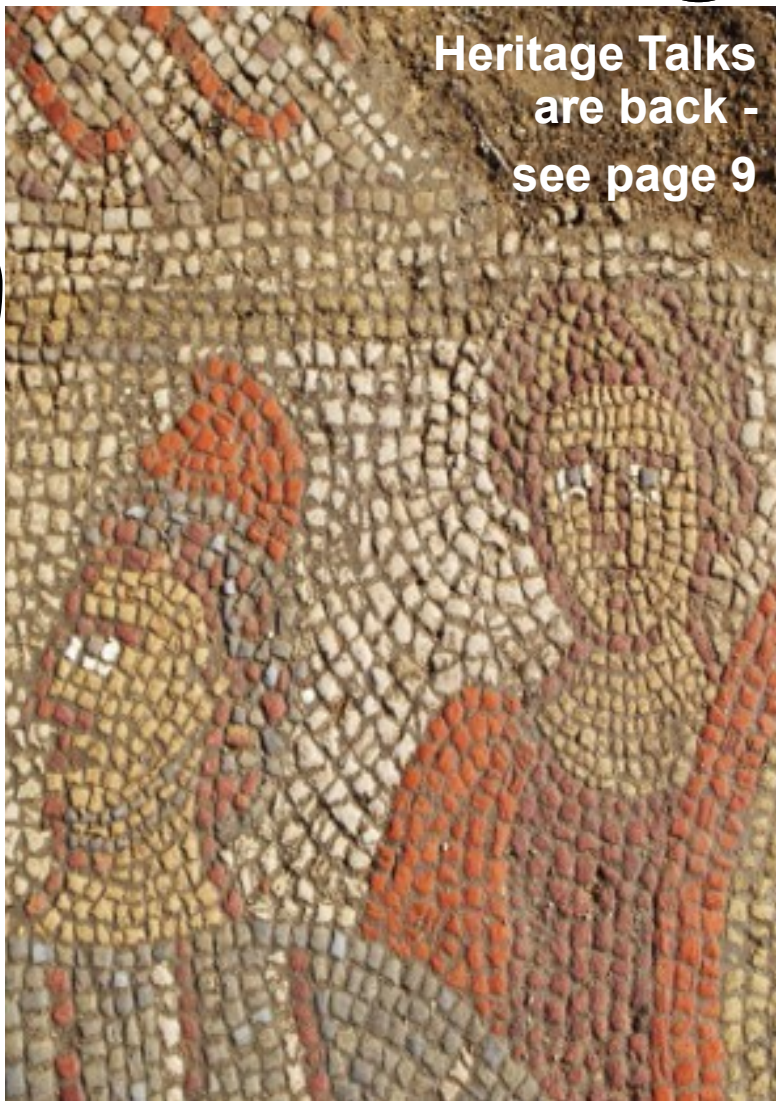


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Heritage Talks  
are back -  
see page 9



St Helen's Church

Ashby-de-la-Zouch



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## Editor Writes ...

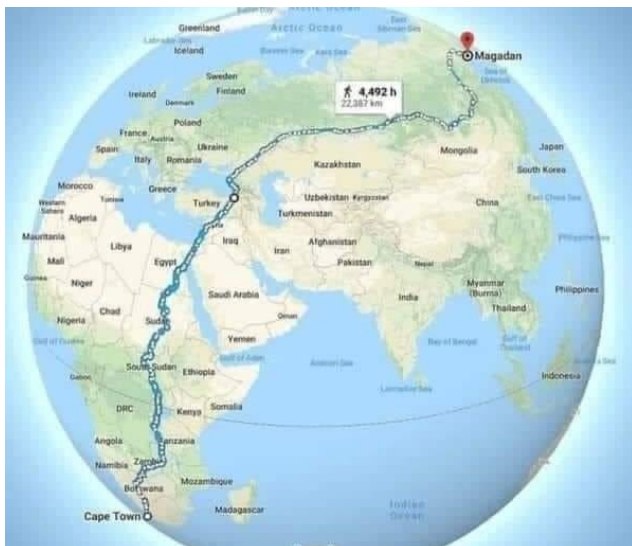
Did you know that the longest road in the world to walk is from Cape Town (South Africa) to Magadan (Russia)?



The journey doesn't even require planes or boats because there are bridges. So it's no good for the Nebraska man who paddled 38 miles in a hollowed out pumpkin recently, in order to break a pumpkin-paddling record. I wonder if he grew his own pumpkin? Elizabeth Smith is looking for innovative ideas for your home produce on page 7, although making boats might not be quite what she has in mind for the Harvest Tea.

When Mr C and I were in Beverley in the summer we had quite a walk from our campsite into the town. And it was hot. So we cheated and took taxis. The Cape Town to Magadan road is 22.387 miles and it would 187 days walking nonstop, day and night, or 561 days walking 8 hours a day. I feel like perhaps we gave up a bit too easily on our daily 40 minute walk. Andrew has more to tell about our holidays over the page.

Along the route of the world's longest walk you pass through 17 countries. I wonder if any of them send products to the town's fair trade shop, fair2all? Read about some countries that do, and what such trade means to the small businesses involved, on page 15.



It also passes through six time zones and all seasons of the year. We're moving into the next season with Alan Cross's gardening tips on page 24.

At the Lambeth Conference in August Justin Welby committed the Anglican Communion to 'walking together' despite disagreements. The conference was often in the news, and the walking quote is one of several from the event which appear in Quotes of the Month on page 36.

*Jill Chapman*

# Andrew Chapman Writes ...

I get to write a letter at the front of the magazine this month because I am part of the Ministry and Mission Team.

During August we visited Beverley Minster – a grand gothic edifice in East Yorkshire, and also attended the Greenbelt Festival in the grounds of the 16<sup>th</sup> century Boughton House, near Kettering, Northamptonshire. Two very contrasting venues and experiences!

At Beverley, a certain Mr Andy Smith, Chapman Junior and myself provided 3/5 of the tenor section of The Liturgy Singers – a choir which meets annually and has sung at Ely & Bristol Cathedrals as well as Beverley Minster over the last 10 years. (Many of the singers have known each other for 30+ years). Mrs C & Mrs S, and a few other groupies were also around!

At Greenbelt, a pair of Lewises, an Elizabeth Smith and two Chap people met up with other friends and relatives, plus several thousand extras!

At Beverley most of the choir were in hotel, B&B or Airbnb accommodation. At Greenbelt it was camping or caravanning (or, in our case, campervanning).

At BCP Evensong the music was Byrd, Haydn, Howells, Purcell, Stanford, Sumsion, Vaughan Williams and more, with Anglican pointed & chanted psalms, formal black and white dress, organ accompaniment; whilst at Greenbelt, the band led the massed singing of both traditional hymns and more contemporary worship songs; there was no formal dress!!

The Liturgy Singers visited Hull Minster, sang Evensong and after, in the wonderful expansive space of the nave, spontaneously sang (without music)





Bruckner's 'Locus Iste'. Near the 'Blue Nun Bar' at Greenbelt, we enthusiastically joined in the Beer and Hymns session – 'Lord of the Dance' will never be the same again.

At one venue, the singers rehearsed 53 hours a day, whilst their groupies mooched around the shops, exhibitions, galleries and gardens; at the other you could be entertained by comedians, musicians, and poets, engage in arty stuff, listen to and participate in political, religious and humanist discussions, or just take 'time-out'.

At Beverley there was space to pray for our troubled world, and time to be immersed in the beauty of the minster, whilst absorbing inspirational and uplifting music.

At Greenbelt, climate change and caring for our world was a very strong theme - I suspect more on this subject will feature at St Helen's too over the coming weeks, months and years. And there was space to pray for our troubled world.

I find that both Beverley and Greenbelt are a significant part of my spiritual needs, (and the campervan a valued form of accommodation!)



**Andrew Chapman**



Photo by Mary Gregory

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# Harvest Tea

It's our harvest festival on October 2<sup>nd</sup> at our All Age service at 3.30.  
Afterwards we will share a **Harvest tea**

We would love it to be a harvest of people as well so please invite people to come with you .

**The important thing is to come to the service and enjoy some tea afterwards .....**

## **BUT**

There are a number of things you can do to help make this a fruitful tea.

If you could kindly look at the list below and think if you can help in baking or providing etc that would be much appreciated.

Some suggestions:

1. Grow some cress for our egg and cress sandwiches
2. Supply the free range eggs
3. What have you grown? Beetroot or courgettes or apples or ...?  
What could be made from your garden harvest?
4. Bake cakes or biscuits ... and maybe bread?
5. Provide some flowers from your garden for the tables

All ideas are welcome.

Let me know what you would like to do to make this a happy and joyous time. I'm looking forward to hearing from you.

**Liz Smith**





**The  
What's  
On  
Notice board**

***Friends - Fellowship - Faith***

You are warmly invited to the home of Jenny Hedges to this new group.

When: 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of every month.  
Time: 2.30-4.00pm

This informal group will be a time to meet, share and encourage one another in our faith.

For more information please contact Jenny (01530) 417628 or Liz 07941935887.

The first meeting is Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> September.

*All are welcome .*

**THE MONDAY GROUP IS BACK!**

The Monday group is back!! We are happy to welcome back old friends and hopefully some new ones as well. We are trialling a fortnightly meeting starting on Monday 3 September. We chat, study the Bible, discuss world events and have regular meals out. If you would like to hear more, phone me on 07706 146440 and I'll be happy to tell you more. See you soon!!

Steph Whiten

**A small group will gather in the Autumn to reflect on Asylum Seekers, Refugees and Migrants in the light of Holy Scripture. If you are interested in this one-off group, please contact Revd. Margaret.  
[margaret@ajacques.plus.com](mailto:margaret@ajacques.plus.com)**





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## HERITAGE TALKS 2022 –23

Peter Liddle MBE

Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30pm

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# Hymns & Pimms

25<sup>th</sup> September at 5pm

We will gather in the churchyard to sing  
nominated favourite hymns ...

... followed by Pimms in the Community  
Heritage Centre garden

*Everyone Welcome!*



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## 'Hey Diddle Diddle'

### The origins and meanings of nursery rhymes

Passed down through the generations, from parents to children, nursery rhymes have been part of our childhoods.

Many are veiled commentaries on political events and people in power, using subtle references and clever word play. Some nursery rhymes have it all.



Our guest speaker on the topic in September is an example of the wide range of talks and presentations – often illustrated with pictures or music, that we offer at our monthly meetings – in addition to the meetings of our 20+ interest groups in between.

Come along to the Congregational Church, Kilwardby Street, LE65 2FQ on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> of September. [Look out for the advertising board on the pavement outside]. It will start at 2.00 pm and tea, coffee and biscuits will be available.

It does not matter if you are not yet a member of Ashby U3A - come along as our guest for a 'taster' visit.

For more information go to [ashbyu3a.co.uk](http://ashbyu3a.co.uk) or phone 01283 760348.

**Peter Clement**

## Fix You

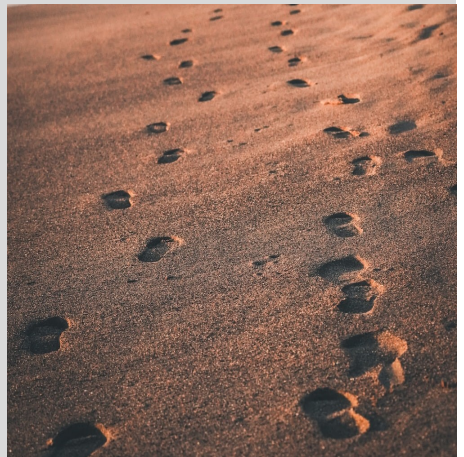
**W**hen someone is broken, don't try to fix them. (You can't.)

When someone is hurting, don't attempt to take away their pain. (You can't.)

Instead, love them by walking beside them in the hurt. (You can.)

Because sometimes what people need is simply to know they aren't alone.

~ Jenny Albers, as quoted in 'Our Daily Bread'



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# Hymn Alignment Chart

**D**ungeons & Dragons is a fantasy tabletop role-playing game first published in 1974. Its influence has been huge, and it is generally recognized as the beginning of modern role-playing games and the role-playing computer game industry.

When you create a character in D&D, you decide where to put that character on a moral axis. Are they good, evil, or morally neutral? Simple enough. But then you have to decide where the character fits on a law-abiding axis. Do they always obey the law? Are they neutral about the law? Or are they chaotic — do they believe laws are meant to be broken?

Characters and creatures could be lawful and evil at the same time (such as a tyrant), or chaotic but good (such as Robin Hood).

Just for fun, here is the alignment system applied to hymn singing:

lawful good	neutral good	chaotic good
singing in unison and harmony as directed and only breathing at the commas	singing the tune all the way through	singing your part even when it is meant to be unison
lawful neutral	true neutral	chaotic neutral
singing the tune all the way through and breathing at the end of each line	singing your part and breathing at the end of each line	singing your part but breathing wherever you like
lawful evil	neutral evil	chaotic evil
singing in unison and harmony as directed but singing a different part for each verse	singing the wrong part all the way through	adding English cadences, unauthorised alternative passing notes, and descants at every possible moment

# Foodbank

It is not uncommon for foodbanks to struggle towards Christmas-time, when demand rises. However, this year many collection points nationwide are finding they are already busier than ever, with the number of people seeking emergency help having grown dramatically. And so August saw some of the country's foodbanks, for whom stock levels were starting to run low months earlier than normal, warning they may need to turn people away or shrink the size of emergency rations. This comes as the cost of living crisis deepens, with warnings of inflation in coming months rising to 18 per cent, and of spiralling fuel bills.

If you are able to donate, this is what our local foodbank has asked for.

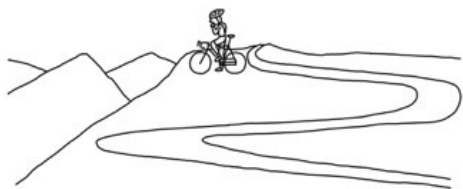


## September Shopping List

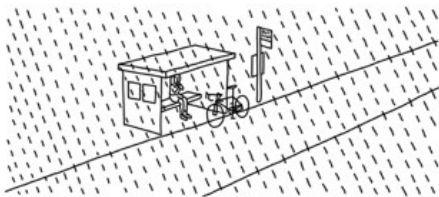
- Tinned carrots, or sweetcorn
- Instant mash
- Jam
- Tinned hot meat such as chicken in white sauce, beef stew or meatballs
- Chocolate treats such as penguins or clubs
- Longlife sponge puddings
- Instant coffee
- Squash
- Deodorant preferably neutral
- Toothpaste
- Dry cat food

## WHERE TO EAT YOUR GEOS

WHEN YOU ARE OUT ON YOUR BIKE



AT THE TOP OF A BIG HILL  
YOU'VE JUST CONQUERED



SHELTERING FROM THE  
RAIN AT A BUS STOP



WHILE YOU REPLACE YOUR  
PUNCTURED INNER TUBE



TO GET YOU THOSE  
FINAL FEW MILES HOME

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The wonderful brass wind chimes, for example, which are handmade on a Fair Trade basis in Northern India by a family based business that provides valued full time employment to 19 people and over 60 artisans on a piecework self-employed basis. Good benefits include fair pay, sick pay and regular hours. The business supports fee-free schools for poorer families.



Or the bamboo for the popular favourite, bamboo socks - it is processed into yarn in Rajasthan, India then transported and made into socks in Perundhurai, Tamil Nadu. The factory employs 17 workers, 6 men and 11 women, with both sexes in positions of management. They earn about 48% above the minimum wage, following clear fair trade principles in their production, with no child labour, and the staff included in decision making processes.

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# Joseph Hood

I am sure that everyone living in Ashby today will be familiar with Hood Park, although perhaps fewer will be aware that the building at the top of South Street, next to the St Helen's churchyard, is called the Hood Building. So where does this name come from? Who does it commemorate?

Joseph Hood was born in Ashby de la Zouch on March 31<sup>st</sup> 1863. He came from humble origins. His father was a wheelwright and his mother, Eliza, was a "fancy knitter". They lived on The Green in Ashby. In 1869 Joseph's father died, and although Eliza continued to live on The Green with some of her children, Joseph went to board with William and Mary Adcock at Albert Place, the cottages at the bottom of Burton Road. William was a railway worker and his sister Mary was a dressmaker. Joseph attended the Blue Coat School in Lower Church Street, and in 1871 gained a place at Ashby Grammar School. From there he went to work for the solicitors Smith & Mammatt in Lower Church Street. He later became an articled clerk and qualified as a solicitor in 1890.

He then left Ashby and went to practice in Liverpool until 1903. In 1902 he was involved in the formation of the British-American Tobacco Company Limited. He became its solicitor and later its deputy chairman.

He left Liverpool in 1906 and moved to Surrey where, in 1918, he was elected Unionist MP for Wimbledon, a seat which he held until 1924.

His various business interests resulted in him becoming a wealthy man, and he used his wealth for the benefit of his constituency. Among his gifts to Wimbledon was that of 21 acres of land at Raynes Park adjoining Cannon Hill Common. This area he fully equipped as a recreation ground (Joseph Hood Recreation Ground) at a cost of £11,000 and handed it over to Merton and Morden Council. He also had laid out, at a cost of £2,500 an area of 51/2 acres of vacant land at Garfield Road, South Wimbledon, as a recreation ground, and in many other ways that district found him a liberal benefactor.

Although he never came back to live in Ashby after leaving for Liverpool, he did not forget his home town. He revisited



*Photo by J. Swirell and Sons, Wimbledon.*

The Late Sir Joseph Hood, Baronet, J.P.





the Grammar School on Speech Day in 1921 and gave out the prizes. At that time, the building at the top of South Street, which had once housed the English School (part of the Boys' Grammar School) had fallen into decay. Joseph gave the building to the school governors, which is how it came to bear his name as The Hood Building to this day.

In 1926, he presented the town with Western Park (between Avenue Road and Packington Nook Lane) and what was then known as Queens Meadow. The latter became known as Hood Park as a result. All of this cost him several thousand pounds. He went on to provide a pavilion on Hood Park and officiated at its opening in 1927.

By way of thanks, Ashby Town Council presented a silver tray to Joseph's daughter, Winifred, on the occasion of her wedding, and the chairman of the Urban District Council presented her with a wooden tray made from the oak from the old staircase in the Hood Building.

He was married twice, firstly in 1900, to Katherine Kenny of Ballindaggin, County Wexford, with whom he had three daughters. Katherine died in 1913 and he then married Marie Josephine Robinson with whom he had two sons.

In recognition of his various services, he was made a Baronet in 1922 and he and Lady Hood were given the Freedom of the Borough of Wimbledon in 1924. He died in January 1931 after a short illness.

**Wendy Freer**

Reading from  
the Bible:  
Leviticus  
23 verse 22

# HARVEST

My name is: \_\_\_\_\_

## FRUIT & VEG

Things  
that grow  
in my  
garden



choose  
☺ ☹ ☹  
& draw it in  
the circle  
in each  
box



TOP FOODS

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
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4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_

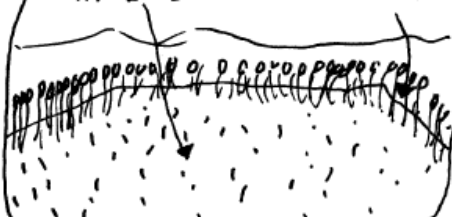
Things that are "harvested"  
or made in the area where  
I live:

Things to be  
thankful for:

Number  
of tins  
of baked  
beans at  
this year's  
Harvest  
Service:

HARVESTED

LEFT



"When you reap the harvest do not  
reap to the very edges of your field  
or gather the gleanings of your  
harvest. Leave them for the poor &  
the alien..."



People would look at me  
strangely if I brought one  
of these to the Harvest Service

But  
what  
sort of  
alien does  
the Bible  
verse mean?

Alien

Thought: Do you  
know where your food  
comes from? Look at  
the labels.

Thought 2: Is it a  
good idea to transport  
food around the  
world?

Thought 3: How can  
we make sure people  
who grow our food  
get paid fairly?

This verse is  
Leviticus 23  
verse 22

God is giving  
instructions  
to Moses  
& the  
Israelites

What are  
"gleanings"?

Why were  
they to  
leave them?

Can you think  
of ways we  
could do the  
same kind of  
thing today?

# Messy Church

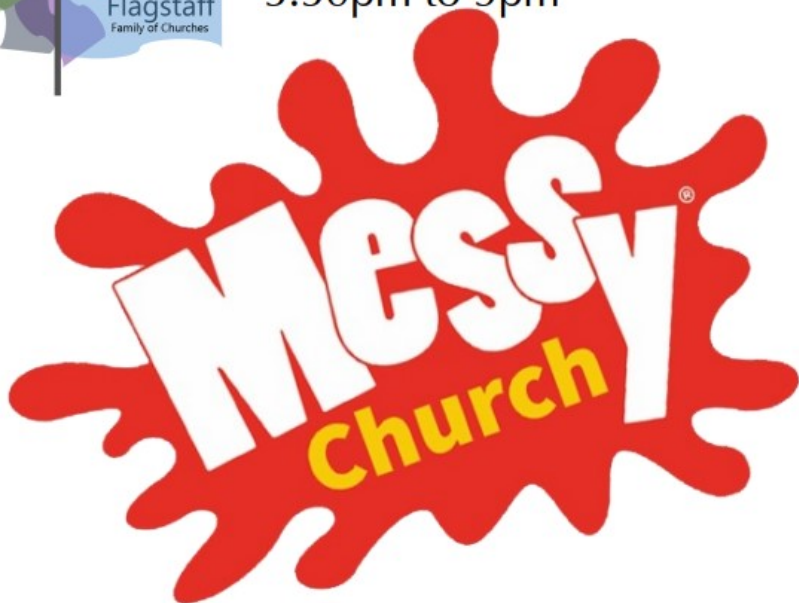
Members of our Messy Church Family went for gold at their summer picnic, in both the flip flop and the tea-bag challenges (Don't ask!). World records were also smashed in the freestyle 100metres Domino Race - and world-beating levels of creativity were evident in the Genga event.

Messy Church next meets on 25<sup>th</sup> September.



4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of each month

3.30pm to 5pm



# Our Worship on Sundays in September

Week	8.30am	10.30am	pm
<b>1</b> 4 <sup>th</sup> Sept	<b>St Helen's</b> Holy Communion <b>Staunton</b> Holy Communion		<b>3.30pm</b> <b>St Helen's</b> All Age <b>6.00pm</b> <b>St Helen's *</b> Evensong <b>Isley Walton</b> Holy Communion
<b>2</b> 11 <sup>th</sup> Sept		<b>St Helen's *</b> Holy Communion	<b>12.30pm</b> <b>St Helen's</b> Baptisms
<b>3</b> 18 <sup>th</sup> Sept	<b>Staunton</b> Morning Prayer	<b>St Helen's *</b> Morning Prayer— Word & Worship <b>Breedon</b> Holy Communion	
<b>4</b> 25 <sup>th</sup> Sept		<b>St Helen's *</b> Holy Communion	<b>3.30pm</b> <b>Coleorton</b> Messy Church



\* - denotes services at St Helen's which are streamed live to Facebook, on the Flagstaff Family of Churches Facebook page, and later on the website - [www.sthelensashby.net](http://www.sthelensashby.net)

## Other Regular Services:

- **Wednesdays - Holy Communion - 10.30am**
  - First Wednesday of the month - Holy Communion - in church
  - Second Wednesday of the month - Holy Communion - at Prior Park Community Centre
  - Third Wednesday of the month - Service of the Word - in church
- **Saturdays - Parish Prayers - 9.30am** in church (Hastings chapel or, if weather is fine, the Community Heritage Centre garden)



## Regular activities:

Monday mornings, term time

First Tuesday of the month

Third Tuesday of the month

Third Tuesday of the month

Fourth Tuesday of the month  
(October to March only)

First Wednesday of the month

Thursdays

– Little Fishes

– MU meeting 7pm - 9.30pm

– MU branch meeting 10am - 12.30pm

– PCC meeting 7 - 9.30pm

– Heritage lectures 7pm - 9.30pm

– 'We're In Stitches' Knit & natter 2 - 4pm

– Choir practice 6.30-8.30

## From the Albums



Over the summer Oliver was baptised—we welcome him and his lovely family to our church family.





**JP SPRINGTHORPE & C<sup>o</sup>**

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# A Non-traditional Blessing

attributed to Sister Ruth Fox, OSB

May God bless you with **discontent** with easy answers, half-truths, superficial relationships, so that you will live from deep within your heart.

May God bless you with **anger** at injustice, oppression, abuse, and exploitation of people, so that you will work for justice, equality, and peace.

May God bless you with **tears** to shed for those who suffer from pain, rejection, starvation and war, so that you will reach out your hand to comfort them and to change their pain to joy.

May God bless you with the **foolishness** to think you can make a difference in this world, so that you will do the things which others tell you cannot be done.

## Recipe of the Month - St. Michael's Waffles or Gaufres

The Feast of St. Michael, also called Michaelmas, is on September 29<sup>th</sup> each year.

St. Michael was one of the most popular saints in medieval Europe, and was venerated as patron of knights and warriors. In England, castles and manor houses celebrated his day with lavish hospitality. Roast goose with sage and onion stuffing was always featured on the menu.

Serving St Michael's gaufres (waffles) on this day is the tradition in France, where the paper-thin sweet wafers used to be baked by street vendors, who set up their stands near to cathedrals to lure worshipers coming from Mass to be their customers.

### Ingredients

- 2 eggs
- 1 egg yolk
- 2/3 cup sugar
- 1-1/3 cups flour
- 3/4-1 cup milk
- 4 Tablespoons melted butter
- 1/2 teaspoon vanilla

### Method

Blend eggs and sugar. Add flour and milk alternately. Beat hard. Add butter and vanilla.

Butter both sides of the waffle iron.

Ladle a portion of the batter onto the hot iron, and cook until golden and crispy.

Serve hot or cold.

## September Gardening Tips

**I**n the past, September has usually been cooler and windier than August. We certainly hope so! Also, the days are becoming noticeably shorter.

Hopefully, you will be gathering the fruits (and vegetables) of your labour whilst getting out to start planting Spring-flowering bulbs for next year. Bulbs make a lovely Spring display when planted in containers or in borders, especially snowdrops, daffodils and tulips. Aim to plant at least 5 together, 1 bulb apart for an impressive display. Lift spent Gladioli bulbs / corms and dry them off. Once dry, you can store them in a frost-free shed or garage over winter.

There are lots of other jobs to do in the garden this month. If you have a pond, then it is best to spread a net over it in order to reduce the amount of Autumn debris (mainly dead leaves) entering the water.

Clean out the greenhouse, plant nursery and cold-frames ahead of Autumn sowing and growing. Continue watering on hot days (ideally with a watering can).

In the flower garden, continue to dead-head and feed annual hanging-baskets and containers as they will go on until the first frosts.

Lavender has stopped flowering by now but the spent flowers remain on the plant. Prune the flowers and stems to keep it in a compact shape for next year. Do not cut into the woody stems as they will not regenerate again.

This is the last chance to prune Wisteria. Pruning Wisteria twice a year encourages flowering.

Many perennials look tired and have





brown leaves. When the frost strikes, some of them will just collapse into a brown mess. However, some remain in good shape. Sedum looks good as it fades but plants such as Hostas look a disaster. There are no strict rules about what to do with herbaceous and perennial plants once summer has gone. We prefer to significantly cut back, not least because we find all the summer weeds sheltering under the plants. We mulch ready for the following year after getting the borders weed free.

Late Summer/early Autumn is an ideal time to collect seeds for use next year. They must be kept dry so the addition of a few rice grains, or small packs of silica gel will help.

Also, the risk of frost is getting closer and it may be worthwhile storing outside-tender plants in a frost-free place such as a conservatory or sunny porch. If placing them in an unheated greenhouse, then cover them with fleece as well as raising the plant pots off the ground so air can circulate and reduce the chance of grey mould forming.

Most of us are waiting for the lawn to come back to life after the hot weather. Don't panic as lawns are very drought resistant and will recover. However, reduce the frequency of mowing but use a lawn rake regularly to keep the fallen leaves off of the surface.

Finally, the vegetable garden is still active. You can plant late season seed potatoes this month for a harvest of new potatoes for Christmas. You can plant onion sets to over-winter and pot up plants of Basil, Coriander, Dill and Parsley to grow them on the kitchen/porch window sill for a supply of herbs during winter. Keep picking Courgettes and Beans whilst young, fresh and tender.

We hope that rain will continue to fall, preferably during the night and so leaving the shortening days free to garden - WE WISH!

**Alan Cross**



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# Daily Bread

By Malcolm Guite

**G**ive us this day our daily bread we pray,  
As though it came straight from the hand of God,  
As though we held an empty plate each day,  
And found it filled, by miracle, with food,  
Although we know the ones who plough and sow,  
Who pick and plant and package whilst we sleep  
With slow backbreaking labour, row by row,  
And send away to others all they reap,

We know that these unseen who meet our needs  
Are all themselves the fingers of your hand,  
As are the grain, the rain, the air, the land,  
And, slighting these, we slight the hand that feeds.  
What if we glimpsed you daily in their toil  
And found and thanked and served you through them all?



# Mothers' UNION

## Christian care for families

In August it is our branch holiday break, and so I will give a little information on the founder of Mothers' Union, Mary Sumner. It is appropriate that it's August as 9<sup>th</sup> August is when her life is celebrated by a lot of members and within the Anglican Communion.

Mary Sumner was fortunate that her family were wealthy & therefore she had a good education, she spoke 3 languages and was an accomplished singer. However, what she valued most about her family home was it's Christian atmosphere.

Mary married George Sumner, the youngest son of the Bishop of Winchester, and she supported her husband's ministry in the parish of Old Alresford near Winchester, providing music and teaching Bible classes.



Mary had felt a new organisation was needed in the parish and it was when her daughter had a baby, that her thoughts went to how inadequate she herself felt as a new Mum, and the responsibility that motherhood involved. Mary felt that not only did mothers need to provide for the physical needs, she felt that the children should be raised in the love of God.

Mary started to hold meetings for all the mothers in her community, whatever their class in society. Mary included bible readings and during the meeting she introduced a period of prayer, and gave them a prayer card she had written.

In 1885 the Bishop of Newcastle, Ernest Wilberforce who felt he had little relevance speaking to 1000 poor and anxious women at Portsmouth Church Congress, asked Mary to speak. Initially, she resisted as women did not address public meetings, but she did agree and spoke of low moral standards in the country. Asked what could be done to improve the national character, Mary answered the power lay in the hands of mothers.



- If women United in prayer & committed themselves to a Christian life the nation could be transformed. The meeting responded to her passion and conviction with a standing ovation.
- With this wave of public enthusiasm the Bishop of Winchester decided to make the Mothers' Union a diocesan organisation. This decision was destined to change the lives of many far beyond the boundaries of Winchester.
- Mary died aged 92. She is buried with her husband in the grounds of Winchester Cathedral. Mary's vision lives on today with 4 million members across the world. It is open to men, women, single women, grandmothers, and now you do not have to be a mother to join.
- Please come and visit us, our meetings are held as follows: The morning group meet at 10.30 in the Heritage Centre on third Tuesday each month. The evening group meets in the Heritage Centre at 7.30pm on the first Tuesday of the month.

**Adrienne Sedgman**

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## **Where does all the money go?**

**I**t's a funny thing being paid to do something you love, especially when you have to consider can you keep doing it, as the money is running out at AYFC.

Would you pray for our financial supporters, us and our trustees, "...The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God" (Phil 4:5-7)

In Him,  
**Katie**

## **Scorchio**

It has been warm and sunny. Very. We have been hill walking, rock climbing and mountain biking. Those taking part seemed to have a good time.

'Kids had an amazing day climbing yesterday. Special thanks to the taxi

drivers and organisers and sweet / ice lollies givers and Vernon. They loved it and spent today recovering so left me alone again ' A Parent

'A has come home each day from the walk, climb and mountain biking today so happy. He really enjoyed it - learnt from one or two struggles, loved the walk (and seeing his favourite animal - a Peregrine Falcon) and had a real sense of accomplishment today from the mountain bike riding. Thanks for organising everything, Helen. A is very grateful!' A Nother Parent

These days out were valuable socially. At the beginning of the week some of the young people had never met. By the end of the week they were getting on like friends. It has provided emotional development opportunities: By the end of the week there had been significant developments in the way our adventurers handled anxiety. Gone was the blame slinging, woe hugging and complaining; instead people were taking knocks without complaint and patiently bearing with those who were struggling. Delightful. There was also an increased interest in theological reflection. Or maybe they had become too tired to object.

Thanks to all the grown right ups who have supported us in getting to the point where we can provide these sorts of experiences. Thanks to the volunteers who made these days possible by joining us. Thanks especially to Iona and Harrison who cycled over with essential tools in the blistering heat so we could make repairs and continue our cycling adventure.

We would like to extend our range and adventure further afield. We have already been offered very affordable accommodation in some beautiful locations. We have also been given funding to buy more equipment. Please thank God for all this. Vernon thinks he would like one of these...



...with full driverless pack so he can sleep whilst driving young people to exciting locations to do fun things. Or just a vehicle large enough to transport kiddies and kit. If you think this is a good idea please pray God will open the way so he can find one.

## **Sk8ers**

Earlier in the year, when AYFC attended a fair during mental health week at Ivanhoe school, in just 3 or so hours of work, we spoke to most of the year 7 & 8's at Ivanhoe and as a result Sk8ers became so busy, we had to close the doors to young people! Could you give a few hours? Maybe to raise money for us, help on a stand, talk to your church or friends and family about our work, or even come along and support young people at one of our groups?

Would you pray for more volunteers to come forward: "...the Lord is near...by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God." (Phil4:5-6)

In Him,  
**Katie**

## **Football**

A while ago I was talking to a former army artillery officer. Her role had been to organise and direct the fall of fire that would demoralise and destroy the enemy ahead of an advance by her comrades. She received fire control orders either from her commanders, who had a big picture of the battlefield, and / or from advanced soldiers engaged in combat. How do we compare? I certainly wouldn't fancy leading our football session without the knowledge that you are behind me weakening the enemy with salvos of inspired and effective prayers. I don't think I would still be here without them. I see my responsibility as being something like my friend's - to ensure you have information about the enemy and his movements so you can direct your prayers to greatest effect. But I'm also aware of my need as a gunner for your direction. My friend had field observers and electronic intelligence to refine her fire control orders. I very much appreciate your front line feedback - insights given to you as you pray - that help me pray, speak and focus my efforts during our sessions. Thank you for your words of correction, rebuke and encouragement.

Some sessions over the summer were less well attended due to holidays. Some were most certainly hit by August lassitude. One week a heat-wearied player asked, 'Can we play walking football?'

On the touch line there is a regular group of half a dozen girls, and younger

relatives of players, some just visiting Ashby during the school holiday. It has become a warm community with never a dull moment - one week saw a very consensual water fight.

We spoke about Jesus the man of temper and my disappointment that getting old hasn't brought natural serenity and composure. I then speculated that a smith's method of tempering blades - repeatedly heating and then cooling them - to increase their elasticity and toughness might be similar to the method God invites us to enjoy: He allows us to be heated and then offers us reassurance. If we trust him we know peace. And then he allows us to be heated up again... This way we allow him to develop our temper.

Please pray that these young people, regularly heated, would respond to the offer of God's peace. Pray they would grow in trust in him and so know peace and increased temper.

Administration of bookings of the Ivanhoe school astroturf pitch on which we play is changing hands in September. Being even less skilled at IT and administration than I am at football I find myself in a challenging spot. The new booking system for the football pitch we use is designed to be easier for everyone to use and to provide a seamless transition for existing users of the pitch. So far I have failed to renew our bookings. There are quite a few changes - to prices, to the way payments are made, to the user-administrator interface... so even if I do work out how to use the booking system I'll need to OK it and coordinate payment with our trustees before we can renew our booking. Please pray that the God for whom nothing is too difficult will help this man for whom almost anything is.

A lot of pitch users make annual bookings in September. Please pray that our bookings would be honoured and that we would be able to continue serving these young men through football.

I'm not sure what the school taking over bookings and payments will mean in terms of unlocking of gates, lost property, turning on floodlights, price of bookings... Please pray; specifically that these sessions will be recognised by the school as valuable. Pray they will enjoy supporting them and that the young people attending, many of whom do not have a happy relationship with education (and vice versa), will recognise the concern that the school has for them regardless of current or past tensions. Pray above all that these young people will be amazed by God's great concern for them through the transition.

Thanks  
**Vernon**



## Praying for the Dawn

**W**hat does a ministry of healing mean to you? For the Iona Community it is 'a ministry in which justice is as important as medicine, reverence for the earth is as vital as respect for the individual person and the health of the body politic matters as much as the health of the body personal.'

The ministry of healing plays a vital and central part in the life of the Iona Community, and every Tuesday the evening worship at Iona Abbey focuses on a Service of Prayers for Healing, including the laying on of hands, at which prayers are offered for people or situations requested.

The prayer below is taken from the book and e-book, *Praying for the Dawn*, a resource book for the ministry of healing, produced for the Iona Community by Ruth Burgess & Kathy Galloway. They believe, 'the healing of divisions and splits in our own lives, of broken bodies, painful memories, divided communities and nations, the healing of the earth itself and of our relationship with it, are all part of the integrity to which God calls us. The are all part of the ministry of healing.'

God of the guiding star, the bush that blazes

SHOW US YOUR WAY

God of the stormy seas, the bread that nourishes

TEACH US YOUR TRUTH

God of the still, small voice, the wind

that blows where it chooses

FILL US WITH LIFE

God of the elements, of our inward and outward journeys

SET OUR FEET ON YOUR ROAD TODAY

MAY GOD BLESS US WITH A SAFE JOURNEY

MAY THE ANGELS AND SAINTS TRAVEL WITH US

MAY WE LIVE THIS DAY IN JUSTICE AND JOY

AMEN

## Pop Lyrics Ordination Exam – second paper

"Don't go wasting your emotion Lay all your love on me Don't go sharing your devotion Lay all your love on me." Explain the place of national apostasy in the First Temple period of Israel's history.

"Jump up and down and move it all around Take one step left and one step right One to the front and one to the side Clap your hands once and clap your hands twice And if it looks like this then you're doing it right." Discuss the structures of "spontaneity" in charismatic worship.

"Sympathy for the Devil." Yes, or No? Why?

"Don't fear the Reaper" Discuss, using Jesus' teaching, why death may not be as inevitable as taxes. (20 marks)

"Like a bird on a wire, like a drum in a midnight choir..." Is there a place for a drum in a midnight choir?

"When I find myself in times of trouble, mother Mary comes to me." Discuss the presence of the Saints in the spiritual life ....

"Come on Barbie let's go party." How does this relate to Fresh expressions?

"Father forgive me, I tried not to do it; turned over a new leaf then tore right through it." How efficacious is penance, and how regularly should one make confession and seek absolution?

"Imagine there's no heaven..."

"9 to 5." How are we saved? Answer with reference to Romans 3.28 and James 2.17.

"Never gonna give you up, never gonna let you down, never gonna run around and desert you." Was Jesus personally excluded from God's covenantal promises to the Israelites?

"What if God was one of us? Just a slob like one of us Just a stranger on the bus, Tryin' to make his way home?" Explain the patristic arguments for whether or not this articulates an unorthodox view of the incarnation.

"Every move you make And every vow you break Every smile you fake Every claim you stake I'll be watching you" Does charismatic theology project an image of a loving God?

"Like a virgin, touched for the very first time" Discuss the use of the imposition of hands in the Ordinal.

"Heaven is a place on Earth." Discuss with reference to at least three schools of theology.

Christian Ethics "Papa don't preach I'm in trouble deep Papa don't preach, I've been losing sleep But I made up my mind, I'm keeping my baby, hm I'm gonna keep my baby, hm" Discuss the ethical implications of Roe v Wade for Christian women?

"Say your prayers, little one Don't forget, my son To include everyone Tuck you in, warm within Keep you free from sin" Discuss the importance of the introduction of prayer to Early Years Foundation Stages without being sued by Metallica for copyright infringement

"It's the final countdown" Compare and contrast with 1st Thessalonians chapter 4 verses 13-end.

"My Father said, 'Don't you worry, don't you worry, child, because heaven's got a plan for you'." Discuss the pastoral usefulness of at least three different accounts of providence.

"Those who feel the breath of sadness Sit down next to me Those who find they're touched by madness Sit down next to me Those who find themselves ridiculous Sit down next to me In love, in fear, in hate, in tears." Should there be restrictions on access to the Communion Table?

"Ooh, heaven is a place on earth" The Church of England's recent environmental statements: naïve or visionary? Discuss.

"2 become 1" How can we best reject dualism in favour of a more holistic understanding of the body?

"I like big butts and I cannot lie" Discuss the role of the via negativa in the development of Western Theology

"There's no sunshine when she's gone." What part does lament play in the Church's tradition for waiting for Christ's return?

"You could be the one who listens To my deepest inquisitions." Discuss the place of priestly anonymity in the ministry of confession.

"I get knocked down But I get up again You're never gonna keep me down I get knocked down But I get up again." Give three scriptural examples (at least 1NT) of resilience.

"Clowns to the left of me, jokers to the right, here I am stuck in the middle with you" Discuss the development of Protestant sects in the aftermath of the Diet of Worms

"All along the Watchtower" Can the Church develop ecumenical relations with the Jehovah's Witnesses?

"If you see me walking down the street Walk on by, walk on by, Make believe That you don't see the tears" To what extent does this excuse the behaviour of the Priest and the Levite?



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## Quotes for the Month

'I never thought my first experience of Zumba would be at the Lambeth Conference.'  
*Philip North, Bishop of Burnley, Twitter, July 28<sup>th</sup>*

"When God put a calling on your life he already factored in your stupidity."  
*Mike Pilavachi, Twitter, August 1<sup>st</sup>*

'You look around and see a world that cannot be made sense of – you either raise your fist or you say, "Hallelujah" – Leonard Cohen  
*Jeffrey Salkin, film review of 'Hallelujah, a Journey, a Song', religionnews.com, August 2<sup>nd</sup>*

'[The bishops] have not arrived lightly at their ideas that traditional teaching needs to change. They are not careless about scripture. They do not reject Christ. But they have come to a different view on sexuality after long prayer, deep study and reflection on understandings of human nature.'

*Archbishop Justin's opening remarks, Lambeth Conference Call on Human Dignity, Aug 2<sup>nd</sup>*

'So, you [the Archbishop of Canterbury] and your other religious pals got together at the Lambeth Conference and the main take away seems to be that gay sex is a sin. It was a sin in 1998 and you just wanted to make clear in 2022 that no one in your finely frocked gang has moved on from that.'

*Sandi Toksvig, open letter to Justin Welby, August 3<sup>rd</sup>*

'Dear @sanditoksvig, Thank you for your letter. I would love to sit down over a coffee to talk with you about it.'

*Archbishop of Canterbury Justin Welby, August 4<sup>th</sup>*

'The Anglican Communion has, witheringly slowly, moved a few steps in an inclusive direction this week.'

*Archbishop Cranmer blog, Sandi Toksvig and Her Caricature Church of England, August 5<sup>th</sup>*

'Reconciliation in human affairs ... is not agreement, it is disagreement in the context of overwhelming and self-giving love: it is disagreeing well ... it's in the Bible I'm afraid.'

*Archbishop Justin Welby's second keynote address at Lambeth Conference, August 5<sup>th</sup>*

'So, yet again, the can has been kicked down the road. For now. Unlike the ordination of women, which was, eventually seen as the working of the Holy Spirit, full inclusion of LGBT+ people is not. In fact, quite the opposite.'

*The Quiet Vicar, Kicking the Can Lambeth 2022, Wordpress.com, August 8<sup>th</sup>*

'Refusing to be defeated, the Archbishop of Canterbury then decided that votes would now be taken by a show of hands: options to be given were "yes", "no", and "Eeyore". I am not making this up.'

*Revd Megan Castellan, <https://redshoesfunnyshirt.com>, August 8<sup>th</sup>*



‘Respect for religion’ has become a code phrase meaning ‘fear of religion.’ Religions, like all other ideas, deserve criticism, satire and, yes, our fearless disrespect.’ – Salman Rushdie  
*Very Revd Michael Sadgrove, Twitter, August 13<sup>th</sup>*

‘I recently missed out on the chance to be dressed in multi-coloured chiffon by Dame Zandra Rhodes.’

*Revd John Wall, Diary, Church Times, August 16<sup>th</sup>*

‘He inherited some good instincts from his Quaker forbears, but by diligent hard work, he overcame them.’

*James Reston about Richard Nixon, Literary Jokes & Puns Facebook page, August 16<sup>th</sup>*

‘The humidipause ... That instant in time between a vicar complaining about the heat, and worrying about the church roof.’

*The Beaker Folk of Husborne Crawley, August 16<sup>th</sup>*

‘Little known fact that the Anglican Communion keeps two Nuclear Submarines staffed by Bishops at sea at all times, in case of any break in apostolic succession.’

*Father Eddie Green, Twitter, August 17<sup>th</sup>*

‘Congregational singing is horizontal, not just vertical’

*Matt Merker, Christian Living, The Gospel Coalition website, August 19<sup>th</sup>*

‘The choice to erect a statue of an “earth goddess” means that as the leaders of the town you are actively, though likely unknowingly, choosing to reject God and instead to bring the town under the spiritual influence of an “earth goddess”’

*Letter from church leaders to St Austell town council, reported in The Guardian, August 19<sup>th</sup>*

‘By the grace of God we “walked in the light” and committed ourselves to listening and walking together to the maximum possible degree, despite our deep disagreements.’

*Archbishop Justin on the Lambeth Conference, Church Times, August 19<sup>th</sup>*

‘Even our most sacred spaces have begun the process of Westfield-isation.’

*Fergus Butler-Gallie, The depressing rise of the cathedral gimmick, The Spectator, August 21<sup>st</sup>*

‘I pray a bit and if I’m feeling very nervous say something like: “Over to you, Lord. I’m not sure I can do this because I’m too much of a scaredy cat.”’

*Comedian Tim Vine asked if he has any preshow rituals, The Guardian, August 22<sup>nd</sup>*

‘Is there anything more complicated than rota writing?’

*Revd Robb Sutherland, Twitter, August 23<sup>rd</sup>*

‘If you want proof of the doctrine of Original Sin, watch the middle classes trying to get their cars out of the crowded car park of a former stately home after watching an open-air drama.’

*Beaker Folk of Husborne Crawley, Facebook, August 25<sup>th</sup>*

‘They never walked alone.’

*Dr Simone Krüger Bridge’s research on Liverpool cathedral’s online music-outreach programme during lockdown, Church Times, August 26<sup>th</sup>*

‘Binary thinking is, sadly, rife in church circles ... Many Christians live in a binary world where there is a simple choice between ‘believing’ the Bible or lapsing into atheism.’

*Revd Stephen Parsons’ blog – Surviving Church, August 26<sup>th</sup>*

‘The tension in churches is between participation and excellence.’

*Musician Brian Eno’s interviewer, Greenbelt, August 27<sup>th</sup>*

‘Is there anybody in the world as apologetic as a Liberal Christian?’

*Comedian Shaparak (Shappi) Korsandi, Greenbelt Festival, August 28<sup>th</sup>*

‘When finally, in the words of a key fob my children gave me, I ‘get called to head office’, I don’t expect to be examined on my understanding of penal substitution, but on whether I truly loved God, and my neighbours as myself. That’s what really matters.’

*Very Revd Dr David Ison, Two Things Which Really Matter, viamedia.news, August 30<sup>th</sup>*

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