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Tolleshunt Knights, Great
Braxted, Messing & Inworth**



Field of poppies in Compton Abbas ,Dorset.—John Firman



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Editorial

In Anne-Marie's absence I thought I would pen a few words to take the place of her usual article. At the time of writing, Anne-Marie has had her operation and is recuperating well at home.

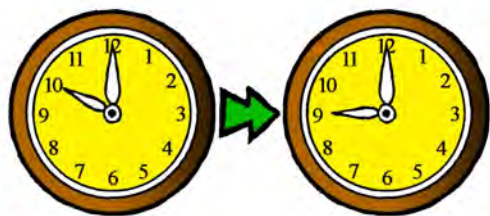
As we enter the autumn months we see a period of change. The evenings have already drawn in, and at the end of October we will see the clocks revert back to Greenwich Mean Time. The weather has become autumnal, frosts are threatening and we will soon see the spectacle of the leaves changing colour before the starkness of the bare trees in December.

The month of October sees the celebration of the year's harvest as the last of the crops are gathered in and we thank God for all of his good gifts at our Harvest Festivals. The fields are ploughed and prepared ready for next year's sowing and crops. We take the fact that we can buy all the previously seasonal produce virtually all year round as new techniques extend the growing season and we import from other countries. We must not lose sight of the fact that whilst we enjoy all of the good things the shops have to offer, there are those in our world that are not so fortunate. People in countries where crops fail, either from not enough water or conversely too much where land is flooded from exceptional rain. More locally we have people supported by the foodbank.

November sees a time of remembrance. On Sunday 3rd November we have the Memorial Service to which the bereaved families of all those whose funeral we have taken in the year are invited to come, to remember and to celebrate the lives of the departed. There is also an opportunity to remember those loved ones who have passed away in previous years. The following Sunday, 10th November, is Remembrance Sunday when across all of our churches those who have made the ultimate sacrifice in wars and conflicts are remembered. There will be the usual wreath laying ceremony at Tiptree war memorial followed by a service. There will be other local times of Remembrance across all our parishes.

Before we know it, we will be in Advent and the build up to the celebration of Christmas.

Martin Borgartz
Editor



End of British Summer Time

Don't forget the clocks go back one hour on Sunday
27th October.



Beetle Drive

Friday, 11th October

A fun event for all!

**£5 for 18+ Entry,
£3 for under 18's.**

Play against friends, family,
and strangers.

Refreshments available for a
small charge



**URC Church,
Tiptree
7.30-9.30pm**

Profits will be donated to
TYPO and the URC Church
**More Info, Email
Andy@Typo.uk.net**



Fundraising Beetle Drive by CITY

The young people of CITY are organising a fundraising Beetle Drive on Friday 11th October.

Beetle drive cards will be £5 for adults and £3 for under 18. See their poster for details

To book and guarantee your places please email me at Andy@typo.uk.net

We hope you can come along.

‘Glorious the song when God’s the theme’: Fauré’s Requiem

The Revd Michael Burgess continues his series looking at great works of music.

At the end of his life in 1924, Gabriel Fauré, the French composer, said to his sons, “When I am no longer here, you will hear it said of my works, ‘After all, that was nothing much to write home about!’ You must not let that hurt or depress you. It is the way of the world.”

His concern was ill-founded, for Fauré’s compositions, vocal, choral and instrumental, have become standard works in concert programmes, and are much loved by all who value the beauty and joy of music.

Curiously, the one work of Fauré’s that is most frequently performed, his Requiem, had a lukewarm reception at its first performance. That was in 1888 at the funeral of an important Parisian architect in the church of the Madeleine. Afterwards the priests there told Fauré that the church’s own musical repertoire did not require this new addition, and so for over 20 years the Requiem was virtually ignored.

Now it is one of the most loved and sublime settings of the Requiem. Is it because of the graceful, fleeting lines of melodies that Debussy compared to the gesture of a beautiful woman? Or is it because of the resigned, yet optimistic approach to death and eternal life that is at the heart of Fauré’s setting. He wrote, “It has been said that my Requiem does not express the fear of death, and someone has called it a lullaby of death. But it is thus that I see death: as a happy deliverance, an aspiration towards happiness above...”

Written on the death of his parents, the Requiem in many ways marks the end of Fauré’s youth. It was a youth that could be said to have begun with another beautiful choral work, the Cantique de Jean Racine. This was composed in 1865 when Fauré was just 20 years old, and finishing his studies at the École Niedermeyer.

Yet however youthful, it has all the hallmarks of the great composer: a serenity and a delicacy in setting the words, and a clarity of line and beauty of proportion that makes the work sing out its prayer. It addresses Jesus the Word and asks that He will watch over us and send us His grace. If we have been forgetful, then stir our hearts again. Receive this song, it prays, which is your gift to us returned in full measure.

The Cantique points to God as the author of all beauty. The music we compose is His inspiration and gift in our lives, which we offer to the world and to Him. In the novel *God’s Apology* by Olivia Fane, the ten-year old girl, Joanna, talks of music as God’s gift in this way. “I have come,” she says, “because the lines of communication between our two worlds has been frayed. Music is the language of God. We can not only hear it, we can also sing it. So, sing now: sing in joy and in pain, sing to God.” As we listen to Fauré’s Requiem or Cantique, we can rejoice in that gift of music, and find it opening up God’s world of beauty and harmony for us to hear and enjoy.

INWORTH NEWS

Unfortunately there will be no Harvest Supper this year. Alan and Karen Bourne have generously hosted the supper for many many years for which we are extremely grateful. However all good things come to an end. Next year there will be a different summer supper we hope.



'I know that I thanked everyone for their kindness and good wishes after my Licensing in the last edition of Open Door, but I just wanted to make additional thanks to the bellringers of Inworth, who rang a peal lasting 39 minutes on the 13th July and presented me with a citation celebrating this.

Wendy



"Finally, we're still waiting for someone from last week's Parent & Toddler Group to come and claim this lost property..."

Inworth Church

Harvest Celebration



**The Church will be decorated and
open to visitors**

Saturday 5th October 12 - 4.30pm
Sunday 6th October 12.30pm - 4.30pm

Teas • Coffees • Cakes • Raffle

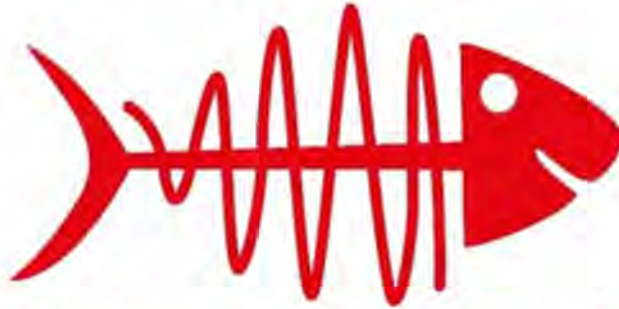
Everyone welcome

**Inworth Church is in the village of Inworth on the B1023
between Feering and Tiptree.**

All proceeds towards the upkeep of this beautiful Church

**Invitation to the
Tiptree Youth Project Outreach (TYPO) AGM
Wednesday 9th October 2024 @ 7.00pm**

Welcome to TYPO



Empowering Young People

TYPO is a Christian charity based in Tiptree, Essex.

We offer a forum where young people can
feel safe, have fun, get active, explore
ideas and make friends.

On behalf of the trustees, I have pleasure in inviting you to attend the Annual General Meeting of the Tiptree Youth Project Outreach (TYPO) to be held at Tiptree Community Centre, 1a, Caxton Close, Tiptree. CO5 0HA on Wednesday 9th October 2024 at 7pm for a 7.30pm start. Refreshments will be served from 7 pm. At the meeting, there will be an opportunity to speak with trustees and to hear a report from our Youth Worker, Andy Butt, about his work over the last year and his plans for the coming year.

All members of our local churches are very welcome.

If you are unable to attend in person, you are welcome to send a representative.

RSVP to Barry Warner (Secretary) at admin@tiptreeurc.org

MONDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY GROUP

We are a group currently comprising members of St Lukes and also Messing church who meet online via zoom on Monday nights from 7.30 to 9pm. The advantage of being on zoom is that nobody needs to go out on dark or wet evenings, we all sit in the comfort of our own homes and we don't need to be in any specific location. The disadvantage, of course, is that not everyone has the internet and can access zoom. We use a range of different books and guides to help us, recently we have been looking at the Women of Holy week, before that we ran a Bible Society course on the book of Romans, we are shortly starting a new series looking at the 'signs' in John's Gospel.

Our broad session plan is to meet together, chat for a few minutes while everyone gets into the meeting, then we usually start with an opening prayer. We then we read a passage or passages from the Bible and discuss them, we have some questions to guide the discussion but frequently go off topic. If people have something to say they chip in and say it, but equally it is perfectly fine for people to sit and just listen. We always close with a time of prayer and then a hymn or song – if people want to sing along that is fine, we just suggest they mute themselves as the timings don't work well over zoom.

There is no pressure put on anybody to join in, everyone joins in as they feel comfortable. We don't believe any Bible knowledge is needed to join in, there are no such things as silly questions as any question is a valid question to the person who wants to know. We believe that God speaks to us as we join together, so that we often pick up on something new in any particular passage we are reading together that has never struck us before, or we may disagree with what the book has to say about something. The main thing is that we all enjoy sharing the time together in fellowship – and if we learn something along the way then that is a bonus.

Wendy leads the group, but is more in the role of setting out the parameters and acting as a facilitator to the discussion – on zoom it can be easy to talk over someone inadvertently so part of the role is around choosing the order people go in if more than one person speaks at the same time. We like to feel we are a very friendly group and would love more people to join in with us.

Contact Wendy by email on w.borgartz@btinternet.com or chat to her any Sunday.

Refreshments

Occasionally after services other than a Sunday we offer refreshments. Services coming up are the Memorial Service on the afternoon of Sunday 3rd November and the Carol Service on the afternoon of Sunday 22nd December. We need some people to help provide these, if you can help, please speak to Sheila Gunson.





FARLEIGH HOSPICE AND FRIENDS OF ST LUKE'S CHURCH



2024 CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

We would like to invite you to participate in this years' Christmas Tree Festival.

The theme this year is Angels and Stars.

We invite you and your Community Group or School to decorate a tree hopefully in Angels and Stars but we would be very happy if you decorated a tree with your own theme to promote your Community Group or School. The donation for a tree is £30 if we get your tree or £10 to use your own tree

We are also offering a lovely opportunity for anyone to make an Angel or Star, maybe in memory of a loved one, and we will decorate both the Church and the Hall with these once they are completed, there will be a small fee of £1 for either an Angel or a Star.

We will be holding a Coffee/Dabble mornings on 9th November where there will an opportunity to start making your Angel or Star.

We are looking forward to making this years Christmas Festival a lovely Community Event and we hope you will join us.

To register your interest please email me on
sgunsonis@btinternet.com

Thank You and I look forward to hearing from you very soon.

Sheila



Housegroup in Church Mews

We meet fortnightly on Tuesday mornings. It is an opportunity to spend time studying the Bible, sharing our views and insights and learning more about our faith in Christ Jesus.

It is also a great opportunity to spend time together in fellowship, swapping stories and experiences and encouraging each other through the ups and downs of life.

We always spend time in prayer and keep a prayer diary, remembering to give thanks to God for His many answers to our prayers.

There is plenty of time to chat over a cup of coffee too.

Next month it will be two years since we started meeting together and we recently enjoyed a BBQ lunch, Afternoon Tea in a beautiful garden and have a Christmas lunch booked.

Jenny Cass

Parent & Toddlers at St Luke's

Meet here every
MONDAY morning
9.15am - 11.15am

(includes holidays, but not bank holidays) photo by Marcus Spicke Unsplash



Everyone welcome! Parents
or carers, grandparents,
friends and childminders.



Meet up, have a chat, relax and play!



There is a small charge of
£2.00 per family - drinks &
biscuits are included



Further information from Margaret Peek 01621 810804
or Maureen Horn 01621 817497

This 'Green' Thing

At the supermarket an old lady was paying for her groceries. The young cashier remarked that **she should have bought her own bags because the plastic ones were not good for the environment.**

The old woman apologised, remarking that "We didn't have this green' thing back in my day."

"That's our problem today." responded the girl. "Your generation didn't care enough to save the environment for future generations."

The old lady said she was right, but went on to explain:

Back then, we returned milk bottles and beer and squash bottles and so on, which were sent back to the producers, who cleaned and sterilized them, then refilled them. They used the same bottles over and over, so they really were recycled.

But we didn't have this 'green' thing back in my day.

Back then, grocery shops used brown paper bags to hold what we'd bought. We'd save these bags and use them for different things. The most memorable was as book covers for our school books. This was to ensure that public property (the books provided for our use by the school) was not defaced by our scribbblings.

But we didn't have this 'green' thing back in my day.

Back then, we actually *washed* our baby's nappies! We didn't have disposables and we dried the washing on a line instead of an energy-gobbling machine ... wind and solar power really did dry our clothes.

Back then, we had one TV or radio in the house, not a TV in every room. And the TV had a small screen the size of a handkerchief, not a screen the size of Yorkshire.

Back then, in the kitchen, we blended and stirred by hand because we didn't have electric machines to do everything for us.

Back then, we had one electrical outlet in a room, not an entire bank of sockets to power a dozen appliances.

Back then, when we packaged a fragile item to send in the post, we used crumpled up old newspaper to cushion it, not Styrofoam or plastic bubble wrap.

Back then, we used stairs, not lifts or escalators, they weren't available, not like now when they're everywhere.

Back then, we didn't fire up a fuel-burning engine in order to cut the lawn. We used a push mower that ran on human power.

But we didn't have this green' thing back in my day.

Back then, we exercised by working so we didn't need to drive to a health club to run on treadmills that use electricity.

Back then, we refilled writing pens with ink instead of buying a new pen every time it ran out.

Back then, we replaced the blade in a razor instead of throwing away the whole razor just because the blade got dull.

Back then, we drank water in a cup from the tap, not water bottled in plastic.

Back then, people took a bus and kids walked to school instead of turning their parents into a 24 hour taxi service in the family's gas-guzzling SUV.

Back then, we didn't need a computerised gadget to receive a signal beamed from satellites 23,000 miles out in space in order to find the nearest pizza place or burger bar.

But we didn't have this 'green' thing back in my day.

The old lady was sad that the young checkout operator lamented how wasteful the old folks had been because they didn't have this green thing back in their day.

it doesn't take much to annoy an old person. They don't like being old in the first place, and they don't like being patronised by a tattooed, multiple-pierced young person who can't even give the correct change without the cash register telling them how much.

Spotted by Anne Wild on the internet

Which comes first, the jam or the cream?

Which do you prefer, when it comes to eating scones? Of course, Cornwall and Devon have long been in rivalry over it, with Cornwall preferring the jam first, while Devon opts for the cream.

Now a recent YouGov survey has found the Cornish method is currently winning the debate. 62 per cent of us, and every British county (except Devon and Somerset) favour the jam-first Cornish approach.

Even the Queen also favoured the Cornish method. But the King is more pragmatic, once admitting that “I go with whichever is closest to me to start off.”

But now YouGov has discovered that when it comes to people under 30, the preference is beginning to swing the other way. While 80 per cent of people who are over-70s choose jam before cream on their scone, the figure falls to 48 per cent among the under-30s.

YouGov calls it a “glimmer of hope” for the Devon method and reckons that “on current trends we could start to see some crossover in coming generations”.

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Regular Hall Bookings, at St Luke's:

For all hall bookings call Gareth Williams

01621 818069

Email: hall.stlukestiptree@btinternet.com

Weekly	Morning:	Afternoon	Evening
Monday	Parent & Toddlers	JIKO RYU Karate Club	
Tuesday	Tiptree Volunteers Coffee Morning, (2 nd & 4 th Tues)	Pilates, Up in Lights Dance Academy	
Wednesday	Slimming World, WEA* (autumn/winter)	U3A Line Dance (2 nd & 4 th Wed)	regular private booking*
Thursday	Sound Collective Coffee Morning & Choir	U3A Choir (2 nd & 4 th Thurs)	
Friday	Tiptree Art Club	Pilates	
Sunday	Coffee after Service	KYDS Youth Drama Society	

*term time only

Monthly

Sunday	Sunday Club (3 rd Sunday morning)
Tuesday	Little City (1 st Tuesday morning)
Wednesday	Tiptree Tipplers (3 rd evening in month)
Thursday	U3A History (1 st afternoon), Tiptree Garden Club (1 st evening), Flower Club (2 nd evening), St Luke's Ladies Group (3 rd evening)
Friday	Messy Church (1 st Friday afternoon), Priory Heath WI (2 nd Friday afternoon in the month)

If you are interested in making contact with any of the groups listed, please contact the Hall Bookings Administrator on hall.stlukestiptree@btinternet.com

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March 2024

David Hylands

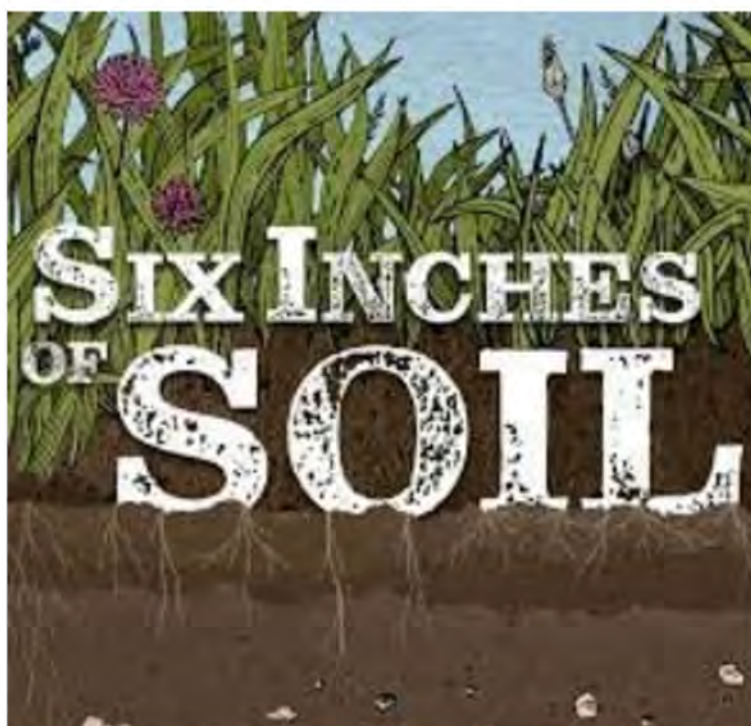
David, who will have been known to many at St. Luke's from his time singing in the choir and through the Essex Police Choir, sadly died in July. His funeral was held in Maldon at the beginning of August.

After moving to Maldon, he continued to visit St. Luke's to inscribe the names in the memorial book.



Deanery Film Night

to mark the season of Creation



SATURDAY 5TH OCTOBER
7:30PM

ST NICOLAS CHURCH HALL
(WITHAM)

Dear all,

We would like to invite anyone in the Deanery who is interested in environmental issues to a buffet supper at The Rectory 7, Chippingdell in Witham (the home of Anna Pritchard one of our Deanery environmental advocates) on Saturday October the 5th at 6.00pm for 6.30pm Any member of your congregation is welcome you do not need to be an office holder just to care about the planet.

It would be an opportunity for people across the deanery to meet together and share ideas, encouragement and mutual support.

At 7.30pm Nicolas church will be showing the film 'six inches of soil' as part of our marking of the season of creation . Everyone is most welcome to stay for that - though of course you would be welcome to come only to the gathering at the rectory if you prefer.

If you could e mail or telephone Anna or Liz to let us know you are coming to the buffet supper that would be helpful so we can get an idea for catering purposes. But if you decide to come on the day just come!

Yours Anna and Liz

Anna Pritchard 07388017312
anna.ladymacbeth@icloud.com

Liz Tymms 07857636640

LizThompson47@talktalk.net

Blister Packs

Recycling of empty medicine blister packs: Many of us were disappointed by the failure of Bishop Roger's scheme to recycle blister packs but I'm delighted to announce that a solution has been found. Tiptree Community Hub (20 Station Rd, Tiptree CO5 0AD) have purchased a recycling box from Terracycle and blister packs may be dropped off there (or give them to me)

Please spread the word about this

Ruth Hatchett



Monty Don brings back the lawn

After years of insisting that garden lawns should be left unkempt and blended with wild flowers, Monty Don the TV gardener has made a U-turn with his lawnmower.

In a recent article in *BBC Gardeners' World* magazine, he admits: "This spring and summer I have made a tightly mowed and evenly green lawn. This is slightly surprising...."

But his turn-around will be welcomed by all those who love a neat-looking lawn to show off their flower beds, and to give their children somewhere to play outside.

Monty Don stresses that gardening is, above all, about getting "the space right." Otherwise, "it will not look or feel good regardless of what plants you use, be they ever so rare or fascinating."

An unmown lawn, he now argues, makes your space look smaller, not bigger. "Long grass fills a space to quite a surprising extent, whereas mown grass takes the same area and expands it. Gardens need room for the eye and mind to drift and breathe. Too many plants and it becomes suffocating."

Parish Pump

The story behind Come Ye Thankful People Come

*Come, ye thankful people, come,
Raise the song of harvest home!
All is safely gathered in,
Ere the winter storms begin;
God, our maker, doth provide
For our wants to be supplied;
Come to God's own temple, come;
Raise the song of harvest home!*

*We ourselves are God's own field,
Fruit unto his praise to yield;
Wheat and tares together sown,
Unto joy or sorrow grown;
First the blade and then the ear,
Then the full corn shall appear:
Grant, O harvest Lord, that we
Wholesome grain and pure may be.*

*For the Lord our God shall come,
and shall take the harvest home;
from his field shall purge away
all that doth offend, that day;
give his angels charge at last
in the fire the tares to cast;
but the fruitful ears to store
in his garner evermore.*

*Then, thou Church triumphant, come,
raise the song of harvest home;
all be safely gathered in,
free from sorrow, free from sin,
there, forever purified,
in God's garner to abide;
come, ten thousand angels, come,
raise the glorious harvest home.*

By H Alford (1810 – 71)

Very probably, you will sing this well-loved Harvest hymn this month. It was written by the Revd Henry Aldford, DD, a Victorian clergyman who had been a fellow student at Trinity College, Cambridge with Alfred Tennyson, and whose transparent goodness and friendliness seem to have made him liked and appreciated wherever he went.

His ministry began as vicar of Wymeswold, a tiny village in Leicestershire with a badly neglected church. Over 18 years, Henry rebuilt the faltering Christian community, faithfully visiting every person in his parish, and preaching his way through the Bible in sermons that were so clear that everyone could understand him. He then moved on to the incumbency of Quebec Chapel in London for four years, before moving to the Deanery of Canterbury, in 1857, where he lived until his death in early 1871.

Henry was one of life's good people; gentle, kindly, grateful for everything he had (he used to say 'grace' before AND after each meal), and eager to encourage all those whom he served. He was prodigiously productive: writing something like 50 books. The best known of these was a four-volume exposition of the New Testament, which took him nearly 20 years.

His famous hymn draws upon two of Jesus' parables: the story of the wheat and tares (Mt 13:24-30) and also the story of the seed that grows unbeknown to the sower (Mark 4:26-29). Both are parables drawn from agriculture; both are about the ultimate harvest of our souls before God. During this lifetime we properly give thanks to God for our harvest of His gifts of creation, but we should also reflect on what seed we are sowing in our lives, and what harvest we may expect; as one day God will gather together *only His own* for the eternal heavenly harvest.



Messy Church !



Join us here at
St Luke's Church:
after school on

**Friday 4th October
& Friday 29th November
from 3 pm to 5.30 pm**

For:

**A simple
meal**

Songs

Friends

Games



Activities

Stories

Crafts

a short service

Revd Anne-Marie Renshaw: 01621 815260

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Where do postcodes come from?

Some 65 years ago, on 11th October 1959, Britain began introducing postcodes. They started in Norwich, and by 1974 had been rolled out across the whole country.

The idea was to speed up sorting following the mechanisation of the postal system. But for the process to work, people had to use it, and it was therefore important to make sure that people could remember their postcode easily. So, psychologists from Cambridge University were asked to assist in their design.

This worked so well that a survey in 2016 revealed that people are now more likely to remember their postcode than their debit card PIN (92%, compared with 77%). And the information sticks: apparently 17% of people questioned could still remember the postcode of the house they lived in up to 30 years earlier.

When the first postcodes were trialled in Norwich, the first three characters were NOR (now NR followed by a number) representing the name of the city, and the last three signified a particular street or large business. Why Norwich? Because of its new sorting machines.

The main point of a postcode is to ensure that a letter or parcel gets to the correct Royal Mail sorting office, where it can then be sorted into the correct round. So the “outcode” will specify a postcode area and district, and will have up to four characters. The “incode” designates a particular postcode sector and delivery point, and always has one number and two letters.

What is a delivery point? It could be a street, part of a street or a single property. Or in rural areas, something a bit bigger. The postcode area is of course much larger: the smallest in Britain is WC in London, covering one square mile. The largest is IV, Inverness, at 6,243 square miles.

Environment Group

The Environment Group has representatives from all nine churches in the team and meet on a regular basis to discuss the way forward on the environmental issues facing churches and how we can all meet the Church of England’s aim to be carbon neutral.

Mike Puttick was St. Luke’s/Great Braxted’s representative and following his recent stepping down, we need someone else to represent us. It does not need to be a PCC member.

If this is something that is of interest and you would like to represent us, please speak to a member of the PCC.

Churchwardens Get Together

Saturday 16th November 2024

10am at St Luke's Hall

Have you ever wondered what a Churchwarden does and what it involves?

Have you been doing the job of Churchwarden for a while and are still baffled by some things?

Have you been doing the Churchwardens job for a while and have lots of knowledge?

Then here is a day to help answer these questions (we hope).

Please come along and find out more.

Tea and coffee available.

We invite you to stay for a shared lunch where we ask you to bring a plate of food to share. This will help overcome the food allergy issue.

Please let Sheila Gunson know if you would like to attend either by phoning 01621 816084 or email (preferably) sgunson1957@gmail.com

Church Notices that didn't quite make it...

- A talk on drugs will be given at the next Mothers' Union meeting. This will be followed by a Bring and Buy Sale.
- A sudden gust of wind took all who were at the ceremony by surprise. Hats were blown off and copies of the vicar's speech and other rubbish were scattered over the site.
- The Rector is on holiday this month. Local clergy will be celebrating with us all the Sundays that he is away.
- Don't allow anxiety to kill you. Let the church help.
- Don't miss the Young Wives' Victorian evening next month. It will be a fun night and some of the women will wear clothes.



2024

EVENTS AT ST LUKE'S

FRIENDS OF ST LUKE'S & MORE!

Diary Dates for 2024

12th October – Quiz Night in the Hall 7 for 7.30 pm
£5 per head (FoSL)*

23rd November – 60s Night in the Hall, 7.30pm
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30th November – Christmas Tree Festival
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We open with a Festive Bazaar in the Hall on the Saturday 30th
November, from 10 am to 1 pm.

Our theme this year is 'Angels and Stars', come and make yours to
add to the display in the hall and church. The decorations and trees
will be on display in the church all week.

7th December – Tiptree Choral Christmas Concert

8th December – Concert by Maldon Orchestra,
raising funds for FoSL. Tickets £10. (FoSL)*

13th December – Sound Collective Chorus, Christmas Concert

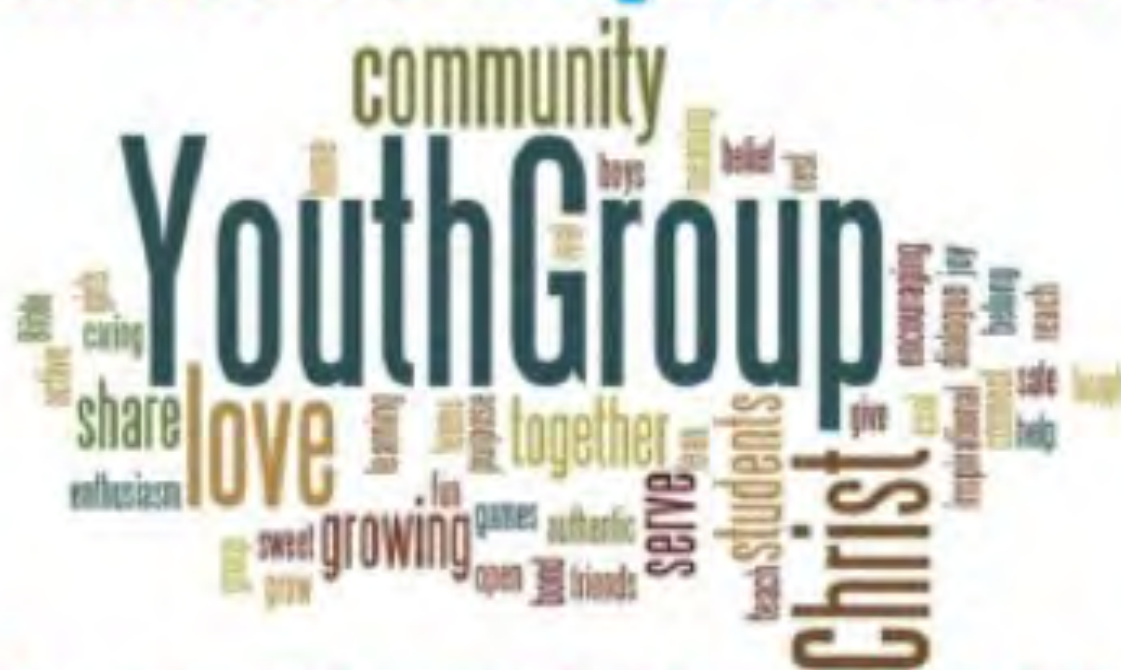
14th December – Essex Police Choir & Guests – Christmas concert
and farewell to Choir Director, Norman Eastbrook

Look out for details of our events on Facebook, on our posters
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Remembering the music of Chopin

Tim Lenton looks back on the life of an extraordinary composer.

It was 175 years ago, on 17th October 1849, that Frederic Chopin, Polish composer and piano virtuoso, died.

His final words – “Swear to make them cut me open, so that I won't be buried alive” – revealed his taphephobia, a fairly common nineteenth-century fear shared by Alfred Nobel. Chopin had been quite seriously ill for several years with respiratory problems and was concerned that exhaustion after a coughing fit might be mistaken for death.

The actual cause of his death was uncertain; though it is usually ascribed to tuberculosis, other factors were possible, such as cystic fibrosis.

Chopin was born near Warsaw of a Polish mother and a French father who was devoted to his adopted country. Frederic was a child prodigy on the piano – all his compositions featured the instrument – but he always disliked giving public performances, preferring the intimacy of the salon.

He had left Poland at the age of 20, a month before the 1830 Uprising, and eventually settled in Paris, where his genius was recognised and he formed friendships with those at the top of the musical and artistic tree, such as Liszt and Berlioz. Towards the end of his life he formed a non-marital relationship with the novelist George Sand (Amantine Dupin), which went against the Catholic faith which he had inherited from his strongly Christian mother, Justyna Krzyżanowska, but which he rarely practised.

He took the sacrament as he was dying, but said it was out of respect for his mother: he regarded it simply as a blessing. His funeral took place on 30th October at the Church of the Madeleine in Paris and was restricted to invited ticket-holders. Nevertheless more than 3,000 people arrived without invitations from as far afield as London, Vienna and Berlin.

Parish Pump

Bridge over the Firth of Forth

Sixty years ago, on 4th September 1964, the Forth Road Bridge opened in Scotland. It links Edinburgh to Fife across the Firth of Forth. (A second bridge, the Queensferry Crossing, opened in 2017 and largely replaced it.)

The crossing of the Firth of Forth has a long history. In the 11th century Margaret, queen consort of King Malcolm III, founded a ferry service there to transport pilgrims from Edinburgh to Dunfermline Abbey and St Andrews. It continued for over 800 years, although there were suggestions as early as the 1740s for a road crossing.

The Forth Road Bridge has a main span of 1100 yards between the two towers and was

the fourth-longest long-span suspension bridge in the world when it opened. In total, the structure is over one and a half miles long.

It is now inaccessible to vehicles other than buses and taxis, but it is open to pedestrians and cyclists – and to the first driverless bus service to carry passengers in the UK. Railway crossings are made by the original Forth Bridge, opened in 1890.

There were worries in the early years of the 21st century about the number of vehicles using the Forth Road Bridge – about twice as many as had been planned – and the consequent wear and tear on a feature whose lifespan had originally been estimated at 120 years. In December 2010 heavy snow and several accidents brought the first closure.

Five years later structural problems meant it would have to close to normal road traffic. The new 1.7-mile Queensferry Bridge – a spectacular motorway with no pedestrian access – was opened in August 2017. It carries about 80,000 vehicles a day. Its formal opening by Queen Elizabeth II occurred 53 years to the day after she had opened the Forth Road Bridge.

Parish Pump

New match funding scheme helps churches cut carbon emissions

A new pilot scheme from the Church of England is helping churches double their money for carbon-cutting projects.

Give To Go Green is a match-funding pilot project from the Church of England's Net Zero Programme, working with churches to double locally raised donations, to help pay for carbon reducing projects.

The scheme was first piloted over a six-week period earlier this year in the Dioceses of Leeds and Exeter and helped 27 churches raise £162,155 for small scale net zero projects.

£140,113 was awarded in addition from Net Zero Programme match funding on offer. More significantly, 70 per cent of the churches raised more than their target amount, some by 200 per cent.

The scheme has since been expanded into a second pilot – with fundraising due to start in September in the Dioceses of Chester, Derby, Exeter, Leeds, Sodor and Man, Southwark, St Edmundsbury and Ipswich and Winchester.

Through a targeted digital fundraising campaign, churches can raise up to £10,000 to fund small 'quick win' projects such as LED light installations, insulation or a new heating control system.

his will then be matched in funds by the *Give to Go Green* scheme made available by the Church of England's Net Zero Programme.

Smile

Visit

A bishop visited a primary school in his full episcopal attire – with his mitre, robes and bishop's crook or crozier. A little lad's mother asked him later what he had thought of the bishop's visit to his school. The little boy replied: "It was great – now I know what a *real* crook looks like!"

Cucumber

A small boy asked his mother for a cucumber to take to Junior Church. A slightly puzzled mother complied. Later she asked what it had been used for. "Sorry, mum," he confessed. "I got it wrong. We were supposed to bring a newcomer."

Not all

Dear Minister: I know that God loves everyone, but He has never met my sister. Love
Peter (aged 7)

Bible sense

Being married to a woman who reads her Bible can have its drawbacks. When a man protested to his wife that wiping dishes was not a man's job, his wife replied simply: "2 Kings 21:13", and handed him a tea towel. Later he looked it up: 'And I will wipe Jerusalem as a man wipeth a dish, wiping it and turning it upside down.'

Golf

"I play Second World War golf," one clergyman confessed to another. "You know – out in 39 and back in 45."

Growing up

Your child has started growing up when he stops asking you where he came from and starts refusing to tell you where he's going.

Fish

Give a man a fish and he will eat for a day. Teach him how to fish, and he will sit in a boat and drink beer all day.

Mouth

A closed mouth gathers no foot.

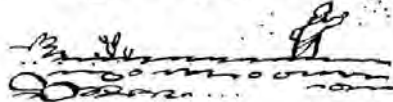
Egg

What did the egg in the monastery say?
"Out of the frying pan and into the friar."

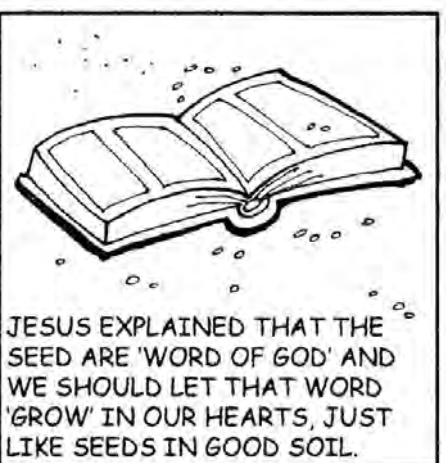
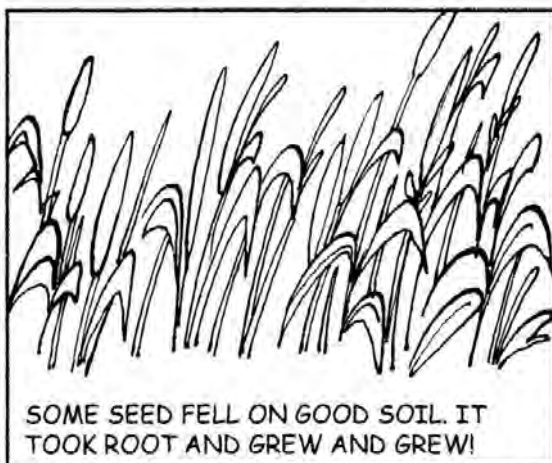
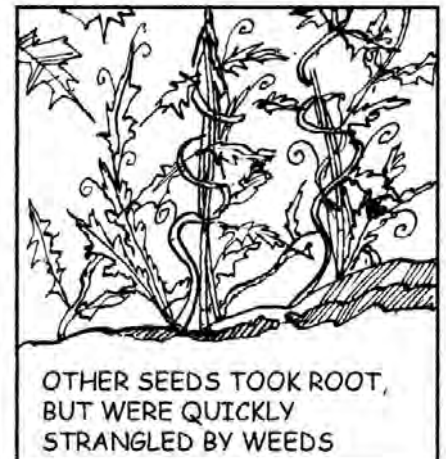
Where?

The poster read: *Where will you be on Judgment Day?*
The graffiti below read: *Still waiting for the bus.*

the PARABLE of the SOWER




THE FARMER HOPED THEY WOULD TAKE ROOT JUST
WHERE THEY LANDED



Books of the Bible

Canon Paul Hardingham

The Gospel of Matthew

This time we turn to the New Testament and look at Matthew, the first of the gospels. Although linked to Matthew the apostle, it is generally believed that the author used oral tradition, written fragments, eye-witness accounts, as well as common material in the other synoptic gospels (Mark and Luke).

Matthew, in writing for Jews, sets out to prove that Jesus is the true Messiah. He connects Jesus' birth, life death and resurrection with the Old Testament Scriptures. In fact, he quotes the Old Testament more than any other New Testament author. This is reflected in the opening genealogy which traces Jesus back to Abraham; in his use of the terms *kingdom of heaven* and *Father in heaven*, reflecting a Jewish reluctance to use God's name; and in the way he portrays Jesus as the *Son of David*.

The whole gospel is structured around five blocks of teaching (chapters 5-7; 10; 13; 18; 24-25). This fivefold division reflects the structure of the Pentateuch (the first five books of the Old Testament).

Matthew provides a comprehensive context by which we see all God's creation and salvation completed in Jesus, and all parts of our lives (work, family, friends and future) completed in Him. At the end of his gospel, Matthew records Jesus' commission to His disciples share this good news, promising to be with them:

'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely, I am with you always, to the very end of the age.' (28:18-20)

The Gospel of Mark

Mark is the second of the synoptic gospels, along with Matthew and Luke. Traditionally this gospel is ascribed to John Mark, a close associate of Peter. It was written for Gentile readers, probably in Rome during Nero's persecution of the church (c AD 64-7).

Mark unveils Jesus' public ministry with the words: *'the beginning of the gospel about Jesus Christ, the Son of God'* (1:1). The gospel provides a succinct and vivid account of Jesus' ministry, concentrating on what Jesus did rather than what He said. Mark moves quickly from one episode to another, often using the word *'immediately'* which is characteristic of his gospel.

For Mark, understanding the true identity of Jesus is fundamental to his gospel. Jesus asks the disciples, *'Who do people say I am?'* (8:27), to which Peter replies, *'You are the Christ'*. This is evident in Jesus' role as teacher, the call for discipleship and the account of Jesus' death and resurrection, which occupies the last third of the gospel.

A key verse which helps us to understand the nature of Jesus' mission and how we might live in the light of it is: *'Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be slave of all. For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.'* (10:44,45). As the Suffering Servant, Jesus gave His life on the cross, that we might know and share his love.

Mark is understandably in a hurry to tell us about Jesus: the one who reveals the truth of God to us, that we might live in reality not ignorance!



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On the perils of being a school governor

The Rectory
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My dear Nephew Darren

I was interested to hear that from this academic year, your vicar has asked you to take his place as a school governor. A whole new world of exciting meetings is about to open up to you. Naturally, you will have been told that the governors only meet three times a year. You will probably not have been told that you will also be expected to be on at least two sub-committees, where you will be immediately asked to become secretary, as a way of getting to know the job. Add on training days, parents' evenings, sports days, school socials, end of term services, charity events and accompanying classes on days out and you will begin to realise that your vicar's suggestion was not as innocent as you may have thought.

Remember, too, that all meetings require you sit on chairs designed for five-year-olds. You will then spend countless hours going through a 40-item agenda, trying to look dignified with your knees somewhere round your ears while drawing up school plans as if they were the Normandy landing. Be prepared to receive paperwork measured by the hundredweight; entire rainforests have been obliterated by your education authority sending what they seem to think is vital information; it does, however, make good cat litter.

Most meetings will be so full of acronyms that for the first few years you will have the feeling that conversation is taking place in a language that may bear a passing resemblance to English, but isn't. There is little point in trying to learn what they all mean because before too long, they will all be replaced by another set anyway, which will be equally incomprehensible.

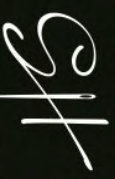
Your computer abilities will be expected to be far beyond what anyone over the age of 30 could ever be expected to achieve; if you sink without trace, ask a seven-year-old, who will soon put you right.

You will also be encouraged to attend training days; I strongly suggest you select all-day events, as at least you will get a lunch out of it. You needn't bother to arrive on time, since the first hour will be spent with everyone introducing themselves and you can leave early, as the final hour will go on filling in evaluation forms.

Just keep reminding yourself that your term of office is a mere five years; you may even get remission for good behaviour.

Your loving uncle,

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BY RUTH HOLDING

All in the month of October

65 years ago, on 11th Oct 1959 that Britain began introducing postcodes. They began in Norwich, and by 1974 had been rolled out across the whole country.

100 years ago, on 15th Oct 1924 that the Statue of Liberty in New York Harbour was designated a US National Monument.

40 years ago, on 16th Oct 1984 that South African Anglican bishop Desmond Tutu won the 1984 Nobel Peace Prize for his role in the opposition to apartheid.

175 years ago, on 17th Oct 1849 that Frederic Chopin, Polish composer and piano virtuoso, died.

200 years ago, on 21st Oct 1824 that British mason, bricklayer and cement manufacturer Joseph Aspdin was granted a British patent for Portland cement. His son William went on to develop a stronger version and is regarded as the inventor of modern Portland cement.

90 years ago, on 24th Oct 1934 that the earliest known recording of the song *Santa Claus is Comin' to Town* was released. Performed by banjo player Harry Reser and his band and sung by Tom Stacks, it has since been recorded more than 200 other artists.

All in the month of November

595 years ago, on 6th November 1429 that Henry VI was crowned King of England at the age of 8.

35 years ago, on 9th November 1989 that the Berlin Wall was opened up. It was built in 1961 and was 27.9 miles long.

30 years ago, on 14th November 1994 that the first paying passengers travelled on the new rail service through the Channel Tunnel.

155 years ago, on 17th November 1869 that the Suez Canal was formally opened after more than 10 years of construction.

165 years ago, on 24th November 1859 that Charles Darwin's book *On the Origin of the Species by Means of Natural Selection* was first published.

40 years ago, on 25th November 1984, that Band Aid rock stars gathered at Sarm Studios to record "Do They Know It's Christmas" to support the Ethiopian famine appeal.

105 years ago, on 28th November 1919 that Nancy Astor was elected as Britain's first woman MP.

Wordsearch

All Hallows Eve – or Holy Evening

Modern Halloween celebrations have their roots in pre-Christian times. In those long-ago days, on the last night of October, the Druid priests celebrated the Festival of Samhain, or 'Summer's End'. They lit great bonfires and performed magic rites to ward off the dark supernatural powers of oncoming winter. Today, Christians turn to prayer instead of charms to overcome the powers of darkness. And the deeper, true meaning of All Hallows' Eve, should not be forgotten. As Christians, we all draw closer to Christ when we remember and give thanks for our loved ones and for others who have gone before us through the gates of death.



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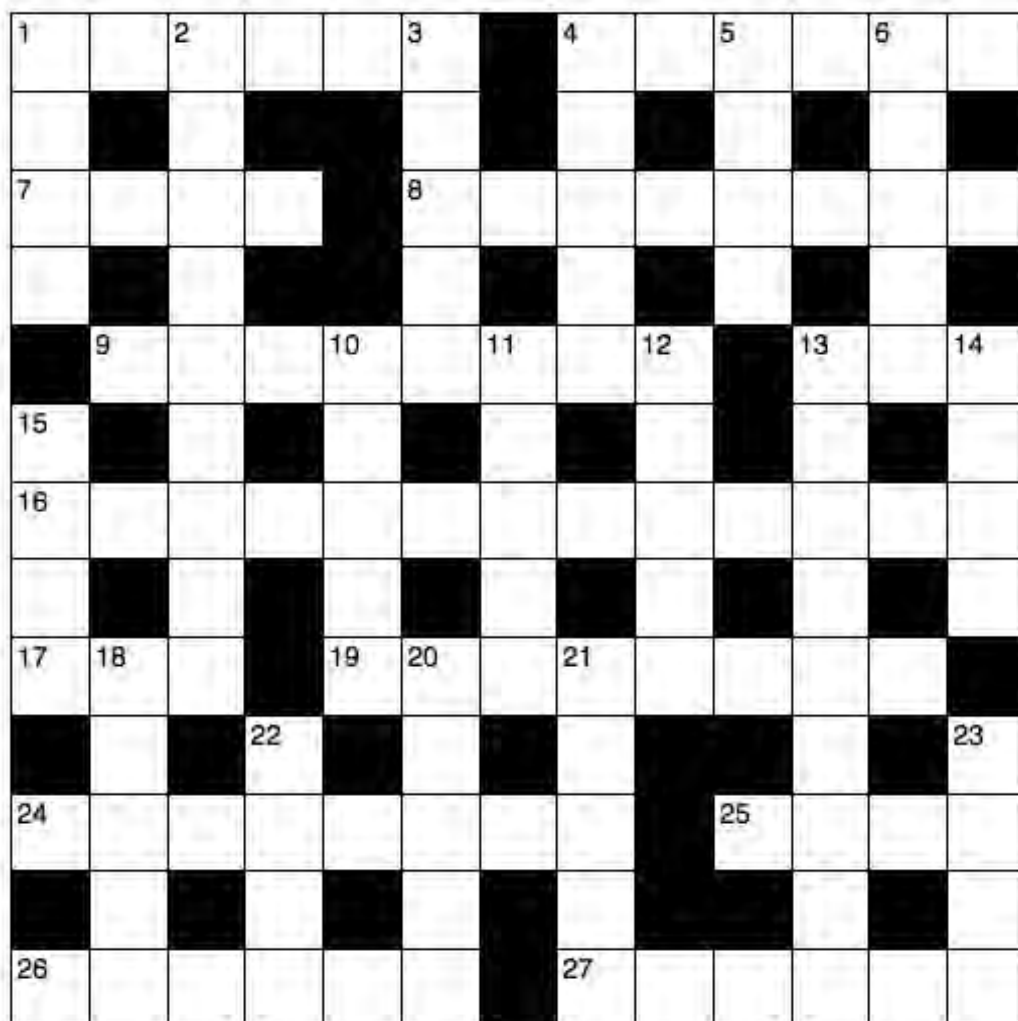


Tiptree Choral Society would like to invite you to attend their Christmas concert on
Saturday 7th December, 7:30pm at St Luke's Church in Tiptree.

In addition to a selection of Christmas music, the choir will perform 'City of Light', a retelling of the Christmas story in words and music. This musical was created and produced by Tom Fettke, a singing teacher, church choir director and minister of music in California for 30 years. It offers a lovely variety of music that we are sure everyone will enjoy, so do come along and listen. We look forward to seeing you!

Tickets will be available online from mid-November – contact our website **tiptreechoral.uk** - and on the door on the night. £15 adults /£5 students 16+ / accompanied children free. Please contact 01206 734625 for more details.

Crossword



Across

- 1 He must be 'the husband of but one wife and must manage his children and his household well' (1 Timothy 3:12) (6)
- 4 'For we must all — before the judgement seat of Christ' (2 Corinthians 5:10) (6)
- 7 'They reeled and staggered like drunken men; they were at their — end' (Psalm 107:27) (4)
- 8 See 19 Across
- 9 It concerned who among the disciples would be the greatest (Luke 9:46) (8)
- 13 Formed by the Jews in Thessalonica to root out Paul and Silas (Acts 17:5) (3)
- 16 'He has sent me to bind up the — ' (Isaiah 61:1) (6-7)
- 17 Moved rapidly on foot (Matthew 28:8) (3)
- 19 and 8 ' — a great company of the — host appeared with the angel' (Luke 2:13) (8,8)
- 24 Hindrance (Romans 14:13) (8)
- 25 Comes between Luke and Acts (4)
- 26 Empower (Acts 4:29) (6)
- 27 'Get these out of here! How dare you turn my Father's house into a — !' (John 2:16) (6)

Down

- 1 Sunrise (Psalm 119:147) (4)
- 2 The part of the day when Cornelius the Caesarean centurion had a vision of an angel of God (Acts 10:3) (9)
- 3 He was one of those who returned with Zerubbabel from exile in Babylon to Jerusalem (Nehemiah 7:7) (5)
- 4 'No one can see the kingdom of God unless he is born — ' (John 3:3) (5)
- 5 Animal hunted or killed as food (Ezekiel 22:25) (4)
- 6 'He encouraged them — — remain true to the Lord' (Acts 11:23) (3,2)
- 10 Ruses (anag.) (5)
- 11 Jewish priestly vestment (Exodus 28:6) (5)
- 12 Visible sign of what had been there (Daniel 2:35) (5)
- 13 This was the trade of Alexander, who did Paul 'a great deal of harm' (2 Timothy 4:14) (9)
- 14 'This is my — , which is for you; do this in remembrance of me' (1 Corinthians 11:24) (4)
- 15 One of Noah's great-great-grandsons (Genesis 10:24) (4)
- 18 Traditionally the first British Christian martyr (5)
- 20 Relationship of Ner to Saul (1 Samuel 14:50) (5)
- 21 Jacob had one at a place he named Bethel while on his way to Haran, fleeing from Esau (Genesis 28:12) (5)
- 22 Bats (anag.) (4)
- 23 ' You strain out a — but swallow a camel' (Matthew 23:24) (4)

TIPTREE BEER & WINE MAKERS GUILD (Otherwise known as the TIPTREE TIPLERS)

New to the village or simply wish to do something different? We started in 1970 as a wine and beer making guild and although some members still brew their own and compete in our annual competitions, we are now more of a social club, meeting monthly.

You do not have to make your own wine or beer or be knowledgeable about wine or beer making. The only requirement is to have fun and meet great people.

We have an event or theme each month, sometimes with a guest speaker. There are usually nibbles & cheese provided & sometimes additional food at a small cost.

We meet on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at St Luke's Church Hall, 7.30pm for 8.00pm.

You are most welcome to come and try out a night for free. Just turn up and make yourself known to Bill or Sonia and bring a drink for yourself. There is no admission fee & our yearly membership is just £35, if you wish to join..

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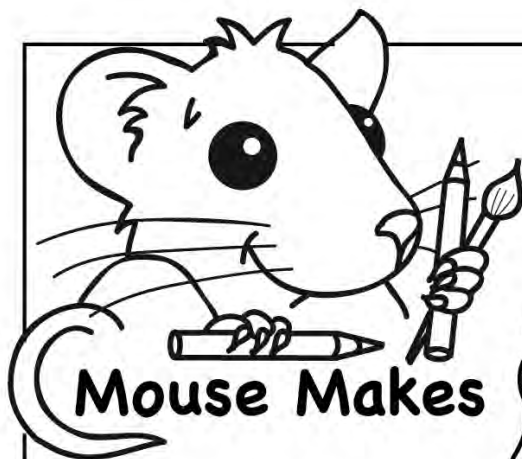
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WALK WITH THE LORD

"Teach me your way,
O Lord, that I would
walk in your _____."
Psalm 86:11

"For we **walk** by

not by sight."
2 Corinthians 5:7

"**Walk** by the

Galatians 5:16



Jesus said:
"I am the light
of the world.
If you

me you won't
have to **walk**
in darkness
because
you have
the light
that leads
to life."

John 8:12



"**Walk** in

as Christ loved
us and gave
himself up for us."
Ephesians 5:2

"**Walk** in

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to him, bearing

in every good work
and increasing in
the knowledge
of God"
John 8:12

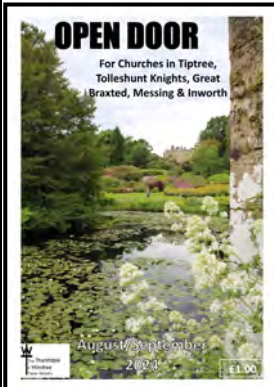
"_____
is everyone who
fears the Lord,
who **walks** in
his ways."
Psalm 128:1

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Regular readers and SESAW friends know that chihuahuas (like me) are super characters, full of self-importance, totally unaware of our small stature. Today, I will extol the virtues of those at the other end of the canine spectrum

Lily and Gray are two bonded salukis that have been with us since last summer. They came from a flat which was totally unsuitable and shortly after their arrival, Lily presented us with five lovely puppies, all happily rehomed.

Unfortunately the perfect home still eludes six year old Lily and three year old Gray. They are extremely sociable dogs, they enjoy cuddles and being with people, we often find a missing volunteer snuggled up with them on their sofa! Mum says they are easy to live with, after a good walk they are quite content to chill on their cushions and watch the world go by.

They could have been homed separately long ago but parting these gentle, graceful dogs that depend upon one another is unthinkable. And so they await their forever home with a secure garden, loving family and luxuriant lounge! They may accept other dogs but probably not cats. If you can tick all the boxes, come and meet, walk and relax with Lily and Gray.

Visitors welcome 10-1pm, Thursday to Sunday or by appointment. Please leave a CLEAR message on 01787 210888 or email info@sesaw.co.uk

Come and see all the other dogs plus cats and rabbits too, if you have a space in your world for another pet. Many find animals are the antidote to modern life, even pesky little dogs like me, Kenny (the Boss) Chihuahua.

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L	A	R	U	T	A	N	R	E	P	U	S	G
L	V	I	E	H	M	L	E	E	R	H	I	I
C	I	S	T	Y	H	D	L	W	B	S	R	C
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A	S	I	W	W	I	R	N	L	W	E	C	T
D	E	A	T	H	N	F	P	L	T	S	L	R
M	F	N	E	A	I	L	C	A	G	O	N	E
H	R	S	M	R	A	H	C	H	V	L	T	I
O	H	R	E	T	N	I	W	E	E	C	L	E
S	T	S	E	I	R	P	D	R	U	I	D	A

The earth is the Lord's
and all that is in it,
the world
and those who live in it.



Psalm 24: 1

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