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of the District of Gelligaer.*

Harvest

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*They sowed fields
and planted vineyards
that yielded a
fruitful harvest;*

*He blessed them,
and their numbers
greatly increased, a
nd he did not let
their herds diminish.*

Psalms 107: 37-38

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Greetings from the Rectory

Dear friends,

Following the ebb and flow of the seasons October is for us a special time of Thanksgiving. The month opens with our celebration of the Harvest with our Harvest Festival. For many life is still difficult and as Christians we are called to love our neighbours as ourselves and to care for those in need. I know how generous you are and I would like to thank you all for your Harvest gifts and donations which will be delivered to the foodbank based at S. John's Church, Nelson, which serves the people and families of our Ministry Area. It is a service for which there is a great demand, which is rising all the time. Your very generous gifts will be greatly and gratefully received. Thank you all!



As the Autumn draws in I am immensely grateful to the members of our Social Committee who have put together a program of events which will bring us together as a community and help support the work of our Churches. Please keep your eyes on the magazine and the weekly newsletters for more details of the events to come. At the beginning of October we enjoy our Harvest Lunch and our annual

Autumn Fayre takes place at the end of October. This will be held at St. Margaret's Church on the 26th of October at 11.00am. I keep you all in my prayers.

**Every blessing from your friend and Priest,
Fr Gary.**

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Why do churches celebrate harvest?

Harvest is celebrated to **give thanks for the crops, which have been safely harvested.** Christians thank God for the food during harvest. Christians believe God made the world and everything in it. Christians also thank God for the variety of food and everything that helps the food to grow.



Leviticus 23:22

“ When you reap the harvest of your land, do not reap to the very edges of your field or gather the gleanings of your harvest. Leave them for the poor and for the foreigner residing among you. I am the LORD your God. ’ ”

Reader Writes.

Hi all,

The past few weeks in school have been wonderful – working in schools that are new to me, meeting new headteachers, teachers and pupils and nice to be back to a routine.



During this month it will be lovely welcoming schools into our churches and also going into schools for harvest assemblies. Hearing the children sing and recite poems always puts a smile on my face.

Having two new schools has allowed me to visit areas of the authority that I may have previously only driven through.

Travelling around to the various schools, having the twists and turns and ups and downs in our roads is similar to the twists and turns and ups and downs on life's journey and in our faith. We may know where we are going or where we want to go but to keep us on the right road, God may have other ideas and change our direction.

Having faith enhances our lives – it gives each and every day that something special. We should not forget that for us to grow in faith we need to be able to negotiate the twists and turns and ups and downs in our lives and be enabled by the Holy Spirit.

We need to listen and be guided in all we do—the Holy Spirit will enable and through him we all can both encourage and be encouraged and through listening and believing our lives will be enhanced.

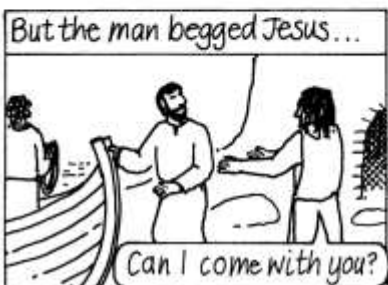
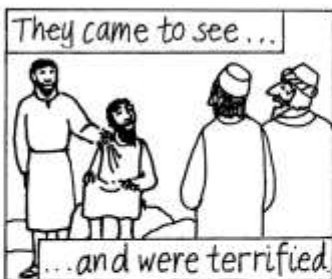
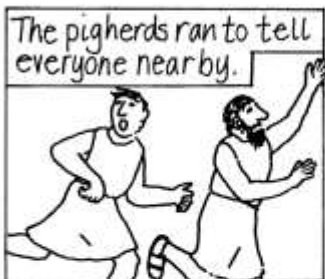
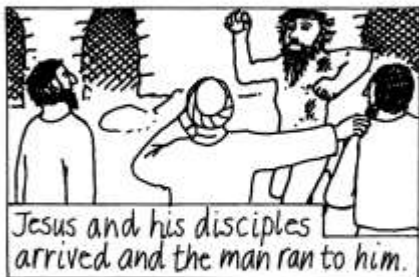
Carolyn

Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in
Mk 5:1-17, Lk 8:26-39, Mt 8:28-34

In Gerasa was a man filled with demons
He tore off any clothes or chains put
on him, and he lived in the graveyard.



St Luke the Evangelist, linking the sacred and the profane

To St Luke, a Gentile, we owe the beautifully written Gospel of Luke, and the Book of Acts. He was a Greek physician, a disciple of St Paul, a companion on some of his missionary journeys, and an inspired writer.

Luke's gospel focuses on the compassion of Christ. His gospel contains some of the most moving parables, such as the Good Samaritan and Prodigal Son. This, with his emphasis on poverty, prayer and purity of heart, make up much of his appeal to the Gentles, for whom he wrote.

Women figure more prominently in Luke's gospel than any other: look out for the extended story of the Virgin Birth, and stories of Mary, Elizabeth, and the woman who was a sinner.

In Acts, Luke is remarkably good as linking sacred and profane history, as subsequent archaeology has shown. A principal theme of his Acts is how the early Christians moved away from Jerusalem into the pagan world, and especially on to Rome.

Luke is the patron saint of doctors, surgeons and artists (due to his picturesque style of writing). His symbol is an ox, sometimes explained by reference to the sacrifice in the Temple at the beginning of his Gospel. In England 28 ancient churches were dedicated to him.

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Thank you, Dr Luke!

'Matthew, Mark, Luke and John, bless the bed that I lie on' – my grandma taught me that one. At least it meant I never forgot the names of the writers of the four Gospels. This month Luke, the writer of the third of them, has his feast day – 18th October.

He was, we learn from the letters of St Paul, a 'physician' – an educated man and probably the only one of the writers of the New Testament who was not a Jew. In modern terms, he was Turkish. Paul took him as one of his missionary team on a long journey around the Middle East, and they clearly became close friends. Under house arrest later in his life Paul could write, 'only Luke is with me'.

However, it is his Gospel which has established him as a major figure

in the history of the Christian Church. Mark's Gospel may have more drama, Matthew's more prophetic background and John's a more profound sense of the mystery of the divine, but Luke offers us a Jesus who is utterly and believably real. This man turned no one away, reserved his harshest words for hypocrites and religious grandees, cared for the marginalised, the poor, the persecuted, the handicapped and the sinful. His Gospel is full of people we can recognise – indeed, in whom we can often recognise ourselves.

He was also a masterly story-teller. Try, for instance, the story of the Prodigal Son (Luke 15:11-32). Read it (this time) not as a sacred text but as a brilliant piece of story-telling: subtle repetitions ('your son, this brother of yours'), believable characters, drama and profound emotion. There is the older brother, so cynical about his sibling's alleged reformation, the 'prodigal' himself, so hesitant about throwing himself on his father's mercy after the folly of his earlier behaviour, and there is the father, of course, abandoning the dignity of his role in the family and actually running to welcome his wretched son's return.

There are more women in Luke's Gospel than in any of the others, but also more poor people, more lepers, more 'sinners' and tax-collectors, more 'outsiders' who are shown to be 'inside' the love of Christ. This, for many of us, is the great Gospel of inclusion and compassion. Here is a Jesus for the whole world and for every one of us. Thank you, Dr Luke!

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William Tyndale, Bible translator and Reformation martyr



This month is the 501th anniversary of the beginning of the Reformation, and so a good time to pay tribute to an outstanding English scholar, translator and martyr of the Reformation.

William Tyndale (c. 1494 – 6th October 1536) was born near Gloucester, and studied at Oxford and Cambridge. He could speak seven languages, and was proficient in ancient Hebrew and Greek. As a priest, his abilities would have taken him a long way, but by 1523 Tyndale's only desire was to translate the

Bible, so that English men and women could read it for themselves. It became his life's passion.

For Tyndale had rediscovered a vital doctrine that the Church had been ignoring: that of justification by faith. He had found it when reading Erasmus's Greek edition of the New Testament. In fact, his life's work was well summed up in some words of his mentor, Erasmus: "Christ desires His mysteries to be published abroad as widely as possible. I would that [the Gospels and the epistles of Paul] were translated into all languages, of all Christian people, and that they might be read and known."

Tyndale's translation was the first Bible to be published in English, the first to draw directly from Hebrew and Greek texts, and the first English translation to take advantage of the printing press.

It was to cost him his life. For Tyndale's work was seen as a direct challenge to the power of both the Roman Catholic Church and the laws of England in maintaining the Church's position.

When the authorities had tried to stop his translation, Tyndale fled to Hamburg, Wittenberg, Cologne, and finally to the Lutheran city of Worms. It was there, in 1525, his New Testament emerged. It was quickly smuggled into England, and King Henry VIII, Cardinal Wolsey, and others, were furious.

Tyndale moved on to Antwerp, where for nine more years he continued his work. Then in May 1535 he was betrayed, arrested, and jailed in a castle near Brussels. Tied to the stake for strangulation and burning, his dying prayer was that the King of England's eyes would be opened. Sure enough, two years later King Henry authorised the Great Bible for the Church of England, which relied largely on Tyndale's work.

Not only that, but in 1611, the 54 scholars who produced the King James Bible drew very heavily from Tyndale. Even today we honour him: in 2002, Tyndale was placed at number 26 in the BBC's poll of 100 Greatest Britons.

Notices from our Churches and Community

100 Club Winners!

September 2024

1st	79	Nesta Williams	St. Margaret's
8th	38	Darren Niland	St. Catwg's
15th	11	June Phillips	St. Margaret's
22nd	44	Pat Davies	St. Catwg's
29th	14	Christine Amos	St. Catwg's

Dates for your Diary

Harvest Lunch takes place on the 6th, October at 1.30pm at Neuadd St. Catwg's, Gelligaer. Price £8.00. Please give your names to Cheryl at St. Catwg's and June at St. Margaret's.

Autumn Fayre... takes place on the 26th October at St. Margaret's Church, Gilfach. From 11am to 1pm. Any help will be gratefully appreciated.

There will be a list in both churches of items that are needed for the Fayre. We would appreciate any help to make this a success.

Many thanks as always for your support. **June and the social team x**



Samaritan Purse Shoebox Appeal 2024

Shoebboxes are now available for this year's Samaritan Purse Shoebox Appeal. If anyone is interested and would like to fill a box or would like more information, please speak to Joan Jenkins in St Catwg's church or Jeanette in St. Margaret's church. Could any boxes be returned by Sunday 10th November.

MURDER MYSTERY

The social committee's MURDER MYSTERY evening has been postponed to a future time. Details of the evening will be given in a future notice.

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Repairs to St. Margaret's Windows



St. Margaret's Church, Giffnock

As Autumn and Winter approach we are hopefully going to carry out the much needed repairs on St Margaret's Church windows.

Thank you to those who have made a generous donation towards the cost and in anticipation of more donations, we hopefully will be able to cover some of the cost of the work needed.

Finance this year has been difficult and any contributions will be gratefully accepted.

Jenn East - Treasurer.

Neuadd St. Catwg Community Hall, Gelligaer

presents



Award-winning Elvis impersonator Ian Pollock (Best Sideburns Glosvegas 2005) stars in his version of the classic Elvis film "Blue Hawaii". A musical comedy which will leave you all shook up ... expect the usual mayhem and lots of audience interaction, plus all your favourite Elvis songs.

Date of show: Friday, 18th October at Neuadd St Catwg, Gelligaer

Tickets: £5 and £4 for concessions (over 65) If anyone would like tickets, please contact Carolyn Corbin on 07983 677360 or carolyncorbin63@aol.com

November's Magazine 2024

If you wish to contribute to our magazine, please can you forward any news, articles etc, to me by Monday 28th October, for inclusion in the November's edition.

Many Thanks Chris (email: chriscorbin1961@gmail.com)

God in the Arts

Editor: The Rev Michael Burgess begins a year-long series looking at great works of Christian music.

‘Glorious the song when God’s the theme’: ‘The Dream of Gerontius’

John Henry Newman was a great Victorian churchman, an inspired Anglican preacher and teacher who became a Roman Catholic in 1845. Newman was also a poet and wrote hymns that have remained perennial favourites – among them, ‘Lead, kindly Light’ and ‘Praise to the Holiest.’

The first hymn was written when, as an Anglican, Newman was ill in Sicily and his servant thought he might die. But he recovered and, anxious to return home, he wrote these words, knowing that God had important work for him to do. The light that he prayed for in Sicily was to shine out, resplendent and glorious, in that later hymn which expresses the vision of the heavenly courts in the longer poem, ‘The Dream of Gerontius.’

Newman wrote the poem in 1865 after the death of a 41-year-old fellow Oratorian, Fr John Joseph Gordon, who had said to him as he lay dying, “I do not say that I do not fear to die: for death must always be a fearful thing. God’s justice is very terrible; but then, in the crucifixion, God’s mercy appears so very great.” ‘The Dream of Gerontius’ is about death and judgement, but it is the judgement of a loving God.

Newman presented Dvorak with a copy of this poem when the composer visited Birmingham, and he was invited to compose a setting for the city’s 1888 Festival. Although Dvorak felt inspired by the words, the timescale was too demanding. The poem was presented to Elgar on his wedding day a year later, again with the suggestion that he set it to music. The words simmered and stirred in Elgar’s imagination to produce one of the great oratorios of all time in 1900, when it was given its first performance in Birmingham.

Elgar inscribed the score ADMG (To the greater glory of God) and wrote on the last page of the manuscript, ‘This is the best of me.’ The light of God’s glory and grace that inspired Newman shines through the music as it shone through Elgar’s own life. His funeral card of 1934 contained words from the poem, and on his own score of ‘The Dream’ he wrote these words of Virgil, ‘Whence doth so dear desire of Light on wretches grow?’

It is now difficult to separate the poem from Elgar’s setting. The composer, like the poet, leads the listener from the prayer of faith, ‘Firmly I believe and truly’ – a prayer sustained by the words of the priest, ‘Go forth upon thy journey, Christian soul’ – to the judgement throne where the angels praise God in the heights.

One of the angels then leads the soul away with a beautiful setting of ‘Softly and gently,’ not to the fire of judgement, but to the cleansing, sustaining water of eternal life. The work ends with echoes of that angelic hymn, praising God who is our refuge in every generation.

Newman wrote, “I always sleep better after music.” He compared music to an electric current that passes through the body and then into the mind and heart. And Elgar’s wonderful setting can do exactly that, creating a vision of that new world of eternal glory that Gerontius expresses in the words, ‘Novissima hora est.....into thy hands, O Lord, into thy hands.’

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God in the Sciences

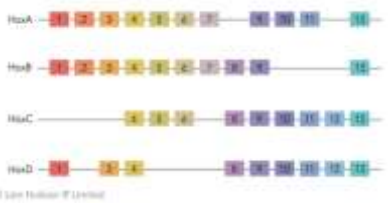
This series is written by Dr Ruth M Bancewicz, who is Church Engagement Director at The Faraday Institute for Science and Religion in Cambridge. Ruth writes on the positive relationship between Science and Christian faith.

Fearfully and Wonderfully Made

Every person was once a sperm and an egg. Those two unique germ cells fused together, and in nine months they turned into a living, breathing, human being. One of the most important stages of this process is when each section of the body, from head to rump, takes on its identity.



In this context, identity means what shape it takes, and which limbs or internal organs grow there: legs or arms, lungs or pancreas, and so on. The source of that physical identity is DNA: the networks of genes that are switched on or off in each segment of the body, making all the proteins that are needed to grow and develop in the right way. The master-genes that control the whole process are called homeobox, or Hox genes for short.



The most beautiful thing about the process of body patterning is the way it brings the dimensions of time and space together in such a tidy way. The Hox genes are organised into several clusters on the chromosomes, in the order in which they are needed during development and the order in which they appear on the body.

As the embryo develops, the cells near the head end activate the first genes in the Hox clusters. The cells just below the head then switch on the second genes in the cluster, and so on. A wave of gene activation passes down the embryo, specifying each section of the trunk in turn.

Once a Hox gene is switched on it can stay switched on in the next few sections of cells, and it is the overlapping activity of the genes which gives each section of the body its proper identity.

The Wisconsin-based developmental biologist Jeff Hardin often quotes Psalm 139 to express the wonder of embryonic development. “For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother’s womb...your works are wonderful, I know that full well. My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place, when I was woven together in the depths of the earth.” The story of the tidy Hox genes is very relevant to these verses, bringing out the hidden beauty in the process.

The more biologists get to find out about how we came to be born, the more we can say, “I am fearfully and wonderfully made”!

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Signs of our times? Pew-sheet notices that didn’t come out quite right...

Would the person who took the church step ladder last week please bring it back, or further steps will be taken.

After Sunday morning coffee, please empty the teapot and stand upside down on the draining board.

Church toilet out of order. Please use floor below.

Worshippers are asked to wail, until the choir has been served Holy Communion.



Mothers' Union



We had our usual meeting in September with just a catch up on the news of the elections within Mothers' Union. I read all the information sent on the website. We intended just to have a cup of tea and chat, but a few members asked my sister to tell us about her life. She lives in France and comes over for the summer, staying with me and her younger son in Farnham. She didn't quite know what to say as she doesn't think her life is interesting enough to talk about or that anyone would be interested. She doesn't realise how different her life has been to most of ours. She left school and joined the army as a Queen Alexandra nurse. She was actually their poster girl. She met her first husband who was also in the Medical Corps. She finished her training in Merthyr and when she got married she moved to married quarters in Germany and then bought a flat in Aldershot. When her boys were 2 and 10 months old her husband was killed and so she came back to live with us until she bought a house in Penpedairheol. She was friend and neighbour to Chris and David Harvey and their boys were roughly the same age.

She opened the first play school in Caerphilly Borough and so got to know lots in our community. She married her second husband, who had been a major in the army and she had worked with him in Germany. They lived in Camberley and their daughter was born (incidentally her children and mine are roughly the same age). Just as well she didn't have any more!! Her husband died during an operation to put stents in. She stayed in Camberley for a few years until her daughter moved to France and asked her to go with them. She now has three grandchildren who were born in France and has seen them grow up there. She speaks French really well and enjoys her life there but still loves to come home. She told everyone about our trips together, and it is true to say that we always have a good laugh when we are together. Her nursing skills came in handy every time I have needed them and I am blessed to have such a wonderful sister. She enjoys our church community and loves to come to church when she is here.

I have an order waiting to send for Christmas cards so if anyone wants anything can they please let me know as soon as possible before they sell out. I have booked the Rolling Jacks (Islwyn Bowling club) for our Christmas cabaret lunch. The cabaret is based on Garth Brooks who is a country and western singer. The price is £30 and I have paid a deposit for 20 people. Unfortunately the Bryn Meadows was fully booked for the dates that we were able to go, so we will try this venue for a change. Anyone who wants to come please make sure I have your name and deposit so I can alter numbers if need be.

We remember Olive, Marion and Dorothea in our prayers. We also pray for the soul of Fr. Gary's mother Barbara. We had a quiet reflection time on the day of her funeral and our thoughts and prayers have been with him over this very difficult time.

God bless everyone
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All Hallows Eve, or Holy Evening

Modern Halloween celebrations have their roots with the Celtic peoples of pre-Christian times.

In those long-ago days, on the last night of October, the Celts celebrated the Festival of Samhain, or 'Summer's End'. The priests, or Druids, performed ceremonies to thank and honour the sun. For there was a very dark side to all this: Samhain also signalled the onset of winter, a time when it was feared that unfriendly ghosts, nature-spirits, and witches roamed the earth, creating mischief. So the Druid priests lit great bonfires and performed magic rites to ward off or appease these dark supernatural powers.

Then the Romans arrived, and brought their Harvest Festival which honoured the Goddess Pomona with gifts of apples and nuts. The two festivals slowly merged.

When Christianity arrived still later, it began to replace the Roman and Druid religions. 1st November – All Saints' Day – was dedicated to all Christian Martyrs and Saints who had died. It was called 'All Hallows' Day'. The evening before became an evening of prayer and preparation and was called 'All Hallows' Eve', The Holy Evening, later shortened to 'Halloween'.

For many centuries, however, fear of the supernatural remained strong. During the Middle Ages, animal costumes and frightening masks were worn to ward off the evil spirits of darkness on Halloween. Magic words and charms were used to keep away bad luck, and everybody believed that witches ride about on broomsticks. Fortune telling was popular, and predicting the future by

the use of nuts and apples was so popular that Halloween is still sometimes known as Nutcrack Night or Snap-Apple Night.

Today, Christians have learned to 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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Learn to 'wait well' for things

'My future is in Your hands...'

In her helpful book, *When, God, When?* Joyce Meyer writes: "God has taught me to keep living the life I now have, while I am waiting for the things that are in my heart to come to pass. We can become so intent on trying to birth the next things that we neither enjoy nor take care of the things at hand. I had a vision from God ten years before I began to see it fulfilled. During those years, I believe I missed a lot of joy trying to give it birth outside of God's timing."

Learn to enjoy where you are, while you're waiting to get to where you want to be. After all, all your life you will spend more time waiting than you will receiving. And when you receive what you're waiting for now – you'll begin waiting for something else. That's life! If we don't learn to 'wait well', we'll live with endless frustration.

Waiting well is what will deliver our dream. Listen: "in due season we shall reap, if we faint not" (Gal. 6:9). "Due season" is when God knows we're ready, not when we think we are. He has set appointments to accomplish certain things in our life, so we might as well settle down and wait patiently, because that's when it will happen – and not before.

God knows what you need, He knows when you need it and He knows how to get it to you. All He asks you to do is trust Him.

What's the Big Idea? - An Introduction to the Books of the New Testament: 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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Short quiz on Mark's Gospel

(answers on page 23)

1. Who is the first prophet quoted in the Gospel of Mark?

Jeremiah, Isaiah, or Hosea

2. In whose house did Jesus dine with publicans and sinners?

Peter, John, or Levi

3. On what day did the disciples pluck ears of corn, much to the anger of the Pharisees?

Sabbath, Day of Atonement, or first day of the week

4. What sin does Jesus say is unforgivable?

Greed, murder, or blasphemy against the Holy Spirit

5. Where was Jesus when He taught the parable of the sower?

In a boat, on a mountain, or in the temple

6. Which relation of Jairus did Jesus heal?

Nephew, daughter, or mother

7. What did Jesus tell the Twelve to shake off their feet if people refused to hear the gospel message?

Spiders, dust, or hay

8. At the feeding of the 5,000, how many fish did they have?

6, 4, or 2

9. Complete the quote: "This people honours me with their but their heart is far from me." —

Ears, lips, or hands

10. What are believers told to "take up" if they are to follow Jesus?

Their cross, their money, or their faith

11. During the Transfiguration, who appeared to Jesus and the three disciples?

Adam and Noah, Abraham and David, or Moses and Elijah

12. What is it easier for a camel to go through than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God?

The gates of Jerusalem, eye of a needle, or an ear of corn

13. What did Jesus ride into Jerusalem on?

Mare, colt, or mule

14. What did the Sadducees not believe in or practice?

Resurrection, sacrifices, or the Law

15. How many mites (copper coins) did the poor widow give to the treasury?

2, 4, or 3

16. Where did Jesus say that those in Judea should flee to when they saw the abomination of desolation set up?

The mountains, the River Jordan, or the coast

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Services and Holy Days

Celebrations of the Holy Eucharist will be held twice weekly in both our Churches:

*St. Margaret's each Sunday at 9.30am and each Wednesday at 10.00am.
St. Catwg's each Sunday at 11.00am and each Thursday at 10.00am.*

<i>Date. Services and Holy Days - 2024</i>	
<i>6th</i>	THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY after TRINITY
<i>13th</i>	THE TWENTIETH SUNDAY after TRINITY
<i>18th</i>	* Luke, Evangelist
<i>20th</i>	THE TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY after TRINITY
<i>23rd</i>	† James of Jerusalem
<i>27th</i>	THE LAST SUNDAY after TRINITY or BIBLE SUNDAY
<i>28th</i>	* Simon and Jude, Apostles

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Quotes for October 2024.

Miscellaneous one-liners

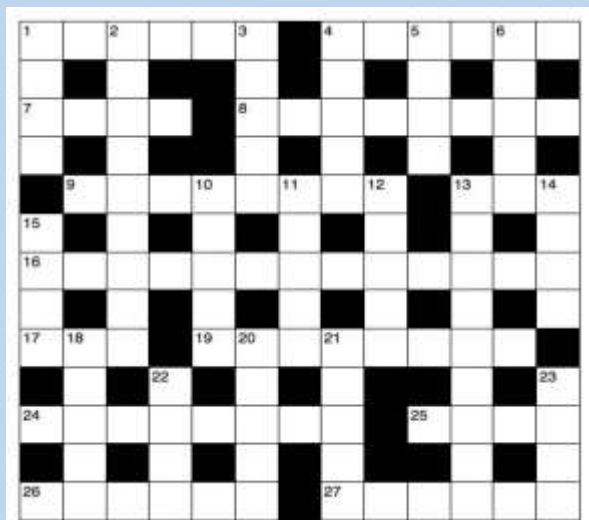
- A clear conscience makes a soft pillow.
- Don't let the littleness in others bring out the littleness in you.
- Exercise daily – walk with the Lord.
- We don't change God's message – His message changes us.
- Harsh words break no bones, but they do break hearts.
- To get out of a difficulty, one usually must go through it.
- We take for granted the things that we should be giving thanks for.
- For every minute you are angry with someone, you lose 60 seconds of happiness that you can never get back.
- Do what you can, for who you can, with what you have, and where you are.

October's Sudoku Challenge

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

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Solution can be found on page 39



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)

Crossword solution - Page 39

Quiz on Mark's Gospel.

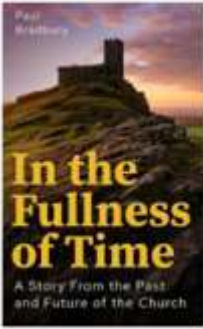
Answers:

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| <i>Q 1</i> Isaiah (Isaiah 40:3) | <i>Q 9</i> Lips (Mark 7:6) |
| <i>Q 2</i> Levi (Mark 2:14-15) | <i>Q 10</i> Their cross (Mark 8:34) |
| <i>Q 3</i> Sabbath (Mark 2:23) | <i>Q 11</i> Moses and Elijah (Mark 9:4) |
| <i>Q 4</i> Blasphemy against the Holy Spirit (Mark 3:28) | <i>Q 12</i> Eye of a needle (Mark 10:25) |
| <i>Q 5</i> In a boat (Mark 4:1) | <i>Q 13</i> Colt (Mark 11:7) |
| <i>Q 6</i> Daughter (Mark 5:22-23) | <i>Q 14</i> Resurrection (Mark 12:18) |
| <i>Q 7</i> Dust (Mark 6:11) | <i>Q 15</i> 2 (Mark 12:42) |
| <i>Q 8</i> 2 (Mark 6:38) | <i>Q 16</i> The mountains (Mark 13:14) |

Book Reviews

In the Fullness of Time - A Story From the Past and Future of the Church

By Paul Bradbury, Canterbury Press, £14.99



Here's a book about the present and future of the church in our own challenging context: a secular age, decline, stretched resources, complex and fragmented communities requiring diverse missional approaches.

Weaving together parable, storytelling, travelogue history and poetry, Paul Bradbury journeys from rural Norfolk to inner-city London, from a radical missional community in Lincolnshire, to a traditional village parish in Dorset, to explore what the church looks like today, and how local parish communities are wrestling with the tensions between the value of inherited church, and the need to look to the future.

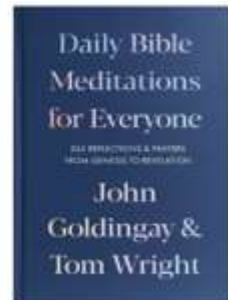
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Daily Bible Meditations for Everyone - 365 Reflections and Prayers, from Genesis to Revelation

By John Goldingay and Tom Wright, SPCK, £19.99

This book takes you on a journey through the whole Bible in one year. With wisdom, clarity and depth, Goldingay and Wright provide a rich blend of theological insight and practical application in 365 concise reflections and prayers.

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Church Reading / Cleaning Rotas

If anyone wishes to be on either the readers rota for either church, please do not hesitate to contact the relevant church wardens.

St. Catwg's Church - Readers Rota

September 2024		October 2024		November 2024	
1 st	Paul Thomas	6 th	Pat Davies	3 rd	Joan Jenkins
8 th	Cheryl Pugh	13 th	Paul Thomas	10 th	Pat Davies
15 th	Janeve Manca	20 th	Cheryl Pugh	17 th	Paul Thomas
22 nd	Christine Harvey	27 th	Christine Harvey	24 th	Cheryl Pugh
29 th	Joan Jenkins				

St. Margaret's Church - Readers Rota

September 2024		October 2024		November 2024	
7 th	June Phillips	6 th	Kath Llewellyn	3 rd	June Phillips
14 th	Huw Thomas	13 th	Lynne Thomas	10 th	Jennette Jones
21 st	Jenn East	20 th	Neil Hazell	17 th	Chris Ball
28 th	Jennette Jones	27 th	Alex Ball	24 th	Christine Thorpe
29 th	Linda Bartlett				

Should you wish to be on the St. Margaret's cleaning rota please contact the relevant Church Wardens.

St. Margaret's Cleaning Rota

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1	Lynda Bartlett	Sue	6	Lynda Trollope	Enid	3	Lynda Trollope	Enid
8	Lynda Trollope	Enid	13	Jennette	Audrey	10	Jennette	Audrey
15	Jennette	Audrey	20	Kath	June	17	Kath	June
22	Kath	June	27	Lynda Bartlett	Sue	24	Lynda Bartlett	Sue
29	Lynda Bartlett	Sue						

From the Register

Christian Funerals

September 2024

*May the souls of the faithful departed,
through the mercy of God, rest in peace.*





Gone yet not forgotten,
Although we are apart,
Your spirit lives within me,
Forever in my heart.
Until we meet again,
May God hold you in the palm of His hand.

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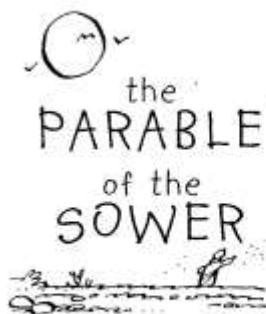
Prayers for the Bereaved

*May the love of God and the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ
console you and gently wipe away every tear from your eyes.
May Almighty God bless you, and look after you at this
difficult time. Amen.*

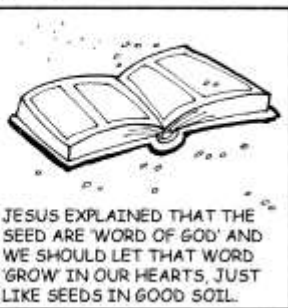
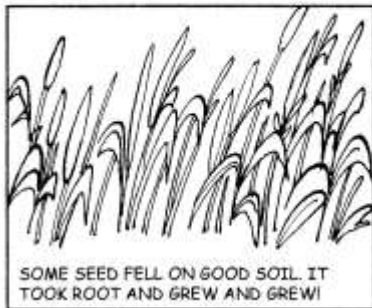
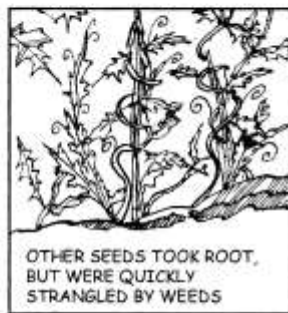
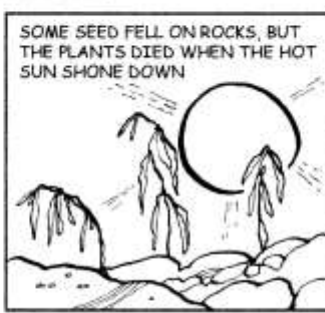
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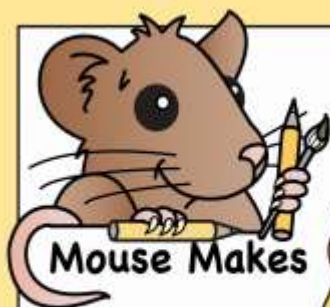
*Lord, in our time of grief we turn to you. God of love
hear our cries. Listen to our prayers for whom
you have called out of this world. Lead them to
your kingdom of light and peace. Amen.*

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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
a manner
worthy of the
Lord, fully pleasing
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

GOD • JESUS • LORD • WALK

WAYS • STEP • FEET • PATH • GO • TEACH • KNOWLEDGE • LIGHT

Find the words from the questions too!

Complete the Word search !

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Both of our Churches have a friendly and welcoming atmosphere where you can worship our Lord, Jesus Christ. Everybody is welcome to attend any of our services listed below. If it is your first visit to the District of Gelligaer and you are new to our Church please do not hesitate to make yourself known to us.

SUNDAY

9.30 am. Sung Eucharist at St. Margaret's Church

1st Sunday of each Month - Family Services

11.00 am. Sung Eucharist at St. Catwg's Church

WEDNESDAY

10.00 am. Holy Eucharist at St. Margaret's Church,
followed by Tea and Coffee

THURSDAY

10.00 am. Holy Eucharist at St. Catwg's Church

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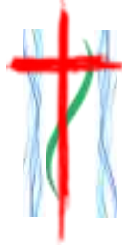
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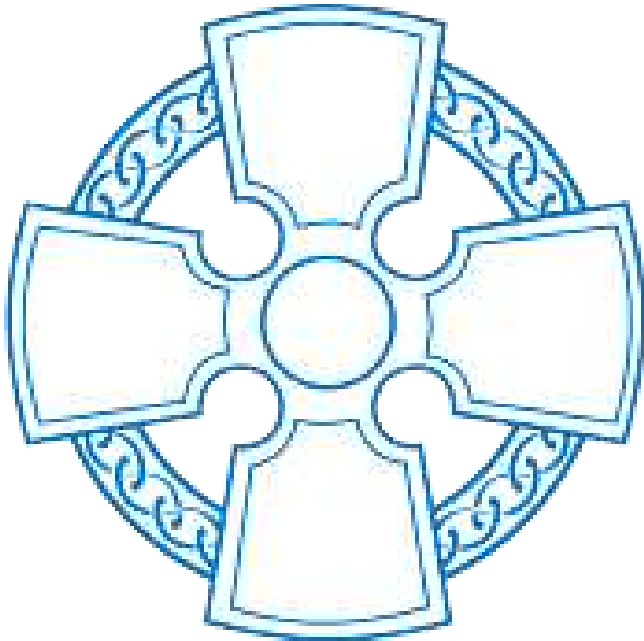
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