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Her memory will live on for ever

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From the Editor

As a youngster I wanted to belong to everything. Even in primary school I joined the after-school activities only to find that I was a 'Jack of all trades, and master of none'. I was put in the goals in the football team because it appeared that I was frightened of the leather football hitting me. I couldn't master chess, no matter how much I tried, and as for craftwork activities I was useless. All of this carried on in secondary school, where different types of activities such as metalwork and woodwork, painting and making models out of clay, and physical activities such as handball and basketball quite out of my comfort zone. Basically I was not very good at anything! My parents encouraged me to persevere and used the proverb, 'If at first you don't succeed, try try again' in an effort to see an improvement. It didn't work! However my college days did see an improvement and I was asked to join the college tennis team, and believe it or not I won one or two matches, but failed in tournaments!

One such person who put me to shame was the late Peta Mills. Here was a lady who loved life to the full. She joined in as many activities as she could and enthusiastically involved herself in them all. She belonged to three choirs and sang heartily in them all, so much so that St Mary's Church Choir has lost one of its devoted members. She was a member of the Ladies Working Party and Mothers' Union, not afraid of getting down to the nitty-gritty and working her socks off for the many charitable events held by them both. If it came to making things for such an occasion she would do so without a fuss and create a masterpiece. She was an artist and enjoyed painting, she belonged to more than one women's institutes and again would join in their activities. Another of her skills was reading the lessons for our Sunday services. She always reminded me when it was her turn, and could I send her the readings as soon as possible so that she could practise them before the service so that she could read them perfectly, which of course she always did. Peta loved travelling and would plan her holidays in advance and book them with 'Tours IOM' which sadly no longer exists. She would always return from her holidays, eager to tell everyone of her adventures and show them her photographs.



Peta was no doubt a true asset to the parish and will be sadly missed. I know that her death has brought tears to many of her friends, and no doubt to those in her family. She was a remarkable woman who lived life to the full. As Oscar Wilde wrote in the 'Selfish Giant' which tells the tale of a giant who owns a beautiful garden but refuses to share it with others, resulting in perpetual winter in his garden and a lonely existence. However, one day the giant has a change of heart when he encounters a group of children playing in his garden. Suddenly winter fades and spring appears. He spends his afternoons playing with them and he especially loves one little boy. Some time later the boy is not with the children and the giant asks where he is but the children didn't know. Eventually the boy returns and the giant is overjoyed. He runs over to him and sees that he is wounded, for on the palms of the boy's hands were the prints of two nails, and on his little feet the prints of another two nails. He asks him who has hurt him, and the boy replies, "Do not worry these are the wounds of Love." And the giant asks, "Who are you?" and the boy smiled on the giant and said to him, "You let me play once in your garden; today you shall come with me to my garden, which is paradise." God Bless you Peta, you too are in the paradise promised to us all.

David

Peta Mills May she rest in peace

Lesley Scott writes: 'A valued member of the Mothers' Union and St Mary's Ladies Working Party, who died on Sunday 15th September 2024.' She asked if this poem, written by an anonymous poet, could be included in this month's magazine:

I'm Free



*Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free.
I'm following the path God laid for me.
I took His hand when I heard him call,
I turned my back and left it all.
I could not stay another day,
To laugh, to love, to work or play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way.
I found that place at the close of day.
If my parting has left a void,
then fill it with remembered joy.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
Ah yes, these things I too will miss.
Be not burdened with times of sorrow.
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.
My life's been full, I've savoured much.
Good friends, good times,
A loved one's touch.
Perhaps my time seemed all too brief.
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.
Lift up your heart and share with me ...
God wanted me now,
He set me free.*



Ladies Working Party – St Mary's

The LWP have restarted their regular meetings after the summer break. Their first organised function was a coffee morning, held in St Catherine's Hall, to raise money for the Leprosy Mission. A cause which they have supported for many years. Unfortunately, the guest speaker, Mike Hardie, caught covid and had to cancel. However we managed to raise £250 for the charity. Another fundraising coffee morning will be held next time Mike is on the island. This has been provisionally set for 11th March 2025, a date for your diaries.

The next event will be Harvest, which will have happened by the time you read this. The LWP will decorate St Mary's Church and organise a Faith Lunch in the Hall afterwards. The food collected will be taken to the Foodbank by Gerry Callister and his helpers. The Ladies will arrange for the flowers to be distributed to members of the congregation who are unwell or unable to attend the service.

We are devastated to have lost one of our members. Our dear friend Peta Mills died on Sunday 15th September after a short illness. She was an active member of the Ladies Working Party who was always there to help, plan, and organise with all of our events. She was an amazing lady, a loyal friend with a heart of gold. She loved life: she was immensely proud of her family, loved travel, shopping, particularly for gilets and shoes, socialising, singing, painting, and being with her many friends. She will be missed by everyone who knew her and our thoughts and prayers go out to her family.

St Mary's Ladies Working party meets every Tuesday at 2.00pm in St Mary's Church. Everyone is welcome. We also hold 'Coffee and Chat' every Monday 10 -11.30am in St Mary's Church. This is a very sociable time, to catch up with friend's, or just have a rest while out walking. Tea/coffee and biscuits are available for just a minimum £1 donation.

Please come and join us.

Lesley Scott

How many church members does it take to change a light bulb?

What do you mean CHANGE??? That light bulb was given in memory of my grandmother! My father installed it with his bare hands! He donated his time AND the use of his ladder to do it, too! My family's been members of this church for four generations! And if you think you're going to come in here and make a bunch of changes all of a sudden, Vicar, you've got another think coming!

St Mary's Sunday School



*The photos
on this and
the next
page show
preparations
for
Harvest*



Claudia writes: After a long break for the summer holidays, it was lovely to meet again in early September to catch up with each other and to prepare for our Harvest Festival service. Everyone had enjoyed the summer break and had some highlights to share. To get us thinking about Harvest and what we are thankful for, the children tried to guess a variety of fruit and vegetable items by touch... and found that some were easier to guess than others! Mango and satsuma were the favourites when it came to sharing them out at snack time! We also practised a Thanksgiving song for the Harvest service, as well as an acrostic poem and some prayers.

This year's Harvest Festival was a joint service with the congregation of St Catherine's and was led by Harry Dawson. St Mary's Church was once again beautifully decorated with colourful displays of flowers and harvest produce, as well as a wide variety of tins and packets for the Foodbank. It was wonderful to have so many families attend and so many children and young people from both congregations involved in the service. The Sunday schools led the congregation in singing a Harvest Thanksgiving song, accompanied by Lukas on the mandolin and by the children with percussion instruments. The young people also read and acted out a HARVEST acrostic poem and led the prayers later on in the service. They all did very well, although some had been a bit nervous, as they had never read in church before. Well done!

Harry began his talk by telling us about the first ever Harvest Festival, held in 1843 in Cornwall, which started the tradition of annual Harvest thanksgiving services to thank God for all His good gifts to us. As Harry quite rightly pointed out, we shouldn't just thank God once a year, but every Sunday in church, or even every day in our own private worship and prayers. Inspired by the gospel passage (Matthew 6:25-33), he also encouraged us to trust God to provide for all our needs and not to worry.

Following the service, those who were able to stay went into the hall for fellowship and a delicious Faith Lunch, with teas and coffees provided by members of the Ladies Working Party. Tomorrow morning, all Foodbank donations from the four churches will be taken to the Southern hub, and the flowers from St Mary's will once again be taken to the sick and housebound, to let them know that they are not forgotten. Thank you very much to all who contributed in any way to make this Harvest Festival such a success - with special thanks to the LWP, Peter and Gerry!

Care for Creation



Editor: Canon Paul Hardingham considers the crisis facing Nature.

António Guterres (United Nations Secretary-General) has said that we're at '*Code red for humanity: the alarm bells are deafening, and the evidence is irrefutable: greenhouse gas emissions from fossil fuel burning and deforestation are choking our planet and putting billions of people at immediate risk.*'

At this time of Creationtide, how are we to respond to these climate concerns?

The world belongs to God:

'The earth is the Lord's and everything in it' (Psalm 24:1). The world is not ours, but God's! We are called to share in care for God's world: *'Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky and over every living creature that moves on the ground.'* (Genesis 1:28). We represent God by governing with the same self-giving generosity that we see in His creation of the earth. This challenges our consumer mindset, that sees the earth's resources as both limitless and existing simply for our needs. For example, the fashion industry uses as much carbon per minute, as a car emits going six times round the world! How can we make a difference in our world?

We belong to Christ:

We also belong to the one who's plan is: *'to be put into effect when the times reach their fulfilment – to bring unity to all things in heaven and on earth under Christ.'* (Ephesians 1:10). We can look forward to the time when God will create a new heaven and a new earth and make everything new. Meanwhile, we are called to serve as He serves, caring for the earth and our fellow humans, by living simply, recycling, conserving energy and choosing reusable options.

In terms of our world, there is no plan B! God gave us only one planet!





News from St Catherine's & Kirk Christ



September has seen our three remaining summer concerts with the season coming to an end on Thursday 19th when Rushen Silver Band entertained us. This season has seen the concerts being held at the Erin Arts Centre as St Catherine's Church has been closed during its refurbishment. One concert was held at Kirk Christ during July. We are so grateful to Pip and his staff at the Erin Arts Centre for allowing us to hold weekly concerts for us throughout the summer. The attendances have been good and we have had many favourable comments regarding the concerts from visitors and local people in the audiences.

The Harvest Festival services on 22nd September were well attended. It was so good to deliver many of the items of food given to the Food Bank to pass on to those families in need of food in our community. We thank the ministers who officiated at the services, to all who contributed gifts, decorated the churches, helped to deliver the gifts to the Food Bank and delivered flowers to members of our housebound congregations.

Gerry Callister

Editor: Nigel Beeton writes: Some of you may be aware of the death on 12th August of Timothy Dudley-Smith at the age of 97. Those who are not will recognise the name as appearing at the bottom of many wonderful hymns, including such treasures as 'Lord for the Years' and 'Tell Out, My Soul'. He left us better than he found us! What would church be like without the many Christians such as him who, inspired, have set pen to paper:

Celebrating the Writers of Hymns by Nigel Beeton

1 Lord, your servants through the ages -
Common folk as well as sages -
Have filled countless reams of pages
With their joyful hymns of praise!

2 Nuns, within their abbeys staying;
Clergymen and laymen praying;
All alike in verse conveying
Stories of Your loving ways.

3 Through Your Spirit, all inspiring
Humble talents spring, untiring
Phrases that we, now admiring,
Sing to Thee with hearts upraised!

4 Perfect prose, and steady metre,
Sweeping lyrics, music sweeter,
Phrases flying ever fleetly,
Wondrously Thy love portrays!

5 These, their gaze upon Thee sighting
Upon whom Thy Spirit, lighting
Have, through all their faithful writing
Strengthened us throughout our days!

6 When from death our souls are springing,
We will join with them in singing;
And with them we'll all be bringing
Our eternal hymns of praise!

Sudoku October 2024

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Visiting the sick

The vicar had been summoned to the bedside of a local Baptist woman who was quite ill. As he went up the walk, he met the little daughter and said, "I'm very glad your mother remembered me in her illness. Is your Baptist minister out of town?"

"No," answered the child. "He's at home, but we thought it might be something contagious, and we didn't want to expose him to it."

September Sudoku Solution

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September Crossword Solution

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Reflecting Faith: Window Glass

*Editor: **The Revd Dr Jo White** considers the reason for stained-glass windows*

Last month I wrote about the Arts and Crafts Movement's influence in the decoration of churches in Britain. This is often evidenced in the designs of windows – but why do we have so much coloured glass of all shapes and sizes in church buildings?

Stained glass in churches is similar to wall paintings in that it adds colour as well as traditionally serving the purpose of teaching non-literate people the great events and characters of their religion.

But glass is so much more than that.

The techniques used to create these windows have been refined over the centuries, and their intricate beauty has inspired countless artists and designers.

The way the light shines through the glass creates a unique atmosphere that is often described as ethereal or heavenly. In this way, the use of stained-glass windows helps to create a sacred space that is set apart from the secular world.

The light shining through the glass is shown onto the brickwork or stonework surrounding the glass and depending on the original colours, the intensity of the light, the angle of the sun's rays as well as the height and angle away from the watcher: these can range from vibrantly strong to softly muted.

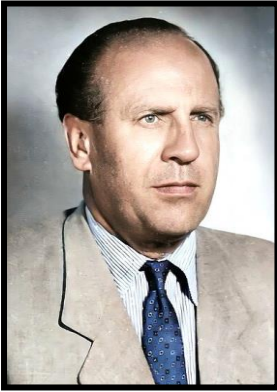
Hundreds of years ago people saw the changes in light in this way as being very significant. It was thought that the light passing through was transformed or transmuted and because of this it had a healing and revivifying effect on people who placed themselves within its light.

This month

Visit a church on a sunny day and just enjoy the play of light being put on for you. What does it say about God's love for you?

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.



Oskar Schindler – the German businessman who befriended the Jews

Editor: Tim Lenton on the real man behind 'Schindler's List'

Fifty years ago, on 9th October 1974, Oskar Schindler, Austria-Hungarian-born German businessman, died. He saved more than 1,100 Jews during the Holocaust by employing them in his factories. The story is told in the film *Schindler's List*.

At the time of his death, in Hildesheim, Germany, he was almost unknown and very poor. After the war he and his wife Emilie (both now recognised by Israel as Righteous Among the Nations) had emigrated to Argentina, where they separated in 1957 and Oskar returned to Germany alone. Money was raised to pay for his burial in Israel. Emilie died in Germany in 2001, having spent most of her later life in Argentina.

Oskar Schindler had been an opportunistic German industrialist and a 'convenient' member of the Nazi Party who set himself up in an enamel factory in occupied Krakow, Poland, as part of a 'Germanisation' programme in 1939. The factory had previously been Jewish-owned.

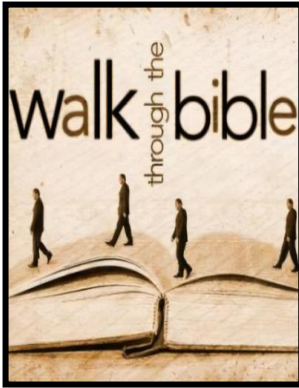
Schindler employed Jews from a nearby concentration camp and used bribes and his own diplomatic skills to protect his workers from the brutality of life in the camp and ensure they were not deported. He added an armaments division and convinced the SS that his employees were essential to the war effort – although very little was produced.

The risks he took, which included dubious business deals, brought suspicion of giving unauthorised aid to Jews and of corruption: he was arrested three times but not charged.

His factory was relocated to Brännlitz, near his hometown, at his request and reopened there purely as an armaments factory – and, thanks to Schindler's persuasive powers, a sub-camp of a nearby concentration camp. An assistant compiled a list of almost 1,200 Jewish workers needed to move from Krakow to work in the new factory – 'Schindler's list' – which enabled their survival.

Passwords

An elderly vicar got a call from a scammer who said, "I've got all of your passwords." The vicar replied: "Excellent! What are they? Just wait while I grab a pen."



What's the Big Idea?

An Introduction to the Books of the New Testament: Mark

Editor: **Canon Paul Hardingham** continues his series on the books of the Bible, which will run until the end of 2025.

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!

Quiz on Mark's Gospel

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
17 After the last supper, what did Jesus and his disciples do before going to the Mount of Olives? Changed their shoes, sung a hymn, or offered a sacrifice	18 Whose ear was cut off with a sword at the arrest of Jesus? Judas Iscariot, Peter, or servant of the High Priest
19 While on the cross, who did the bystanders believe that Jesus was calling for? Eli, Elijah, or Elisha	20 Who went to the tomb of Jesus with Mary Magdalene and Mary (mother of James) to anoint Jesus? Salome, Joanna, or Martha

Answers in November's Magazine

Prayer for October 2024

Lord, as we move into autumn and the month of October, the normal seasonal changes are all around us, the beautiful colours, the falling leaves, the cooler days. And that is reassuring. But, so much else in our world is changing so rapidly, often in ways we don't understand. And that can be worrying.

Thank you that You never change. You are always the same, faithful, present and loving. And You tell us in Your Word, not to be anxious about anything, but to bring all things to You in prayer and to trust You. When we do this, You promise us Your Peace – a peace of heart that steadies us and helps us move forward.

Thank you that whatever comes, we are secure in You, when we put our trust in Jesus. In His name, we pray. Amen.

All in the month of October



200 years ago, on 21st Oct 1824, 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.

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

125 years ago, from 11th Oct 1899 to May 1902, the Second Boer War in South Africa took place. 22,000 British forces were killed, and nearly 100,000 wounded. More than 6,000 Boers were killed, and more than 46,000 African civilians died in concentration camps.

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

80 years ago, on 2nd Oct 1944, the Warsaw Uprising in Poland was ended. The Germans destroyed the city, killing 200,000 civilians and expelling 700,000. **Also on 9th Oct 1944**, British Prime Minister Winston Churchill and Soviet leader Joseph Stalin met to discuss the future of post-war Europe.

75 years ago, on 1st Oct 1949, the People's Republic of China was founded by Mao Zedong.

70 years ago, from 30th Oct to 13th Nov 1954, the first Rugby World Cup was held in Paris. Great Britain beat France 16-12 in the final.

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

60 years ago, on 14th Oct 1964, the American civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr. was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize for combating racial inequality in the USA without violence.

50 years ago, on 9th Oct 1974, Oskar Schindler, Austria-Hungarian-born German businessman, died. He saved more than 1,100 Jews during the Holocaust by employing them in his factories. The story is told in the film *Schindler's List*.

40 years ago, on 12th Oct 1984, an IRA bomb exploded during the Conservative Party Conference at the Grand Hotel in Brighton, killing five people. Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher was apparently the primary target, but she escaped injury. **Also on 16th Oct 1984**, South African Anglican bishop Desmond Tutu won the 1984 Nobel Peace Prize for his role in the opposition to apartheid.

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

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

20 years ago, on 2nd Oct 2004, the first Parkrun was held in Bushy Park, London.

Remembering Desmond Tutu



*Editor: **Tim Lenton** looks back on a much-loved bishop...*

Forty years ago, on 16th October 1984, the South African Anglican, Bishop Desmond Tutu won the 1984 Nobel Peace Prize for his role in the opposition to apartheid.

Born into a Methodist family in Transvaal in 1931, Tutu first went into teaching, but after three years retired in protest at the deteriorating standard of black education, in particular the discriminatory Bantu Education Act of 1953. Instead, he went into the church, enrolling at St Peter's Theological College in Johannesburg and becoming an Anglican priest, then studying theology at King's College, London.

In 1975 he became the first black person to hold the position of Dean of St Mary's Cathedral in Johannesburg, following this by becoming Bishop of Lesotho and then in 1978 the first black General Secretary of the South African Council of Churches.

Regarded by many as a prophet in the liberation theology sense of the word – someone challenging power – Tutu became Archbishop of Cape Town in 1986, therefore the leader of South Africa's 1.6 million Anglicans. Always a pacifist, he was already one of the most prominent voices calling for sanctions on the apartheid regime from the international community.

On the release of Nelson Mandela from prison in 1990 after 27 years, when South Africa moved towards democracy, he saw his country as “the Rainbow Nation”. Mandela responded by making him Chairman of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission in 1995.

Exhilarated by a new vision for the future of South Africa, he described himself as “on cloud nine” when the election results came in 1994. He planned the religious component of Mandela's inauguration ceremony, including Jewish, Muslim and Hindu leaders.

Tutu's Nobel Prize medal was stolen in June 2007 from his home in Johannesburg, but was recovered a week later.

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.

Hymn of Invitation: 'Whoever He Leads I'll Go'

Our visiting monster today is the Revd Jack Bains.

Church toilet out of order. Please use floor below.

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

Hymn: 'I am Thin, O Lord.'

We are always happy to have you sue our facility.

From the Registers

Funerals August 2024:

2 nd	Derek Mason Beggs	2pm	Service & Burial	Kirk Christ & RBG
19 th	Barbara Joan Wicks	3.30pm	Ashes Burial	RBG

RBG - Rushen Burial Ground

Right resting place

The new vicar was a bit of an efficiency expert, whose obsession was to move around the hymnbooks, the notice-sheets, the magazines, the guides, and most of the other portable things in his church, in search of the perfect place. From porch to display stand to table to vestry to side chapel – round and round various things went, week by week.

After several months, a visitor approached a harassed churchwarden before church one morning, and asked if he could tell her where the copies of the church guides were kept. “No, I’m sorry,” he said wearily. “But if you just stand here a while, I’m sure you’ll see them go by!”

Safeguarding

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

Rushen Parish Safeguarding Officer,
Rhiannon Manning (Tel. 832275)

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

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



The harvest produce was taken to the old people's bungalows

Rushen Mothers' Union



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The branch meetings will be held regularly now on the 2nd Monday of each month commencing at 2pm. The venue will alternate between St Catherine's Hall and St Mary's Church, so please consult your programme, or refer to this magazine. I will send out reminders to members beforehand. At the first meeting, on Monday 14th October, we have invited Ali Vondy from 'Stand up to Suicide' who will be the principal speaker. It will be held in St Mary's Church. Everyone is welcome to come and find out more about this worthwhile charity that supports the most vulnerable members of our society and their families.

We are collecting pre-loved, but unwanted costume jewellery, for a 'Costume Jewellery Sale and Coffee morning' to raise money for 'Away from it all (A.F.I.A.) Families Fund'. This will be collected between now and December and will finish at the Advent Service. Please bring any articles to any of the meetings, or give them to me, and I will send them on. The collection of milk bottle tops for surgical dressings has now stopped.

Other dates for your diaries are:

Monday 11th November

David Shirtliff will be speaking to us about 'Thie dy Vea' St Catherine's hall 2.00pm.

Thursday 28th November

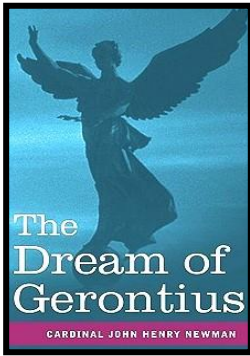
Craft Fundraiser for AFIA. 10.30 -15.30 at St Thomas Church Douglas. Craft demonstration in the morning followed by light lunch then make a Christmas decoration in the afternoon. The cost is £20 and places are limited. Contact Jacqui Frear to book a ticket. Tel 615066

Thursday 5th December

Advent Service at St Peter's Church, Onchan. 7pm

Monday 9th December

Christmas Party 2.00 in St Mary's Church, please start thinking about a poem, reading or activity that you might bring to this.



God in Music

*Editor: The **Revd Michael Burgess** continues his series looking at great works of 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

Become 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.

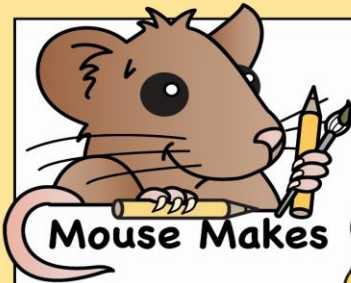
Elgar inscribed the score ADMG (To the greater glory of God) and wrote on the last page of the manuscript, ‘This is the best of me.’ The light of God’s glory and grace that inspired Newman shines through the music as it shone through Elgar’s own life. His funeral card of 1934 contained words from the 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

Children's Page



Mouse Makes

WALK WITH THE LORD

"Teach me your way,
O Lord, that I would
walk in your _____."
Psalms 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."
Psalms 128:1

GOD • JESUS • LORD • WALK

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

Find the words from the questions too!

The Story Behind the Hymn



Jesus calls us o'er the tumult

Jesus calls us o'er the tumult
of our life's wild restless sea;
day by day his voice still calls us
saying, 'Christian, follow me.'

As of old Saint Andrew heard it
by the Galilean lake,
turned from home and work and kindred,
leaving all for Jesus' sake.

Jesus calls us from the worship
of the vain world's golden store,
from each idol that would keep us,
saying, 'Christian, love me more.'

In our joys and in our sorrows,
days of toil and hours of ease,
Jesus calls, in cares and pleasures,
'Christian, love me more than these.'

Jesus calls us: by your mercies,
Saviour, may we hear your call,
give our hearts in glad obedience,
serve and love you best of all.

Cecil Frances Alexander (her married name) was an outstanding young woman by virtue of ability, education, and service. While still quite young, she and her sister operated a school for the deaf, and she also published a highly successful book of hymns for children, designating the profits for the benefit of the school.

She married William Alexander, an Anglican clergyman who later became the Anglican Archbishop for all of Ireland. Impressed by her hymns, he asked her to write a hymn for use during the coming Sunday worship based on the call of Simon, Andrew, James, and John (Matthew 4:18-22; Mark 1:16-18). She wrote this hymn, "Jesus Calls Us," for that occasion. She wrote 400 hymns during her lifetime, mostly children's hymns, but "Jesus Calls Us" and "All Things Bright and Beautiful" are the best known.

The first verse of this hymn begins, "Jesus calls us o'er the tumult of our life's wild, restless sea" acknowledging the call of those first disciples by the Sea of Galilee. A recurring theme is:

"Christian, love me more"

"Christian, love me more than these"

"serve and love thee best of all."

Those words were inspired by John 21:15, where Jesus, after the resurrection, asked Peter, "Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?" The hymn therefore acknowledges Jesus' claim, not only over the lives of those first four disciples, but over the lives of every Christian.

Rushen Parish Prayer Diary

Lord Jesus Christ, draw our hearts to yours with a love that is irresistible; unite our hearts to yours with a love that is immeasurable; and bind our hearts to yours with a love that is inseparable; now and for ever.

Amen

October 2024

This is your invitation to pray day by day for:

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



Services October & November 2024

6th October <i>(Trinity 19)</i>	9.30am	Kirk Christ Morning Prayer (CW)
	11am	St Mary's Holy Communion (CW)
	11am	St Catherine's Morning Prayer (CW)
	3.15pm	St Peter's Evening Prayer (BCP)
13th October <i>(Trinity 20)</i>	9.30am	Kirk Christ Holy Communion (CW)
	11am	St Mary's all-age Service (CW)
	11am	St Catherine's Holy Communion (CW)
	3.15pm	St Peter's Holy Communion (BCP)
20th October <i>(Trinity 21)</i>	9.30am	Kirk Christ Morning Prayer (CW)
	11am	St Mary's Holy Communion (CW)
	11am	St Catherine's Morning Prayer (CW)
	3.15pm	St Peter's Evening Prayer (BCP)
27th October <i>(Bible Sunday)</i>	11am	Kirk Christ Joint Holy Communion (CW)
3rd November <i>(4th Before Advent)</i>	9.30am	Kirk Christ Morning Prayer (CW)
	11am	St Mary's Holy Communion (CW)
	11am	St Catherine's Morning Prayer (CW)
	3.15pm	St Peter's Evening Prayer (BCP)
10th November <i>(Remembrance Sunday)</i>	10.45am	Kirk Christ Civic Service (CW)
	10.55am	St Mary's & St Catherine's Joint Holy Communion (*)
	3.15pm	St Peter's Holy Communion (BCP)
17th November <i>(2nd Before Advent)</i>	9.30am	Kirk Christ Morning Prayer (CW)
	11am	St Mary's Holy Communion (CW)
	11am	St Catherine's Morning Prayer (CW)
	3.15pm	St Peter's Evening Prayer (BCP)
24th November <i>(Christ the King)</i>	11am	Kirk Christ Joint Holy Communion (CW)
1st December <i>(Advent)</i>	9.30am	Kirk Christ Morning Prayer (CW)
	11am	St Mary's Holy Communion (CW)
	11am	St Catherine's Morning Prayer (CW)
	3.15pm	St Peter's Evening Prayer (BCP)

(CW) Common Worship (BCP) Book of Common Prayer
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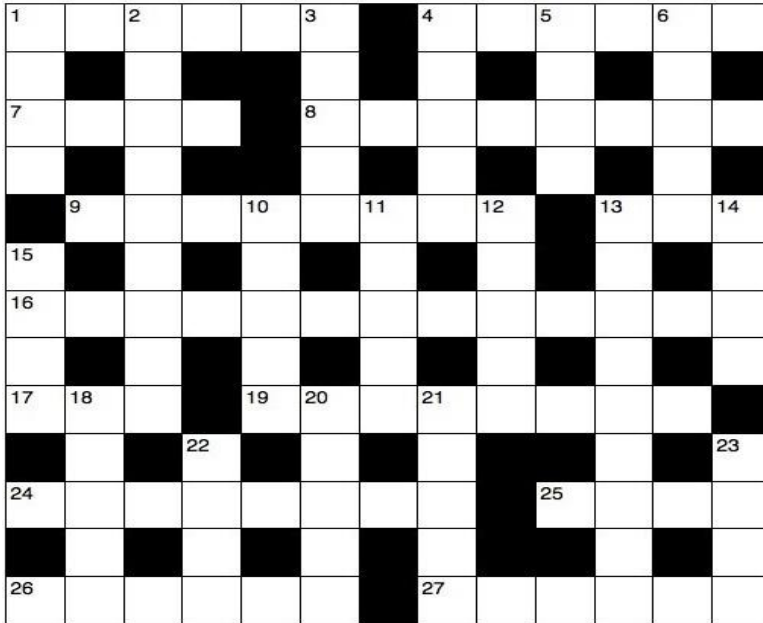
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Crossword October 2024



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)