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From Matthew Stone LLM



Dear Friends

"Who needs a car in LA? We've got the best public transit system in the world!"

So claimed Eddie Valiant, the hero of the 1988 film, *Who Framed Roger Rabbit*. Set in 1947, the film shows Los Angeles benefiting from a network of streetcars, one of which our protagonist hitches a ride on early in the film.

Failing to pay his fare with a cheque, Eddie Valiant sneaks a free ride by hopping on the rear bumper of the vehicle. There he meets a group of kids who are also hoping to avoid the fare. As Valiant helps another child on to the now moving vehicle, another asks why he doesn't own a car, leading Valiant to ask why he would need one in LA.

For modern audiences this ironic gag is a reflection on how quickly technology can change and either tear apart or sew together our environment, both physical and human.

Riding on the streetcar (a tram to us Europeans), the film shows Valiant encourage and help a child onboard and, as his journey comes to an end, he is offered cigarettes by those children as they bid each other farewell.

In this short scene the film shows the streetcar to be a 'third space', neither at work nor in the home, where people mix from across different ages and backgrounds, offering a greater chance to support one another no matter who we are.

This foreshadows and is in contrast to the world dreamed of by the film's antagonist, Judge Doom, whose evil plan hopes to replace the light-rail network with freeways full of private cars, a technology which has now helped atomise our cities, their fabric and sense of community.

To solidify, or atomise, our technology can do either.

For the latter reason, we expend effort having to control the fruits of our innovation. From cars to nuclear fission, fast food to social media and now AI, we invent the most tremendous technology only then to have to box it in again to avoid it destroying us.

Our natural fabric pays the heaviest price.

This Creationtide, we again reflect on how our environment suffers, being a slave to our consumption which is driven to giddy heights by our technical prowess, an inventiveness that need not be a curse but becomes so with gluttony.

Our ability to alter our creation with tools can benefit when guided by altruism, it can destroy when exploited by greed and for profit.

In reality, the Los Angeles streetcars died because their funding relied upon corporate profits, but when this income dried-up so did the public transit it supported. The public streetcar was replaced by private cars and their freeways, to an extent that not even Judge Doom could have dreamt of. If only LA's public transit had relied on more than greedy real-estate profits and instead on the generosity of public funding, it would have continued to serve.

Today, our technology also mutates under the pressure from greed. When it is forced to make money our modern media seeks to polarise us; social media divides us to generate advertising revenue and for the same reason mainstream media has become more partisan. Rather than a public service, this technology now disintegrates the bonds holding us together because it has been exploited by the need for profit.

Therefore, altruism and grace, which we see writ large in scripture, can help guide the power of human invention toward a shared benefit rather than destruction.

Human progress can realise brilliance as a common, co-operative form of getting where we need to go, rather than a personal and competitive drive.

Let us take the streetcar rather than the freeway.

With love

Matthew

Friday Compline in September

Each Friday evening in September we will be live-streaming Compline on the Harnham YouTube channel.

Please feel free to join this broadcast live at 8.30pm each week, or watch the recording of it afterwards.

The YouTube channel can be found by searching for 'Harnham Parish' either through Google or in YouTube.

We hope this time of prayer will help as a regular reflective practice at the end of each week.

If there is anything you would like us to specifically pray for during these broadcasts please feel free to email me. My contact details are on the back cover of this magazine.

Matthew Stone | I M

Remembrance Sunday

On November 10th there will be a special Remembrance service in the Memorial Hall. This year we are focussing on those who experienced DDAY, their courage and sacrifice.

If you or a family member has any life story connected to the DDAY landings please do contact Revd Becky, so that these memories can be part of the special service. Thank you.

Creationtide in Harnham

The international theme for Creationtide this September is to 'hope and act with creation.'

In the letter of Paul the Apostle to the Romans, the biblical image pictures the Earth as a Mother, groaning as in childbirth (Rom 8:22). We are not caring for the Earth as a gift from our Creator, but rather using it as a resource to be exploited. And yet, there is hope and the expectation for a better future. To hope in a biblical context does not mean to stand still and quiet, but rather groaning, crying, and actively striving for new life amidst the struggles. Just as in childbirth, we go through a period of intense pain, but new life springs forth.

The symbol for the Season of Creation (see front cover) is the first fruits of hope. The new life, the leaf which the dove Noah released from the ark found, springs forth when we work together with Creation. In other words the first fruits of hope **can** emerge. But this hope has to be lived out practically.

Events to celebrate and spur us into action

Ecumenical prayer pilgrimage. 1st September 2pm

Meet outside of Mompesson House, in the Close, and walk to St George's Church in Harnham for a time of prayer and then tea and cake nearby. We will stop to listen to readings, and pray on the way.

Prayer stations on the theme of Creationtide. 8th September 11am

A short 45 minute prayer walk and prayer stations in All Saints churchyard.

Day of advocacy 21st September

Participate in the call to a renewable future using the Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty Initiative (www.fossilfueltreaty.org) or consider changing to an ethical banking scheme. New Greener, Fairer Banking Guide – JustMoney Movement (www.justmoney.org.uk).

Why not look at our bug hotels? Spend some time in the churchyards listening to the breeze, the birds, and God.

Why not buy fair trade and Eco cleaning items? Look in Sainsbury's, Waitrose, and you can find much fair trade chocolate in Lidl... and of course support our local shops too. Or Volunteer to help in All Saints Churchyard?

United Pets and the rest of us! 29th September 10am

United Service with Communion on the Parish Field, Lower St. 10am.

Harvest United All Age Communion Service. 6th October 10am

Join a scratch choir as a singer for your favourite Harvest hymns and anthems. See weekly notices for further details

We will be collecting items for the Women's Refuge so start saving toothpaste, toothbrushes, shower gels, shampoos etc to donate.

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."

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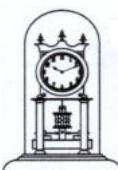
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In every family there are seasons of joy and of challenge. In every age there are times of fruitfulness and of loss. In every moment – there is God... Give thanks in all circumstances.

I Thessalonians 5:

As we move from Summer into Autumn, we witness the seasonal changes all around us as the leaves begin to turn, the days get shorter and the hedgerows are abundant with berries. This season of Creationtide reminds us of our responsibility to live in order to safeguard God's creation for the future of our planet.

Our meeting in July was a return visit for members, spouses and friends to The Horse and Groom at Woodgreen where we were able to chat with one another whilst enjoying a delicious lunch. We were well looked after and a good time was had by all. Thank you to Katharine for her organisation of the visit.

Dates for your Diary.....

Tuesday September 24th at 12 noon

Mothers Union Communion Service in the Cathedral

Celebrant: Canon Michael Goater

Thursday September 26th at 2.30pm in the Parish Hall.

The speaker will be Sarah Gregson, Sarah is a Communities Manager for Salisbury City Council and oversees the team of 'Your Salisbury Pantry.'

'Your Salisbury Pantry' is part of a franchise which evolved from a food support project that was launched in 2020 in response to the pandemic.

It is part of a scheme that works across the city to eradicate food poverty. Food which would otherwise go to waste is redistributed instead. It supports those in need as a result of rising prices, fluctuating work situations or in debt.

This meeting is open to all, do encourage your friends and neighbours to come, all will receive a warm welcome. If you require help with transport please phone Katharine Callard on 01722 501200.

I look forward to seeing you at our meetings, all are welcome.

With love
Pat Davidson

60th ANNIVERSARY EUCHARIST

Canon David Callard celebrates the 60th Anniversary of his Ordination to the Priesthood in Coventry Cathedral in 1964, on Friday 20th September. He would warmly welcome any friends to join him for a Eucharist of Thanksgiving in St. George's Church at 10.30am on that day, to give thanks to God for the privilege of 60 years of priestly Ministry. A warm welcome to anyone who would like to share in this joyful occasion. There will be coffee and cake to follow.



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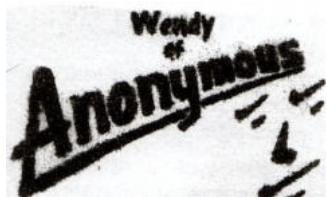
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FIRST WEDNESDAY TALKS

Our First Wednesday Talks are now entering their final session but there are some real treats in store - ensure you keep those first Wednesdays free !

WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 4TH 7.30 PM

"The Joys of School Chaplaincy" by Canon Julian Poppleton

Our very own Revd Julian talks about his experiences in this intriguing vocation. I am sure there were trials and tribulations too but I am equally sure the joy of it all exceeded them. Will he sing to us? I do hope so - if only the School Song.

And then

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 2ND 7.30 PM

"Putting on the Panto" by Helen Taylor

Helen, Development Director from Wiltshire Creative, will share insights from behind the scenes at Salisbury Playhouse, giving a glimpse of the magical ingredients it takes to make our award-winning pantomimes. You can enjoy the stories and memories of audiences over the years and see why the great British tradition of Panto can play such an important role in our City.
Oh yes she will !!

An Invitation from your LLMs

The Diocesan annual Service of Celebration of Licensed Lay Ministry will be held at the cathedral on Saturday 28th September starting at 11 am.

This service of the Eucharist includes the admission and licensing of new LLMs and the re-licensing of those who have moved into the Diocese. It is also an opportunity for all Lay Ministers to renew their commitment to serve God's church and to be signs of hope in the world.

All are welcome to attend this special service and to show their support to our LLMs both here in Harnham and across the Diocese.

Katy and Matthew

The Harnham Parish Harvest Festival Lunch is on Sunday 6th October in the Parish Hall at 12.30 pm. It will be a 'Bring and Share Lunch' and refreshment drinks will be served. The Social Committee will place forms in both churches (St George's and All Saints in Harnham) for names to be put down and to co-ordinate what each person will be bringing. There will be some food suggestions at the top of the forms.

All food must be accompanied by a list of ingredients of each dish and if shop bought then please leave the packaging with the ingredients list on.

For any dietary requirements or any queries please contact Inas Miles on 01722 333388 and please leave a message if there is no reply.

Thank you and look forward to seeing you then.

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Partnering with Harnham Junior School

Over the last six months in particular there has been much support of and time invested in Harnham Church of England Junior School, by the Parish Foundation Governors and other members of the parish who volunteer at and support the school.

Wellbeing

Pray and Bake. Every half term two or three members of the Harnham Community bake cakes and send their thanks to all the school staff for their care and their work to educate children in the school. Last summer term, we also put together a wellbeing pack that included prayerful labyrinths, praying with images, mindful colouring and a chocolate treat. These are very much appreciated by staff.

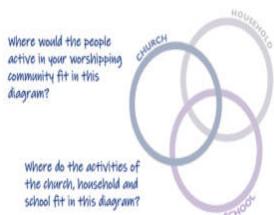
Clubs

Many staff members cannot offer after school clubs, due to other commitments, and so four of the Harnham Parish team stepped up to offer our Easter craft and activity club. We will offer another club this Autumn.

Growing in Faith.

Church of England National Research shows the need for children to have a safe space to grow in their faith, asking big questions about life and the importance of the connection between church, household and school in order for faith to grow. Revd Becky attended the Growing Faith seminar on clergy day and is in conversation with the Diocesan team about how more can be put into practice in Harnham.

Governance



Harnham Church of England Junior School governors have not only supported and challenged the school in policy making, school maintenance, budget spending, and teaching and learning, according to the school action plan but also were fully involved in the appointment process of the new headteacher and in preparation for an Inspection of Anglican schools.

Jeanne Ross and David Stone have been governors for many years, as well as being members of the church community. They have shared their wisdom and expertise well. We are grateful for their generosity in serving the school community.

Helen Donnelly joins the school as Headteacher this September 2024. She has previously served as head of Amesbury Archer Primary School and she has been a Director of Primary Education at Magna Learning Partnership, a local multi-academy trust. 'In this role, her knowledge and experience have enabled her to support several schools and now, she is keen to bring that new level of expertise to bear, as she immerses herself in a single-school community once again.'



The Good Samaritan

A key pictorial image of the values actively encouraged in Harnham C of E Junior School is the Good Samaritan. The image brings out the actions that the children are encouraged to show in their lives and relationships such as mercy when someone is in need or does something wrong; accompanying each other on our learning journeys; generosity and kindness with our opinions and our time. Who was a neighbour to the man who was robbed? The person who showed him mercy. We try to do likewise. (Luke 10:37)

Please pray for Helen, all the staff and families as the school resumes.

Generous loving God,

We thank you for Harnham Junior School, the pupils, teachers, parents and governing body. Help them to grow together as a worshipping, learning community. We ask that you give them the humility to share our strengths and gifts humbly, and the determination, resilience and open-mindedness to listen to others when struggling. We thank you for the friendships that are made at the school, and we ask for your loving care as you watch over the school. Most of all we ask that you continue to teach us and lead our school community, into being the people you would like us all to be, as you walk beside them every day of their lives. Amen.

Revd Becky

Happy 170th Birthday All Saints!

All Saints is 170 years old this year and all it wants for its birthday is some tender love and care in its Churchyard, where the greenery is still growing like a teenager in need of a haircut. Whether you think of the churchyard as a Garden of Remembrance or as God's Acre it is a green space that serves our community. It is a beautiful setting for All Saints.

There are plenty of ways to help - whether you have years of or no experience of gardening. We have all been there on Day 1 wondering about where to start in looking after a single plant or is that a weed?.....

Come along and give it a go for as long as you want. Bring your own tools or we can provide tools and encouragement to do something that we all enjoy and is much appreciated by the families of around 900 people whose lives are remembered within the walls of our Churchyard.

We look forward to seeing your smile when a family thanks you and you realise you have made a difference to their lives.

Please call or message Richard Scott on 07986 423891 to discuss how you can make a difference. "

As part of the celebration Richard and Julie Scott are opening their garden at 8 Folkestone Road on Sunday September 1st between 2.30pm and 5pm.

You are invited to come and enjoy a glass of Birthday Pimms, Tea and Chocolate Brownies along with good company and wonderful surroundings.

Donations gratefully received in aid of Parish Funds.

Secondment for four months (Sept-Dec)

Following the sudden death of Revd Canon Gary Philbrick, Winchester Cathedral Chaplain, our very own Revd Canon Julian Poppleton has been seconded for four months to assist with pastoral care and singing in the very same cathedral, a role in which he will make full use of both his pastoral experience and musical talents.

We look forward to him giving the First Wednesday talk 'The Joys of School Chaplaincy' in the Parish Hall on September 2nd and leading the Carol Service on December 22nd at 6.30pm in All Saints, Harnham.

Please pray for him in this temporary role and also his wife Libby as she supports him.

Revd Becky

Scam Alert

Please note that several parishioners have recently received emails purporting to be from Revd. Becky. There have been three different false emails in the last fortnight. All are asking you to email her back on the false email address and then ask you to buy vouchers as 'thank you' presents. Revd. Becky would **NEVER** ask a member of the congregation to do this, nor would she **EVER ask you for bank account details**. If you receive an email from Revd. Becky, please check the email address **very carefully** and if you have any concerns, contact her by phone or use the email address on the back of this magazine. Some of the email addresses being used are literally just a letter or symbol different, so **PLEASE** check the address carefully before replying.

- **Please DO NOT respond to any email that you are concerned may not be genuine.** If you can, make a note of the email address before reporting it as SPAM.
- **DO NOT give out any personal details or names.**
- **DO NOT give out any bank details.**
- **DO NOT give out your phone number or address.**

Please report any scam email addresses to Revd. Becky or Jacqui Brown (Parish Safeguarding Officer) as we are keeping a record of them and are seeking advice from the Diocesan Safeguarding Team.

The parish safeguarding email address is:-

safeguarding.harnhamchurches@gmail.com

Alabaré Quiz Night – Wednesday 25th September Chafyn Grove School Hall

Doors open at 7pm for a 7.15pm start. Teams of up to six people. £7 a ticket. Cash bar and raffle. A fun evening with questions to suit a wide range of interests! You can buy tickets via www.alabare.co.uk/events/the-alabare-quiz

All funds raised will go towards our work with those who are homeless and vulnerable.

Autumn Events for your Diary

Pause for Prosecco September 12th 7.30pm Parish Hall Meeting Room.

Women's discussion group around the big questions in life over a glass or two of prosecco or wine... Our theme for the Autumn is generosity.

September's focus is Generosity and Time. Questions range from 'When did you last have too much time on your hands?' to the philosophical question of 'What is time really?!" and 'What does the Bible say about time and how to best use it?"

Harvest Quiz night with an Italian theme. 5th October

It's that time of year when we gather together to QUIZ!!!!

Neil's famous quiznight is back on 5th October. 7pm start. Tables of 8 people.

Tickets £15 to include two course meal, a drink and the fabulous quiz!

If you don't have a team of 8 do let us know and we can gather you together.

Book via Harnham Parish Office 07925108856 or

harnhamparish@btinternet.com by October 1st

Harnham Parish Generosity – The first Week of October

Look out on Harnham Parish You Tube to see the different ways in which our church members show gratitude and generosity!

Why not donate items to the Women's Refuge at our Harvest Gratitude and Generosity themed service? Oct 6th 10am. All Saints Church.

Winter Fair. November 2nd 4pm-7pm Harnham Parish Hall

Keep the date! Come along!

A twinkly twilight fair with crafters, small gift stalls, mulled drinks and refreshments and music to warm the soul. All raising money for the work of Harnham Parish.

If you could be part of the set up team or if you are an artist, crafter or woodworker, and would like to hire a table for £20, please contact Revd Becky. reverendbecky@gmail.com

HARNHAM PARISH TABLE TOP SALE

If you've got an attic to clear, or know someone who has, why not book a table for £5 at our Table Top Sale and see what you can make. It's on Sunday 22nd September from 2.30 - 5 pm on the Parish Hall Field. The Parish will have its own tables for Books and Games, Bric-a-Brac, and Bargain Greetings cards, raising funds for the work of the Parish.

On the other hand, if you want a bargain, or two, to take home, then come and see what there is to buy. There'll just be a £1 donation for entrance, and there'll be refreshments in the Hall too. And please spread the word to anyone you think might be interested.

We will need a few volunteers for the gates, so if you fancy helping, that would be great too. To book a table, or offer to help, contact: Charles Woodd, 07962 213494 or charleswoodd46@gmail.com.

WORKING TOGETHER WORKS WONDERS!

Despite this summer's unpredictable weather, the sun shone brightly on 27th July for the 2024 We Love Harnham Fun Day and Parish Fete on the Parish Hall site. It was a delight to welcome 400 or 500 people of all ages to the event, and particularly to see so many smiling children! The afternoon's success undoubtedly rested on the collaboration between the parish and so many local partners.

Harnham Parish gathered a team to organise the event which included Charles Woodd as co-ordinator, Emma Wilson as stall co-ordinator, Julie Scott on finance, and Neil Turpin as site co-ordinator. Various members of the congregation supported the stalls and staffed the gates. Prospective wedding couples, and those who had known the support of the parish through their own bereavement journeys helped on a variety of stalls. Harnham Schools Parents Association could not attend but loaned their bottles! So we had a great range of team members and stalls.

Messy Church organised cake decorating and Messy Play- a great hit with all the families in attendance. Neil brought along his chickens and Ruby Tuesday (the young red silky) was also a great hit with the children, who liked to stroke her feathers! She put up with sticky icing covered fingers!

Salisbury City Council supported the event as one of their Communities Programme's four Fun Days around the City. The climbing wall and Disco Dion which they funded were key attractions, as well as their own craft activities and the Salisbury Museum's stall. Sarah Gregson and Sam Johnson, and their Communities Team colleagues were a great support both in planning and on the day. The Mayor of Salisbury, Councillor Sven Hocking, opened the event and he and the Mayoress were very generous with the time they spent talking with stall-holders and those attending the Day.

We were also grateful for the support of Wiltshire Council Housing, who funded their ever popular facepainter Jody, and particularly to their Senior Resident Engagement Officer Kate Derbyshire, who helped to compere the afternoon.

Harnham Community Network moved their normal summer Saturday Harvest Table session to the afternoon, offering their weekly opportunity for the sharing of fresh fruit and vegetables from gardens and allotments around the area.

The Harnham Scouts, who share the site, added further to the range of opportunities for fun and fundraising! Harnham Water meadows Trust shared their aims and cards. It was also a great draw to have both a real live fire engine and police car for families to explore – we were so grateful to their teams for giving their time to be with us.

And of course success on the day depended on the army of wonderful volunteers who set up tables and gazebos, stocked and staffed the bar, provided and served such a wonderful spread of cakes for tea, and staffed the many stalls and sideshows.

Comments afterwards included 'Can I help again next year, it was such a joy to see so many happy children.' 'Always such a lovely atmosphere, the community spirit is palpable.'

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So a huge thank you to everyone. Working together with so many partners undoubtedly brought happiness to many Harnham residents, as well as raising £3,222 in much needed funds to support the work of the Parish.

Charles Woodd and Revd Becky

Sunday Services in September Celebration of Creation

1st 10.00am	Let everything that hath breath..... United sung Communion service at All Saints
8th 08.00am	Creation is groaning for change Said Communion at All Saints
09.30am	Sung Communion at St George's
11.00am	Creation Prayer Stations in All Saints Churchyard
3.00pm	Messy Church in Parish Hall
15th 09.30am	Creation is standing on its tiptoes Sung Communion at St George's
11.00am	Service of the Word at All Saints
22nd 08.00am	First fruits of hope Said Communion (BCP) at All Saints
09.30am	Sung Communion at St George's
11.00am	Service of the Word at All Saints
29th 10.00am	United Pets and the rest of us! United Pet Service with Communion on Parish Hall Field

Sarum Concern for Israel/Palestine (SCIP)

SCIP is honoured to be the first organisation to host an out-and-about talk by the Dean of Salisbury, The Very Reverend Nicholas Papadopoulos, on his three months with the Ecumenical Accompaniment Programme in Palestine and Israel.

Nick described his time in Jerusalem and the Occupied Territories as an 'overwhelming experience'. He monitored human rights, visited holy sites, worshipped in different churches, spoke with many people and many organizations, lived through the Muslim observance of Ramadan, and celebrated Holy Week and Easter in the city where Jesus died and rose again – all against the merciless backdrop of the war in Gaza.

Nick worked for seven years as a barrister specializing in criminal law, both defending and prosecuting, before ordination.

The talk will take place on **Wednesday 11th September 7pm**
in St Thomas's Church (by kind permission) and all are welcome.

Entry is free (donations accepted) and there will be refreshments

ECO CHURCH

“Restoring Nature isn’t only our best climate solution, it’s our only solution”

In August we passed *Earth overshoot day*, when our demands, as humans for ecological resources, such as fossil fuels etc have exceeded all the planet can regenerate annually. Each year the number of natural resources, which we are extracting is increasing, and we all know this is destroying the ecosystems. With our fascination with technology, we look for technological solutions, including the maintenance of our current lifestyles in our wealthy western world, instead of reducing our overshoot.

Richard Heinberg has written quite extensively about our need to move away from reliance on fossil fuels. He explores whether technology can save us, and questions whether solar panels, wind turbines, etc. all of which produce electricity, but which are intermittent, require energy storage, (i.e batteries) etc are an answer. He emphasises their shortcomings, for example, to build these energy sources requires vast amounts of materials, some of which are rare, and if mining is required, then habitat is destroyed and further pollutes the environment.

The scientists agree it is almost impossible not to implement some technologies, as we have become so dependent on energy from coal, oil and gas to meet our basic everyday needs, but we are asked to remember that all machines have some impact on the environment, including the depletion of resources.

Technology won’t save us. Unlike technology, creation is forever resourceful and constantly repairs itself. It cleans up pollution, it creates resources, and so much more. However, if nature is to meet all our human needs and solve all our and the planet’s problems, then WE need to THINK differently. This will involve shifting societal incentives and disincentives that generally push us towards using technology, even when we can see the consequences.

Do we dare to ask ourselves, if we can welcome a more nature-based society, become less urbanized, more of us moving and living in the country? Are we prepared to make a difference in our own homes and communities by promoting biodiversity, including what we eat, and how we travel?

Ultimately, we will need to decide ‘how we think and how we live’ when we are confronted with the enormous threats to the environment and our Mother Earth. More climate warming is inevitable, so there will be more need for people to migrate causing further political instability.

But, if we can all aim to help nature to do more of what it already does so well, by slowing and halting climate change by our lifestyles. Then there is hope. **As restoring nature isn’t just our best climate solution, it’s our only solution.**

Joanna Woodd

Unseen

A small girl greeting her father on his return from a journey by air and learning that he had flown above the clouds, asked if he had seen God. “Well, no,” said her father, “you can’t see God like that because He doesn’t have a body.”

“Oh,” she said, with pity and disappointment, “only head and legs?”



Prayer Diary for September

- 1 Harnham Infant and Junior Schools, teachers, staff and children
Middle Street and Turner Close
Creationtide
- 8 Our church cleaners and flower people
Lower Street and Mallard Close
- 15 Our Church Links and LPAs
Constable Way and Town Path
- 22 St George's Toddler Group
Montague Road and St Mary's Road
- 29 Harnham Neighbourhood Policing Team incl PCSO Simon Ward
Essex Square and Norfolk Road

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A Prayer for September

Lord, here we are in September – a beautiful month at the end of the summer, but before the autumn has taken hold. A month of excitement and new starts for many, a month when courage is needed for our children and young people.

And Lord we pray for courage, compassion and integrity for our new Prime Minister and our new government. We pray for justice and peace in our country and in the world.

Help us Lord, to know that you are Lord of September; you are Lord and giver of every new month, every new day, every new minute. Help us to put our trust in you for our adventures and for our mundane everyday routines.

You are our generous, loving Father and promise that you will never leave us or forsake us when we trust in you, through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour.

Amen.

By Daphne Kitching

Not all

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

Crossword answers (p26)

ACROSS: 8, Kiriath Jeairim, 9, Toe, 10, III at ease, 11, Hated, 13, Miltius, 16, Started, 19, Michah, 22, Leviticus, 24, Eli, 25, Mary and Joseph, DOWN: 1, Sketc'h, 2, Pries't, 3, Samizdat, 4, Shalom, 5, Wept, 6, Breast, 7, Embers, 12, Art, 14, Lmassol, 15, UNA, 16, Salome, 17, Adverb.

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150 years ago, on 21st Sept 1874 that Gustav Holst, was born. This British composer, arranger and educator is best known for *The Planets*.

100 years ago, on 25th Sept 1924 that British racing driver Malcolm Campbell broke the land speed record for the first time. He recorded a speed of 146mph in a 1921 Sunbeam Grand Prix car at Pendine Sands, Carmarthen Bay, Wales.

80 years ago, from 17th to 25th Sept 1944 that Operation Market Garden took place. The Allies attempted a massive airborne invasion of German-occupied Netherlands, but they were forced to withdraw. The story was told in the film *A Bridge Too Far*. The operation included the Battle of Arnhem – German victory.

75 years ago, on 1st Sept 1949 that the Christmas song *Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer* was released. It was sung by the American movie-star and singer, Gene Autry, nicknamed the 'Singing Cowboy'.

70 years ago, on 15th Sept 1954 that the iconic photograph of Marilyn Monroe's billowing skirt as she stood over a New York subway grate was taken during filming for *The Seven-Year Itch*. The event was staged as a publicity stunt.

60 years ago, on 4th Sept 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.)

50 years ago, on 8th Sept 1974 that former President Richard Nixon was granted a full and unconditional pardon by his successor Gerald Ford for any crimes he may have committed or participated in while in office. (Nixon had resigned in August after Watergate.)

40 years ago, on 10th Sept 1984 that British geneticist Alec Jeffreys discovered genetic fingerprinting, also known as DNA profiling. It allowed criminals to be identified from hair, blood, or sweat left at crime scenes. It also allowed families to trace their lineages or determine the paternity of children.

20 years ago, from 1st to 3rd Sept 2004 that the Beslan school hostage crisis took place in Russia. Armed terrorists took over 1,100 children and adults as hostages. Russian security forces ended the crisis on the third day, entering the school with tanks and heavy weapons. More than 300 hostages were killed, including 186 children. Hundreds more were injured.

10 years ago, on 18th Sept 2014 that the Scottish independence referendum was held. The citizens of Scotland voted to remain in the UK rather than becoming an independent country.

(Independence: 44.7%; Remain in the UK: 55.3%)

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What's the Big Idea? An Introduction to the Gospel of Matthew

This month 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)

Blackberries, Marrows, Apples, Tomatoes and More.....

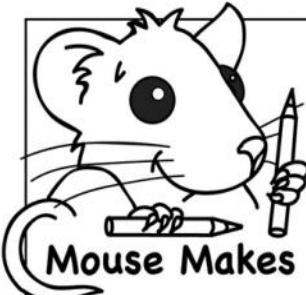
Have you noticed this year that there seems to be an abundance of blackberries along the hedgerows?

How about making a batch of blackberry jam? This is a great way to bottle up the last of the summer's warmth.

Perhaps you have a glut of tomatoes or courgettes and enjoy making pickles and chutneys.

On Saturday November 2nd there will be a Winter Fayre to raise funds for the Parish and we are looking for anyone who is making jams/jellies/chutneys/pickles/wine or cordials who might feel able to donate a jar/bottle or two to sell at the Fayre. Thank you.

Pat Davidson



After Jesus miraculously fed 5,000+ people from two fish and five loaves, he sent his disciples off in a boat across the Sea of Galilee before going up a mountain by himself. Later in the night, as the boat was being blown and buffeted by the wind, Jesus came miraculously walking on the water towards them...

Mouse Makes

What did Jesus do when he went up on the mountain?

Matthew 14:23

What was the boat struggling against?

The _____ and the _____

Matthew 14:24



What did Jesus say to his disciples?

Do not be

Matthew 14:27



What did the disciples think Jesus was when they saw him walking on the sea?

A

Matthew 14:26

What did Jesus say to Peter?

Oh you of little _____ why do you _____

Matthew 14:31

Who walked out on the water to Jesus?

Matthew 14:29

What did Jesus say to Peter?

Oh you of little _____ why do you _____

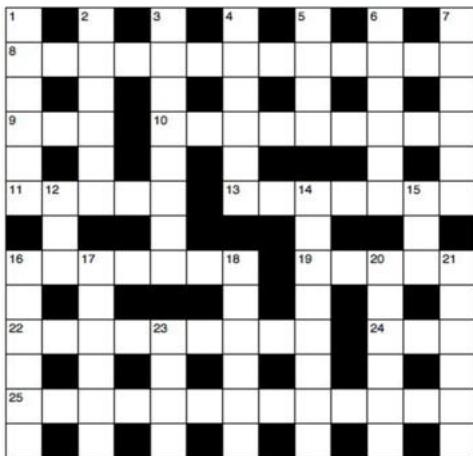
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Answer the questions then find them in the word search

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Across

8 Where the ark of the covenant was kept for 20 years (1 Samuel 7:1) (7,6)
 9 One of the parts of the body on which blood and oil were put in the ritual cleansing from infectious skin diseases (Leviticus 14:14–17) (3)
 10 Uncomfortable (3,2,4)
 11 'Yet I have loved Jacob, but Esau I have — ' (Malachi 1:3) (5)
 13 Where Paul said farewell to the elders of the church in Ephesus (Acts 20:17) (7)
 16 'Jesus bent down and — to write on the ground with his finger' (John 8:6) (7)

19 Prophet from Moresheth

(Jeremiah 26:18) (5)

22 Comes between Exodus and Numbers (9)

24 and 2 Down 'Then Elkanah went home to Ramah, but the boy ministered before the Lord under — the — ' (1 Samuel 2:11) (3,6)

25 There was no room for them in the inn (Luke 2:7) (4,3,6)

Down

1 Rough drawing (2 Kings 16:10) (6)

2 See 24 Across

3 Underground literature (including Christian books) circulated in the Soviet Union (8)

4 Lo, mash (anag.) (6)

5 The Bible's shortest verse: 'Jesus — ' (John 11:35) (4)

6 'Can a mother forget the baby at her — and have no compassion on the child she has borne?' (Isaiah 49:15) (6)

7 Can be seen in a dying fire (Psalm 102:3) (6)

12 'Send me, therefore, a man... experienced in the — of engraving, to work in Judah and Jerusalem' (2 Chronicles 2:7) (3)

14 Second city of Cyprus (8)

15 United Nations Association (1,1,1)

16 One of the women who first heard that Jesus had risen from the dead (Mark 16:1) (6)

17 Braved (anag.) (6)

18 — of Evangelism, outreach initiative in the 1990s (6)

20 Woe to those who are wise in their own eyes and — in their own sight' (Isaiah 5:21) (6)

21 Neither — nor depth... will be able to separate us from the love of God' (Romans 8:39) (6)

23 What Jesus shed in 5 Down (4)

READINGS FOR SEPTEMBER

1	Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity Psalm 150	Colossians 1:15-20	John 1:1-5
8	Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity Hosea 4:3	Romans 8:22	Matthew 6:16-21
15	Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity Romans 8:19		Mark 4:3-8
22	Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity Romans 8:23-25		Mark 4:30-32
29	tbc		

WHATS ON IN SEPTEMBER (E&OE)

Coffee and Chat every Wednesday & Saturday in Meeting Room 1000 -1200
Wellbeing Walks (30mins) 1st and 3rd Wednesdays 10am from Parish Hall
Harnham Harvest Table every Saturday. Location to be advised 1000-1200

1	United Sung Communion at All Saints	1000
1	Ecumenical Creationtide Prayer Pilgrimage (see p5)	1400
1	Open Garden with refreshments at 8 Folkestone Road	1430-1700
4	First Wednesday Talk in Parish Hall by Julian Poppleton	1930
8	Said Communion Service at All Saints	0800
8	Sung Communion Service at St George's	0930
8	Creationtide Prayer Stations in All Saints Churchyard	1100
8	Messy Church in Parish Hall	1500
9	u3a meeting in Memorial Hall. Talk on Sue Ryder	1000
11	SCIP Talk by Dean Nick Papadopoulos in St Thomas's Church	1900
13	Office closed today	
14	WHCT Ride and Stride	
15	Sung Communion at St George's	0930
15	Service of the Word at All Saints	1100
17	Harnham WI in Parish Hall. Talk by World War II veteran	1900
20	Anniversary Celebration Eucharist at St George's	1030
20	Last drop-off day for clothing at Parish Office	1500-1630
20	Harnham Garden Society in Memorial Hall	1900 for 1930
21	Day of Advocacy (see p5)	
21	u3a week Celebratory Lunch in Parish Hall	
22	Said Communion Service at All Saints (BCP)	0800
22	Sung Communion Service at St George's	0930
22	Service of the Word at All Saints	1100
22	Table Top Sale on Parish Hall Field (see p14)	1430-1700
23	Harnham Women's Group in Scout Hall. Bygones of Salisbury	2000
24	MU Diocesan Communion Service in Cathedral	1200
24	Magazine Collation in Parish Hall Meeting Room	1330
26	MU Meeting in Parish Hall	1430
28	Celebration of Licensed Lay Ministry Eucharist in Cathedral	1100
29	United Pet Service with Communion on Parish Hall Field	1000

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