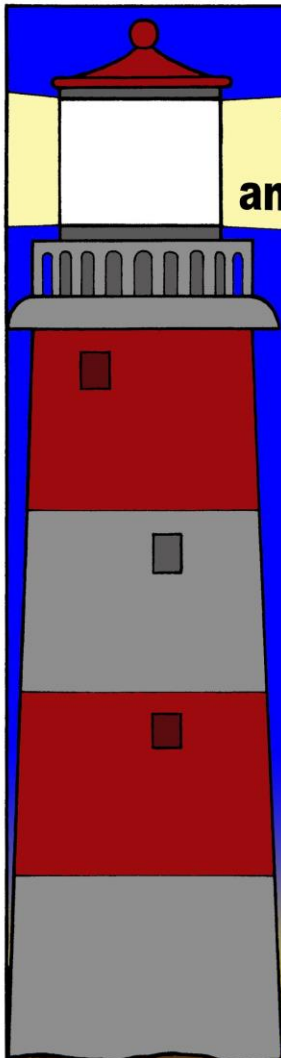


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**The Lord is my light
and my salvation. Ps 27:1**

**Send me Your light
and truth. They will
guide me. Ps 43:3**

**Your word is a lamp
for my feet, a light for
my path. Ps 119:105**

**Our Lord and God, You
are my lamp. You turn
darkness to light.**

2 Sam 22:29

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A Letter from Joe



Dear Friends,

I've just finished putting together the Social Events Leaflet for the next three months, and we've certainly got some exciting months ahead ! Great opportunities to meet together and enjoy one another's company. At the end of September and beginning of October we have our Harvest Festival Service at St. Mary's followed by a Faith lunch, and another Harvest Service at St. Peter's with an evening of entertainment and refreshments.

In between these two events we have Liz Hull's Ordination to the Priesthood where we will assemble at Kirk Christ with others across the island to celebrate this significant event in Liz's life. There are a couple of things I want to emphasise about these and all our activities in the Parish of Rushen. The first is that they're intended to be fun and enjoyable whether it's studying the Bible, or joining Rushen Ramblers for a midweek walk, or partaking in a delicious meal. The Christian faith is about JOY with a capital J, and sometimes we forget this. I can remember many church events from my youth days where everything seemed to be designed for it be utterly dull and miserable ! Well, we're doing all that we can to put that right.

The second is that all our activities are for EVERYONE throughout our parishes and communities. Whether that's our Sunday worship, Messy Church, Soup Inn, or Rushen Ramblers to name just but a few. It won't be that everyone can attend everything but no one should feel excluded (do let me know if you do !).

The third is that I hope and pray that being part of these events and activities that we might get to know each other better, and that through sharing our lives we might grow in the knowledge that God loves each one of us.

So if you're not currently part of our worshipping community, why not come along to some of these events and get to know some new people. A warm welcome awaits you ! (If you haven't seen our Social Events Leaflet, it's at the back of each church - pick up your copy now).

Richest Blessings at this Harvest Time

Joe

Rev Joe Heaton



All things come from You, and of Your own do we ... not give back much! (Part 2)

*Editor: As we think of Harvest, the **Ven John Barton** reflects on just what we do give to God... this article began in the September issue, and concludes this month.*

Jesus taught a great deal about money and its dangers. Most of His parables concerned money in one form or another. He used the word 'Mammon' to describe a false financial god, saying "You can't serve God and Mammon."

So, a right attitude to money is essential for Christians.

Until we are released from the straitjacket of putting money before God, that blocked soul-artery will impede our way to God.

Once we are liberated from the control money has over us, we can be lavish in our giving – with a sense of exuberance. St Paul puts it like this: "Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."

St Paul spent ten years raising funds for the impoverished Church in Jerusalem where there was a serious famine. The little and very poor Church in Macedonia gave way beyond their comfort zone. The relatively wealthy Church in Corinth gave little by comparison. Paul contrasts them. Miserable Corinthians; joyful Macedonians.

Giving is fun.

Christian giving becomes something that we share privately with Jesus. In Matthew Jesus taught that when we give, we should not let even our left hand know what our right hand is doing.

God is generous to us, so when we are generous, we share a secret with Him. "For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sake He became poor, so that you by His poverty might become rich."

So - giving money away makes you happy!

Giving to God is giving back what He has already given to us. It's not the quantity, it's the percentage of what we have. A right attitude to money is vital for Christians.



Ladies Working Party – St Mary's

Our regular weekly meetings, when we welcome old friends and new, resumed on Tuesday 3rd September, at 2.15pm. We begin each meeting with readings and prayers for the sick, we remember our friends who have left us and we plan for some future events in the church.

By the time you read this, we will have had our Joint Harvest Festival Service on Sunday 29th September in St

Mary's Church followed by a Faith Lunch in the church hall. Flowers and some produce will be taken on Monday 30th September to those in the parish who are unwell, housebound or in nursing homes, with the remaining goods being donated to the Foodbank whose needs are steadily increasing. A very appreciative thank you to all who helped in the decoration of the church, with the Faith Lunch and with the distribution of the flowers and produce.

We look forward to the Priesting at Kirk Christ on 5th October, from 3-4.30pm, when Rev'd Liz Hull will be ordained to the priesthood, with Bishop Peter to preach. A Faith Tea will follow.

We hope to be holding a Coffee Morning in St Mary's Church Hall on Friday 15th November at 10am, when you will be able to make an early start on some Christmas shopping! As always, we value and greatly appreciate your support. Tickets will be available soon.

There can be few people who have not become aware of the beautifully maintained gardens surrounding St Mary's. We have Mr Eddie Perkins to thank for this, and his knowledge, hard work and enthusiasm are greatly appreciated. We are very fortunate to have his willing assistance.

We send our love and prayers to everyone, especially those finding life challenging at this time.

With very best wishes from us all.

Pat Thomson

Family Bible surprise

A little boy was fascinated as he fingered through the pages of the old family Bible. Suddenly, an old leaf that had been pressed between the pages fluttered out. "Mum, come quick!" he cried. "I think I just found Adam's underwear!"

Can you help?



Georgette and Geoffrey Butera are very good Christian friends of mine who live in England (Crewe) but originally come from Burundi and Rwanda respectively. Their families suffered greatly during the times of civil war and genocide in the 1970s and 1990s, with several family members being killed and most survivors ending up living in extreme poverty. In order to help and give hope to destitute widows and orphans in Burundi, Rwanda and Uganda, Georgette

and Geoffrey founded the charity ACTS (Africa Christian Teaching Service) in 1989

With God's blessing and the help of generous donations, the charity has built and successfully runs the Herridge Technical School in Burundi, which was opened in September 2007 to offer secondary education (not funded by the state) to children from the IDP camp (Internally Displaced People) and the local community of Karusi.

ACTS also financially supports the building and work of the Neema Mission School in Uganda. Moreover, the charity supports a number of destitute children and young people through a sponsorship scheme, which helps to pay for food, accommodation and school fees.

Following new outbreaks of violence in Burundi in the last few years, thousands of people fled to neighbouring countries, including some members of the wider Butera family. Georgette and Geoffrey are now looking for sponsors to help provide food and education for the children of those families currently living in Uganda, especially for a nine-year-old girl called Rapha.

All money donated (via ACTS) will be used 100% to support the children. If you are able to help in any way, please contact Claudia on 832974 or 495630 or email me or contact ACTS directly on 01270 664359 or info@acts-africa.net.

You can find more information about ACTS as well as photos at acts-africa.net.

Many thanks – may God bless you.

Claudia Koenig

claudiakoenig28@hotmail.com

Inger Perkins has kindly sent some notices that appeared in church bulletins, or have been announced at church services. I will include some of them in forthcoming magazines:

'Don't let worry kill you off – let the Church help'

'For those of you who don't have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs'



Grant awarded for research into Messy Churches

The Church of England is to fund new research to help deepen the faith of families and children attending 'Messy Churches' – non-traditional church gatherings that attract tens of thousands of worshippers across the country. A grant of £100,000 has been awarded to the Church of England's Evangelism and Discipleship Team to study deepening the discipleship of Messy Church congregations. The study will be focused on Messy Churches in Bristol, Durham and Hereford dioceses.

The Messy Church movement was set up by the Bible Reading Fellowship (BRF) 15 years ago, offering mainly families and children food, activities such as arts, crafts and sports and worship. The movement has spread across the world, with churches meeting on Saturdays and weekdays as well as Sundays.

Insights from the work will be used to help inform the ongoing work of developing new forms of church gatherings – known as 'Fresh Expressions' – in the Church of England.

A recent Church of England background paper found that 50,000 people attend 2,000 Messy Churches in Anglican churches who do not normally engage with their church.

The Church Army published research earlier this year showing that one in five – or 21% - of Messy Churches had held baptisms and 13% reported child or adult confirmations.

Lucy Moore, Messy Church Founder and team leader, said: "We're looking forward to working together with the pioneering teams in each diocese to find out what approaches make the most difference in coming closer to Christ, walking in his way and growing the kingdom of heaven.

"It's an unmissable opportunity for local teams to benefit from expert advice and take part in something of international significance."

Heather Cracknell, The Church of England's Head of Development for Fresh Expressions, said: "Messy Church has proved an excellent way to strengthen parish mission by reaching those that traditional church finds it hard to connect with.

"It is also a great way for people who wouldn't call themselves pioneers to start something new, with confidence in the materials they can draw on and the supportive community they can be part of. And how encouraging the research findings are: so many people discovering faith with their families."

Tim Ling, Church Army's Director of Learning and Development, said: "We are excited to be partnering with the Church of England and BRF on this important project, which builds on the outcomes of our previous Playfully Serious research.

"The action research process we are facilitating will help local Messy Church leaders consider how best to deepen discipleship and generate valuable new insights for the wider Church."



News from St Catherine's & Kirk Christ



A wedding was held at Kirk Christ on 14th September when Joanne Otty married Stephen McHugh.

There have been a number of late season visitors to Kirk Christ looking to track down family relatives in the burial ground.

Soup Inn resumed at St Catherine's Church Hall on the first Thursday in September. Thirty-seven people, including the helpers, enjoyed food and fellowship together. The All-Age service at St Catherine's Church, on the third Sunday of the month, was led by Wendy Heaton who captured the attention of the young, and adults alike, during the learning together section.

Our curate Liz Hull will be ordained at Kirk Christ on 5th October at 3pm. Everyone is welcome.

Gerry Callister

Glorious Harvest

Praise to the Lord at harvest time!
Wonder anew at His grace;
Hold the 'big picture' before you
"Enough for the human race."
May nothing this ideal impede,
Through thoughtless waste and selfish greed.

Wonder anew at God's bounty.
Distribute where there is need:
To the lonely, sick and house-bound,
Go! Prove friendship's true indeed,
With food and blooms from harvest's store
Bear witness to the Lord once more.

From farm, shop, garden and sea,
(where soe'er provision be,)
May the finest now on display,
Be offered in love to thee.
Rejoice! These festivals exist,
In such a diverse world as this.

Another festival beckons:
'Tis the harvest of our souls,
When the Lord God welcomes His own
And the final score unrolls.
Hail! The new harvest gathered in,
Free from self-seeking, pain or sin



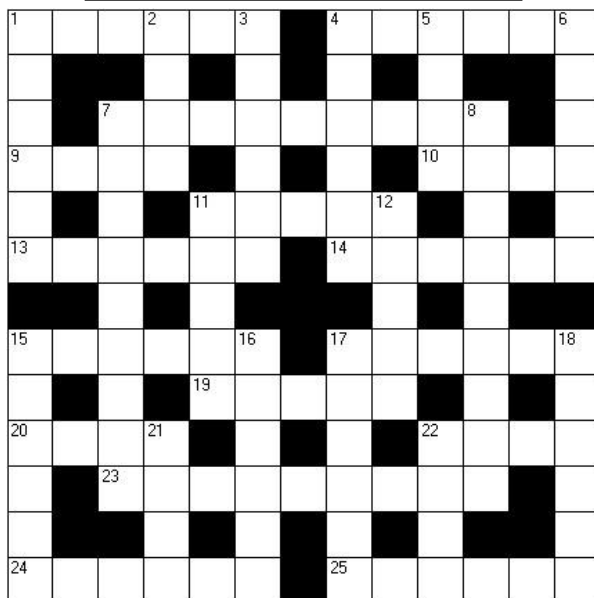
Psalm 65 v 9 (N.I.V)
You care for the land and water it;
You enrich it abundantly - - -

Galatians 6 v 9 (N.I.V)
Let us not become weary in doing good,
For at the proper time we will reap a harvest

Margaret Couper



October 2019 Crossword



Across

- 1** To be half asleep (6)
4 Simon Peter's brother (John 1) (6)
7 Wife of David (2 Samuel 12) (4-5)
9 Jeremiah wrote in one (Jeremiah 51) (4)
10 Saul abode under one in Ramah (1 Samuel 22) (4)
11 In which God will carry the lambs, according to (Isaiah 40) (5)
13 A son of Ithamar (Ezra 8) (6)
14 Location of Elisha (2 Kings 6) (6)
15 Prayer (6)
17 A building devoted to worship (6)
19 Brother of Alexander (Mark 15) (5)
20 A description of the cymbals in Psalm 150 (4)
22 I _____ on the work of thy hands (Ps 143.5) (4)
23 The lion strangled for his, (Nahum 2) (9)
24 Card game (6)
25 Old Testament book (6)

Down

- 1** ..and _____ it with slime (Ex 2.3) (6)
2 Like the flesh, according to Matthew 26 (4)
3 Name of the brook (Numbers 13) (6)
4 The ark of God was brought here (1 Samuel 5) (6)
5 ..not reckoned of grace, but of _____ (Romans 4.4) (4)
6 Make a vigorous attack (4,2)
7 He that hath a _____ eye (Pr 22.9) (9)
8 Fellow soldier in Philemon1 (9)
11 Name of the brook (1 Samuel 30) (5)
12 Leader of the Israelites during the exodus (5)
15 Person dedicated to a religious life (6)
16 Shade of meaning (6)
17 Struggle (6)
18 Its bishop signs himself "Exon" (6)
21 Butter container described as lordly (Judges 5) (4)
22 Savoury foodstuff in Genesis 27 (4)

Solution

A	L	S	O	F	F	E	R	I	N	G
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The winner of August's sudoku competition was Susan Inch. There were only five entries (10 sudoku solutions). I asked Gerry Callister if he would draw the winning entry. Sue received her £5 prize through the post. On the back page I have expressed my concern about the number of entries now being submitted, and whether or not I need to rethink what to put on page 24 in the future. (Editor)

The Children's Society

No child should feel alone

I would like to thank those of you who have contributed to the Children's Society through the boxes scheme. Your support means that children who are cast aside by society, through no fault of their own, are given help to change their lives, and to lead the happier lives they deserve. The sum raised was £182.20. Once again thank you so much, I am so grateful.

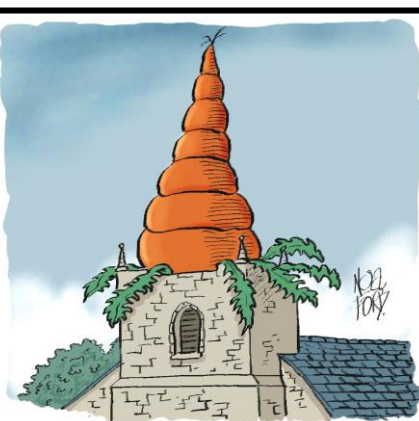
If you would like a box so that you too can collect for this worthwhile charity, please contact Gerald or myself. (Tel. 487784)

Doreen Callister

September Sudoku Solutions

3	9	1	8	7	5	6	4	2
8	2	4	6	3	1	7	9	5
7	5	6	2	9	4	8	1	3
2	8	5	1	6	9	3	7	4
6	1	7	4	8	3	5	2	9
4	3	9	5	2	7	1	8	6
9	4	8	7	5	6	2	3	1
1	6	2	3	4	8	9	5	7
5	7	3	9	1	2	4	6	8

1	7	2	6	3	8	4	9	5
5	4	8	2	1	9	7	6	3
3	6	9	4	5	7	2	1	8
8	3	1	9	6	4	5	7	2
6	5	4	3	7	2	1	8	9
2	9	7	1	8	5	3	4	6
7	1	6	5	9	3	8	2	4
4	8	3	7	2	6	9	5	1
9	2	5	8	4	1	6	3	7



The previous month's Harvest Festival donation from the Genetic Modification research laboratory was proving to be a useful stop-gap until the steeple restoration fund reached its target



Best way to enjoy the Bible? Be like a dog with a bone!

It is Bible Sunday on 27th October. This article may be useful in encouraging us all to read our Bibles more regularly – Editor

Sarah brought her beautiful dog Bobby to a Quiet Morning at church. He was very well behaved and loved all the attention he received. As we began our time together Sarah gave him a bone to chew on, and he settled down contentedly, enjoying his own experience of 'heaven'!

The expression came into my mind, 'like a dog with a bone', and watching Bobby at work further confirmed my thinking. Here before us was a wonderful example of what it means to meditate on Scripture – to slowly and patiently chew things over in our mind until we begin to grasp internally what God is saying to us.

The Bible encourages us to meditate in this way. Think of Psalm 1, where we read about the godly person 'whose delight is in the law of the Lord and who meditates on His law, day and night (v2).' Think also of Joshua who was told, 'Keep this book of the Law always on your lips; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it (Joshua 1:8). Mary did this as well, when at the birth of Jesus she 'treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart (Luke 2:19).'

Perhaps sometimes we don't spend enough time with Scripture, letting its truth soak into our minds and pondering its meaning and application to our lives. The spiritual discipline of Bible meditation helps us to do just that. Why not take a verse of Scripture that has caught your attention recently, and chew it over as you go through the day, looking at it this way and that way until you feel you have received the goodness it contains?

Rev Tony Horsfall

Definitions

CHOIR: A group of people whose singing allows the rest of the Congregation to lip-sync.

HYMN: A song of praise usually sung in a key two octaves higher than that of the congregation's range.

RECESSIONAL HYMN: The last song at a church service, often sung a little more quietly since most of the people have already left.

JONAH: The original 'Jaws' story.

AMEN: The only part of a prayer that everyone knows.

Do some people have more bad luck than others?

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Indoor Palm



**Lucky Chinese
Bamboo**

Is there such thing as lucky? Does bad luck come in threes? If you break a mirror, do you expect seven years of negative happenings? What about that black cat that crossed your path yesterday? Do you walk around ladders rather than under them, avoid the number 13, take care to hang a horseshoe so that the luck doesn't run out of the opening and expect a portion of doom if you knock over the salt pot? If you come from Japan, you might believe that number four and nine are unlucky. In Italy, the number 17 is highly undesirable. On the Isle of Man, you could be in for some trouble if you refer to rats as 'longtails'. And woe betide you if you utter the word (whisper) Macbeth whilst inside a theatre.

People tend to make their own luck, or lack of it and one can generally fit the story to the prediction. Some people might feel lucky because they've experienced a car accident but not suffered any physical damage to their health. Others might consider it lucky that when their purse was stolen during a mugging, their bank cards weren't present in the bag on that particular day.

The BIGL (Belief In Good Luck) scale was invented by some Canadian psychologists. Studies show that people who believe in their own personal luck are more likely to notice and react to events that could be termed 'lucky', thus feeling positive about their success. Basically, some people are more likely to acknowledge the positive things that happen than others who might dwell on the negative aspects of similar events.

So how does all this relate to plants? There are many different plants that are considered to be lucky. One of the most popular is the money plant. But this is confusing in itself as several species are known by the same common name. The succulent Crassula, or money tree, for example, is said to be lucky if you stroke the leaves and give it a little love. It will (apparently) bring wealth. Pilea peperomioides is known as the Chinese money plant,

largely because the leaves are unusually round and, perhaps, a little 'coin-like'. *Pachira aquatica*, the Guiana chestnut tree is also called a money tree, due to a story about its origin whereby an elderly, poor man found this strange looking plant that he took home. As you can imagine, his 'luck' changed afterwards.

Then there's 'lucky bamboo' which is highly popular in its many different arrangements. This indoor plant needs very little care. Just some water – it doesn't even require soil. So that's lucky to start with. Indoor palms are also said to bring luck into a home. This is linked to the pleasing, gently waving fronds which are said to generate beneficial flows of good energy.

It appears that within the principles of Feng Shui, plants can create and distribute positive energy within a home, provided they are positioned appropriately. There are positive and negative flows when it comes to energy and these can be aided or blocked by the introduction of mirrors or position of doorways and more potential hazards. Sounds as if a bit of research is required before daring to place your lucky bamboo on a shelf.

What can't be denied is the positive effects of biophilia – the life-enhancing properties and cleaner air that indoor plants provide. So if you have already made provision for house plants in your own home, that not just lucky but good planning.

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Dropping a line

Like many older readers I can remember being taught how to write a letter. Address, date, recipient, signature, and then we had to address the envelope, buy a stamp (two pence at that time!) and post it.

The first change to that routine came exactly 60 years ago this month, with the introduction in the UK of the postcode – a combination of seven or eight letters or numbers which precisely located our address. It took 14 years to enlist the entire country, but eventually virtually the whole world took on the ingenious postcode. We were now part of a world network of communication.

It was the first big change to our postal system in a century, but we happily took it on board. More recent changes have been more revolutionary: fax, e-mail, texting and their many refinements. Letter-writing or 'snail mail' as it is referred to now, is rapidly dying out. I would guess many under thirties have never written a personal letter or received one. Paper, envelopes, stamps are too complicated.

I think that it is sad, but probably unavoidable. I don't think many people will be preserving their love-texts for posterity. Products of a moment can be forgotten in a moment.

David Winter

All in the Month of October



175 years ago, on 15th Oct 1844, Friedrich Nietzsche, the German philosopher was born.

150 years ago, on 2nd Oct 1869, Mahatma Gandhi, Indian activist, was born. He led the Indian independence movement against British rule. **Also on 16th Oct 1869** Girton College (now part of Cambridge University) was established as one of England's first residential colleges for women. It became part of Cambridge University in 1948, and co-educational in 1976.

100 years ago, on 7th Oct 1919, the Dutch airline KLM was established. It is the world's oldest existing airline.

90 years ago, on 29th Oct 1929, the Wall Street Crash took place. Also known as Black Tuesday, it led to the Great Depression in the USA.

80 years ago, on 16th Oct 1939, the German Luftwaffe carried out its first aerial attack on British territory, bombing ships in the Firth of Forth, Scotland.

75 years ago, on 21st Oct 1944, Mandy Rice-Davies, British model and showgirl, was born. Best known for her role in the Profumo affair, which discredited the British Government in 1963. (Died in 2014.) **Also on 30th Oct 1944**, Jewish diarist Anne Frank and her sister Margo were transported from Auschwitz concentration camp to Bergen-Belsen. They died there, probably from typhus, in February or March 1945.

60 years ago, on 7th Oct 1959, the Soviet space probe Luna 3 sent back the first images of the far side of the Moon. **Also on 8th Oct 1959**, Margaret Thatcher was elected as a Member of Parliament for the first time. **Also on 11th Oct 1959**, Britain began using postcodes. Beginning in Norwich, they were rolled out city by city and town by town, covering the entire country by 1974.

50 years ago, on 5th Oct 1969, the first episode of the comedy series Monty Python's Flying Circus was broadcast in the UK. It ran for four seasons.

30 years ago, on 19th Oct 1989, the 'Guildford Four' were released from prison after their convictions for IRA pub bombings in 1975 were quashed by the British Court of Appeal.

25 years ago, on 13th Oct 1994, the three main loyalist paramilitary groups in Northern Ireland announced a ceasefire following the IRA ceasefire announcement on 31st Aug.

20 years ago, on 27th Oct 1999, Britain's House of Lords voted to end the automatic right of hereditary peers to sit and vote in the upper chamber of Parliament. Of over 700 peers, only 92 would remain, chosen by election.

15 years ago, on 29th Oct 2004, Osama bin Laden admitted ordering the September 11th attacks on the USA, in a videotape broadcast by the al Jazeera TV network.

Blessed are those
who hunger and
thirst for
righteousness, for
they shall be satisfied.

MATTHEW 5:6

The Beatitudes: 'Blessed are those that hunger and thirst for righteousness'

'You have made us for yourself, O Lord, and our hearts are restless until they find their rest in You.' (Augustine).

We all have deep longings in our lives that we seek to satisfy, however Jesus points out that we can only be truly satisfied by God Himself: *'Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.'* (Matthew 5:6). The words *hunger* and *thirst* are strong words referring to a truly desperate for righteousness.

But what does this mean?

Longing for right relationship with God: It means putting God at the centre of all we are and do and trusting Him with the whole of our lives. It's a response to Jesus' death on the cross, rather than anything we can do for God: *'This righteousness is given through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe.'* (Romans 3:22).

Longing for right living for God: A righteous or holy life is one that is righteous 24 hours a day. It's an integrated Christian life lived out of our ongoing relationship with God, affecting everything we do, say or think.

Longing for right relationship with others: God's righteousness will influence how we relate to others in the community, so that all our relationships are loving and just e.g. at work, with family, friends or neighbours.

When we are really desperate Jesus says that God will *fill* us and our desire for righteousness will be satisfied. The problem is that often we are not desperate enough! We don't want to let go the deep desires that get in the way of God. *'It would seem that Our Lord finds our desires not too strong, but too weak. We are far too easily pleased.'* (C S Lewis).

This article by the Rev Paul Hardingham continues his series on the Beatitudes which will conclude in November.

The Sermon

A little girl became restless as the preacher's sermon dragged on and on. Finally, she leaned over to her mother and whispered, "Mummy, if we give him some money now, will he let us go?"

From the Registers

Funerals (August 2019)

Thursday 1 st August	Jack Joseph Lamont	Kirk Christ @ 2.30pm
Wednesday 14 th August	Peter Fishwick	Kirk Christ @ 2.30pm
Tuesday 27 th August	Arthur Norman Quillin	Kirk Christ @ 2.00pm

Wedding Blessing (August 2019)

Friday 23 rd August	Donna Louise Hall & Andrew Carl Hall	Kirk Christ @ 2.30pm
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Baptisms (July/August 2019)

Friday 30 th July	Sophie Alexandra Casson	St Catherine's Church @ 2pm
	Mark Max Rapu-Casson	St Catherine's Church @ 2pm
Sunday 4 th August	Rio Walker Cowin	St Catherine's Church @ 11am
	Harvey Jonathan Howell Evans	St Catherine's Church @ 11am
Sunday 18 th August	Eddie Lee Booth	St Mary's Church @ 11am
	Henry George Cruywagen	St Mary's Church @ 11am

Safeguarding

The Parish of Rushen is committed to the safeguarding, nurture and care of **everyone** within our church community. If you, or someone you know, are concerned that a child or vulnerable adult is at risk or has been harmed, or are concerned about the behaviour of someone towards children or vulnerable adults, please contact:

Rushen Parish Safeguarding Officer, Claire Jennings (Tel. 830850)

The **Diocesan Safeguarding Adviser** has now been appointed. For more details contact the diocese.

A copy of the Diocesan Safeguarding Policy is available on the Diocesan website: http://www.sodorandman.im/safeguarding_inclusion



"So really, it is very easy to understand how Brexit will affect our parish..."

Rushen Mothers' Union



The Rev Brian Shephard led our lovely Opening Communion Service on Monday 9th September at Kirk Christ Parish Church, supported by Gerry Callister, and we extend to them our grateful thanks. We enjoyed a cup of tea and cake afterwards, and some chocolates too!

Items for the hospital emergency toilet bags were collected and given to Mrs Pat Costain the following evening when we met for our Corporate Communion in the cathedral.

This took the form of a MU Evening Eucharist in a Celtic Tradition, a quiet, restful and contemplative service, prepared and led by Canon Margaret Burrows, which included a Eucharistic Prayer from the Book of Common Prayer in the Church in Wales, and some resources from the Iona Abbey Worship Book. Members from the different branches took part in the readings and prayers, with Mrs Jane Gunn from Rushen leading us in our prayers of intercession. There was a good attendance, and we all enjoyed fellowship and friendship at the Faith Supper afterwards, supplied by each branch, when we also had an opportunity to purchase from the stalls and raffle.

The Autumn Council Meeting will be on Monday 7th October at 7pm at St Ninian's, the next Trustees' Meeting on Wednesday 22nd October at 7pm, the JMP South & West Committee meeting on Wednesday 6th November at 10.30am at Marown, and the MU Advent Service on Tuesday 3rd December at 7pm at St Catherine's.

Our next branch meeting is on Monday 14th October at 2pm in St Mary's Hall, which will be led by Mrs Pat Thomson. Our speaker will be Mrs Brenda Kinnish who will describe her experiences as a Salvation Army Officer. Guests are always welcome.

With love and very best wishes to everyone.

Pat Thomson

A prayer for morning... and for evening

O God, who divides the day from the night, separate our deeds from the darkness of sin, and let us continually live in your light, reflecting in all that we do your eternal beauty.

O God, who gives the day for work and the night for sleep, refresh our bodies and our minds through the quiet hours of night, and let our inward eyes be directed towards you, dreaming of your eternal glory.

From the Leonine Sacramentary, 5th century

God in the Arts

‘A Basket of Roses’ by Fantin-Latour

*The National Gallery at Trafalgar Square in London houses one of the finest collections of European paintings in the world, with some 2,300 works spanning the centuries. During this year, with the help of the **Rev’d Michael Burgess**, we are journeying through the gallery to explore one of those treasures each month. (Editor)*



Thomas Moore wrote a haunting, melancholy song called ‘The Last Rose of Summer.’ It is about love and friendships passing as the blossom wilts and summer turns to autumn. Perhaps we know that feeling as we see the leaves falling and the nights drawing in. But autumn is also the season of harvest celebrations when we rejoice in the goodness of Creation. The last rose of summer may die, but there is still much for which to give thanks to God.

We sense that in the bountiful array of roses that is this month’s painting in the National Gallery. Fantin-Latour, a French artist who died in 1904, was famous for the beauty and realism of his paintings of flowers. Here in ‘A Basket of Roses’ of 1890, the flowers tumble onto the table, a rich gathering of white, cream, apricot and pink blossom.

Roses are traditionally signs of love, and that is at the heart of Thomas Moore’s song. White roses stand for the purity of love, red for its sorrow, and gold for its glory. Other poets may come to mind as we think of roses: the author of the Song of Solomon or Robert Burns. This painting has its own poetry. The roses have been brought into a Victorian drawing room, but their perfume and beauty call us back into the garden where they grew in all their magnificence and splendour.

Each harvest we gather flowers, fruits and vegetables from our gardens and fields to proclaim the goodness and generosity of God. In the same century as the artist Fantin-Latour, Fr Faber wrote over 150 hymns praising the God of creation and the God of our salvation. One hymn has the verse:

‘How wonderful creation is,
The work that Thou didst bless;
And, oh! what then must Thou be like,
Eternal loveliness!’

That is our theme as we ponder these roses and think of the Harvest Thanksgivings we shall offer in church this autumn.

Children's Page

Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in
Judges 6:36 - 7:8, 16 - 22

God had told Gideon he would drive the
Midianite invaders out of His country.
32000 men had come to fight with Gideon.

Gideon asked God for proof.



God did as Gideon had asked.



Could you show me again, but with the wool dry and the ground wet?



God said

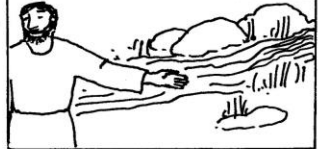
The army is too big. They will think that they beat the Midianites, not Me.



So Gideon sent home all who were afraid - 22000 of them



There were still too many, so Gideon told them to drink from the spring.



300 scooped up water to drink, and the rest were sent home.



Each man was given a jar with a lit torch in it and a horn.



That night they surrounded the Midianite camp.



At the signal, they blew the trumpets, smashed the jars and shouted a war cry

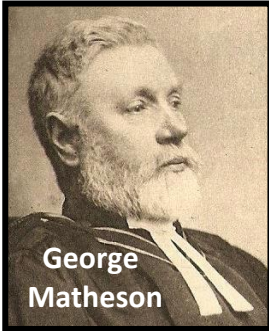


The Midianites were so shocked they attacked each other, and then ran



The Israelites won without having to do any fighting.

The Story Behind the Hymn



O Love that Wilt not let me Go

O Love that wilt not let me go,
I rest my weary soul in thee;
I give thee back the life I owe,
That in thine ocean depths its flow
May richer, fuller be.

O light that followest all my way,
I yield my flickering torch to thee;
My heart restores its borrowed ray,
That in thy sunshine's blaze its day
May brighter, fairer be.

O Joy that seekest me through pain,
I cannot close my heart to thee;
I trace the rainbow through the rain,
And feel the promise is not vain,
That morn shall tearless be.

O Cross that liftest up my head,
I dare not ask to fly from thee;
I lay in dust life's glory dead,
And from the ground there blossoms red
Life that shall endless be.

George Matheson suffered poor eyesight from birth, and at age 15 learned that he was going blind. Not one to be easily discouraged, he enrolled in the University of Glasgow and graduated at age 19. He then began theological studies, and it was while pursuing those that he began totally blind.

Matheson's three sisters rose to the occasion and tutored him. With their help he was able to complete his studies. After graduation, he answered a call to serve as pastor of a church in Innellan, Argyllshire, Scotland. He had a successful ministry there, and was later called to serve as pastor of the much larger St. Bernard's Church in Edinburgh.

On the day that one of his sisters was married, Matheson wrote this hymn. He recorded this account of that experience in his journal:

"My hymn was composed in the manse of Innellan on the evening of June 6, 1882. I was at that time alone. It was the day of my sister's marriage, and the rest of my family were staying overnight in Glasgow. Something had happened to me which was known only to myself, and which caused me the most severe mental suffering. The hymn was the fruit of that suffering. It was the quickest bit of work I ever did in my life. I had the impression of having it dictated to me by some inward voice than of working it out myself. I am quite sure that the whole work was completed in five minutes, and equally sure that it never received at my hands any retouching or correction. I have no natural gift of rhythm. All the other verses I have written are manufactured articles; this came like a dayspring from on high. I have never been able to gain once more the same fervour in verse."

Rushen Parish Prayer Diary

*Praise the Lord for all the seasons,
Praise Him for the gentle spring,
Praise the Lord for glorious summer,
birds and beasts and everything.
Praise the Lord Who sends the harvest,
Praise Him for the winter snows;
Praise the Lord, all ye who love Him,
Praise Him, for all things He knows. Amen*

October 2019

This is your invitation to pray day by day for:

- 1st Those people weighed down with debt who see no solution to their problems
- 2nd Joe, our vicar, and those who minister to us in the Parish of Rushen
- 3rd Children attending Castle Rushen High School
- 4th All people taking part in sporting events
- 5th Liz Hull who is being priested at 3pm at Kirk Christ today
- 6th William Tyndale who translated the scriptures into English
- 7th Those who are housebound who would love to attend a church service today
- 8th Farmers and agricultural workers preparing for the winter ahead
- 9th The children who are affected when families break up
- 10th Our local shops and businesses, and for those who work in them
- 11th The residents and staff of all the care homes in the Isle of Man
- 12th The ministry of healing for the sick and disabled
- 13th King Edward the Confessor and those who brought Christianity to our shores
- 14th All Saints, known or unknown, now in heaven
- 15th The many people who anxiously wait for news of sick relatives
- 16th Fishermen who work tirelessly to provide us with fish to eat
- 17th The work of all charities both at home and overseas
- 18th Luke the Evangelist, remembered for his healing, and whose day is celebrated today
- 19th Older people who need warmth as winter approaches
- 20th Employees throughout our country striving to meet their targets
- 21st People in prison seeking to improve their lives
- 22nd Christians around the world
- 23rd Preparations for Christmas in shops and other retail outlets
- 24th The work of the Southern Mission Partnership
- 25th PCC committees and the valuable work they do for the parish behind the scenes
- 26th King Alfred the Great, whose day it is, and those baking cakes today!
- 27th Babies born today and the families into which they are born
- 28th Those who are persecuted for their faith
- 29th Artists, poets and musicians
- 30th Those who look after our churches and arrange the flowers week by week
- 31st Those who work in the hospitality industry

Services October 2019

29 th September (Trinity 15)	8am	St Catherine's Holy Communion (BCP)
	11am	St Mary's Joint Harvest Festival (CW)
2 nd October	11.15am	Southlands Holy Communion (CW)
	2pm	St Mary's Play & Praise
6 th October (Trinity 16)	8am	St Catherine's Holy Communion (BCP)
	9.30am	Kirk Christ Holy Communion (CW)
	11am	St Mary's Holy Communion(CW)
	11am	St Catherine's Morning Prayer + Baptism(CW)
	3.15pm	St Peter's Harvest Festival
13 th October (Trinity 17)	9.30am	Kirk Christ Holy Communion (CW)
	11am	St Mary's All Age Service (CW)
	11am	St Catherine's Holy Communion (CW)
	3.15pm	St Peter's Holy Communion (BCP)
	6.30pm	Kirk Christ Alternative Service
20 th October (Trinity 18)	8am	St Catherine's Holy Communion (BCP)
	9.30am	Kirk Christ Morning Prayer (CW)
	11am	Kirk Christ Baptism
	11am	St Mary's Holy Communion (CW)
	11am	St Catherine's All-Age Service (CW)
	3.15pm	St Peter's Holy Communion (BCP)
27 th October (Trinity 19)	9.30am	Kirk Christ Morning Prayer + Baptism (CW)
	11am	St Mary's Morning Prayer (CW)
	11am	St Catherine's Holy Communion (CW)
	3.15pm	St Peter's Evening Prayer (BCP)
30 th October	11.15am	Southlands Holy Communion (CW)
	2pm	St Mary's Play & Praise
3 rd November (Trinity 20)	8am	<i>St Catherine's Holy Communion (BCP)</i>
	9.30am	<i>Kirk Christ Holy Communion (CW)</i>
	11am	<i>St Mary's Holy Communion(CW)</i>
	11am	<i>St Catherine's Morning Prayer (CW)</i>
	3.15pm	<i>St Peter's Evening Prayer (BCP)</i>

(CW) Common Worship

(BCP) Book of Common Prayer

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October Sudoku Competition

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Unfortunately the number of you participating in this competition is relatively small compared with the 150 copies of the magazine that are distributed within the parish and beyond. It may well be that I will have to consider what to include on the back page that will encourage more of you to take part. If you have any ideas please let me know. I intend to continue with the sudoku puzzles until the December issue when probably the last sudoku competition will take place. In the meantime the usual rules apply with the winner receiving £5 as a prize. Your solutions can be sent to me at the address overleaf.