

# Puzzle Corner



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Now that the nights are getting longer, snuggle up to the fire and try these two puzzles.

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# PASSWORDS



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Harvest



October 2013



# CHURCH SERVICES



SERVICES	READER
<b>6th October—19th Sunday after Trinity</b> 11.00 am Holy Communion (see Page 6)	Molly Scales <i>Timothy 2-v- 1-14</i>
<b>13th October—20th Sunday after Trinity</b> 11.00 am Harvest Thanksgiving 7.00 pm Thanksgiving	Bill Jeffrey <i>Deuteronomy 26 -v- 1-11</i>
<b>20th October—21st Sunday after Trinity</b> 11.00 am Trafalgar Day Service (We welcome members of the RNA)	RNA Member
<b>27th October—5th Sunday before Advent</b> 11.00 am Morning Prayer	Joan Rodgers <i>Joel 2 -v- 23-32</i>

## HARVEST EVENING SERVICE

Please note, in addition to the morning Harvest Thanksgiving, there will also be an evening Harvest Service on Sunday 10th October. Do come, bring a friend or other family member and join in thanking God for the fruits of His harvest.



## Thursday Lunchtime Services

The Rector is delighted to announce the resumption of the lunchtime services on

**THURSDAY 10th OCTOBER at 12.30 pm**

Lunch afterwards



## Flower Rota—October



Oct 6th ..... Mr & Mrs H Rodgers  
 Oct 13th ..... Mr S Brown  
 Oct 20th ..... Mrs M O'Rawe  
 Oct 27th ..... The Boys' Brigade



## Holy Matrimony

**Kelly Ann Watson**  
**Brian Armstrong**  
 5 Virginia Way  
 5th September 2013

## ~ Parish Prayer List ~

We remember all those known to us who are sick or in other need of prayer. We remember especially those who have been bereaved.

The Church of Ireland "Safeguarding Trust" Policy operates in this church. Panel Members are the Rev Bob Cotter, Mr Cecil Dunwoody and Mr Peter Ainley. Notices to this effect have been placed in the church and halls.



for our younger readers ...

Reading from the Bible: Leviticus 23 verse 22

# HARVEST

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

## FRUIT & VEG

Things that grow in my garden



BROCCOLI



APPLE



MUSHROOM



BANANA



BETROOT

Choose & draw it in the circle in each box



GRAPEFRUIT



SWEDE



CHILLI PEPPER

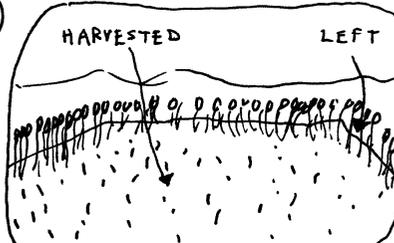


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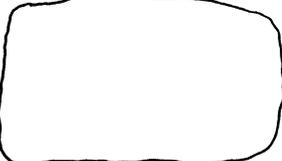
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TOP FOODS

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"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 1: 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?

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: \_\_\_\_\_



## The Rector writes ...

Dear Parishioners

I would like to share some thoughts with you about the Old Testament Reading from my service of introduction. Before I look at certain aspects of it, could I suggest that as Christians we need to ensure that we do not neglect the Old Testament - as a source of inspiration and revelation. Our Christian Bibles do not consist of just the 27 books of the New Testament, but encompass the 39 books of the Hebrew Scriptures or Old Testament also. 2 Timothy 3: 16 rightly reminds us that 'All scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness'. Many of the standard services of the Church of Ireland have provision for three readings to be used, including at Morning Prayer and Holy Communion. The Old Testament is always one of the three.

Convention, however, usually prefers that the sermon concentrates on the Gospel Reading, since we are hearing about the teachings and actions of the Lord Jesus. The vast majority of Anglican services up and down the country will most frequently concern themselves with the Gospel readings. A consequence of this might be that the people feel that the Old Testament is less familiar territory. Their memory of its main narratives goes back in many cases to Sunday School.

I would strongly recommend that you continue to read the Old Testament, whatever Bible Reading method you prefer. I like to read a different complete version of the Bible each year. Since there are so many individual books in the vast library which is the Bible and so much to learn from reading them, it needs to be undertaken with a plan of some sort. There are so many lectionaries and so many sets of published Bible Reading notes, you need to find what works for you. Two writers I find helpful are Tom Wright and William Barclay, but you might well have discovered other trustworthy guides also.

If I were to highlight those Old Testament books I find myself coming back to time and time again it would have to be Psalms and Isaiah that represent my Top Two. Incidentally, they are also the Top Two in terms of references to them - directly and indirectly - in the New Testament itself. Jesus himself quotes from both. Indeed, at the beginning of his ministry, as it is

recorded in Luke's Gospel, he reads Isaiah 61: 1-2 in the synagogue in Nazareth. His last words, as recorded by Luke are 'Father, into thy hands I commit my spirit!' from Psalm 31:5. The books of the Old Testament – the only scriptures Jesus himself had – must remain a vital resource for Christians today. Partly because of the necessary emphasis on the Gospels on Sundays, my texts on Thursdays – from 10<sup>th</sup> October onwards - will generally be from the Old Testament and the Epistles.

The Old Testament I chose for my Service of Introduction on 26<sup>th</sup> June was from Isaiah 40: 25-31. It is a key reading for me for a number of reasons. It reminds us, despite our own delusions of greatness, that God is sovereign. He is the unique, incomparable Creator-God who demands our worship and our service. His knowledge, power and understanding are beyond our comprehension. These thoughts help us to keep things in perspective. As mere human beings we cannot hope to understand all the ways of God, although we readily assume that we ought to be able to. We might also assume that God cannot possibly know very much about us as individuals. Not only does he know about each of us, but he loves us as individuals, no matter how unlovable we consider ourselves to be.

Verses 28-31 are some of the greatest verses in the whole Bible. They should uplift us by their poetry, by their reassuring message that God is accessible to all who wait for him. At any point that we feel overwhelmed by life, by our failing health, by our increasing sense of our own weakness, by our sinfulness, we recall that we are not on our own, that we have the support and help of the greatest power in the universe. If you are feeling at a low ebb, that life is too much for you, that your best days have receded into the past, read these words and be energised and uplifted for the continuing challenge and adventure of living. However powerless we feel, we can access the unlimited power of God, however perplexed we feel by the world and its problems, the potent sense of the proximity of God should renew our spirits as we are reminded of the God we adore: 'The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary, his understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the faint, and to him who has no might he increases strength. Even youths shall faint and be weary, and young men shall fall exhausted; but they who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint'.

*Rev Bob Cotter*

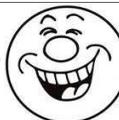


### THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

*Happiness is not the absence of problems but the ability to deal with them*

Don't forget  
CLOCKS BACK  
OCTOBER 27th

Q: What did the tree say to autumn?  
A: leaf me alone.



Q: What did one autumn leaf say to another?  
A: I'm falling for you.

Q: Why did summer catch autumn?  
A: Because autumn is fall.

Q: How do you fix a broken pumpkin?  
A: With a pumpkin patch

Q: What falls in autumn?  
A: Leaves!

Articles for the November magazine should be with Kate by Sunday 20th October 2013.



### For your diary

Ladies' Guild	Wed 9th Oct	7.30 pm
Harvest Decorating	Sat 12th Oct	2-4 pm
Harvest Thanksgiving	Sun 13th Oct	See Page 2
Select Vestry	Mon 14th Oct	7.30 pm
Harvest Supper	Fri 18th Oct	7.30 pm
Trafalgar Day Service	Sun 20th Oct	11.00 am
Snooker Club	Tuesdays	7.00 pm
Midweek Services	Thursdays (from Oct 10th)	12.30 pm
BB	Thursdays	6.30 onwards
BB Enrolment	to be announced	



In the old days we didn't need a tin opener to enjoy the Harvest Festival!

THE SHAMROCK!

How many of you remember the 'good old days' when we had Sunday School at 10.30 am, church at 11.30 am, Sunday School at 3.00 pm and evening service at 7.00 pm? Well, if like me you do remember it, and, like me you thought it far too much, then you might empathise with my confession!

You will recall that once morning Sunday School was finished, the children went into church via the back door. There sat some of the teachers who stamped our church attendance cards with what we thought was a shamrock. It was years later before I came to realise it was actually the sign of the Holy Trinity.

One morning when we came out of Sunday School, it was snowing. My cousin and I decided that we would much rather play in the snow than stay another 1½ hours (yes, in those days, church usually lasted that long!) in church. However, we had a problem. If we missed getting our 'shamrocks', we wouldn't get a 1<sup>st</sup> class prize at the end of the year and even worse, our mummies would find out. So, not to be daunted, we came up with our master plan. We went in the back door, got our stamps and ran like the 'devil' out the front door!

Off to Botanic Gardens we scarpered, still in our 'Sunday best' and played about in the snow. However, it wasn't too long before the cold and damp set in and after a short time, it wasn't such great fun after all. In the end, we couldn't wait until it was time to mingle into the crowd coming out of church and get home to the warm fire.

The funny thing is, I can't remember if we were ever found out in our misdemeanour - but I suspect had we been, I wouldn't be around today to tell the tale. Suffice to say, we never repeated this adventure - a warm church was better any day!



So, come on—are you brave enough to 'confess' something in your distant or not so distant past? Anonymity assured!!

Handiwork

It is plain to see His handiwork when flowers burst forth  
in bloom,

Bluebells lie on forest floors as a carpet in a room;  
The buttercups and daisies have a charm that's all their own,  
While golden fields of daffodils in the gentle breeze are blown.

It is plain to see His handiwork as we watch the setting sun  
Sink low on the horizon as its daily work is done;  
The reddened skyline glorious and a wonder to behold  
Before the evening shadows seek to overcome the gold.

It is plain to see His handiwork in the tumbling waves  
that roar  
And crash against the rocky cliffs that stand along the shore.  
The mighty sea then quietens before waves come again  
To pound the battered rocky cliffs – what a sight for  
mortal men.

Let us praise Him for the beauty of the earth and sky  
and sea,  
To please Him with his handiwork that is both you and me.  
And thank God in our prayerful time when the working day is  
done  
For the piece of perfect handiwork that is His own  
dear Son.

JS

## Mothers and Toddlers Group

Thursdays  
in the church hall from  
10 am to 12 noon.

If you have any questions/  
enquiries please contact  
Alison on 07749172423 or  
Elaine on 07713383943

### Sunday 6th October

As the Rector will be taking the Harvest Service in Mossley Church on this morning, the Rev Stewart Heaney will be with us. We look forward to seeing him and his wife Maureen.

### Harvest Decoration:

The church will be decorated on  
Saturday 12th October from 2.00  
pm—4.00 pm

Please help by:

- coming along and giving a hand
- supplying flowers, greenery, fruit, vegetables
- cleaning up afterwards

### Harvest Collection:

This year, our special Harvest Collection will be in aid of 'Suicide Awareness'. 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—and remember—gift aiding costs you nothing!

## HARVEST DINNER

Friday 18th October

@ 7.30 pm

(Tickets are on sale at £8.00 each)

Join us for a delicious bowl of home-made stew, dessert,  
tea/coffee and some great entertainment.

Don't miss it!



Another session of The Boys' Brigade has started. New members will be very welcome. As a reminder, the times are as follows:

### Thursdays

**Anchor Boys** (5-8 yrs) -  
6.30 pm - 8.00 pm

**Junior Section** (8-11 yrs) - 6.30  
pm - 8.00 pm

**Company Section** (11-18 yrs) -  
7.45 pm - 9.30 pm

The Enrolment Service will be taking place shortly—details will be announced in church.

William McMillan  
Captain 1st Irish Company

## Ladies' Guild



We look forward to the start of another Guild season which commences at 7.30 pm on Wednesday 9th October.

We begin with our usual opening celebration of the Holy Communion and we're delighted that the Rev Bob Cotter will be with us. Naturally, there'll be a cuppa afterwards in the hall and the programme for the new year will be distributed. Members are reminded that we agreed to raise the yearly Guild subscription to £15.

Calling all ladies—if you're not already in the Guild, why not give it a try? Bring a friend—the Guild is open to all. I look forward to seeing everyone on the 9th.

Joan Rodgers—President

### 125th Anniversary Service of The Boys' Brigade in Ireland

Wasn't it the most wonderful service and how good it was to see the church filled and hear all the voices united in praise. We sounded great on the radio too!



If you would like a CD recording of the service, these are available. Whilst we are not making a charge, a small donation, to offset the cost would be appreciated. See Kate if you would like a copy—or order via the website—[www.st-marymagdalene.org.uk](http://www.st-marymagdalene.org.uk)