

Parish News

Kington, Huntington & Titley

October 2021



We plough the fields and scatter the good seed on the land

SARGEANTS BUSES FOR KINGTON

FROM 3rd September 2020

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Journey times vary Kington to Hereford approx 65minutes

Departs Mill Street Car Park, KINGTON

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LLANDRINDOD WELLS

Departs Mill Street Car Park, KINGTON

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M-F Coll Hols	-	0750	1010	1110	1210	1310	1410	1610	1735	1810
Sat	-	0750	1010	1110	1210	1310	1410	1610	1735	1810

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Sat & Coll Hols	-	0900	1108	1208	1308	1408	1605	1708	1808	1850

KNIGHTON Route 41

Departs Mill Street Car Park, KINGTON

M - F	0610	0820	1010	1210	1520	1730
Sat	-	0820	1010	1210	1520	1730

Departs Bus Station, KNIGHTON

M - F	0642	0911	1111	1307	1617	1805
Sat	-	0911	1111	1307	1617	1805

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Departs Arrow View 9.30 RQ

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Letter from the Archdeacon of Ludlow

“God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.”

Last month marked the events of September 11 – it feels unbelievable that 20 years have passed since this major world event happened. For those who lost friends and loved ones, the memory is still raw and our prayers are with all those who grieve.

Most adults over the age of 30 will recount their story of exactly what they were doing and when they heard the news that fateful day. Just as generations before recounted their stories on hearing the news of the assassination of JFK and the death of Princess Diana.

For me, it was an ordinary Tuesday in a primary school I was teaching at in north London. At the end of the school day, as normal, I took the children downstairs to be collected. The usual hubbub was missing. Parents looked grim.

One said, “Isn’t it awful, Mrs Gibson?”

I replied: “Isn’t what awful? I’ve been in the classroom all day.”

The collective response: “Planes have crashed into the World Trade Center in New York.”

We gathered as a staff in the school hall and put on the TV normally used for BBC Schools programmes. We went home, not fully understanding what was happening.

I had choir practice that evening and went to the church hall as normal. None of us felt like singing, so we gathered in small groups and prayed. We comforted one another with words from the Bible: God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.

That was 20 years ago, and we all know what followed.

A generation has grown up since then, in a world marked by the events of that day. Other cataclysmic events have occurred too. And those words still hold true, as they always will:

God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.

Archdeacon Fiona



Messages of Thanks

Margaret wishes to thank everyone for the cards, letters, flowers, gifts and the attendance at John’s funeral. Donations of £1000 have been sent to the Renton Unit. Everyone has been so kind to me and a special thanks to the Reverend Ben for his care during this sad time.

Margaret, Clive, Tracy, Thomas and Libby

Cicely Bayliss and family wish to thank you all most sincerely for all the great kindness and sympathy we have received since “Alan” passed away. He is a great loss to our family, and one we will not easily accept. We are very proud to know he was so dearly loved and respected. Donations were divided equally between the Heart & Lung department at Hereford Hospital, and Kington Medical Practice. Best wishes to you all. *Cicely*

The family of the late Michael (Mike) Tarrant wish to thank everyone for their gifts and kind messages of sympathy and also donations received in his memory.

Ros, Pauline and Kate also wish to express their thankfulness for all the support and kindness shown to Mike and the family. *Ros Tarrant*

View from the Vicarage

What is the Church For?

Dear Friends

As I write this we’re preparing to welcome Bishop Richard, the new Bishop of Hereford for his visit to Kington, but not, of course, the Benefice as he and his wife Deborah visited Huntington as part of their beating of the Bounds of the Diocese tour last year.

On this occasion, Bishop Richard will be presiding at a Confirmation. During this very special service four people will or by the time that you read this have made a personal commitment to be adult followers of Jesus Christ. The words that are used during this service are not merely words; they are heavily impregnated with meaning just as they were for those of us who uttered and heard them in times past.

While I’m utterly delighted that these four wonderful people are making this commitment, my excitement is tinged with sadness that there aren’t more people joining them to do the same. In the same way, while I’ve been thrilled by the number of families approaching me for baptisms, particularly this year at Old Radnor, I’m saddened that more children or adults don’t seek baptism.

All of this leads me to ponder carefully and above all prayerfully what the Church in 21st Century Britain is for? I wonder how you would answer that question.

Over the past two centuries as the state has gradually and quite properly assumed responsibility for the physical care and support weak, the marginalised and the vulnerable, we discover that many of the functions which the local church performed in the past are now undertaken either by the State itself or at least by statutory bodies and institutions and if not by the state by charitable trusts. So we remain with the question with which we began what in our contemporary society is the Church for?

If the answer to that question is to be nothing more than a local branch of a self-help group, then is it any wonder that people who don’t feel the need for joining a self-help group are not feeling excited and stimulated by what they perceive we have to offer.

Mutual care and compassionate concern for all members of our communities are integral to what it is to be a Christian, but I’m sure that we’d all be astonished by quite how many groups and organisations there are even locally who do that, so what makes the Church distinctive?

Surely our distinctiveness our USP (Unique Selling Point) to use the modern marketing jargon is that we are all followers of Jesus Christ who believe and know that in Jesus of Nazareth, the source and origin of the whole of the Universe (and as many other universes as there might prove to be) became a human being and lived as a member of the human race. Not just through the incredible work and miracles he performed during his, all too brief, public ministry, alongside the fragments of his inspirational teaching which the New Testament has preserved and most importantly through his death and resurrection he shattered once and for all the stained glass ceiling which prevents human beings from becoming the very best version of themselves.

When as Christians we gather it’s to celebrate and give thanks to the unseen and unknown God who in the person of Jesus Christ humbled himself to become as we are to enable each and every human person to become what he is.

The life, death and resurrection of Christ proves that every person whoever, whatever or wherever they are; however marginalised they might feel is infinitely precious in the sight of God. Isn't that a message that our society and culture desperately needs to hear? All lives matter because all people matter. That surely is what motivates and excites each of us in our own personal witness, as William Temple, a former Archbishop of Canterbury described it: "The Church is the only society which exists for the benefit of those who are not its members."

That surely is the Church's task and especially in an increasingly secular society to constantly remind our fellow citizens of what the Good News of Jesus Christ means for them and as a former Archbishop of Wales once described it "to offer to God on behalf of the world, the prayer that the World has forgotten to offer. Prayer must be the beating heart and centre of what we do and what we offer and nobody else offers that, do they? As we remember that crucial role, please do pray both for the recently confirmed but that others will offer themselves to make the same commitment.

With my love and prayers as always

Ben.

Deanery Prayer Initiative

Among some very exciting innovations in our Kington and Weobley Deanery is the Deanery Prayer Initiative, the idea being that each of our 27 parishes will be prayed for in turn throughout the year. Each parish needs a prayer partner who would be willing to be a member of a prayer chain for the Deanery. The commitment asked is very minimal. Sadly most of our parishes do not have one as yet. If you'd be willing for it to be you, please do speak to Rev Linda who's been coordinating it for the Deanery and would love to hear from you.



Praying the alphabet



We have enjoyed two of the Kington Walks this week and it has reminded me what a wonderful place we live in. So, as we think about this month's letter E I'd like to start by praying for the environment. Here are some of our other suggestions, engineers, elephants, the EU, endangered species, the economy, Espana, green energy, enemies and young members of extinction rebellion. Let's pray that we can all be encouragers among our friends and neighbours.

If you are actually enjoying this little focus on prayer and would rather dig deeper, may I suggest you look at this web site. <https://www.24-7prayer.com/helpmepray>

If you want someone to pray for you or with you contact:

Rev Ben 01544 230525 Rev Linda 01544239395 or Trish01544231848

Kington Parishes Service Schedule for this month

Dependant on Government announcements,

please see our website for up to date information.

All services in Kington marked * below will be available via livestream at:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCho108zE6VUpNGQAmmfA90A>

Sunday, October 3rd:	Trinity XVIII:	Green
<i>Genesis2:18-24,</i>	<i>Psalm 8,</i>	<i>Hebrews1: 1-4, 5-12,</i>
		<i>Mark10: 2-16</i>
8.30am:	Holy Eucharist:	Titley
11.00am:	*Harvest Festival	Kington
11.30am:	Holy Eucharist:	Kinnerton
6.00pm:	Harvest Festival	Old Radnor

Sunday, October 10th :	Trinity XIX:	Green
<i>Amos5: 6,7 10-15</i>	<i>Psalm 90:12-end</i>	<i>Hebrews4:12-end</i>
		<i>Mark10: 17-31</i>
8.30am:	Holy Eucharist	Huntington
10.00am:	* Holy Eucharist	Kington
11.30am:	Holy Eucharist and Baptism	Old Radnor
6.00pm:	Harvest Festival	Kinnerton

Sunday, October 17th :	Trinity XX	Green
<i>Isaiah53: 4-end</i>	<i>Psalm91: 9-end</i>	<i>Hebrews5: 1-10</i>
		<i>Mark10:35-45</i>
10.00am:	* Morning Praise	Kington
10.00am:	Holy Eucharist	Titley
11:30am	Holy Eucharist and Baptism	Kinnerton
6.00pm:	Junior Praise:	Old Radnor

Sunday, October 24th:	Last after Trinity:	Green
<i>Jeremiah 31: 7-9</i>	<i>Psalm34: 1-8</i>	<i>Hebrews7: 23-28</i>
		<i>Mark10: 46-52</i>
10.00am:	*Holy Eucharist:	Kington
11.30am:	Holy Eucharist:	Old Radnor
6.00pm:	Evening Prayer:	Huntington
6.00pm:	Evening Prayer:	Kinnerton

Sunday, October 31st:	4th before Advent:	Green
<i>Wisdom3:1-9</i>	<i>Psalm 24:1-6</i>	<i>Revelation21:1-6a</i>
		<i>John11: 32-44</i>
10.00am:	Group Eucharist at Kinnerton:	

* services live-streamed

HARVEST FESTIVAL October 3rd at 11.00am



Gifts for the Harvest Sales Table will be welcome and the proceeds will be sent to Water Aid.

A Ploughman's Lunch will follow the service but in order to keep social distancing, numbers for this will be limited.,

If you wish to come and have not booked, please contact Ann Edwards (01544 230271) as soon as possible.

We look forward to welcoming you.

Ann & Rodney

Friends of Saint Mary's Church - Fundraising

We are pleased to announce that the Friends of Saint Mary's Church have the use of the Community Shop as from 27th of November for one week. Donors should bring items on Wednesday 24th November and the shop will be open for business from 27th November to Saturday to 3rd December.

We look forward to seeing you purse in hand.

If you would like to arrange collection of items, or have any queries, please contact Rod Symondson on (01544) 231998

Coffee Rota at St Mary's

My grateful thanks to all who have agreed to continue to help with this rota and to those who have agreed to join it I feel that it is a valuable part of life at St.Mary's and am so pleased that we are able to continue. with this fellowship time.



Oct. 3rd	Mrs J.Griffith & Mrs J Price.
Oct. 10th	Mrs B.Thompson & Mrs.M Gilling
Oct .17th	Mrs C. Robinson & Mrs J. Reid plus Mrs M Gilling
Oct. 24th	Mrs E.Roche & Stephen Lacey
Oct. 31st	Group Service at Kinnerton.
Nov. 7th	Mrs M. Cooke & Mrs J, Price
Nov, 14th	Mr. & Mrs J. Halcrow
Nov.21st	Mrs B. Thompson & Mrs M Gilling
Nov.28th	Mrs C. Robinson & Mrs.J. Reid

If you have any queries about this rota please contact me.

Ann Edwards

SAVE THE DATE: SATURDAY 6TH NOVEMBER 2021

From: Bob Widdowson, Mayor of Kington, Benedict Griffith, Vicar of St Mary's Kington and Kay Birchley, Chair of Kington Medical Practice PPG.

Following a series of meetings in the Spring, Kington Town Council has commissioned a local craftsman to make two commemorative benches. It is hoped that these benches will enable members of the community and visitors to the town to remember and celebrate the lives of those they have loved and lost since the start of the covid pandemic, and also to reflect on and be thankful for the kindness and compassion of so many groups and individuals in the community who have" gone the extra mile" for the benefit of us all.

One of the benches will be installed in the Recreation Ground next year. The other bench will be installed in the Garden of Remembrance at St Mary's Church. To mark the installation of the bench we are planning a simple Thanksgiving Service at St Mary's Church Kington on Saturday 6th November at 11.00 am.

We warmly invite patients and residents living in the Kington Medical Practice catchment area, and relatives of those who have passed away who live further afield, to the Service, which we hope will be acceptable to people of all faiths and those of no faith.

We are mindful of the additional pain and distress the bereaved have suffered during the past 18 months or so. Many were unable to be with their loved ones in their last moments and for the vast majority lockdown regulations prevented them from arranging funerals in the way they would have liked. Likewise many of us have been prevented from offering comfort and support to the bereaved, and from publicly honouring those who have passed away, some of whom have made substantial contributions to the wellbeing of the community. We hope that the thanksgiving service will go some way to address this.

Equally we hope the service will enable the community to publicly acknowledge and thank the numerous groups and individuals who have worked so very hard, whether professionally or voluntarily, for the benefit of us all.

We feel that a significant number of people are reluctant to mix and mingle as formerly, and/or are afraid to leave the safety of their own homes. We hope that with support from friends and neighbours they might be encouraged to attend the service and thereby to re-establish contacts with their friends and acquaintances.

Given the current situation with regard to the pandemic, we have decided that it will be necessary to book to attend the service, and additionally advise that, depending on numbers wishing to attend, it may be necessary to limit places to a maximum of 2 per family. Further details will be posted around the town and/or sent electronically.

MEANWHILE – to help us to estimate numbers, if you are interested in attending the service, please could you let Kay Birchley know as soon as possible.
Tel: 01544 230 718 email Kington.PPG.Chair@gmail.com

If it proves necessary to restrict numbers this will be done on a first come, first served basis.

ST THOMAS à BECKET, HUNTINGTON CHURCH NEWS

Huntington Village Hall:

We are glad to say we are now back open and taking bookings for future events. While we have been closed we have had a new kitchen fitted, which looks fabulous, and will hopefully be more fit for purpose.



Our Friday night Ballroom dancing classes have started up again and we have several events coming up. This includes: a mini Table Tennis Tournament on 27th - 29th October, a Quiz Night on 30th October and a Curry Night on 20th November. We are also hoping to start hosting a regular Film Night, so watch this space.

If you would like further information on any of these events please contact Pippa Lloyd on 01544 370692.

Huntington Village Hall - Cleaner wanted:

We are looking for someone to do one 2 - 3 hour cleaning session once a month, plus occasional additional hours as required. If interested please contact: Pippa Lloyd - 01544 370692 or pippalloyde@btinternet.com

Susan Maiden

Huntington Chase:

“COVID-19 has not gone away, so it’s important to remember the actions you can take to keep yourself and others safe. While cases are high, everybody needs to continue to act carefully and remain cautious”. So says the Government in its latest guidance.

So, could the Chase be run safely and responsibly; would folk want to participate? Yes, we thought but some of the arrangements would have to change to ensure we meet outside and avoid crowded spaces.

The first thing was to avoid the manual registration process in the Village Hall although it did provoke much laughter and comment as the latest fancy dress outfits entered the Hall. Then there was the scrum at the start as competitors gathered for a photo and mass start. The run itself was fine; everybody out enjoying the fresh air and countryside. But then it was on to the Swan for refreshment and food; yes, it was crowded, very crowded but what an atmosphere.

Invention is the mother of necessity, and a new format emerges. Sandra and John at Lower House Farm have kindly agreed to the use of the Plock, the field in the centre of the village for the assembly and the yards for parking. That will give ample room to stay spaced out.

Jane at Swan will have a table set up outside for the sale of bottles-beers, ciders, soft drinks etc-you will still be able to go to the bar for other drinks. But rather than use the second bar for food, soup and sandwiches will be served on the Green adjoining.

However the big difference will be the Chase embracing technology! No more scraps of paper to fill in or running out of bibs if numbers were underestimated. Now, places will have to be reserved and entry fee prepaid. So, please no one turn up on the day without pre-booking.

Despite the new arrangements, I don’t see why the event should not be as successful

and enjoyable as it has been over the years-12 and counting. Numbers will be limited so if you are thinking of joining in, send an email-details are in the block ad. *Peter Kelley*



Huntington Chase

Ride, bike, run or walk

Saturday 23rd October 2021 at 12 noon

11km course starting at Lower House Farm, Huntington, on to Gipsy Lane, Hergest Ridge, Gladestry, Stone House Bank and back to Swan Inn.

Refreshments can be bought at **OUTSIDE BAR**.

£15 entry to include soup and sandwiches; £5 for under 16's but to be accompanied.

Fancy dress will enliven the event.



Numbers will be limited. Reservation must be made in advance - email with name, contact number and intended mode to peterkelly642@hotmail.com Please do not turn up on the day without having booked.

Sponsored by **S W Maddy & Son** Automotive & Diagnostic Specialists

Riders and cyclists to wear protective head gear. Riders must carry own PL insurance. All participants and volunteers declare they are in good health and not suffering any medical condition or physical handicap which would affect their ability to take part safely in this event.

What's On at the Cathedral

Lost & Found Exhibition Monday 26 July to Friday 31 December, Mon – Sat, 10am – 5pm
Why have things gone missing from the Cathedral over the years? The latest exhibition in the Mappa Mundi and Chained Library follows the story of things lost but later found and of some special things lost but not found... yet! Admission charges apply

Journey To Your Centre – The Art of Meditation Thursday 7 October – Wednesday 3 November
(normal cathedral opening hours)
Bath based visual artist, Stephen Magrath, explores the practice of stilling in order to experience the presence of God’s love within. Located in the North Transept, the exhibition will consist of eight different artworks which can provoke contemplation and reflection. Free entry

EVENTS

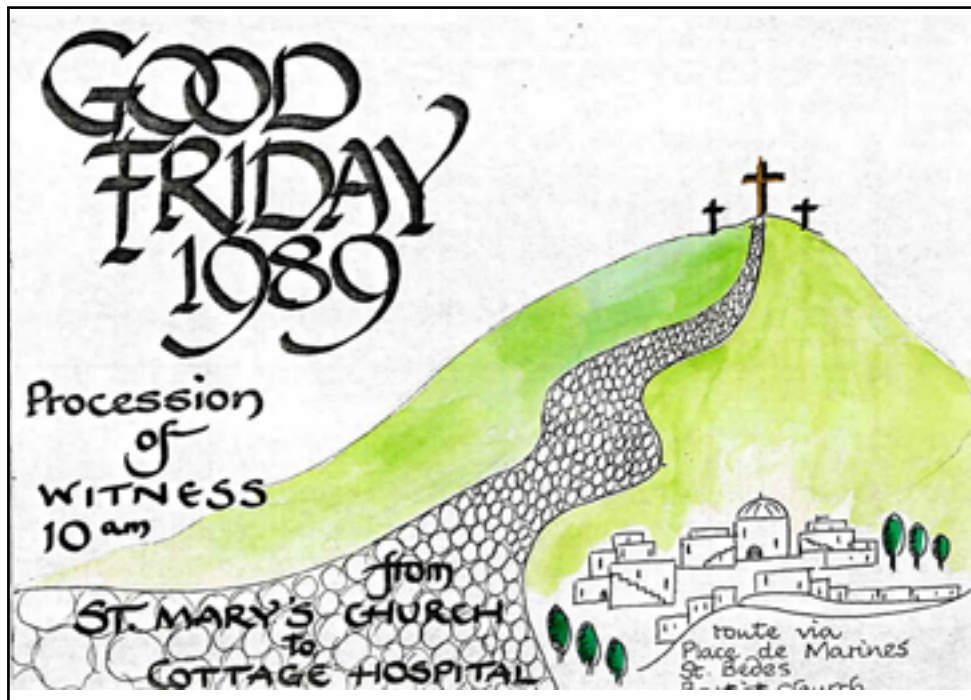
Booking is required for the following events via the cathedral website. If you are not able to access the website, please call 01432 374200 and someone will be able to assist with your booking.

Tuesday 5 October, 7pm Lost Medieval Voices in Stone and Wood
Rev'd. Will Pridie uses the graffiti left on church buildings and the carvings that have survived to

try and understand what the everyday person in medieval times were thinking and doing.
 Tickets cost £8

Saturday 23 October, 10.30am – 1pm The Other Domesday
 Kris Johnston's talk encompasses the years from 1504 to 1633, the period of the reigns of Henry VIII, Edward VI, Mary I, Elizabeth I and James I. Following the talk is the opportunity to see some of the treasures from our historic collections and a self-led treasure hunt with clues to discovering some of the objects within the cathedral itself. Tickets cost £8

Monday 25 & Saturday 30 October Creative Cloisters
 Immerse yourself in the tranquillity of Hereford Cathedral's Cloisters and explore your own creativity with a photography or poetry workshop. Please see the cathedral website for timings and more details. Tickets cost £5



A Trip down Memory Lane
 The above Council of Churches poster from 1989 was produced with the artistic skills of Shelagh Jenkyns, wife of Derrik, who was Kington Vicar in the 1990's. She drew all our posters and also owned a shop in Church Street selling fabrics, called Misty's, named after her cat!
 The rather austere sounding "Council of Churches" was later renamed the more chummy "Churches Together".
 On retirement, Derrik and Shelagh moved to remote country beyond Craven Arms, only transferring to a town address in Ludlow when winter set in. *Stephen Gilling*

**Saturday 9 October, 7.30pm. Music in New Radnor
 Pagoda Project and Anna Tam**



We are back after our enforced hibernation and are delighted to be able to bring you more concerts in the wonderfully resonant space that is the New Radnor Community Hall.

Kicking off the season, our first concert brings together the Pagoda Duo (Paul Hutchinson, piano accordion and Karen Wimhurst, clarinets) with the fabulous singer and multi-instrumentalist Anna Tam (Mediaeval Baebes).

Expect a unique take on British traditional music, from 17th century Playford tunes, songs and bespoke compositions, infused with improvisation with a healthy dose of humour alongside. Traditional and unusual, historical string instruments including the nyckelharpa, viola da gamba and hurdygurdy will rub shoulders with clarinet, bass clarinet and accordion in this irresistible mix.

Doors open at 7pm for a 7.30 start. Tickets £12 / £3 from 01544 350268 / 231732
 New Radnor Community Hall, Hall Lane, New Radnor, Powys, LD8 2SW
 Welsh covid-safe rules will apply and we ask you to wear face masks

Wordsearch for October

October brings us Harvest, and Psalm 65 expresses it perfectly:
 "You care for the land and water it; you enrich it abundantly.
 The streams of God are filled with water to provide the people with corn,
 for so you have ordained it...
 You crown the year with your bounty, and your carts overflow with abundance...
 the hills are clothed with gladness, the meadows are covered with flock
 and the valleys are mantled with corn; they shout for joy and sing."

- Corn
- Rain
- Mud
- Wheat
- Abundance
- Goodness
- Riches
- Pumpkins
- Marrows
- Water
- Thankful
- Food
- Crops
- Soften
- Carts
- Overflow
- Praise
- Care
- Blessing
- Meadows
- flocks



Not a Proper Gardener (Part 11)

Time to finish harvesting hard fruits and the rest of summer's bounty: **Time** to get the hedges cut and prune back the year's rampant growth: **Time** to protect from early frosts the more vulnerable vegetables etc: **Time** to take stock and make a mental, if not written note, of successes and failures, and to think about what seeds and so on we need to obtain, and also perhaps to sow those which might need to overwinter: **Time**, in our case at least, to clear up some of the rubbish which has somehow managed to accumulate during the year – visits to the tip! **Time** to cut out the spent raspberry, loganberry and artichoke canes and get the shredder out so as to ready them for the compost heap, and: **Time** to prepare what cannot be shredded for the bonfire we might permit ourselves to have on the one day of the year when it must be surely acceptable to have one – November 5th or the evening of the Kington one, but burning nothing nasty or toxic, and it's: **Time** for



Harvest Thanksgiving!

'Let all things their Creator bless!'

And so they do:

The scent of these brave flowers we see,
arranged on every ledge with care
like incense, permeates the air,
rising straight up to heaven in naked prayer.

For flowers and vegetables all worship God
by simply being what they are,
without pretentiousness.
A lesson for us all, I guess
that we might likewise our **'Creator bless,
and worship him in humbleness'**.

And we, personally, need to give humble thanks for the rich provision graced to us. In spite of the rather unseasonable weather, our garden has yielded plentifully. Yes, we have had our failures – hardly any runner beans due to greedy sparrows, whom we can probably also blame for the lack of peas, though not for a poor crop of carrots (I know not why) and we've only a few figs this year. We are letting the blackbirds enjoy the grapes, from our vine, so no 'Mayfield Chateau-Bottled Red Plonk'.

But many successes: the soft fruit did exceptionally well, and the hard fruit is more than adequately. Our great surprise was to discover an excellent yield of Victoria plums when we had expected to have none on account of an infestation of aphids in mid-summer. The greenhouse tomatoes have done very well, whereas those in the hanging baskets are slow to ripen this year, so, unless they pick up their metaphorical socks, we shall not have so many to freeze or bottle. The mini-cucumbers are delicious, while the courgettes we failed to cut

have become ten marrows! and the butternut squashes are very good. Thanks to cages and protective netting, we have excellent brassicas – cabbages, including a dozen super big red ones, kale, calabrese, purple sprouts, all contributing to our five-a-day which, thanks to our garden, for us is more like ten-a-day.

Flanders and Swan sing of September that its *"mist and mud is enough to chill the blood."* Not so far, at least not for a few days at the start of the month; a mini heatwave, more warmth and sunshine than we have had during much of August. Let's hope F and S have got it wrong again. We are now at last thankfully getting some rain, but mist and mud?

Happy gardening

Denis Parry

Kington Art and Craft Market.

Saturday 16th October 9:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Kington Market Hall and Place de Marines.

Kington Saturday Arts and Crafts Market is open again on Saturday 16th October 2021 from 9:30 - 4:00 p.m. at Kington Market Hall and Place de Marines. Once again, we are delighted to present a wide range of beautiful, hand-made cards, gifts and crafts to suit all tastes, ages and budgets. All stalls feature genuinely handcrafted products, including:

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Everyone welcome!

Christmas is Coming!

With Christmas on the way, two Craft Markets will be held in November and two in December. The dates are:

Saturday 20th and 27th November

Saturday 11th and 18th December

Everyone welcome!

Put them in your diary now! We hope to see you there!

Anna King - AK Crafts anna@akcrafts.co.uk 07977 978676

More Tales of Narrowboat Theodora - No particular title comes to mind

Written on and after 12th April 2008

Right. What have we done since Crofton and where are we now? The answer to the first question will be long and the second short.

One of the things from which Margaret and I are both suffering could be called time dilation. The physicists among you will be confused but I will explain what it means from the canalling point of view. A week and a day ago we were half way up the Kennet and Avon. Now we are on the Wey most of the way to Guildford. The K & A seems a lifetime away. Most people would say that 8 days is a relatively short time but on the canal although travelling is slow the surroundings constantly change and people are briefly met at a lock or fleetingly greeted as they pass by on a boat or the towpath. This causes the odd sensation that much is happening. If much has happened then then much time must have passed in which it happened. It is certainly a good way to extend your apparent lifetime.

The Kennet was, fortunately less full on the way down than on the way up but it is still a swift river and we whizzed down at a good speed with the engine on not much more than tickover. Just enough speed through the water to give steerage way and avoid grounding. The adrenalin pumping experience that is Woolhampton was a much more rapid experience on the way down than up. Here follows a blow by blow account:

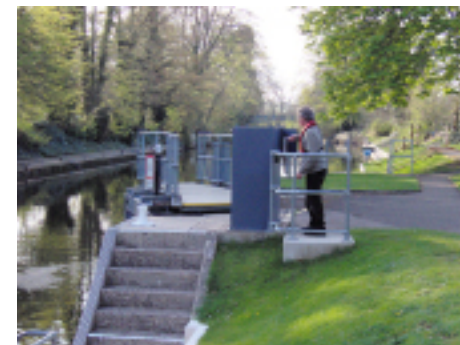
First a description of the situation. The lock is about 8 feet deep, on the deep side of average for the Kennet and Avon. You approach it from upstream and begin to descend in a calm and orderly fashion. A wise boater will have read the navigational notes and be aware that on emerging from the lock you are confronted with hazards. The first hazard is the full flow of the Kennet which appears from the right immediately beyond the tail of the lock. The second hazard is the short sharp bend around which the Kennet swirls with all the watery malice of a wet and malicious thing. The third hazard is a swing bridge which, if left shut when you leave the lock spells a particularly nasty end to a boating career. The fourth hazard is a large tree stump which nips the flow of the river and speeds it up and leaves only just enough space for about two narrow boats to pass safely. The wise boater knows about the fast current and the swing bridge because he has read about them in the guide, he knows about the bend because he gets out of the boat and has a good look around, he prepares his sternline so that he can do a high speed mooring downstream of the swing bridge and pick up his crew. (He would not prepare the head line because if you tie off the downstream end of the boat the upstream end will swing out across the river. This would spell all kinds of disaster.)

If you have got the picture then I will tell you how it was for us.

We found the lock full which was nice. We entered the lock and read the big red notice telling us to open the swing bridge before leaving the lock. Margaret opened the relevant paddles and closed the relevant gates and chatted to the lookers on. We gently sank down to the level of the raging torrent that awaited us. The onlookers turned out to be hirers who were planning how they would do the manoeuvre in the other direction. "Ah!", we thought, "They will be occupying the landing stage. Margaret will not be able to get aboard." The answer was simple. Margaret climbed down the vertical iron ladder which is conveniently recessed into the lock wall, and boarded Theodora before we left the lock. Of course the gates would be left open but that was all right because the next people would be coming in straight away.

Off we go. Lots of revs on the raging BMC 1.5 engine, boat gathering speed to enter the current with sufficient way to steer sensibly, bow whips around to the left with the current so

tiller hard right, bow through the fastest part of the current and stern into the current so tiller hard left to stop us being turned sideways, swing bridge ahead open as planned and a clear view of a narrowboat right across our path and no way of stopping (!!!) first thoughts are to hide behind the sofa until it is all over, first thoughts discarded, loud shout "Get your stern in we can't stop!" experienced hirer did get his stern in and we did not hit him as we had predicted in the seconds after first seeing him. All is calm and we are floating with the current and the engine is on tickover again. This is what narrowboating is all about.



Since the excitement of Woolhampton we have had the lesser excitement of the Reading slalom. We whizzed through the traffic lit bit of the river and moored up for an hour or two on the bollards just downstream of the downstream traffic light. There are not many traffic lights on the canals but BW consider that the crossing of boats as they go through the Oracle Centre would be too exciting to be safe. I would agree.

On to the Thames again and what a contrast! Downstream, so quite fast but very relaxing. Most of the locks are worked for you by friendly lock keepers and those that are not are power operated except for Cookham where there is the endless winding of a wheel to pump hydraulic fluid to make the huge gates move.

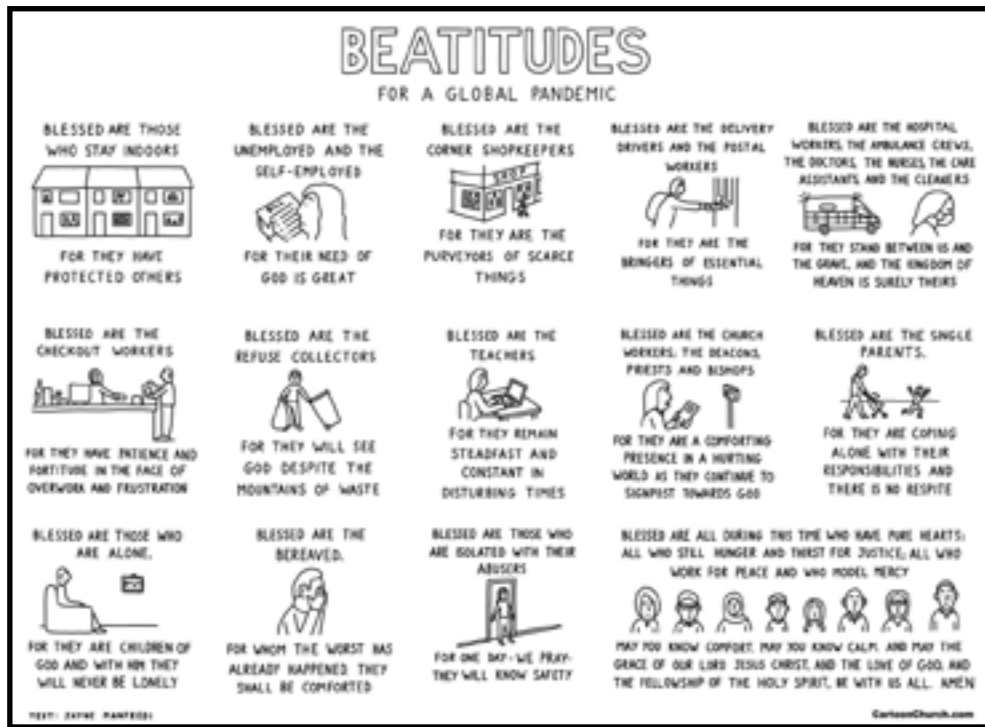
Going down the Thames from Reading to Weybridge you can observe an interesting correlation: as the river gets wider the houses get bigger but the lawn get shorter. There is another positive correlation and that is with the size of the fibreglass cruisers. By the time we passed through Chertsey Lock with four of them they were huge. We got the impression that Theodora at sixty feet by seven was quite a big boat. Oh no! The white fibreglass cruisers are two and a half times as wide, three quarters of the length and about five times as high. They generally have twin engines and make a roaring bubbly noise when they accelerate. They can throw up quite a considerable wash and can cruise the continental ports but they cannot experience the delights of the Foxton Flight so they are poor dull things and deserve our sympathy. The people on them seemed nice and kind but we got the impression that shiny was very important to them and Theodora was rather quaint.

Now we are on the Wey. That is a pretty little river and much more to the scale of Theodora. It is too narrow to turn around in and makes us feel cosy and much more at home. We have stopped at Send on Saturday night and have stayed here for the whole of Sunday. We splashed across the marshes to the 1030 morning service at the little church and managed to get there sufficiently early for me to ring. It rained quite a lot this morning and most of the afternoon but I stayed out in it and cut up all the firewood that we have collected. Margaret was thwarted in her attempts to do some painting so she sat inside and sorted out some photographs. As I finished the wood cutting the sun came out and so did Margaret, paintbrush in hand and that is where she is now.

That's all for now. If you have read all of this, thank you. Remember that the delete key is there to be used! With love from/All the best/yours sincerely/love and kisses/regards*

Nick/Nicholas Cooke/N A Cooke*

Nick



The above cartoon is one from CartoonChurch.com which I think is very appropriate for a church magazine. The cartoonist is David Walker and I have a subscription that allows me to print it. I will publish some more in future magazines when space allows. *Editor*

Welcome back!

At last a return for all our singers and a welcome for new voices

Singing restrictions are lifted, but we will still space out and be safe

Kington *community choir*

Rehearsals at St Mary's Church, Kington. Starting 2 September and every Thursday at 7pm; further details on website <https://kcchoir.wordpress.com/contacts/>

Reader Writes

One of the most arresting images from the recent evacuation from Kabul was the sight of British soldiers cooperating with Taliban fighters at the airport perimeter separated from each other by no more than a bit of razor wire. This after a deadly and costly war of attrition over the last 20 years. Previous encounters involved casualties or, if lucky, urgent messages from interpreters listening to Taliban radio saying "Get down, Sir, they've seen you!". Guerrilla wars are often wars without end fuelled by ideology and missing negotiated alternatives. In Afghanistan a simple analysis sees Muslim fundamentalism prevailing over a shaky security structure despite the billions poured into it. The men from the mountains, cradling archaic weapons, believed in something. The secular west is ambiguous about what it believes.

The only Muslim friend I've had made a lasting impression. Zaid was a Pakistani masters student doing research in water engineering. He was a devout Muslim who gave us regular opportunities to pull his leg by praying, facing Mecca, wherever he happened to be at the appointed time. There was always a commotion as we laboured the consultation of a compass. But we shared some common ground that often made us allies in a secular society. Muslims happily bring gifts of food to church homeless cafés serving alongside Christians; together simply loving our neighbour.

I invited Zaid to our local church; that was when I recognized the fundamental differences in our faiths. It was a very lively noisy church with praise and singing. Essentially the Christians were joyful to be there and to be together; this flowed over into prayer and fellowship. I tried to prepare Zaid for the experience. The Christians knew where they were going and why; the assurance of eternal life, to give it a theological name, gave us hope and joy. This was nothing to do with what we had done or had failed to do, but what Jesus had already done for mankind. As I understand Islam, this is very different for Muslims who face something of a life-long trial of their devotion. We are told that martyrs are assured salvation; I'll leave scholars to untangle that, especially when it comes to war.

I abandoned poor Zaid during the church visit when he fell into the clutches of a heavy and serious Swiss theologian who was explaining the biblical concept of grace. That was the theological issue, but it was the culture shock that overwhelmed him. "Oh Robert! I was very surprised; I thought there would be bishops and nuns!" Zaid's Islamic sect was quite severe requiring what seemed to be numerous devotions and obscure penances. Our Christian gospel is straight forward and full of assurance.

Jesus told the searching Nicodemus in John's gospel, that "God so loved the world (that's you, me, Zaid, the Taliban,) that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life." We don't qualify through strange rites, or even by ordinary goodness, but by believing and receiving. We accept what God provided for us through the cross. That is why there is joy when believers come together, and a conviction that the Holy Spirit broods over a war zone like Afghanistan; may Afghanis of integrity, and of all ages, see hope for a time without war and fundamentalism.

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PEACE
joy

Robert MacCurrach

KINGTON & DISTRICT HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY



Next Meeting
7.30pm Thursday 21st October

On Designing for Atmosphere
speaker Malc Mollart



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New members and visitors welcome

More tales of an Austin 7 travels or should it be travails?

Having sold the Austin Ruby to a scrap dealer I was left without transport while at home on vacation from Durham so it was back to the bicycle one way of keeping fit! Dad located another Austin Ruby for £25, bang went two and a half weeks wages from working in the shop. CXU 32 was a shabby shade of green and lasted for three months in my ownership.

Starting my final term in Durham, I set off from home, calling at Alcester to pick up a fellow student. The journey to Alcester raised personal anxieties about the engine as a knocking sound could be heard in the cab. Calling for Allan at Alcester I expressed severe doubts about the engine stating that I did not think that it would make it to Durham. Could we continue our journey in his Morris Minor? "No" said he, "My wife needs the car!" We continued on our way calling at Sutton Coldfield to pick up a fellow student. Despite my misgivings all well until we reached Doncaster. A large bang came from under the bonnet and we came to a grinding halt. Fortunately we stopped outside a garage and after explaining our circumstances we were allowed to park the car on the premises, promising to return in a fortnight to collect the car. We were lucky enough to hitch hike to Durham thanks to the kindness of a couple of passing motorists. Two weeks later we returned to the garage and collected the car towing it back to Durham without incident or injury.

Our final term was quite busy with exams and completing a 12, 000 word dissertation to be handed in and marked before the Half Term break. Fortunately I was able to make a quick journey home over a weekend to pick up a spare engine block. I was able to juggle work commitments and mechanics to prepare the car for our return journey.

On our final day in Durham we set off for home suitcases packed in readiness for the journey. I drove the car out of the garage and travelled only a few hundred yards before the engine expired with sounds coming from under the bonnet like load of cans being rattled in a sack. Back to College, I explained my predicament to the Principal. I was allowed to store the car in the garage pending future action.

Help! How was I going to travel home? A fellow student offered me a lift on his motorcycle and sidecar. Our suitcases were placed in the sidecar and I travelled on the pillion seat. At around 1.30am approaching a large roundabout on the outskirts of Peterborough, Brian

momentarily nodded off and we ended up in the middle of the roundabout. Somewhat shaken we continued on our way arriving in London in time for a hearty breakfast. I eventually arrived in Chichester. I was then rescued by my future brother-in-law who drove me to Old Sodbury on Sunday evening. Back to work on Monday to the shop on the trusty bicycle!

Left without transport I was able to buy a 1955 500cc AJS motorcycle as my sole form of powered transport.

I had intended to return to Durham to sort out the Austin Ruby or sell it for scrap. Once again fate intervened and I cracked a bone in my ankle playing rugby. This was followed by a visit to A & E at the Bristol Royal Infirmary, so no chance of travelling to Durham again. I wrote to the Principal, offering the car free of charge to any new student.

Many years later I met the Clerk of Works for Durham University and said I had spent an enjoyable year at the Bernard Gilpin Society. He then told me that an old Austin Ruby had been suspended from Kingsgate Bridge in Durham by students in Rag Week in 1964. I remained silent especially as he and his team were responsible for its removal. I have been writing Adventures with Austin 7s for the pre-war Austin 7 Magazine when a photo of the Austin Ruby with an accompanying article appeared in the July edition of the magazine. It brought back a flood of memories.

Tony Jardine



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present

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Tales from the Chalk Face (8) Ancient and Modern (contd.)

So many things happened during my spell at St. Mary', Saffron Walden. It was a time of great change in the world of education. Most notably around 1995, the introduction of lap tops for teachers. For some reason, I was selected to be one of a small national pilot scheme, that gave free lap tops to head teachers. We were all taken off and trained to use this new system called 'emails, helped to set up an email account (which, we were told, for security reasons, must not give away your real name). We had to keep a log of daily use, to record how many minutes we used it for each transaction, which web sites we used, what our emails were about, etc. so that the D of E could determine whether there might be merit in providing funds to equip every teacher with one. Needless to say, that came to pass.

1995 was also a significant year for the school: the year of the schools 150th anniversary. St Mary's was the oldest state school in the town, and one of the first schools established by the National Society (of the Church of England). To mark the occasion, we planned lots of festivities, and a major remodelling of the school entrance, to provide a reception area for visitors and to enlarge the offices to make room for these new computers and other equipment. The diocese helped fund the project and oversaw the work. We arranged that, once the work was completed the following Spring, the Bishop of Colchester would come to dedicate the building, together with the Chief Education Officer of the Church of England. It was a very big project- noisy, dusty and messy. Everything was going well UNTIL deep trenches were dug along the front of the school ready to lay the concrete for the foundations. It was very, very wet and the holes soon filled up with rain. Subsequently, the water had to be pumped out. However, the pumps became blocked! When they investigated what had caused the blockage, they found small bones...looking rather like human finger bones! The work was stopped and the police arrived. The coroner visited the site, then teams of archaeologists arrived !! For three months they scratched and scraped in those trenches and removed many, many sacks of soil. They found evidence of several human remains, believed to have been there from the time when Oliver Cromwell's troops had used St Mary's Church as a stable and shelter for soldiers. They found many artefacts and came to conclude that the school had been built on the site of where the castle and Cromwell's troops had tipped their rubbish!! Once the site had been cleared, and the findings removed and relocated in appropriate ways, work re-recommended.

The new buildings were a great improvement. Eventually, the big day arrived!! The cherry trees at the front of the school were in full bloom on the day the Bishop came. We sat the whole school on the grass under the trees, and arranged rows of chairs for parents, staff and visitors to join us for an open-air service. The Bishop introduced himself to the children, and explained about the things he was wearing (he had arrived in full regalia). He explained about his robes, his mitre, his ring, and his crook. Then, after a short address, urging the children to always to do their best, and to be the best people they could be, he cut the ribbon, unveiled a plaque, and we were presented with a framed certificate to mark our 150th Anniversary. We all went into the school via the new entrance and the



children had tea parties in their classrooms, and the 'grown- ups' ate cake and drank tea in the newly painted hall.

A few days later the teacher of year 3 (7/8-year-olds) got her children to write a letter of thanks to the Bishop of Colchester. They did well. Amongst them I found a few gems! One child wrote *'thank you for coming to open our new buildings. It was the first time I have seen a bishop and I think it was the first time a bishop has seen me'*. Another wrote, *'I liked your dress , it made you look pretty!'* Another wrote, *'It was good that you came to our school because we all got cake'*. But, the best was this: *'Thank you for coming to show us your things... especially for bringing your crook. I think Mr sell said you were a crook before you were a bishop, but I don't think that was true. I think you are a very nice man'*. Apparently, he laughed his head off (not literally) when he read them.

When I had been Head at Chrishall I got into the habit of sending every child in the school an individual hand written card at Christmas time. That was fine in the early days, but by end of my last year there, it had risen to 110, plus all the staff and governors. At St Mary's I decided to do the same for them, 240 children plus staff and governors. A lot of writing!! I loved Christmas time in school and always ensured that we had a nativity play/ or carol service, and a pantomime, or some spectacular show. At St Mary's we did a version of the Nutcracker, Ali Baba and the 40 thieves, Harlequinade and other shows. The school choir at St Marys got a good reputation and were consequently invited to take part in the town's annual Christmas festival "The Spirt of Christmas", which took place in St Mary's Church . As I sat with the children, waiting for us to perform, a poem was read by Philip Fell the town's pharmacist. Then, Philip Sell and 'his 'choir were introduced. At the end of the evening, a speech of thanks was given by the local Doctor, a certain Dr.Philip Bell!! (strange, but true!)

Towards the end of the summer of 1997, I was approached by the local authority and asked to take on the headship of another school , whilst continuing to be head at St Mary's. It was a rare thing in those days. The governing bodies of both schools agreed ,and so I was appointed as Head of Newport County Primary School and of St Mary's, Saffron Walden. One of the first "Super Head" post created in the county.

We established good links between the two schools, and I set up a network of schools which linked those two schools with other local schools in a confederation of 16 schools working together; sharing resources, working collaboratively across towns, , devising teacher development work across the network, lesson observations and extra-curricular activities.

Standards at St Mary's school continued to improve year on year. So much so, that we received a letter from the Secretary of State commending us for our achievements, and for being one of the most improved schools in the country and I was given an award for Outstanding Leadership in Education. Very unexpected, and most satisfying!

(to be continued) Philip Sell



October Crossword

Across

- 1 The sixth disciple (Matthew 10:3) (11)
 9 'And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the — — ' (Matthew 6:13) (4,3)
 10 Love intensely (Song of Songs 1:4) (5)
 11 From Mt Carmel to Jezreel, Elijah — all the way (1 Kings 18:46) (3)
 13 One of the Midianite leaders who was captured and killed after Gideon's victory in the valley near Moreh (Judges 7:25) (4)
 16 Metallic element (4)
 17 At line (anag.) (6)
 18 'Cursed is everyone who is — on a tree' (Galatians 3:13) (4)
 20 Where Samson killed a thousand Philistines with a donkey's jawbone (Judges 15:14) (4)
 21 He succeeded Moses (Deuteronomy 34:9) (6)
 22 'When he saw him, he took — on him' (Luke 10:33) (4)
 23 'For — is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction' (Matthew 7:13) (4)
 25 'The god of this — has blinded the minds of unbelievers' (2 Corinthians 4:4) (3)
 28 Fear or terror (Psalm 31:22) (5)
 29 'We, who are many, are one body, for we all — of the one loaf' (1 Corinthians 10:17) (7)
 30 Assyrian ruler assassinated by his sons while worshipping his god Nisroch (2 Kings 19:37) (11)

Down

- 2 'For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made — ' (1 Corinthians 15:22) (5)
 3 'After supper he — the cup' (1 Corinthians 11:25) (4)
 4 The request of a man of Macedonia in Paul's vision: 'Come — to Macedonia and help us' (Acts 16:9) (4)
 5 He disobeyed his father Judah by refusing to impregnate his dead brother's wife (Genesis 38:9) (4)
 6 I veto me (anag.) (7)
 7 Fourth king of Judah (1 Kings 15:24) (11)
 8 Priest of God Most High, who blessed Abram (Genesis 14:18) (11)
 12 'I have made you — — for the Gentiles' (Acts 13:47) (1,5) 14 Implore (1 Samuel 15:25) (3)
 15 'Out of the eater, something to eat; out of the — , something sweet' (Judges 14:14) (6)
 19 'I am the most ignorant of men; I do — — a man's understanding' (Proverbs 30:2) (3,4)
 20 'Sin shall not be your master, because you are not under — , but under grace' (Romans 6:14) (3)
 24 Native of, say, Baghdad (5) 25 The last word in the Bible (Revelation 22:21) (4)
 26 Heroic tale (4)
 27 'Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you — ' (John 8:32) (4)

Answers to September Crossword ACROSS: 1, Also. 3, Offering. 9, The Magi. 10, Rules. 11, Soper. 12, Help me. 14, Isaac and Jacob. 17, Scorch. 19, In man. 22, Loads. 23, Inertia. 24, Vicinity. 25, Belt. DOWN: 1, Artistic. 2, Sleep. 4, Faith in Christ. 5, Enrol. 6, Islamic. 7, Gasp. 8, Fabric. 13, Abundant. 15, Archaic. 16, Jailer. 18, Resin. 20, Mitre. 21, Slav.

ST PETER'S CHURCH TITLEY NEWS

Harvest Festival.

Titley was the first church in our group of parishes to hold its annual Harvest Festival. It was lovely to see a full church after last year not being able to hold such a service. Also we were able to sing!! The children took the lovely baskets of all the harvest produce up to the altar. After the service we all went to the Village Hall to enjoy a lovely Harvest Supper. My sincere thanks to all the children who helped with the service. Everyone who decorated the church so beautifully and everyone who helped to prepare and serve the supper.



Best Wishes.

We send our best wishes to Steve from the Stagg who has just recently come out of hospital following an operation. We all wish him a speedy and full recovery.

Also we send our best wishes to Tony and June Adlard as they move to pastures new. Our thanks to them for all they have done for the village and church and wish them all the best in their new home.

We also send all our best wishes to Rebecca and Harry on the birth of their son. *Dick*



St.Thomas Cantilupe – October 2nd and 25th

How is it that my smelly socks are rubbish to be disposed of, while identical ones, and just as smelly, but because they were once worn by Elvis (shall we say?) may be auctioned and fetch hundreds of pounds, a valuable investment?

It's all to do with association and sentimental value. How much a thing is worth depends, in the end, on how you feel about it. The Teddy Bear I lost as an infant was valuable only because I had loved it. And that's true of persons as well as of things. And of places too. When I, with my wife and children, were house-hunting in Suffolk, all the houses we might afford were semi-derelict, and Emma complained to me, "Why are we looking at all these broken houses?" Then, one day, we looked into 4, Joe's Road which, although needing a lot of DIY, had a nice feel about it, and both the children started playing happily. We bought it and found it had been lived in by Christians. Churches too are like that: it's as if they have had, soaked into their very fabric, the prayers and worship of generations, and I suspect that children (and indeed some animals) are more susceptible than we are to that ethos which permeates the place – that awareness of Presence.



And I think that that tells us something about our attitude to religious relics like those of Thomas Cantilupe preserved in the shrine that is so beautifully maintained in our cathedral at Hereford. This saint has two feast days during October and one in August. He was canonized in 1320 following a rigorous and costly enquiry, which took 13 years to complete, looking into the cases of all those who claimed to have been healed by praying to him, some 500 in all!

Nowadays many folk are sceptical about such things, and talk about superstition, and you may remember

how Jesus could do no great work in Nazareth because of the people's lack of faith (Mark 6.5ff) But the OUP defines superstition as belief in the existence or power of the supernatural, which is surely what our faith is about. As Hamlet says, "There are more things in heaven and earth, Horatio, than are dreamt of in your philosophy."

One of the miracles investigated by the commissioners occurred in Old Radnor Parish. At 9am on 18th September 1305, a young lad named Thomas, aged 14, out to gather wild apples, noticed, as he crossed the Summergill Brook, what he thought was a bundle of washing left behind in the water by someone, a bundle of red clothes. But on closer examination, this proved to be the body of a little boy from Downton Farm, 2½ years old, William de Lorimer. Thomas pulled the boy from the water and ran, shouting for help, which quickly arrived from the farm. The apparently lifeless body was laid down in the farmhouse and urgent and earnest prayers were said to Thomas Cantilupe, who had died 22 years previously – and that afternoon, the boy miraculously recovered. The story is documented in the Vatican archives in support of the canonization one of our special Herefordshire saints.

Denis Parry



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Remember to put your clocks back one hour on the night of Saturday 30th October for the start of Greenwich Mean Time. This means that you get an extra hour in bed on Sunday morning, 31st October, but the evenings will now be darker, and Christmas is less than two months away.



Kington WI

At our meeting on 8th September we discussed our programme for the coming year, and, among other things, we hope to have talks on Fungi, Adventures of a Physiotherapist, Street Pastors in Hereford, and The only British female soldier in WW1. We will also have outings, and a flower arranging afternoon.

Members then enjoyed refreshments. The competition, A knitted or crocheted item, was won by Rosemary, with Jenny M 2nd and Marion G 3rd.

New members are always welcome; we meet on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 2.30pm in Markwick hall.

Margaret Cooke

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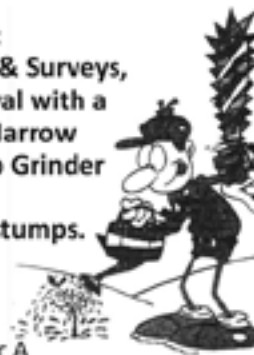
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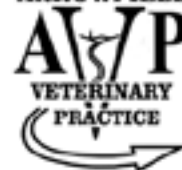
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