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Farnley, Fewston with Blubberhouses, Leathley, Weston with Denton.

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Fewston with Blubberhouses

www.fewstonwithblubberhouses.org.uk

All Saints Church Weston

www.westonchurch.wordpress.com

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Village Church Services November 2022



Please check on www.achurchnearyou.com for up to date information.

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| 6th November | 3rd Before Advent |
| 9.30am Weston | Holy Communion (SH) |
| 9.30am Leathley | Morning Service (JC) |
| 11am Fewston | Holy Communion (CL) |
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| 13th November | Remembrance Sunday |
| 10.45 am Farnley | Remembrance Service (FD) |
| 10.45 am Denton | Remembrance Service (SH) |
| 10.45 am Fewston | Remembrance Service (MC) |
| 10.45 am Leathley | Remembrance Service (TD) |
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| 20th November | 5th Before Advent |
| 9.30am Weston | Morning Prayer (TD) |
| 11am Blubberhouses | Family Service (FS) |
| 9.30 Leathley | Holy Communion (BM) |
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| 27th November | Advent Sunday |
| 11 am Farnley | Holy Communion (SH) |
| 11am Denton | Holy Communion (RW) . |



Services at Norwood Methodist Chapel

November 13th at 2:30pm - Rev. Roger Smith

November 26th at 2:30pm - Rev. Cameron Stirk

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The View from the Villages

Barbara Tuchman in her Pulitzer Prize winning book 'The guns of August' begins the book with the funeral of Edward VII in May 1910. Gathered are the crowned heads of Europe, many the relatives of Queen Victoria. Alongside the new King rode Kaiser Wilhelm II, Grandson of the Queen, resplendent in a Red Uniform. The banquets and parades that followed incensed Wilhelm that the British Empire was greater than Germany and that he should be seen as inferior to the new king! Resentment smouldered and egged on by the nationalistic German Military Germany began to plan for war and so it came in August 1914.

We have just witnessed the funeral of our beloved Queen Elizabeth; not that much different to that of her great grandfather Edward VII and again smouldering resentment, this time from Russia has brought war and devastation to the edge of Europe and no one knows where it will end! And so history repeats itself and the circle goes round again.

Add to this worries over the cost of living, the fall of the pound and a government in disarray, where is peace and security to be found? *Jesus said,*

"You will hear of wars and rumours of wars, but see to it that you are not alarmed. Such things must happen, but the end is still to come. ⁷ Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be famines and earthquakes in various places. ⁸ All these are the beginning of birth pains." (Matthew 24v6-8)

At the end of this month, we will begin the 4 weeks of Advent. The great theme of Advent is about waiting for Jesus to return bringing with him a new heaven and a new earth, the home of goodness and peace, where all pain and injustice are gone. Jesus was very clear the world won't radically change until that time. But that is no excuse for fatalism. We must in every part of our lives, with God's help, live up to the challenge of doing our bit to change what we can. Bringing all the mess of our world to God in prayer day by day and leaving the rest to him. So, I sign off with one of the many promised from the Bible:

The LORD himself goes before you and will be with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged." (Deuteronomy 31v8)

Stewart Hartley



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News from Norwood Chapel

Dear friends,

Last month, I mentioned that I would reflect more on Queen Elizabeth's life of service in this month's article. I am also mindful that November is the month of Remembrance where the nation "remembers" on the 2nd Sunday of the month, those who have served in the armed forces and sacrificed their lives. Looking back over the last year, so much has happened that causes us great concern for the future. I hope to weave these themes together in a short space that offers food for thought.

As this nation's sovereign, Queen Elizabeth II was the head of the armed forces. It's good to remember that she too was an active member of the armed forces during World War II. At the age of 18 in the final year of the war, she joined the Auxiliary Territorial Service. She trained for three weeks learning basic motor mechanics and how to drive lorries. It has been written that these war-time years and her service to the country, whether it was through her royal status or the armed forces, shaped her sense of duty during her long reign.

At the time of her passing, it became even more evident how much influence the Queen had had over this nation, the Commonwealth and across the world. Eloquent tributes were paid using words such as loyal, compassionate, graceful, wise, courageous, dutiful and faithful. She often spoke of her Christian faith, imparting how she relied on God during times of difficulty. Her faith helped her strive to overcome family tragedy and personal loss in such a way that, for example, she was able to extend the hand of forgiveness and reconciliation to Martin McGuinness in Belfast in 2012. She lived out her faith humbly and simply by respecting those with whom she interacted, regardless of their perceived rank in society, their different faith traditions or lack thereof. Her kindness, devotion, and love of God and neighbour will be remembered by the generations. I trust she heard the Divine Voice say, "Well done, my good and faithful servant," as she passed from this earthly life to the glorious heavens by God's grace.

As we give thanks for the life of our late monarch, we also give thanks for all those who served this nation through the armed forces but tragically lost their lives or were gravely injured while serving. We call to mind their sense of duty, their bravery and their sacrifice. We offer our gratitude to them and to God for their costly gift as we enjoy the liberty that comes with democracy and peace our nation experiences on the global front.

However, we recognise that the peace we enjoy comes at a high price. The Russian invasion of Ukraine has brought war to Europe. The European Union and many other nations have rallied behind Ukraine politically, financially and with weapons to support their resistance. Many lives have been lost, both in the armed forces and in the civilian population. The world is once again reminded that freedom and democracy in developed nations are not necessarily sustained with civil discourse. A nation experiencing invasion must decide if their freedom and democracy are worth protecting and fighting for. Unfortunately, this can result in

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News from Norwood Chapel continued

human bloodshed, great suffering and loss of life and it doesn't necessarily guarantee the desired outcome of freedom and peace.

As world events swirl around us, it is good to pause and reflect with gratitude upon those who gave their all so that we might be safe and free. The men and women who proudly wear the uniform of this nation now, as in the past, are worthy of our respect and appreciation. Queen Elizabeth II knew these things and offers us a splendid example of living in a way that honours those who served. We will remember.

Peace and hope in our remembering,
~ Rev. Shannon



With thanks

The Funeral of Frances Stevenson was held at Leathley Church on the 27th of July

Richard ,Dawn and family would like to extend a very warm thankyou to everyone for the cards and kind words they have received after the death of their mother Frances,

The generous donations of £740 collected at the funeral will be donated to Wheatfields Hospice.

Thankyou to the Revd Michael Cleverley and Revd Stewart Hartley for conducting the funeral service and their wonderful support during her illness.

A special thankyou would like to be expressed toward Terry and Liz Bramhall, Tony and Liz Webster and other members of the church for their kindness, thoughtfulness and support both before and after Frances death.



From the Registers

Weddings

1st October Camilla Holmes and Stephen Oliver at Denton

Funerals

7th October Mr Phillip Brown at Weston



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Leathley Parish Room Domino Drive



Friday 11th November 7:00 Pm

Pork Pie and Mushy Peas Supper included
(Vegetarian Option on request)

Cash Bar – Raffle - Prizes

All welcome, whether a seasoned pro or never
picked up a domino before, any age that can stay
awake until about 9:30

Over 16 to 90 - £4.00

Under 16 - £2.00

90 and over – free, wonderful to see you

Please book by Thursday 10th November

Ann or John (Booking Secretaries) on 07802212111

Or leathleyparishroom@btinternet.com

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For Your Diaries

Make a date with the
Choir of St. Margaret's Church,
Ilkley when they present their very
special service of

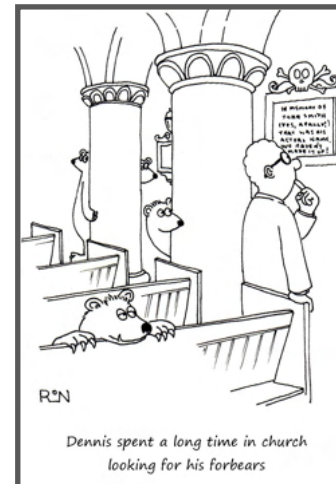
**Advent Hymns and Carols
in Fewston Church on Sunday
11th December at 3.00pm.**

If you appreciate fine choral music
this is not to be missed.

Denton Flower and Cleaning Rota

For November & December

- 23rd and 30th October - Karen Boothman
- 6th and 13th November - Hilary Crawford
- 20th and 27th November - Sue Wood
- 4th and 11th December - Andrea Ainley
- 18th and 25th December - Ann Chadwick



Dennis spent a long time in church
looking for his forbears



Weston Flower and Cleaning Rota

for November & December

- 6th & 13th November Mrs J Cowgill
- 20th & 27th November Mrs A Ainley
- 4th & 11th December Tom & Ruth Raper
- 18th & 25th December Sally Stanley,
Hazel Pullan and any volunteers.



Apples

A big thank you to the many people
who responded to my request for
surplus apples. Not only were the
apples very welcome, but it was a
pleasure to meet some of the donors
for the first time!

John Buxton.



Last Friday Supper.

There won't be a supper at the end of
November as the date clashes with the
Leathley Village Hall Christmas Fair.

It is hoped to have a Ukrainian themed
supper on Friday 9th December. More
information will be in the December
magazine.

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Fewston Parochial Hall

The Teas, lunches and homemade cakes are on Saturday, Sunday 29th - 30th November from 11 am till 4.00 pm.



Askwith Ladies Social

Venue: Askwith Arms
Date: The first Tuesday in the month
Time: 7pm

If you indicate your intention to come light refreshments have been very kindly offered by Jane and John.

Thanks Anne - (Tel: 07713884328 Email: laatham@gmail.com)

Save the date

Valentine Ceilidh with supper

Saturday 11th February 2023,
Norwood Social Hall at 7.30pm
Tickets will be available soon in aid
of St Andrews Church,
Blubberhouses.



Fewston Foxy Ladies



Get in the Christmas spirit and join us for flower arranging on Tuesday 15th November at 7.30pm when Joan Knight will be showing us how to do it.

See you there

2pm at Fewston Parochial Hall

New members are always welcome!

If you want any more info, give Gillian a ring on 01943 880362; Shirley 01423 770281; Mary 01943 464507; Sheila 01943 468741; Joan 01943 466789; Margaret (new number soon!) or Ann on 01423 771393

See you there!

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T&T



Prize dominoes

on Tuesday 1st November!
Do come along!

T&T meets at Norwood Social Hall and is for the over 60s.

It is only £2 per person.

If you want to hear more about T&T, give Gillian a ring on 880362 or Gladys on 880604

We've always got time for T&T!

LEATHLEY
??? PUB QUIZ NIGHT. ???
FRIDAY 18TH NOVEMBER 2022
7.30pm
Tickets £12 Including
A Glass of wine and supper

Bar, prizes and raffle
At Leathley Village Hall

For tickets phone 01423 806151
07949765888

CHRISTMAS FAIR
Saturday 26 November
10am - 1pm

St Helen's Church, Denton

Gifts, Cards, Cakes and Greenery

Tea, Coffee and Mince Pies
All Welcome

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Leathley Village Hall and Church
Winter / Christmas Fair
Saturday 26th November
10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Treat yourself to a glass of mulled wine!

Wide range of stalls including:-

Crafts; Festive garlands and decorations; crochet; Wood turning; Candles, Handmade Gifts; Honey stall, Produce, Cakes & Jams and a Raffle!.

Home-made Refreshments also served

In aid of Leathley Parish Rooms.



CHRISTMAS TREE
FESTIVAL

ST ANDREW'S CHURCH BLUBBERHOUSES
 Saturday 3rd & Sunday 4th December
 Saturday 10th & Sunday 11th December

Open 11-4pm



Norwood Social Hall



**CHRISTMAS HATS
& JUMPERS
DOMINO DRIVE**



**9th December @ 7pm
Everyone Welcome**

**Supper and Raffle
Tickets Hazel 07891 254 233
Janet 07798 862 141**

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17th December



Norwood Social Hall Kids Christmas Craft Afternoon

2pm - 4.30pm



£6 per child

includes all craft activities and one soft drink
(Children must be accompanied by an adult)

There will be a variety of Christmas Crafts during the afternoon
Christmas Card Making, Christmas Plate Decorating and Christmas
Decoration

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Norwood Social Hall



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All in the month of November

It was:

175 years ago, on 4th November 1847 that Scottish obstetrician James Young Simpson discovered the anaesthetic properties of chloroform. He helped popularise its use in medicine.

Also 175 years ago, on 8th November 1847 that Bram Stoker, Irish-born British writer, was born. He is best known for his Gothic horror novel *Dracula*.

125 years ago, on 15th November 1897 that Aneurin 'Nye' Bevan, British politician was born. He was the Minister of Health 1945-51 who led the establishment of the National Health Service.

100 years ago, on 4th November 1922 that British archaeologist Howard Carter discovered the tomb of the Egyptian pharaoh Tutankhamen. On 26th November he reached a second sealed doorway and discovered the famous treasures.

80 years ago, on 5th November 1942 that the WW2 Second Battle of El-Alamein ended. British troops led by Generals Alexander and Montgomery defeated Rommel's German forces in Egypt. On 10th November, Winston Churchill announced: "This is not the end. It is not even the beginning of the end. But it is, perhaps, the end of the beginning."

75 years ago, on 20th November 1947 that the marriage of Princess Elizabeth and Philip Mountbatten, Duke of Edinburgh, took place at Westminster Abbey in London.

70 years ago, on 1st November 1952 that the USA carried out the first successful detonation of a hydrogen bomb, in a test on the Pacific island of Elugelab, Marshall Islands. The island was completely destroyed and no longer exists.

65 years ago, from 16th to 26th November

1957 that the first London Film Festival was held, at the National Film Theatre. (Now BFI Southbank.)

60 years ago, on 20th November 1962 that the Cuban Missile crisis ended and US President John F Kennedy lifted the military blockade of Cuba.

40 years ago, on 2nd November 1982 that Channel 4 Television was launched in the UK.

Also 40 years ago, on 30th November 1982 that Michael Jackson's album *Thriller* was released.

30 years ago, on 11th November 1992 that the Church of England voted to allow women to become priests. The first women were ordained in March 1994.

Also 30 years ago, on 20th November 1992 that the Windsor Castle fire broke out in a private chapel and spread to a large part of the building. Damage was extensive and took five years to repair, at a cost of £40 million. Buckingham Palace was opened to the public for the first time to help raise the money.

25 years ago, on 17th November 1997 that the Luxor massacre took place in Egypt. Islamic militants killed 62 people (mainly tourists) outside the Temple of Hatshepsut archaeological site in Deir el-Bahari.

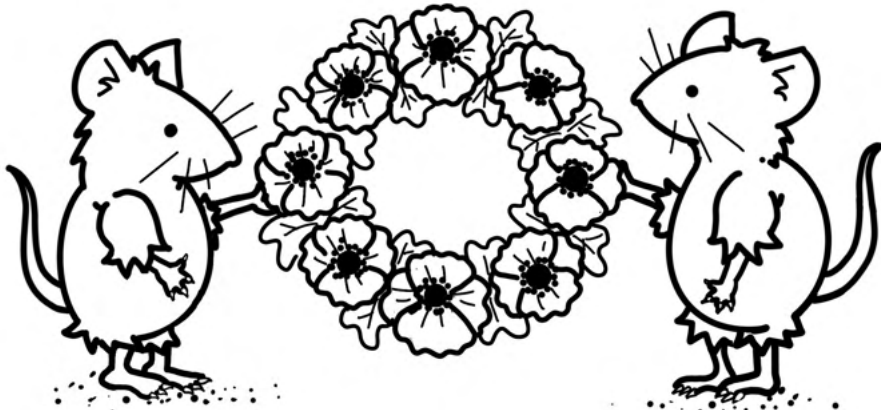
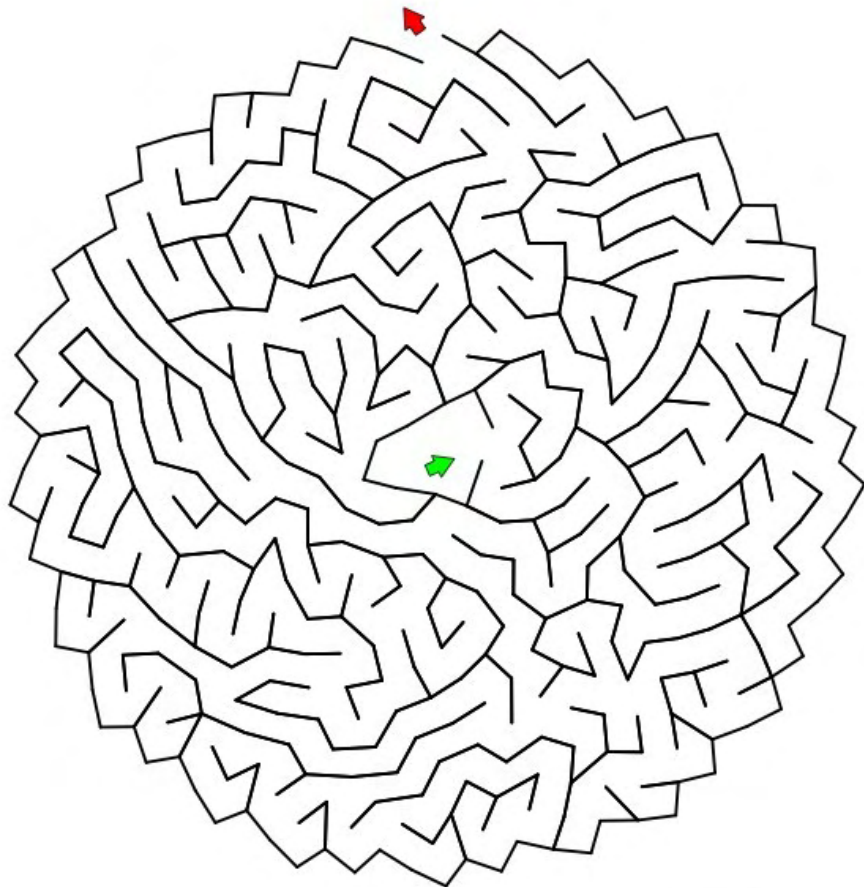
20 years ago, on 11th November 2002 that Microsoft founder Bill Gates pledged \$100 million to help fight AIDS in India.

Also 20 years ago, on 15th November 2002 that Myra Hindley, one of the notorious 'Moors Murderers' (with Ian Brady) died.

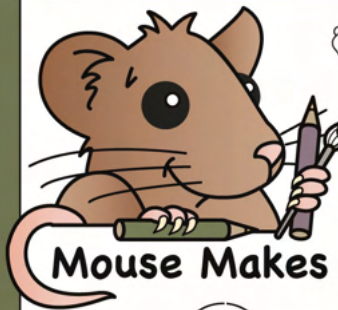
15 years ago, on 19th November 2007 that Amazon released its first Kindle e-book reader.


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Maze, Story, Puzzles and colouring-in



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THE COMING OF A KING
The birth of Jesus is fortold 

God sent a messenger to Mary
What was the angel's name?

Luke 1:26-28

Mouse Makes

Mary was frightened,
what did the angel say?
Luke 1:30

What was Mary to
name her child?

Luke 1:31

What is her son
going to be?
Luke 1:32-33

What does the angel
say about God?
Luke 1:37
(LEARN this verse)

What happened
to Elizabeth
when Mary
went to visit her?
Luke 1:41

Mary praises God, what does
she say God has done?
Luke 1:46-55

Find the words
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The Doctor and the Patient



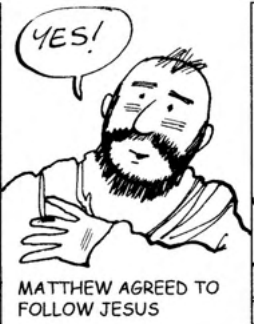
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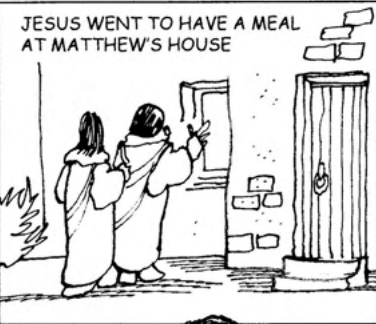
BUT SOME WERE EXTRA SPECIAL. THESE WERE HIS 'DISCIPLES'.



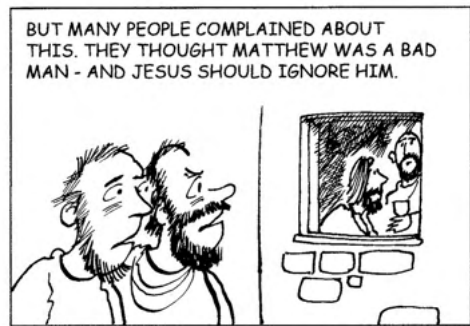
JESUS ONCE ASKED A TAX-COLLECTOR CALLED 'MATTHEW' TO BE ONE OF HIS TEAM



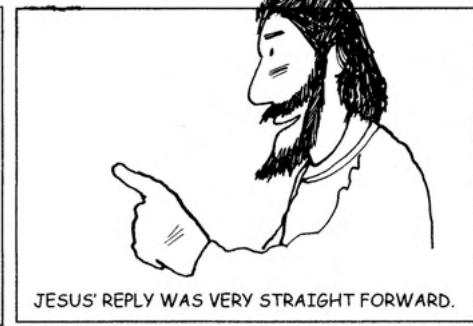
MATTHEW AGREED TO FOLLOW JESUS



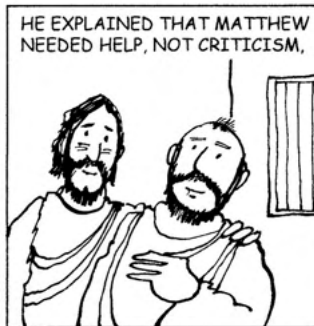
JESUS WENT TO HAVE A MEAL AT MATTHEW'S HOUSE



BUT MANY PEOPLE COMPLAINED ABOUT THIS. THEY THOUGHT MATTHEW WAS A BAD MAN - AND JESUS SHOULD IGNORE HIM.



JESUS' REPLY WAS VERY STRAIGHT FORWARD.



HE EXPLAINED THAT MATTHEW NEEDED HELP, NOT CRITICISM,



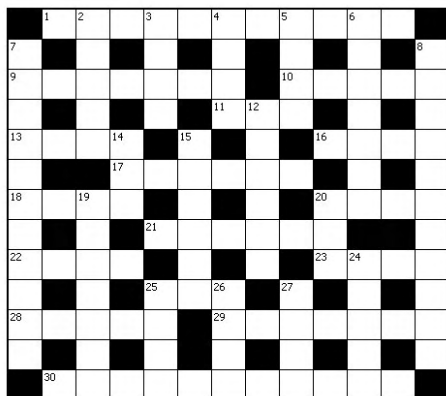
"IT'S NOT THE WELL THAT NEED A DOCTOR - BUT THE SICK!"
see Luke 5:27-32

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Crossword Puzzle



Across

1 and 20 Down 'Lord of all _ Lord of all _ whose trust, ever child-like, no cares could destroy'(11,3)

9 Moses' question to a fighting Hebrew labourer: 'Why are you _ your fellow Hebrew?' (Exodus 2:13) (7)

10 Acclaimed cellist who contracted multiple sclerosis at the height of her fame, Jacqueline _ (2,3)

11 'At even _ the sun was set, the sick, O Lord, around thee lay'(3)

13 A descendant of Gad (Numbers 26:16) (4)

16 'Do not leave Jerusalem, but _ for the gift my Father promised' (Acts 1:4) (4)

17 Clambers (Jeremiah 48:44) (6)

18 Peter's response to questioning by the Sanhedrin: 'We must _ God rather than men!'(Acts 5:29) (4)

20 Christian paraplegic author, artist and campaigner, _ Eareckson Tada (4)

21 Bird partial to the nests of other birds (6)

22 'Such large crowds gathered round him that he got into a boat and sat _ _ '(Matthew 13:2) (2,2)

23 Infectious tropical disease (4)

25 Tree (3)

28 'No fear of me should _ you, nor should my hand be heavy upon you'(Job 33:7) (5)

29 For example, to Titus, Timothy or Philemon (7)

30 Week beginning with Pentecost Sunday, according to the Church's calendar (11)

Down

2 'O Jerusalem _ how _ I have longed to gather your children together' Matthew 23:37) (5)

3 Way out (4)

4 Exhort (Romans 12:1) (4)

5 Done (anagram.) (4)

6 Highest of the four voice-parts in a choir (7)

7 Concerning the study of God (11)

8 Uniquely, it has Abbey, Cathedral and Chapel (11)

12 Admonish (Matthew 16:22) (6)

14 Frozen (3)

15 Established form of religious ceremony (6)

19 Inscription often found on gravestones (7)

20 See 1 Across

24 Behaved (Joshua 7:1) (5)

25 Time (anagram.) (4)

26 Lists choice of meals (4)

27 'For the wages of sin is death, but the _ of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord' (Romans 6:23) (4)

Word Search



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remembrance
courage
bravery
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dead
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peace
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Sudoku

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Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in
Lk 5:1-11, Mt. 4:18-22, Mk 1:16-20

On the shore of Lake Galilee, Jesus was trying to teach people but there were so many that he couldn't be heard.



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Feeling inspired?

The magazine is created by compiling contributions from readers, the many people associated with running the churches, societies, clubs and event holders. Thank you to everyone for sending in items each month.

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Migration

What do a million birds on the move look like?

It must have been spectacular on the other side of the North Sea when an amazing 3,000,000 (yes there are six noughts) Woodpigeons were counted migrating southwards through the Netherlands and Belgium a few years ago. Even here in the UK, one November in 2014, 202,000 were counted in three hours moving south-west over Portskewett, Gwent.

The crisp, clear conditions and light easterly airflow in that year were perfect for a Woodpigeon spectacular, and those who witnessed it weren't disappointed.

Not only is the number of birds spending their winters in the UK a lot bigger than most of us think, but so is the variety of species involved. Some

are quite obvious, such as Redwings or Fieldfares, but others such as Blackbirds, Starlings and Robins undergo a more subtle increase in their populations, with some of our residents heading south, and even more coming here from the northeast. Many migratory species are not commonly seen in our gardens, whilst others, such as Redpolls and Waxwings will only visit feeders if they cannot find food in the countryside.

We shall have to wait a while to find out what sort of winter lies in store for us, and how the birds will react, but the recent lengthy drought will have played havoc with pretty much all the food sources birds rely on to survive the winter. Some will have thrived, others will not, and as a result there will doubtless be winners and losers in the bird world too. The other factor increasingly coming in to play is 'short-stopping', where birds discover



that climate change has reduced the severity of continental winters such that they no longer need to take the risks involved in long sea crossings, and don't even make it to the UK. Several seabird species are becoming rarer along our coasts as a result.

Nevertheless, given some easterly airflows, combined with falling temperatures on the continent, we should see birds on the move soon. Some species migrate whatever the conditions, others only if they are forced to by weather or food shortages.

Thrushes, such as Redwings, Fieldfares and Blackbirds, are most easily spotted, and we should soon see various finches arriving too, hopefully including Bramblings alongside the usual Goldfinches, Greenfinches and Chaffinches. Also on their way will be Robins, Starlings, Goldcrests and Firecrests, and if food is short, Waxwings.

But where were the migrants last winter? Numbers were noticeably lower than usual, with Redwings down by half and Fieldfares by three-quarters. Few Waxwings were reported, and the migration of species such as Starlings

and Blackbirds was much reduced. This was presumably due to the mild weather and a good berry crop across the Continent.

The fate of our migrant birds is dependent on more than just their breeding success, though we don't yet know how productive most species were this summer. However, many long-distance migrants are in long-term decline, and we need to understand their ecology outside the UK just as well as we do when they are here. Thanks to the satellite tracking work of the BTO and others, we're building a better picture of what is happening to them.

With such potential highs and lows, it'll be exciting to see what this winter brings!

If you find the lives of our garden birds to be of interest, and would like to join in and count the feathered occupants of your garden, please contact me or visit the BTO Garden Bird-Watch website - www.bto.org/gbw
Mike Gray -gbwmike@gmail.com

Photograph credit: Mike Grey
Title: Blackbird (left)
Title: Redpoll (above)



Gardeners Corner



I hope you have all been enjoying the stunning autumn colours – the cherries and maples have been particularly beautiful this year. It is worth looking around now to see which trees and shrubs give the most joy in autumn and then you can select some suitable ones for your own gardens; it is still a really good time to plant before the winter frosts start to bite. Check tree ties and stakes on existing plants to make sure they are secure and not rubbing or too tight.

The roses have also been wonderful and continue to flower. However the climbing and rambling roses will have put on a lot of growth which is susceptible to strong winds. Cut back any dead, diseased or spindly growth and then tie in the good strong stems. You will also be able to see if there has been any black spot. Make sure you remove all the diseased leaves and don't leave them on the ground. They should be disposed of, not composted, to prevent reinfection.

With the recent rain and mild weather, the lawns are still growing and continue to need a trim on a high setting, which will also clear up the fallen leaves.

By now, all of the tomatoes will have been harvested, so it's time to give the greenhouse a thorough clean. I was surprised to see how green the glass had become, so a bit of elbow grease and some hot soapy water should do the trick. While you are at it, the empty plant pots and trays can also do with a good clean, ready for next year's sowings.

November is the time to plant those tulips. They need to be planted deeply and are perfectly happy in fresh compost in the pots which will now have been emptied of their summer bedding. Having tidied up the borders it is a good idea to mulch them with compost, which will protect plants over the winter months and encourage the worms to get working. You need to aim for a depth of about 2" of well-rotted manure, garden compost or spent mushroom compost – whatever you can lay your hands on without spending a fortune!

Finally, as the days become shorter and colder the birds will really appreciate regular feeding. They will reward you by bringing added colour and interest into the garden.



Poetry Request

Still Ticking by Mr R Dunn



The following poem is about the family clock presented to my parents on their wedding day in the 1930s. It's still in the family today, still ticking.

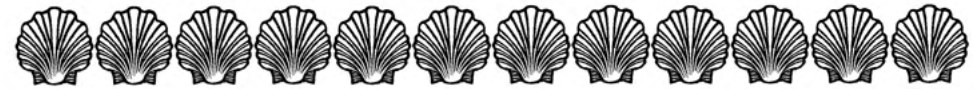
Tick tock tick tock
The sound of the old wall clock
It tells the time
Come rain or shine.

A face that counts from one to twelve
Into its past we now will delve
Made in the thirties it's seen them all
People, thin, fat and tall.

Through one world war it's told the time
And VE celebrations with lots of wine
Babies born in happier days
People dying and passing away.

An eye on the world, as this clock
Rarely it stops its tick tock
Is sure to outlast us all
This lonely clock on the wall.

Up to today it's going strong
Very rarely going wrong
My lasting memory of this clock
It its monotonous tick tock tick tock.



Recipe - Christmas Cake



This Recipe is from the All Saints Weston Recipe book first printed 1 December 1956. 52 years later it was discovered by Reverend M Wilkinson in his mothers possessions and reprinted again. He dedicated it to

"Edith and all the other saints who made their Contributions"

66 years later we are sharing the recipes again but this time in the magazine. Thank you to the people of Weston for their recipes

Ingredients

- 1 lb Flour
- 1/2 lb butter
- 2oz Lard
- 4oz Peel (Orange or lemons)
- 1lb Raisins
- 1 lb Currents
- 3/4 lb Sugar
- 4oz Ground Almonds
- 1 Dessert spoonful of Baking Powder
- 1 Tablespoon of Vinegar
- 1 Tablespoon of Treacle
- 4 Eggs

Method

- Melt the butter and sugar and mix

into the rest of the ingredients in turn.

- Put into a lined tin 8" x 9"
- Wrap the tin in baking parchment and tie with string
- Bake in a pre-heated oven at 150° (130°C fan, 300°F, gas mark 2) for one hour then at 140° (120°C fan, 275°F, gas mark 1) or until a skewer in the centre comes out clean. Cover the top loosely with foil if the cake is browning too much.
- Remove the cake from the tin and cool completely on a wire rack (leave the baking paper on).

Recipe provided by Mrs Harrison

Answers to the October Magazine puzzles

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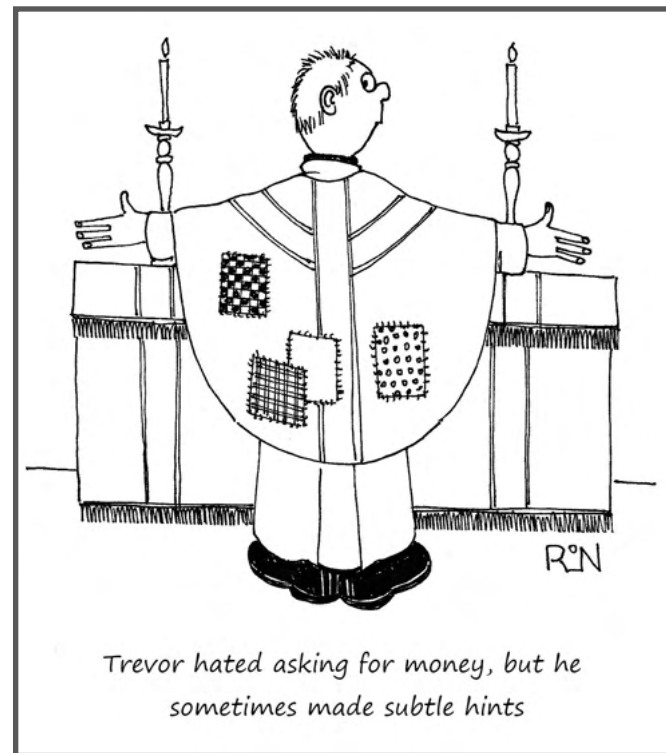
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