



Puzzle Corner

Sudoku

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Word Search

- Autumn
- Gold
- Night
- Dark
- Pumpkin
- Sweets
- Saints
- Goodness
- Saving
- Prayer
- Protection
- Light
- Jesus
- Son
- Fearless
- School
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- Half term
- Coal
- Leaves
- Bonfires
- Sneeze
- Scarves
- Soup

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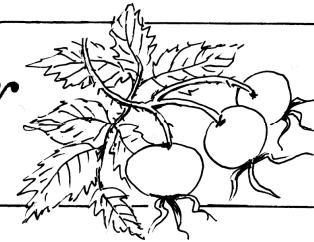


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SOMEONES ELSE'S SHOES

One of the many stories that Jesus told was about a shepherd separating his flock into different herds of sheep and goats. Jesus explained that there would be a time when he would sit upon his heavenly throne and, like the shepherd, he would separate people into 2 groups, those who had been selfish and those who had cared for others. You can read about this in St Matthew's Gospel, chapter 25, verses 34 to 40.

There is an old American Indian saying 'Do not judge a person until you have walked a mile in their moccasins' (shoes). Only when we begin to see as others see, feel as they feel, will we be able to understand them and help them.



When Jesus told us the story about the sheep and the goats he was teaching us to care for others. Whatever we do to help someone else we are doing for Jesus – and to do that we have to put ourselves in someone else's shoes.

WHOSE SHOE?

The answers to this quiz are all things that are also the name of a type of footwear. So can you say which shoe is...

1. A backwards somersault?
2. A line on a ship?
3. A type of snake?
4. An animal used to carry heavy loads?
5. A dagger?
6. An Irish way of speaking?
7. Part of a car?
8. Where you find a judge?
9. Someone who teaches fitness?
10. Used to move water?

Who was the smallest person in the Bible?

He can be found in the Book of Job (more easily if you use a magnifying glass):- Job 2:11 - Bildad the Shuhite (shoe height).



You've got your boots on the wrong feet.

No, these are the only feet I've got.

Answers: 1.flip flop 2.plimsoll 3.moccasin 4.mule 5.stiletto 6.brogue 7.boot 8.court 9.trainer 10.pump

Articles for the November magazine should be with Rector by Sunday 17th October 2010



The Rector writes ...

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Dear Parishioners

Harvest Festival

John Chapter 1 verse 1

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made.

Harvest is a time when we remember the abundance that God has bestowed on us and how he created us to tend his creation to bring forth the harvests in their seasons. We are fortunate in this country that the weather on the whole is fairly kind to us and consequently we reap a decent harvest. However, there are some areas of the world that are not so blessed, so we need to be doubly thankful for what we are able to produce.

I discovered that the tradition of celebrating Harvest Festival, as we know it today only began in 1843 when a Reverend Robert Hawker invited his Parishioners at a Church in Morwenstow in Cornwall to a special Thanksgiving Service. Victorian Hymns, such as 'We Plough The Fields and Scatter', helped his idea to become popular along with the annual custom of decorating the church with the produce of the harvests.

So we are taught through scripture the importance to tend, nurture and preserve all things that God has given us. God created mankind to tend to his precious gift and everything was in place, the sun, the water, the soil and a brain that would grow with wisdom and knowledge to be able to sustain his gift.

However, he gave us another thing, freewill, and that has its consequences as not everybody obeys the fundamental moral laws that God had given. Therefore, the climate, resources and certain species of animals have suffered. But then I believe God wants us to be an ever-learning race that can stand up and be accountable; taking responsibility for what happens to the gift he has given us. He needs us to unite as a human race to heal the world and enable this planet to be fruitful for generations to come.

Therefore, we need to look again at the harvest and now I am not just talking about

the crops. We need to look beyond the immediate future to make sure that the harvest is sustainable, that the skills and seeds are preserved. And it is similar with our faith, we must do as the disciples did and take the seed out and plant it in the hearts and minds of those who have not encountered the Creator. We must pass on our enthusiasm and love for the Lord, as this is the food that the seeds need to grow and multiply. We need to nurture our faith, take it out to others, so they too can come to fruition with us and preserve the Christian faith for the future, so that God's harvest of souls will be plentiful.

Could I also reiterate the Rev Adrian's invitation for you to come to our Parish Harvest Festival—see Page 5. We have an excellent preacher The Rev Willie Orr, Rector of Muckamore Parish Church.. My prayer is that you will be able to come to St. Mary Magdalene on Sunday 3rd October at 11.00am. If you haven't been there for a while, no matter.

You will be made very welcome.

God Bless

The Rector



HARVEST FESTIVAL

3RD OCTOBER 2010

This year, our special Harvest Collection will be in aid of the Spinal Injury Unit in Musgrave Park Hospital—a specialist unit whose work involves the rehabilitation of those suffering from spinal damage. A collection plate will be placed at the back of the church for any donations. If you pay income tax, please consider gift aiding your donation—forms will be available. Please remember that gift aiding costs you nothing!

The church will be open on Saturday 2nd October from 11.00am—2.00pm for decoration. Flowers, greenery or any other produce from your garden will be gladly accepted.

We also appeal for helpers to come along to give a hand with the harvest decoration. Please try to give an hour or two to help - we have fewer and fewer people turning up each year, so any extra volunteers will be made extremely welcome!



THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

Long standing problem
.... try kneeling



"What happened to that cheeky tomboy who used to chase the boys around the pews last time you came to church? She's the vicar!"



For your diary

Harvest Decoration	Sat 2nd Oct	11.00 am
Select Vestry	Mon 11th Oct	7.30 pm
Ladies' Guild	Wed 13th Oct	7.45 pm Holy Communion
Antiques Fair	Sat 16th Oct	12.30-4.00 pm <i>Teas rota: Libby Garstang</i>
Phoenix Choir Musical Evening	Fri 22nd Oct	7.45 pm
Snooker Club	Tuesdays	7.00 pm
Midweek Services	Thursdays	12.30 pm
BB	Thursdays	6.30 onwards

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Fundraising appeals

We desperately need to raise funds for the upkeep and restoration of our beautiful church. Major work needs to be carried out to the roof and other repairs are constant and ongoing. Please consider the following efforts organised by the Select Vestry and make every effort to support as many as you can. Everyone's help is needed!

Recycling bags



You have received a recycling bag along with this magazine.

We'd like to ask you to fill this bag with some clean, good quality clothing, shoes, blankets, belts, towels, curtains, bedding and handbags. The details for returning these to the church are printed on the leaflet attached to the bag. You can obtain extra bags at the back of the church or just use additional 'black' bags if necessary.

Please do your little bit to help—it's amazing how it'll all mount up.



An evening of music with the Phoenix Choir

A musical evening will take place in the church on Friday 22nd October at 7.45 pm. The Phoenix Choir will provide a programme of varied music and we very much look forward to sitting back and listening to them sing. What a relaxing way to end a busy week!

Please support this event—tickets are £5.00 each and are obtainable in church. A light supper will be served afterwards.

BACK TO CHURCH SUNDAY

HARVEST FESTIVAL -3rd October 11.00am



"In 2009 'Back to Church Sunday' mobilised around 4,650 in the UK to invite their friends to church. As a result over 80,000 extra people attended church on Back to Church Sunday in the UK alone."

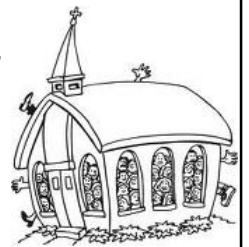
If you are reading this it is because you must have some link to St Mary Magdalene that means you receive the magazine. We would love to invite you to come back to church on Sunday 3rd October. This is not an attempt to make you feel guilty or awkward, but rather to genuinely invite you to come along and join with us for our Harvest Celebrations.

People stop coming to church for a variety of reasons –

- Perhaps you came along when the children were small but got out of the habit as they grew up;
- Perhaps you moved house and feel a bit distant from it all;
- Perhaps you stopped coming along and now feel embarrassed to suddenly turn up;
- Perhaps you felt uncomfortable attending worship services in a world that seems quite unrelated to church and spiritual things;
- Perhaps you were disappointed by something we did or didn't do (sorry).

Whatever the reason we would like to welcome you back even for one Sunday. It will be a special Sunday Service (Harvest) so you will not feel obvious or the only one there.

There will be refreshments afterwards.



Rev Adrian McCartney

The Boys' Brigade

The 1st Irish Boys' Brigade enrolment service will take place on

**Sunday 24 October
at 11.00 am**

in the church. Boys to meet in the hall at 10.30am in full uniform.

A full attendance is required from Anchor Boys, Junior Section and Company Section. I would like to see as many parents, grandparents, family and friends at this service as well as members of the congregation.

REMEMBER - it's **YOUR BB** company.



Bill McMillan
Captain
1st Irish
Company

Ladies' Guild



The Guild recommences on Wednesday 13th October with a celebration of Holy Communion at 7.45 pm in the Chapel of the Holy Spirit.

It will be good to see everyone back again for another year and of course, as always, new members will be welcome. If you have thought about joining us, why not come along and give it a try—you won't regret it!

The committee has been busy arranging this year's programme and I know you won't be disappointed with the line-up of events!

On your behalf, I would like to express thanks to the committee members for all the hard work and effort which goes into organising our monthly meetings.

The subscription for this year will remain at £7.00—good value for money—I'm sure you will all agree.

Looking forward to welcoming everyone back.

Joan Rodgers
President

A Woman's Poem

*He didn't like the casserole and he didn't like my cake,
He said my biscuits were too hard ~ not like his mother used to make.*

*I didn't perk the coffee right, he didn't like the stew,
I didn't mend his socks the way his mother used to do.*

I pondered for an answer ~ I was looking for a clue.

Then I turned around and smacked him one

Like his mother used to do!

Fairtrade

The 5 Minute Meditation

Why Fairtrade?

In Proverbs, it is written:

"A poor man's field may produce abundant food, but injustice sweeps it away," (Prov 13:23, NIV). Sadly, that is all too true, even today.

Fairtrade exists because the dominant trade patterns between the West and developing countries are biased; heavily benefitting western companies and keeping small producers in developing countries in poverty.

A third of the world's population lives on less than two dollars a day. Markets are structured to ensure profit for those further up the supply chain, whilst the price farmers get for the produce doesn't always even cover the cost of production. Not many families in the West have to make decisions such as whether to buy medicine for a sick relative, or buy seed and animals, or send children to school - we're generally able to do all of the above, and much more besides.

As the Bible says, "This is the kind of fast day I'm after: to break the chains of injustice, get rid of exploitation in the workplace, free the oppressed, cancel debts." (Isaiah 58:6, The Message).

Fairtrade is much more than a mere passing trend. The current state of unjust world trade between rich and poor nations, and the slow

progress of change, has been likened to the campaigners arguing for the abolition of the slave trade over two hundred years ago. The status quo seemed acceptable and suited those with decision making power fine - at the time, they felt like there was no need to change.

Buying and using Fairtrade certified products means that the producers are paid a fair and stable price for a product. In addition, a 'social premium' is paid to a community cooperative of farmers who must decide democratically how to use it. It's typically spent on access to clean water, schools, health centres, or safe transport, and is a great example of how we can help communities through trade, not aid.

The Fairtrade Foundation's website provides links to special Fairtrade Faith discussion groups, as well as the relevant Facebook, Flickr, Youtube and Twitter pages. There is also a regular Fairtrade Churches e-newsletter available.

We can all do our part.

