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Saint Laurence Upminster  
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*Lord, open our hearts towards our neighbours, break  
down barriers, dissolve borders and lead us towards peace.*

## Service Times

***The service schedule may change at short notice. Please refer to Porchtalk or contact the Parish Office for up-to-date information.***

### Sundays

Holy Communion	08.00
Sung Parish Mass	09.30
Sunday Schools	09.30
Evensong	18.30
<i>(see Parish Diary for details)</i>	

### Weekdays

Wednesday	Morning Prayer	08.45
	Mass	11.00
	Evening Prayer	16.15

### Footsteps

This Service for pre-school children and grown-ups normally takes place monthly on a Monday at 09.30 in the Lady Chapel. The next services are on **20<sup>th</sup> October and 24<sup>th</sup> November.**



***Additional services on Saints' Days are shown in the Diary in the back pages.***

### Baptisms and Wedding Banns

These are administered during public services.  
Please contact the Parish Office to make arrangements.

### Confessions

By appointment with the clergy.

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## From the Rector

By the time that you read this article, Autumn will have well and truly begun. Yet this has been a strange year, weather-wise, and as I write now in late August, the warm and dry summer has led to many trees losing their leaves prematurely. It remains to be seen whether this is something which we experience occasionally or will turn into more of a norm as climate change becomes more obvious and persistent.

The liturgical calendar from September to December features a number of occasions which remind us of our relationship with nature or which use natural phenomena to reflect upon vital aspects of Christian faith. At Harvest Festival, we remember our dependence upon the land and those who farm it for our food. At All Saints' and All Souls' tide we are reminded of our fragility and mortality, but also of our wider connections with all who have gone before us, with all who are to come, and with all that which God has made and sustains as he sustains us. As we approach Advent, the nights drawing in towards the shortest day provide fertile ground for liturgy and music which explores and anticipates the meaning of Jesus coming into the world as the light which comes into the darkness.

For many of us these reflections and rhythms which attune with the natural world are welcome; in a world of fast-paced technological solutions it can be a great liberation to be reminded that we are created beings who are called to be in a mutually beneficial and sustainable relationship with wider creation. We are also reminded of our responsibilities and of the fact that the exploitation of creation and the damage caused to our planet is not primarily a political issue, but is a serious breakdown in that communion shared by all which God creates, and a neglect of the responsibilities that he has entrusted to us.

At St Laurence we have made good progress in multiple areas towards achieving the Eco-Church Bronze Award which churches are being encouraged to attain as the first formal stage on a more eco-friendly journey. However, one of the areas which we particularly need to develop is around providing people with advice, information and encouragement regarding how their

individual actions can make a wider environmental difference. If any of you have any insights into effective ways in which we could do this, please do not hesitate to discuss them with me or with another member of the PCC.

With my prayers and best wishes  
Susannah



## Friday Coffee - Save the Date!

We will be holding our popular **Cards, Cakes & Coffee Morning on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> October** in the Main Hall in aid of our Building Improvements Project. Once again, Gill Roome will be running her 'Raffle with a difference' which will be drawn during coffee after the 9.30am service on the following Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> October. Cards and delicious home-made cakes will also be on sale then too! *Please note the dates were previously advertised in Porchtalk as Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October & Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> October but have been changed due to building work in the Main Hall on those dates.*

## Building Faith



An informal early morning service for primary school aged children with their parents/carers with refreshments, prayer, Bible story and building blocks activity.

5<sup>th</sup> October and 2<sup>nd</sup> November  
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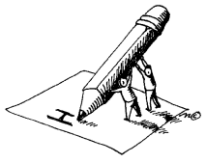
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## From the Editors

Dear Readers,

Putting this edition together in September, I always find myself enjoying the change from summer into autumn in the world outside the window. It is my habit to work on the layout and editing in the early mornings and evenings when the day is either awakening or ending. I find these 'transition times' so much more conducive to calm, creative thinking than the urgent energy which seems to abound during the daytime hours, when all are up and about and the 'space outside' is filled with the busyness of life. Anyway, enough of my ruminations... I will leave you to enjoy the contributions - may be you too will be inspired to write a few lines for the next issue...

*Joanne Chapman, Editor*

## From the Parish Registers

### BAPTISM

*We welcome into the family of the church and pray for:*

27<sup>th</sup> July                  Albert Michael Dennis

### FUNERAL

*We offer our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of:*

17<sup>th</sup> July                  Carol Ann Sharp

22<sup>nd</sup> August              Janet Hammond

5<sup>th</sup> September          Jean Marion Clements

### INTERMENT OF ASHES

*We offer our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of:*

28<sup>th</sup> August              Carmel Geraldine Armstrong



## December and January Magazine Deadline

Items for inclusion in the December and January edition of *Gridiron* should reach the editorial team by **Friday 7<sup>th</sup> November**. We would prefer to receive items by e-mail at [gridiron@upminsterparish.co.uk](mailto:gridiron@upminsterparish.co.uk). Paper copy is acceptable but should be submitted to us as early as possible. The **December and January** Magazine will be on sale from **Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> November**.

## Thank you for your sponsorship...

On 29<sup>th</sup> May 2025, Charles and Linda Hardwidge-Page celebrated their 2<sup>nd</sup> Wedding Anniversary. To mark the occasion they have sponsored the Altar and Paschal Candles for a year.

# Summary of PCC Meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> July 2025



The Architect's drawings for Phase One of the Building Improvements Project were circulated and discussed. These were approved and it was decided to move forward towards obtaining a faculty.

Joanne Chapman wished to resign as Parish Administrator and to leave by the end of October at the latest. The post would be advertised and an interview panel convened when applications started to come in.

It was agreed to support the Foodbank with both the monetary and food donations from the Harvest Festival.

Many of the altar frontals and vestments are in need of repairs and cleaning. A proposal to carry out work on the most urgent of these was agreed. This would be funded from the Penny Went legacy. Others would be dealt with in due course. Ways of improving storage to prevent damage were discussed.

A paper was circulated, for information only at this stage, on the possibility of installing a full circle of bells with funding from the Essex Association of Change Ringers. The intention was to become a centre for training and recruitment with a focus on young people.

A 15-year plan for St Laurence to move towards 'net zero carbon' had been put together as part of the attempts to address the heating problem. This was formally adopted in line with the requirements of the Chancellor's judgement. The windows in the Main Hall were already being dealt with and improved insulation would be considered in the future.

There are now only three people on the Halls Committee. Unless more people come forward to join, halls matters will be taken back into PCC control.

A proposal to commission audio system testing was agreed. A proposal to upgrade the Parish Office alarm system was also agreed. This would allow the current British Telecom analogue telephone connection to be retired.

Clive Edwards has to step down as Deanery Synod representative next year, having served his full term. There is a need for more people to come forward to take on this role.



Discussions on various other matters took place, including:

- legacy income
- allocation of funds for various works to the halls and 6 Gaynes Park Road
- annual review of Rectory redecoration
- Building Faith services
- report on finances
- probable loss of parking and access when St Laurence House is sold
- path repairs
- improvements to Hurford Hall for the pre-school and extension of garden area
- safeguarding
- new Scout and Guide storage huts and possibility of having one hut to serve both
- replacement of current car park signs and choice of wording



## **Singing in the Cathedral of a former Roman City**

*by Chris Mowat*

On Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> August, we welcomed, once again, Kim Bossey and her daughter Katie, from New Hampshire and San Francisco respectively, as they joined our choir for our Patronal 9.30am service. Where had the year gone since 2024 when they were with us before? Being members, along with Chris Mowat, of the Royal School of Church Music (RSCM) Residentiary Choir, they were prepared to spend the following week in Chester Cathedral singing all the services.

The City of Chester was from about AD 60 and for three centuries thereafter, a leading fortress and headquarters of the famous 20<sup>th</sup> Roman Legion. When the Romans left in about AD 380, the City became derelict and was successively in the hands of the British, the Saxons and the Danes. It was rebuilt during the reign of Ethelred of Mercia in 907 and, at the same time, a Christian church was established. In 1092 Hugh Lupus, the second Earl of Chester, decided to transform it into an Abbey of Benedictine monks and the Abbey was attached to the Diocese of Lichfield until the Diocese of Chester was founded in 1541 out of the dioceses of York, Lichfield and Coventry, following Henry VIII's dissolution of the monasteries.

Today it is very much a 'living cathedral' and amongst other facets, it is a place of worship, a place of welcome, a place of music and a place of common heritage, as it is an Anglican Cathedral with a Catholic, Benedictine foundation and it stands right in the heart of the City. Well worth a visit if you are ever in that part of the North West.

The Cathedral is dedicated to Christ and the Blessed Virgin Mary. Its cloisters, rebuilt between 1525 and 1537, have ribbed vaulting with central roof bosses and stained glass windows depicting the saints of the Church in the order in which they are commemorated according to the Book of Common Prayer. The Quire was built at the end of the 13<sup>th</sup> century and has very fine examples of medieval wood carving, including misericords, being among the finest to be found in any English Cathedral.

On arrival in Chester at lunchtime on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> August, we had little time to settle in. As an established Choir, we were rehearsing by 2pm for Choral Evensong that afternoon, despite a number of members, including our Director, being delayed by train cancellations!

The music we sang throughout the week was challenging but very uplifting, with pieces ranging across the centuries from Palestrina to Charles Wood, Howells, Stanford, Rutter and others, right up to Cecilia McDowall's St Alban's Service (2016) and Joanna Forbes L'Estrange's King's College Service (2019). Most services were live streamed, so the Choir was on its mettle.

Superbly led by our Director Martyn Rawles from Lichfield Cathedral, until the Friday evening, (when he had to leave for a long-standing family engagement), we were then directed for the last two days by Hugh Morris, the Director of the RSCM, and it was a seamless transition. We had a great week, with the food and accommodation in the University of Chester being much improved from the previous year at Guildford. Friendships were renewed, a new member from Denver Colorado welcomed and we all departed on the Sunday evening uplifted by the music, tired from a week of full on rehearsals but saying 'See you in St Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh, in 2026, unless our paths cross in the meantime at various choral events/services.'

'I will sing with the Spirit and with understanding also' is the motto of the RSCM which celebrates its Centenary in 2027.

With grateful thanks for the gift of music.



# The House of Luhuvilo Orphanage

*by Revd Nicky Teverson*

The Children are arriving. Finally, it's time to celebrate! Now the work of living out love in the world begins.



Eight years ago, I spent just 6 months working at St Laurence Church in Upminster. During this period, I set up a charity to build an orphanage in Njombe, Tanzania. The people of St Laurence were so supportive and kind in their donations and prayers. I write with an update.

After six years of construction and two years waiting for the official licence to open our doors for children I can with enormous thanks and relief celebrate that finally little ones will be arriving in the next few weeks.

The challenges we have overcome have been immense, from corruption, Covid and delay in obtaining the licence due to bureaucratic red tape the whole process has demanded tenacity, prayer, resilience and determination.

And now in the mountains of Sayuni with Sisters trained in childcare, gardens planted with fruit, vegetables and trees, a furnished orphanage home now stands and we are ready for nurturing, loving and caring for children who have nothing.



So, what's next?

- Children will arrive.
- Raising funds to provide food, clothes and education.
- We will be reaching out to people to sponsor a child. Please let us know if you are interested - [njteverson@gmail.com](mailto:njteverson@gmail.com)

Thank you to everyone who has helped in so many ways for this vision to come to fruition. Please continue to hold The House of Luhuvilo in your prayers.

*For more information please visit  
[www.thehouseofluhuvilo.com](http://www.thehouseofluhuvilo.com)*



**Acorns Day Opportunities** is a group for adults with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND). We run on a Wednesday and Thursday in the Minor Hall and many of you give us a wave if you are around on a Wednesday morning! We enjoy a range of activities including cooking, art, fitness, meditation, litter picking.... but most of all, we love a good day

out! Over the summer, we have been on some fantastic trips and we thought you might like to read some excerpts from our Newsletter, written by our students.

‘We had a lovely day in Southend on the 3<sup>rd</sup> July. We all met at Upminster station and we got the train to Southend Central. When we arrived at Southend we stopped in McDonald’s then we headed down to the pier. The pier is 1.33 miles long and we found a lovely café at the end.’

‘We enjoy walking to the park to feed the ducks at Clockhouse Gardens. We took some special duck food. We saw some geese, they came really close and we liked it. We walked around the lake and saw some little wooden seats. We saw geese, ducks, pigeons and coots.’

‘On Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> July we went to Buckingham Palace. We all met at the station (*Ed: Upminster*) and we had to get two trains to Westminster. We made our way to St James’ Park, where we had our packed lunch and a nice cup of tea. After lunch, we started to walk to Buckingham Palace. All of a sudden, it started to rain really heavily. The palace was very busy, with lots of visitors looking around. There were lots of expensive vases and portraits of kings and queens, dukes and duchesses. We saw the ballroom and the king and queen’s thrones, but we weren’t allowed to take any photos. The Powder Room (toilet!) was very posh. After our visit, we went into the garden, where we had tea and cake. We all enjoyed our day out... apart from the rain!’

‘On Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> August, our friend Julie came to help out and show us some sign language. She taught us some important signs, such as tea, coffee, hot chocolate, sandwich, juice, biscuit, shopping, help, please, thank you and lazy (not to be confused with biscuit!) We had lots of fun as Daisy was also showing us some signs. We took it in turns to practise these signs and we used them to order our morning drinks. Maybe you can join us and try them out too.’

*Scan the code to read the full newsletter*



# St Thomas the Apostle, Navestock

*by Rob Brabner*

This very attractive Essex church, not too far from Upminster, has a most distinctive tower and is set in an isolated location. The timber-framed skirted tower is capped a by needle-like spire. Originally thought to be fourteenth century, carbon dating reveals the tower to date from c.1250 or possibly even earlier. The tower is believed to have been at one time free-standing: the four main posts are braced with slender timbers and the 'skirt' hides a frame that supports six bells. The earliest of these dates from 1470. Sadly, the tower area is not open to the casual visitor. However, the church interior is open during daylight hours, and there is much to appreciate.



The nave has a plain Norman doorway in the north wall and a south aisle with a stone arcade and circular piers which appear to be C13th. The eastern pier is made of oak and almost fluted - very rare. The chancel was rebuilt in the C14th and there are some good windows of the 'Decorated' period.

The church has many interesting monuments, many to the Waldegrave family: the local 'squires'. Sadly, the nearby house is long gone. Near the altar is a striking and coloured monument to Judge John Greene. Apparently he kept a diary which provided useful clues to the political state of England in the 1650s (Cromwell - Restoration etc...). Also in the chancel is the sadly damaged monument to Anne Snelling, who died in childbirth in 1625. She is shown as a miniature figure holding her dead baby and a Bible, with an explanatory inscription behind.

The church interior has a pleasing domestic and light-filled feel to it and the churchyard is spacious and well cared for, despite the remote location. The parish is linked with St Nicholas, Kelvedon Hatch. Details of the services and activities are available on the parish website.





## CONGRATULATIONS

In the months since the last issue of 'Gridiron' there have been a number of significant dates which were celebrated in the style of cake a wine on Sunday mornings after Mass. Firstly Deborah and Peter Masterson celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary in July, followed by Frank Kemp's 95th Birthday, then James Riley and Cheryl Goddard their 30<sup>th</sup> and 70<sup>th</sup> Birthdays in August - Congratulations and Best Wishes to you all!





# In Memoriam

Shirley (RIP 2024) and Bill (RIP 2023) Gunary were both much loved and dedicated members of St Laurence. In their memory their family have donated a flower stand to St Laurence Church. This is now used to display the flower arrangement at the back of the pews in the main aisle, which is the one first seen on entering by the main door and is known as the 'welcoming arrangement'. Pictured are Shirley and Bill's daughters and daughters and great-great niece.



## Cream Tea

In August we celebrated our Patronal Festival with a Cream Tea. A sociable afternoon was spent enjoying delicious treats. Thank you to all who worked so hard to make the tea happen and for providing a meal for everyone to enjoy.



## **Blackthorn** *by Michael Blencowe of the Sussex Wildlife Trust*



From up there it felt like I could see the whole world: the oak trees adorned in summer's fading leaves, the fields at harvest, the city far in the distance. Each October my Grandad would load me and a bucket into Betsy, his faithful 1963 Ford Anglia. Together we'd cruise the county's back roads. Every few miles he would ease Betsy to a halt and inspect the landscape until finally declaring 'this is the place'.



My bucket and me would be hoisted high up on his shoulders and from there I'd get my Grandad-stand view of the world. More importantly, though, it'd put me within reach of the treasure. The jewels we sought on our expeditions were sloes, the round purple-black berries that bedecked the blackthorn bushes. My Grandad was convinced that the finest fruits were located high on the hedge. And the best sloes made the best sloe gin.

Each spring the blackthorn hedges bloom, their brilliant white flowers blanket the countryside temporarily creating snow-white drifts against the woodlands and along our roadsides. These ephemeral petals soon fall and the blackthorn becomes cloaked with small, oval leaves capturing the energy which powers production of the sloes.

A blackthorn bush is a prickly character and as approachable as an enraged porcupine. Each twig is armed with spikes which deter cattle and Grandads from helping themselves to its leaves and berries. This spiny spinney fortress also safeguards a wealth of wildlife. Nightingales, Turtle Doves and other birds nest under its protection and the elusive Brown Hairstreak butterfly lays its miniature sea urchin-like eggs on the bush's black bark.

Many years after my Grandad and Betsy had departed, I decided to honour them both and concoct my own sloe gin. I found an online recipe and, in what was and still remains one of the biggest disappointments of my adult life, I discovered that the main ingredient in sloe gin... was gin.

After watching my Grandad making his moonshine I had genuinely believed that by submerging a load of berries in a bottle you would magically turn water into gin. It seems my Grandad couldn't perform miracles; indeed, looking back, our hedgerow pillaging raids could easily be dismissed as forced child labour.



Was he exploiting me and my tiny hands to bypass those thorns and reach the best berries? A few decades earlier he'd probably have sent me down a mine or up a chimney. But my Grandad wasn't some Fagin-like character. Now I think of it I never once saw him actually drinking any of his sloe gin. Perhaps just being out in the countryside in the autumn sunshine on an adventure with Betsy and his grandson was the truly intoxicating ingredient.

## A Visit to City of London Churches

Last September, a group of us took part in 'Ride & Stride'. It came up in our discussion that a number of City Churches routinely closed on Saturdays. The outcome of that was to arrange a special visit during the week. But as one of our chosen churches was closed for repairs and redecoration, the visit could not go ahead until August of this year.

The group (pictured below) decided to include no more than four churches, to avoid any cases of 'Church Indigestion'! Those we did visit were: All Hallows by the Tower, St Stephen Walbrook, St Lawrence Jewry and St Olave Hart Street.

Rob Brabner provided a short guide to each, based on Tony Tucker's 'The Visitor's Guide to the City of London Churches'. Rob was also able to answer a few *ad hoc* questions in St Stephen's and St Lawrence, as he often 'church watches' there for the Friends of City Churches and therefore knows them quite well.

*(Ed: Rob is not in the photo – he was the other side of the camera).*





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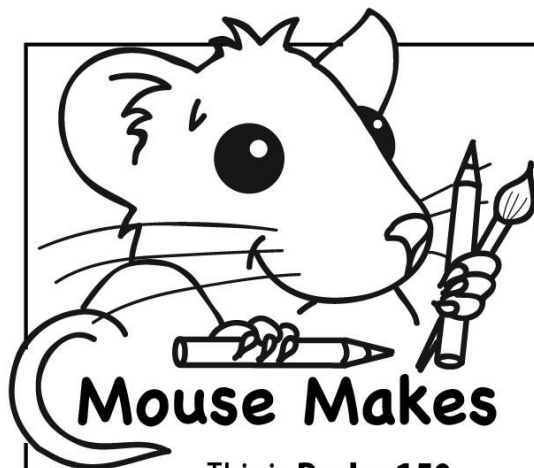


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## Mouse Makes

This is **Psalm 150**,  
a song of praise to God,  
it tells us why and how  
to worship God.  
*How do you praise and  
worship God?*

**Praise** God in His Temple,  
**Praise** Him in His mighty heavens.  
**Praise** Him for His acts of power,  
**Praise** Him for his surpassing greatness.

**Praise Him**  
with the sounding trumpet,

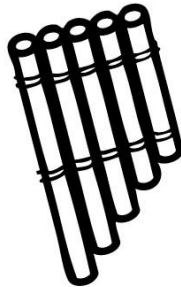
**Praise Him**  
with the harp and lyre,

**Praise Him**  
with tambourine and dancing,

**Praise Him**  
with the clash of cymbals,

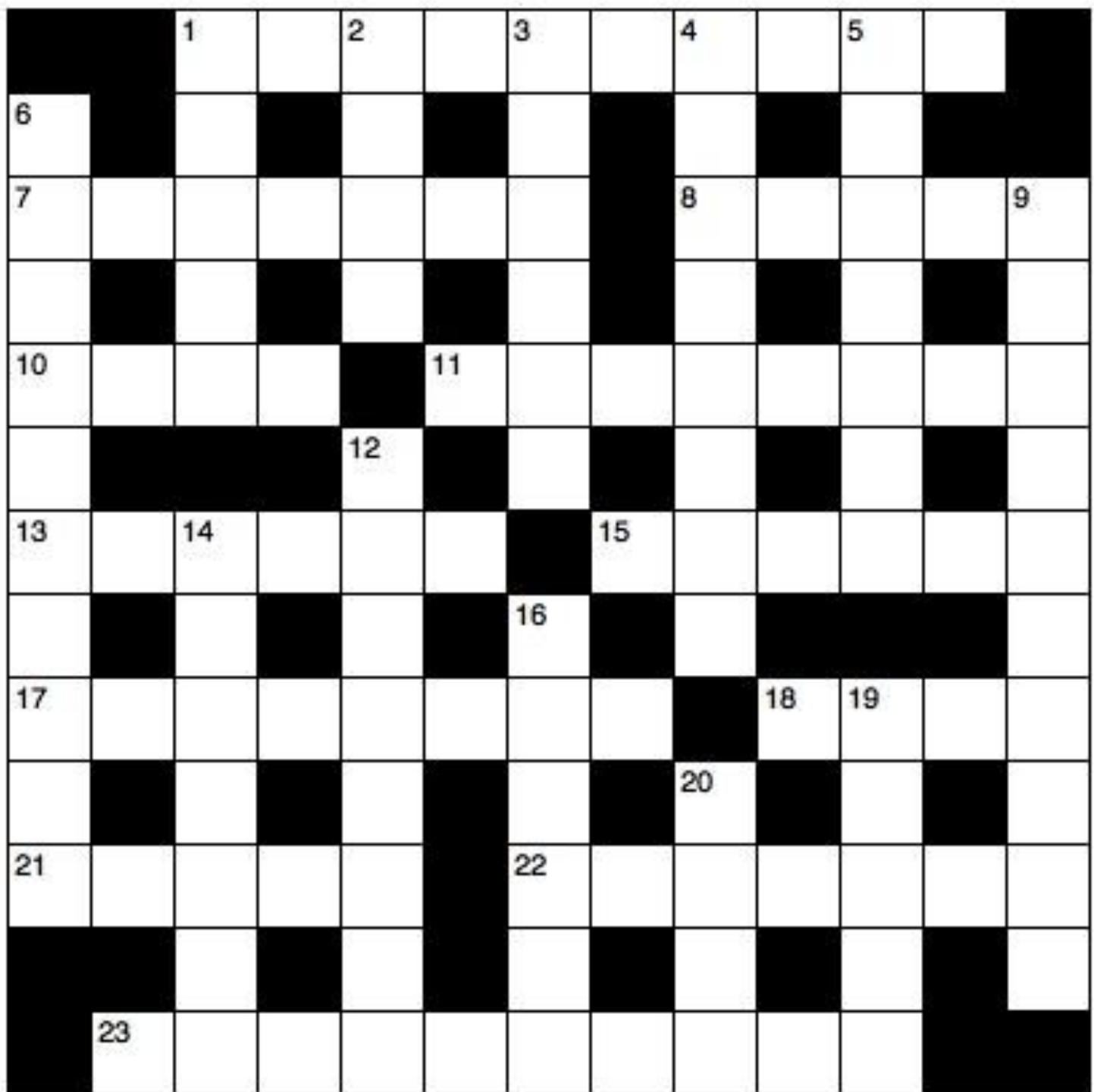
**Praise Him**  
with the resounding cymbals.

Let everything that has breath  
**PRAISE THE LORD!**



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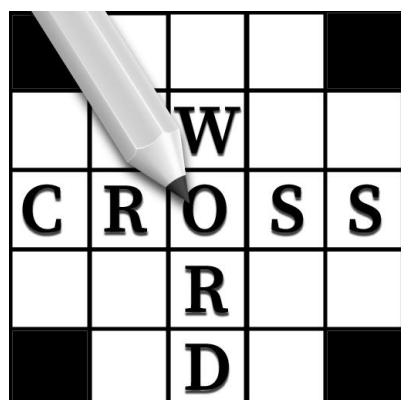
## ACROSS

- 1 He was replaced as king of Judah by his uncle Mattaniah (2 Kings 24:17) (10)
- 7 'Let us fix our eyes on Jesus... who for the joy set before him \_ the cross' (Hebrews 12:2) (7)
- 8 Relieved (5)
- 10 Impetuous (Acts 19:36) (4)
- 11 Surprised and alarmed (Luke 24:37) (8)
- 13 'It is \_ for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for the rich to enter the kingdom of God' (Mark 10:25) (6)
- 15 Directions for the conduct of a church service (6)
- 17 One of the acts of the sinful nature (Galatians 5:19) (8)

- 18 and 20 Down 'She began to wet his \_ with her tears. Then she wiped them with her \_' (Luke 7:38) (4,4)
- 21 'We will all be changed, in a flash, in the twinkling of an \_ , \_ the last trumpet' (1 Corinthians 15:51–52) (3,2)
- 22 'But he replied, "Lord, I am \_ \_ go with you to prison and to death"' (Luke 22:33) (5,2)
- 23 Third person of the Trinity (2 Corinthians 13:14) (4,6)

## DOWN

- 1 He betrayed Jesus (Matthew 27:3) (5)
- 2 Paul's assurance to the Philippian jailer: 'Don't \_ yourself! We are all here!' (Acts 16:28) (4)
- 3 'Fear God and keep his commandments, for this \_ the whole \_ of man' (Ecclesiastes 12:13) (2,4)
- 4 The sort of giver God loves (2 Corinthians 9:7) (8)
- 5 Sun rail (anag.) (7)
- 6 Naboth, the ill-fated vineyard owner, was one (1 Kings 21:1) (10)
- 9 Paul said of young widows, 'When their sensual desires overcome their \_ to Christ, they want to marry' (1 Timothy 5:11) (10)
- 12 This was how Joseph of Arimathea practised his discipleship 'because he feared the Jews' (John 19:38) (8)
- 14 Mop ruse (anag.) (7)
- 16 Foment (Philippians 1:17) (4,2)
- 19 Where Joseph and Mary escaped to with the baby Jesus (Matthew 2:14) (5)
- 20 See 18 Across



## ANSWERS TO AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER CROSSWORD

**ACROSS:** 1 Amazed. 4 Others. 8 Peter. 9 Zebedee. 10 Accuser. 11 Endue. 12 Scripture. 17 Shrub. 19 Abashed. 21 Foolish. 22 Upset. 23 Loathe. 24 Lesser. **DOWN:** 1 Appeal. 2 Attacks. 3 Earns. 5 Tableau. 6 Ended. 7 Shekel. 9 Zarephath. 13 Rubbish. 14 Ephesus. 15 Useful. 16 Editor. 18 Rhoda. 20 Abuse.

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## Charity of the Month

**October - Parkinson's UK:** Living with Parkinson's can feel overwhelming if you don't have the right support. Parkinson's UK helps people make the right decisions to stay in control of their life after diagnosis.

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**November – The Children's Society:** The Children's Society provides specialist support that empowers young people to make positive changes and rediscover their hope. Children want a future they can look forward to and The Children's Society is there to make sure they get it.

Working alongside young people, their families and community, the Society will not rest until together, step-by-step, they've created a society built for all children.

Young people come to the Society when they have low self-esteem, when they're living in families who can't afford the next meal or school uniform or when there's no one else to hear them.

The Society also listens to their needs, campaigns and lobbies on their behalf. The Society wants to make sure they are heard at local and nation level.

## And Finally....

Three little boys were bragging about how tough they were. 'I'm so tough,' said the first boy, 'that I can wear out a pair of shoes in a week.'

'Well,' said the second little boy, 'I'm so tough I can wear out a pair of jeans in a day.'

'That's nothing,' said the third boy. 'When my parents take me to see my grandma and grandpa I can wear them out in just one hour.'

# Parish Diary for October

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Wed	1 <sup>st</sup>	<i>Remigius, bishop, 533; Anthony Ashley Cooper (Earl of Shaftesbury), social reformer, 1885</i>
Thurs	2 <sup>nd</sup>	8pm Choir Practice
Fri	3 <sup>rd</sup>	<i>George Bell, bishop, ecumenist, peacemaker, 1958; 10.30am Coffee Morning</i>
Sat	4 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Francis of Assisi, friar, deacon, 1226</i>
Sun	5 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Dedication Festival: 8am Building Faith, Main Hall; 6.30pm Evensong on Zoom</b>
Mon	6 <sup>th</sup>	<i>William Tyndale, translator, martyr, 1536; 1pm Enquirers' Course, Parish Office</i>
Thurs	9 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Denys, bishop, and companions, martyrs, c250; Robert Grosseteste, bishop, philosopher, scientist, 1253; 8pm Choir Practice</i>
Fri	10 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Paulinus, bishop, missionary, 644; Thomas Traherne, poet, spiritual writer, 1674; 10.30am Coffee Morning</i>
Sat	11 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Ethelburga, abbess, 675; James the Deacon, companion of Paulinus, c7<sup>th</sup></i>
Sun	12 <sup>th</sup>	<b>17<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity: 3pm First Communion Preparation, Parish Office; 6.30pm Evensong on Zoom</b>
Mon	13 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Edward the Confessor, king, 1066; 1pm Enquirers' Course, Parish Office</i>
Wed	15 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Teresa of Avila, teacher of the faith, 1582</i>
Thurs	16 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Nicholas Ridley and Hugh Latimer, bishops, martyrs, 1555; 8.30am Quinquennial Survey; 8pm Choir Practice</i>
Fri	17 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Ignatius, bishop, martyr, c107; 10.30am Cards, Cakes &amp; Coffee Morning</i>
Sat	18 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Luke the Evangelist</i>
Sun	19 <sup>th</sup>	<b>19<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity: 3pm First Communion Preparation, Parish Office; 6.30pm Evensong on Zoom</b>
Mon	20 <sup>th</sup>	<i>9.30am Footsteps in Church; 1pm Enquirers' Course, Parish Office; 8pm CM&amp;FG Meeting, Parish Office</i>
Thurs	23 <sup>rd</sup>	8pm Choir Practice
Fri	24 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am Coffee Morning
Sat	25 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Crispin and Crispinian, martyrs, c287</i>
Sun	26 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Bible Sunday: 3pm First Communion Preparation, Parish Office; 6.30pm Evensong on Zoom</b>
Tues	28 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Simon and Jude, Apostles</i>
Wed	29 <sup>th</sup>	<i>James Hannington, bishop, martyr, 1885</i>
Thurs	30 <sup>th</sup>	8pm Choir Practice
Fri	31 <sup>st</sup>	<i>Martin Luther, reformer, 1546; 10.30am Coffee Morning</i>

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# Parish Diary for November

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Sun	2 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>All Saints' Day, 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday before Advent: 8am Building Faith, Main Hall; 6.30pm All Souls' Service</b>
Mon	3 <sup>rd</sup>	<i>Richard Hooker, priest, teacher of the faith, 1600; Martin of Porres, friar, 1639</i>
Thurs	6 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Leonard, hermit, C6<sup>th</sup>; William Temple, archbishop, teacher of the faith, 1944; 8pm Choir Practice</i>
Fri	7 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Willibrord, bishop, 739; 10.30am Coffee Morning</i>
Sat	8 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Saints and Martyrs of England</i>
Sun	9 <sup>th</sup>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday before Advent, Remembrance Sunday: 10.45am Remembrance Parade Service with Royal British Legion at War Memorial; 6.30pm Evensong on Zoom</b>
Mon	10 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Leo the Great, bishop, teacher of the faith, 461; 7.30pm PCC Meeting, Parish Office</i>
Tues	11 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Martin, bishop, c397</i>
Thurs	13 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Charles Simeon, priest, evangelical divine, 1836; 8pm Choir Practice</i>
Fri	14 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Samuel Seabury, bishop, 1796; 10.30am Coffee Morning</i>
Sun	16 <sup>th</sup>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday before Advent: 6.30pm Evensong on Zoom</b>
Mon	17 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Hugh, bishop, 1200</i>
Tues	18 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Elizabeth, princess, philanthropist, 1231</i>
Wed	19 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Hilda, abbess, 680; Mechtild, beguine, mystic, 1280</i>
Thurs	20 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Edmund, king, martyr, 870; Priscilla Lydia Sellon, a restorer of the religious life in the Church of England, 1876; 8pm Choir Practice</i>
Fri	21 <sup>st</sup>	<i>9.30am Footsteps; 10.30am Coffee Morning</i>
Sat	22 <sup>nd</sup>	<i>Cecilia, martyr, c230</i>
Sun	23 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>Christ the King: 3pm First Communion Preparation, Parish Office; 6.30pm Evensong on Zoom</b>
Mon	24 <sup>th</sup>	<i>9.30am Footsteps in Church</i>
Tues	25 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Catherine, martyr, C4<sup>th</sup>; Isaac Watts, hymn writer, 1748; 6pm Group visit to Church</i>
Thurs	27 <sup>th</sup>	<i>8pm Choir Practice</i>
Fri	28 <sup>th</sup>	<i>10.30am Coffee Morning</i>
Sat	29 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Day of Intercession and Thanksgiving for the Missionary Work of the Church</i>
Sun	30 <sup>th</sup>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent: 9.30am Sung Parish Mass with Admission to First Communion; Evening service tbc - please see Porchtalk in November</b>

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