the flour, ground pistachios and a pinch of salt and mix really well. Scrape into the pastry case. Arrange the plum slices across the tart, pushing down slightly into the frangipane.

Bake for 35-40 minutes or until risen, puffed and golden. Cool in the tin for 10 minutes then remove and cut into slices.

Serve with crème fraiche or ice cream.



A prayer for McDonald's

As my five-year-old son and I were heading to McDonald's one day, we passed a car accident. Usually when we see something terrible like that, we say a prayer for whoever might be hurt, so I pointed and said to my son, "We should pray."

An instant later a fervent prayer was heard in the back seat. "Dear God, please don't let those cars block the entrance to McDonald's."



*The Parish Church of St. Peter
West Blatchington*

FREE LUNCHTIME CONCERT SERIES

Our afternoon concert series continues with

**Sue Mileham - Soprano
Nicola Grunberg - Piano**

1.10 p.m. on Friday 21st October

The Recital is for approximately 40 minutes

Refreshments provided.

**There is no admission charge, but donations to fund
future concerts will be gratefully accepted.**

All welcome!

JESUS

If I could package faith into one parcel
And collect all hope into a single can –
If I could roll all love into one heart-ball
And commoditise it in a living man

I'd already have a fully detailed label
Prepared before the world itself began –
And it would have one name –
And that name – JESUS –
At the centre of God's universal plan

To take the world along the course
God's surge of love provoked
Till wholeness flows through everything
With God's Spirit of life unyoked.

By Sam Doubtfire

Celebrating Bible Sunday 30th October

What is a good way to 'celebrate' this annual day of appreciation for our Bibles?

One way might be to send a Bible to someone in prison. Certainly, Bibles seem to be wanted there just now.

Bible Society reports that: "Prison chaplains are telling us that more and more prisoners urgently want to read God's Word. Dominic Dring, who serves at two prisons, says he brings ten Bibles in with him and every one of them gets taken.

"This is an amazing opportunity. You can share the transformative love of Jesus with someone who has lost everything. You can increase the number of Bibles going into prisons this year. As demand rises, we need your help to meet it. Just £10 can provide a Bible to a prisoner in a UK prison. Imagine the impact that could have on someone longing for a second chance."



**SATURDAY 15th OCTOBER
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Word Search for October

With October, Autumn is underway – the leaves are turning gold, the chilly nights are closing in and the shops are full of Halloween things. Our ancestors were frightened of the dark and cold of winter, and feared that evil things might attack them. So they lit fires and wore frightening masks, to ward off evil spirits. But Christianity taught a much better way: it taught that Jesus Christ is the Son of God, and that when He died for us on the cross, He overcame all the powers of evil that there are. So we don't need charms to ward off evil, we just need to turn to Jesus in prayer. He will protect us from any power of darkness that menaces our lives. The Psalms say that He is our shield and protector!

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Gold
Night
Dark
Pumpkin
Sweets
Saints
Goodness
Saving
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Protection
Light
Scarves

Jesus
Son
Fearless
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Sneeze
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OCTOBER – FESTIVALS AND SAINTS

Harvest Festival

Harvest Festival used to be celebrated at the beginning of the Harvest season on 1 August and was called Lammas, meaning 'loaf Mass'. Farmers made loaves of bread from the new wheat crop and gave them to their local church. They were then used as the Communion bread during a special mass thanking God for the harvest. The custom ended when Henry VIII broke away from Rome, and nowadays we have harvest festivals at the end of the season.

At the start of the harvest, communities would appoint a strong and respected man of the village as their 'Lord of the Harvest'. He would be responsible for negotiating the harvest wages and organising the fieldworkers.

The end of the harvest was celebrated with a big meal called a Harvest Supper, eaten on Michaelmas Day. The 'Lord of the Harvest' sat at the head of the table. A goose stuffed with apples was eaten along with a variety of vegetables. Goose Fairs were and still are held in English towns at this time of year.

The tradition of celebrating Harvest Festival in churches as we know it today began in 1843, when the Reverend Robert Hawker invited parishioners to a special thanksgiving service for the harvest at his church at Morwenstow in Cornwall. Victorian hymns such as "We plough the fields and scatter", "Come ye thankful people, come" and "All things bright and beautiful" helped popularise his idea of harvest festival and spread the annual custom of decorating churches with home-grown produce for the Harvest Festival service.

Down the centuries from pre-Christian times harvest has been celebrated. In fact, the Jewish festival of Pentecost is also known as the Feast of Weeks or the Feast of Harvest, celebrating the first fruits. The Jewish people would give a tenth of the harvest to God. This was known as a tithe (Leviticus 27: 30). In this country, farmers used to give a tithe of everything that came from the ground. They would give their crops, wool, or milk, which totalled an agreed amount of their yearly profits. Tithes were often given to help support the local church and its clergy (i.e. church workers). Grain was stored in huge tithe barns, many of which can still be seen today. Although this law no longer exists, many Christians still choose to give a tithe of the money they earn – 10% or more – to help with the work of the church.

26th October - Cedd



St. Cedd was born in the early 620's to a poor family in Northumbria. His parents, Angles by origin, were devout Christians who raised their sons in accordance with the faith. St. Cedd was the oldest of the children, and, after the passing of his father, he assumed the responsibilities of head of the family. His brothers – St. Chad, St. Cynibil and Caelin – also became monks and priests. They all were trained at Lindisfarne under the supervision of St. Aidan.

In 653, Paeda, the young, newly-converted king of Mercia, requested a missionary to be sent to his kingdom. St. Cedd, along with three other monks, was chosen to preach the Gospel to the Mercians. They had great success with crowds listening to their teaching and being baptised.

Cedd was soon recalled from Mercia and sent to the East Saxon kingdom, a more difficult mission. He had to preach to people who had previously been baptised, but had rejected their faith and drove out their bishop. The religious path of the kingdom was uncertain. Some people still remained Christians, others reverted to paganism. Even the royal family was divided. St. Cedd's evangelising helped to restore the true faith, people denounced their idols and churches reopened. The town of Tilbury became the centre of religious activity. As a result St. Cedd was appointed Bishop of the East Saxons.

Bishop Cedd was not afraid to confront powerful people if their actions were unlawful in the God's eyes. Once, he openly reprimanded the king.

St. Cedd liked to visit his native Northumbria and preach there. He founded many churches and monasteries in his homeland. His most notable monastery was built in 658 in the village of Lastingham. He chose the land himself. It was a remote area among high hills. There, he prayed and fasted for forty days in order to purify the site before construction began. He became the first Abbot of Lastingham and carried the duty to the end of his life.

Cedd continued his missionary work and travelled often, also serving as an interpreter and diplomat. His ability to speak languages – Gaelic, Old English, Old Welsh and Latin – was valuable during negotiations. On one of the trips Cedd contracted the plague. He died upon his return to Lastingham. At the news of his death, thirty monks came from London to pay respects to their beloved teacher. They too were taken ill on the way and all but one child, who travelled with them, died. The little boy was saved by the prayers of the Abbot.

St. Cedd was initially buried in an open-air grave, but later his body was moved to the church at the monastery. St. Cedd's second brother, St. Chad, succeeded him as the new Abbot of Lastingham Abbey.

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Collections/other giving	£	76
Investment income	£	1714
Amazon Smile	£	7
TOTAL RECEIPTS	£	6140

Payments

Parish Contribution	£	6042
Salaries	£	717
Utilities and Insurance	£	309
Rectory/Rector's expenses	£	315
Community Centre running costs	£	322
Photocopier copies	£	487
Church running expenses	£	162
TOTAL PAYMENTS	£	8354

Year to date deficit £19,062



Date	Reading, Commemorations & Intentions Calendar for October (Year C)
SAT 1ST	<i>Remigius, bishop, 533. Anthony Ashley Cooper, (Earl of Shaftsbury) All working for social justice.</i>
SUN 2ND	Harvest Festival Joel 2.21-27 1 Timothy 6.6-10 Matthew 6.25-33
MON 3RD	<i>George Bell, Bishop, Ecumenist, Peacemaker, 1958. Police & Armed Forces Chaplains</i>
TUES 4TH	<i>Francis of Assisi, friar, Deacon, 1226 A fair distribution of the earth's resources</i>
WEDS 5TH	<i>The environment</i>
THURS 6TH	<i>William Tyndale, Translator of the Scripture, Reformation Martyr, 1536. Those persecuted for their faith</i>
FRI 7TH	<i>Hospital and Sector Chaplains</i>
SAT 8TH	<i>All persons seeking their vocation</i>
SUN 9TH	Trinity 17 2 Kings 5.1-3, 7-15b 2 Timothy 2.8-15 Luke 17.11-19
MON 10TH	<i>Paulinus, bishop, missionary, 644, Thomas Traherne, Poet, Spiritual Writer. Our Bible Study Groups</i>
TUES 11TH	<i>Ethelburga, Abbess, 675, James, The Deacon, companion of Paulinus, 7th Cent. Religious orders</i>
WEDS 12TH	<i>Wilfrid, bishop, missionary, 709. Elizabeth Fry, prison reformer, 1845. Edith Cavell, nurse, 1915. Archbishop Justin Welby</i>
THURS 13TH	<i>Edward the Confessor, King of England, 1066 Bishop Martin</i>
FRI 14TH	<i>Bishop Ruth</i>
SAT 15TH	<i>Teresa of Avila, teacher of the faith, 1582 Bishop Will</i>

SUN 16TH	Trinity 18 Genesis 32.22-31 2 Timothy 3.14-4.5 Luke 18.1-8
MON 17TH	<i>Ignatius, Bishop, Martyr, 107</i> <i>Bishop Martin</i>
TUES 18TH	<i>Luke the Evangelist</i> <i>All medical professionals</i>
WEDS 19TH	<i>Henry Martin, translator, missionary, 1812</i> <i>All missionaries</i>
THURS 20TH	<i>Our friends at St George's</i>
FRI 21ST	<i>The Foodbank</i>
SAT 22ND	<i>All refugees</i>
SUN 23RD	Bible Sunday Isaiah 45.22-25 Romans 15.1-6 Luke 4.16-24
MON 24TH	<i>Our Curate Jan & his family</i>
TUES 25TH	<i>Crispin & Crispinian Martyrs, 287</i> <i>Local businesses</i>
WEDS 26TH	<i>Alfred, king, scholar, 899, Cedd, abbot, bishop, 664</i> <i>All leaders and people in positions of responsibility</i>
THURS 27TH	<i>Our King and the Royal Family</i>
FRI 28TH	<i>Simon and Jude Apostles,</i> <i>Those preparing for marriage and newly weds</i>
SAT 29TH	<i>James Hannington, bishop, martyr, 1885</i> <i>All missionaries</i>
SUN 30TH	All Saints (Transferred from 1st November) Daniel 7.1-3, 15-18 Ephesians 1.11-23 Luke 6.20-31
MON 31ST	<i>Martin Luther, Reformer, 1546</i> <i>Our understanding of the Gospel</i>

And finally.....

Loving, Creator God,

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

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

In Jesus name,
Amen

By Daphne Kitching

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