



St Aidan's Church, Gillamoor



St Mary's Church, Farndale

# **SURPRISE VIEW**

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St Nicholas' Church, Bransdale



St Michael's Church, Edstone



## **FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS**

29<sup>th</sup> September     Elsie and Reg Collier, Interment of ashes in Town Cemetery

**Funerals:** *We pray for the family and friends of:*

7<sup>th</sup> October             Keith Wheldon (68) at All Saints'

# JUST A THOUGHT

Dear Friends

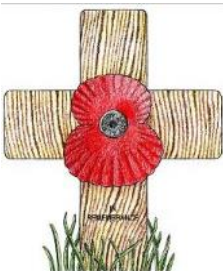
November is known in the Christian calendar as '*The Kingdom Season*' – that time of the year when our thoughts are given to remembrance of those departed this life.

The Feast Days of All Saints' and All Souls' at the beginning of the month, remind us of those men and women who have shaped and influenced, not only the Christian tradition, but also our own individual lives as well. Friends, parents, teachers, priests and ministers.... anyone who has helped as a role model are celebrated and remembered before God.

Remembrance Day (on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup>) sees the nation mourn those who died in the service of their country. This year, owing to the restrictions arising from Coronavirus, these Memorial Services will have a particular poignancy. In Kirkby and in each of our communities, there will be Services of Remembrance, though sadly this year we are unable to parade, sing, or be moved in the traditional manner by the presence of the Town's Band.

And at the end of the month, at the close of the Christian year, The Feast of Christ the King reminds us that whatever befalls us in this world, we can take comfort and reassurance in the universal love of God for his creation.

2020 has been, and continues to be, a difficult and challenging year across the globe. Notwithstanding the pain and sadness of these passing months, may we find hope in the presence and certainty of God's love and of his kingdom, and may we share that hope with those we meet.



*Mark*

# SERVICES IN ALL SAINTS'

1 **All Saints Day:**  
**10:30am Parish Eucharist:** The Vicar the Revd. Mark Brosnan/  
The Revd. Bridget Gillespie

**Readings:** Revelation 7.9-end  
Matthew 5.1-12



**3:00pm All Souls' Memorial Service (1) \***

**6:30pm All Souls' Memorial Service (1) \***

**\*Please note that due to Coronavirus restrictions and expected high demand, each service will be TICKET ONLY, available via The Parish Office (limit of 30 at each service)**

8 **Remembrance Sunday:**  
**10:40am Civic Remembrance Day Service (*outside service only*)**

15 **Second Sunday before Advent:**  
**10:30am Parish Eucharist:** The Vicar the Revd. Mark Brosnan/  
the Revd. Bridget Gillespie

**Readings:** Zephaniah 1.7,12-end  
Matthew 25.14-30



22 **Christ the King Sunday:**  
**10:30am Parish Eucharist:** The Revd. Bridget Gillespie

**Readings:** Ezekiel 34.11-16,20-24  
Matthew 25.31-end



29 **First Sunday of Advent:**  
**10:30am Parish Eucharist:** The Vicar the Revd. Mark Brosnan  
/the Revd. Bridget Gillespie

**Readings:** Isaiah 64.1-9  
Mark 13.24-end



**6:30pm Christingle: TO BE CONFIRMED**

## December

6 **Second Sunday of Advent:**  
**10:30am Parish Eucharist:** The Vicar the Revd. Mark Brosnan

**Readings:** Isaiah 40.1-11  
Mark 1.1-8



## SERVICES IN SAINT AIDAN'S, GILLAMOOR

- 15 **8:45am Holy Communion with Act of Remembrance:**  
The Revd. Bridget Gillespie

## SERVICES IN SAINT NICHOLAS' BRANSDALE

- 1 **2:30pm Holy Communion:** Canon Francis Hewitt

## SERVICES IN SAINT MARY'S, FARNDALE

- 8 **2:30pm Holy Communion with Act of Remembrance:**  
The Vicar the Revd. Mark Brosnan/ The Revd. Bridget Gillespie

## SERVICES IN SAINT MICHAEL'S, GT. EDSTONE

- 8 **11:00am Remembrance Service:** The Revd. Bridget Gillespie

**Morning and Evening Prayer are said in  
All Saints' Church each day, Monday to Thursday  
at 8.00 am and 5.00pm respectively.  
All are welcome.**

**Midday Prayer is said every Monday at 12.00pm  
in All Saints', St Aidan's and St Mary's.**

**Holy Communion (BCP) each Wednesday  
at 10.00 am in the Lady Chapel All Saints' Church  
Please let Simon Mumford know (01751 430180) if  
anyone wishes to receive Communion in their own  
home**



**EXTRACT FROM THE PARISH MAGAZINE FOR  
KIRKBYMOORSIDE cum GILLAMOOR for July 1927**

**GILLAMOOR**

June 10<sup>th</sup>, saw us make parochial Church History when the Archdeacon of Cleveland, in the unavoidable absence of the Bishop of Whitby, named our Church after St. Aidan. A long felt want has thus been met. A very good congregation met for the ceremony, and heard an interesting address on the Saint's life from the Ven. T. E. Lindsay. At this time, when the important celebrations are being kept in connexion with our Minster at York, it is good to have kept before us the debt we owe to the great Saints of Iona who played so great a part in the conversion of our Northern people to Christianity. The fact that St. Aidan is now our Patron Saint will serve to keep us alive to the work done by the devoted men of Iona. August 31<sup>st</sup>, is the day fixed in the Calendar of the New Prayer Book for St. Aidan's day.

*and* For **October 1927**

**GILLAMOOR**

OUR WAYSIDE PULPIT

Mr Isaac Poad (of York) is one of the many souls who love Gillamoor. Not only has he been a constant visitor to our charming village, but he has ever had its best interests at heart. Gillamoor with its Surprise View ministers both to his body and soul. Its air is health-giving, but here are to be seen 'some features of the Deity.' And these features he would have us see too. So from now onwards as we stand at the top of Gillamoor Bank and admire the view, we shall be exhorted from the message wrought in marble there to look behind Nature to Nature's God. Mr Poad has selected for the inscription on the marble tablet, fittingly placed on the Churchyard wall, the well known words of John Keble.

"Thou, Who has given me eyes to see  
And love this sight so fair,  
Give me a heart to find out Thee,  
And read Thee everywhere!"

These words will catch the eye of thousands of future visitors and many will take the message to heart. This will fulfil the donor's desire. We thank him for his rich gift.

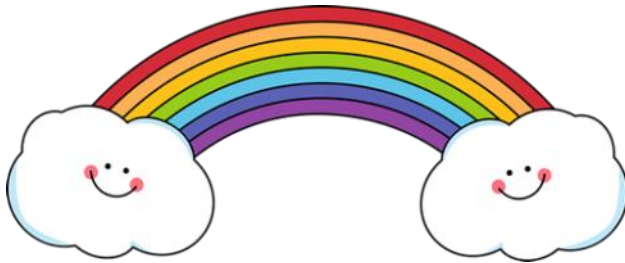
## **NEWS FROM ST. MARY'S, FARNDALE**

It was so good to open our doors after 7 months of been closed for worship. On October 11th, fourteen of us came together, masked and socially distanced for a Harvest Thanksgiving Communion Service. It was lovely to celebrate Harvest, thank you Mark and Bridget, even if we didn't have the usual festival and we all missed the harvest supper, such a wonderful social time enjoyed by all.

Our next service will be on Sunday, Nov 8th, Remembrance Sunday unless we are all in lockdown again which we hope and pray will never happen

God Bless All

Phil Collier



## **ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING**

A brief meeting will be held for Kirkbymoorside, Gillmoor, Farndale and Bransdale on Sunday November 15<sup>th</sup> in All Saints' Church, following the 10.30am Service.

A date for Edstone Parish has yet to be confirmed.

All are welcome, but please note that social distancing measures need to be respected, and face coverings worn.

Mark

## **80 YEARS ON, WE STILL NEED COURAGE AND ENDURANCE**

This year is the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Battle of Britain – when the horrors of the Luftwaffe bombs were heavy over British skies. On this Remembrance Day we can only imagine the terror of living in Coventry, in Liverpool, in London during those months, 80 years ago. It must have seemed like the beginning of the end of the world.

It is a good time to stop and thank God that in the end, evil did *not* prevail. Hitler did not win the battle to dominate Europe. His expected ‘rule of a 1000 years’ lasted a mere 12 years (1933 to 1945). And we can thank God for the courage and endurance of our fathers and grandfathers, our mothers and grandmothers, in the midst of such towering darkness and destruction.

Sadly, 80 years on, the world is still at war. Man’s greed, arrogance and desire for domination have not gone away. There are still battles to be fought for our land, major problems to be solved. Coronavirus, economic uncertainty, terrorism, climate warming... the threats are different from Hitler, but our need for courage, endurance and perseverance is the same.

It is a good time to pray for our nation and ourselves, to turn to God in repentance and in faith, to ‘walk more nearly’ and ‘follow Him more clearly’. It is a good time to be ready to serve our God and serve our neighbour in whatever ways lie open before us.



## **WHAT A PLEASANT SURPRISE**

It was to see our names in lights in the October magazine! We had not made a lot of our Diamond Wedding Anniversary at the time as we could see that any celebrations would have to be very low key but thank you very much for all your good wishes.

From Georgina and Bill.



The Rectory  
St James the Least of All



My dear Nephew Darren

Your suggestion that we should hold a sponsored hymn-singing bicycle ride through the village as a way of raising money was well-meant, but I am not wholly convinced it would suit our clientele here at St James the Least of All.

You may have musical bike rides, but we have Bridge drives, although socially distanced at the moment, of course. But even at two metres apart, our Bridge games are generally as amiable and peaceful as bear baiting. Half of those attending will see the afternoon as an opportunity to catch up on local gossip and to exchange knitting patterns, the game of cards being a minor hindrance to these other activities. The other half arrive primed for a battle to the death, reluctantly conceding that eye-gouging is not allowed. They will demand total silence – which is wholly ignored by those at the tables discovering what Mrs Trumpington confided to Lady Driver halfway through ‘Onward Christian Soldiers’ at last Sunday’s Mattins. The congregation is eternally grateful to Mrs Mitchell, who as a former mill worker is able to lip read.

Refreshments have been hit hard by Covid-19 of course, and the fact that everyone has to bring their own sandwich and drink has rather spoilt the fun. Usually half our players regard lunchtime as an opportunity to put jam on the cards, spill tea on the score cards and make sure that the other tables get the egg and cress sandwiches while they corner the boiled ham; the others usually see it as an unwelcome interruption to the serious business of slaughtering their opponents. It is so sad that Covid-19 has halted this merry comradery.

As for drawing the raffle, it is the adult equivalent of ringing the school bell at going-home time. Half the players will immediately dash off to relay newly mined seams of gossip throughout the village, leaving the others holding reproachful post-mortems with their partners over their bidding mistakes.

Reproaches are never too violent, however, since the chances are that they will all be meeting again the following afternoon round a socially distanced card table at another location, for yet another re-enactment of the slaughter at Agincourt. The only difference will be that the French and English were not entertained with tea and sandwiches at half time.

Your loving uncle,  
Eustace

## **THE UNSUNG HEROES WHO HELP US SAY GOODBYE**

No one likes to talk about death. Especially during a pandemic that's impacting everyone on the planet. And yet for some people, death is their life's work. It's their vocation.

In fact, helping bereaved families and friends say a personal goodbye to their loved ones is what motivates them, day after day.

They are the funeral directors and the staffs of our local crematoria and cemeteries. Often forgotten or out of mind, the men and women who arrange and service funerals perform a vital role.

Vicars and other ministers of religion work closely with these key workers. We see the care they take to help families arrange the funerals they want for their loved ones. We see the strict health regulations they have had to follow during this pandemic and the increased pressures on them. We see the long hours and dedication

Yet, after one funeral, an undertaker confided to me how useless he felt while NHS staff were at the frontline of fighting coronavirus. I replied that what he did was essential too, and massively important during these difficult days.

Another undertaker told me how he helped families cope with the restrictions on the numbers of mourners at funerals, currently set at 30. He had slowly driven his hearse past golf clubs, pubs and old people's homes where friends – unable to attend the services – had said their goodbyes.

In the funerals I have taken during the pandemic, I have been much impressed by the care and sensitivity shown by funeral directors and crematorium staff. Often, while they have been under much stress themselves.

I applaud the way that crematoria have made it easier for mourners who cannot attend funerals to view the services via the internet. This seems to have become common practice across the country. During the pandemic, this 'optional extra' has become a key part of the service.

The feedback I have had from mourners watching from just outside the chapel, or across the world, has been very positive.

Christian ministers work closely with the bereaved family and the funeral director to ensure each funeral is very personal to the deceased, and an occasion they will remember long after the day has passed.

We want to bring a message of hope at funerals. I like to say that love never

dies, and that the love we have for someone goes on beyond the grave.

As the funeral section on the Church of England website states: “When someone dies, although we can’t see the person we love anymore, Christians believe that through the cross and resurrection of Jesus Christ, we will see that person again. It might be in a very different form, in a very different way, but that is the Christian hope, and that is the message everyone will hear when they come to a Church of England funeral.”

Meanwhile, it’s the care of undertakers and all those who arrange and conduct funerals that help us say our goodbyes.

The Revd Peter Crumpler,



## **The Soldier’s Prayer**

I asked God for strength, that I might achieve,  
I was made weak, that I might learn humbly to obey.  
I asked for health, that I might do greater things,  
I was given infirmity, that I might do better things.  
I asked for riches, that I might be happy,  
I was given poverty, that I might be wise.

I asked for power, that I might have the praise of men,  
I was given weakness, that I might feel the need of God.  
I asked for all things, that I might enjoy life,  
I was given life, that I might enjoy all things.  
I got nothing that I asked for –  
But everything that I had hoped for,

Almost despite myself, my unspoken prayers were answered.  
I am among all men most richly blessed.

Soldier in American Civil War

## CHURCH ONLINE

Among the number of new concepts introduced to us by the coronavirus pandemic is the idea of 'church online,' both among the Christian population and those less familiar with 'church.' Many ministers have commented that, while they may initially have struggled, the new format has worked, and has drawn in people who would not normally go to church; theirs or anyone else's.

One Church of England Diocese carried out a survey across its many benefices, receiving some 180 replies to its questions. Five-sixths, 84%, had made some kind of online provision for its work, with three-quarters, 76%, providing worship services. Over half did such more than once a week!

In total, the online church respondents had almost 1,300 participants on a Sunday, but these were augmented by a further almost 800 who tuned in subsequently. Normally, if you aren't at a church service, you've missed it. Not now! To have so many who followed the service subsequently, an increase of over three-fifths, 62%, of the original Sunday watchers, must say something about the usefulness of this format, popularity, and the convenience of being able to worship at an alternative time.

Do online services 'work'? For many, the overall answer is positive. "Although online services have (a number) of limitations, people can meet with God. Two people have come to faith through online services," wrote one minister. It enables the church to re-connect with those who have moved away, and not found another church to attend. "It's easier for people to come than to walk through a church door," said another.

"We have overcome being a physically dispersed rural church. We are now a church built on a praying community across 30 different people praying together morning and evening," was the testimony of another. Housebound people, providing they have the necessary facilities and technological 'know-how,' can also participate.

Is it worth all the bother? Evidently so, as over half, 55%, of the churches aim to continue online services once lockdown is over. Only 7% said they wouldn't, with the remaining 38% uncertain.

Two-fifths of the churches, 41%, found that their numbers watching the service had increased over the weeks of lockdown, but this was offset by the 45% who found their numbers decreased. The remaining 14% said they had stayed the same.

Overall, have online services been beneficial? In the technical sense, yes, as "we are more capable than we thought at first," said one respondent, but spoke for

many. So new technical skills *have* been learned. “Planning online is very different – it needs to be engaging and concise,” said one person, so teaching skills presumably need to be sharpened also.

Faith-wise, as mentioned above, some have come to faith. Some have ‘come back’ to church. Many have watched for the first time. Some have watched services from other churches. Others, though, will have been put off by the format. “Online services are no substitute for a church service,” wrote one leader, and another said, “There is opportunity to reach wider, but more difficult to go deeper.”

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## **THANK YOU**

Edith and Frank would like to Thank all our friends at All Saints’ for their prayers and good wishes after we were taken ill in February. It’s been a long difficult time on top of hospitalisation and the Corona Virus lockdown, and your support during this time has been very welcome, as has the regular contact by phone from many friends, they have helped us very much.

We are now trying to get back to normal and hope to be back at All Saints’ soon if the virus will allow. In the meantime, we wish everyone good luck and good health in the coming weeks and possibly months.

Love to all  
Edith and Frank Youren



### **ROOMS**



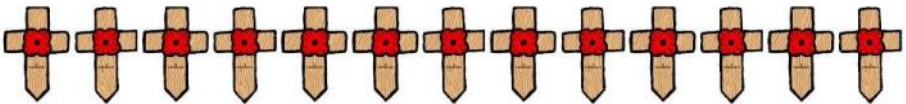
When the vicar moved his family into the large Victorian vicarage, a member of the congregation asked the young son how he liked his new home. “It’s great,” the little boy replied. “At last I have my own room, Mike has his own room, Jemma has her own room, and Bobby has his own room. But poor Mum is still in with Dad.”

## **LORD, PROP US UP!**

There is a story of an old farmer who always prayed the same prayer at his church meeting. 'Lord, prop us up on our leanin' side'. After hearing this many times, his minister asked him one day quite what he meant.

The farmer replied: "Well, it's like this... I've got an old barn out in one of my fields. It's been there a long time and gone through a lot of storms. One day a few years ago I noticed that it was leaning to one side a bit. So, I went and got some poles and propped it up on its leaning side, so it wouldn't fall. Then I got to thinking about how much I was like that old barn. I've been around a long time and seen plenty of storms in life. I was still standing, but I was also leaning a bit. So, I decided to ask the Lord to prop me up, too, on my leaning side.

Our 'leaning side' is where we are weakest in ourselves. Sometimes we get to leaning toward anger, bitterness, bleakness in life. Then we too need to pray for God to prop us up, especially on that leaning side. He wants us to stand tall and free, in Him.



## **POPPY APPEAL 2020**

Look out for the Poppy Appeal again this year, but not so much via street collections. Instead, the Royal British Legion will focus on contactless donations, as a safer way forward during the pandemic.

One such method will be 'point of sale donations. This means that when you shop at your supermarket and reach the till or online, you may be invited to round up your total to the nearest pound to help the Poppy Appeal.

A spokesman for the Royal British Legion said: "The Poppy Appeal 2020 is very much still going ahead", but that "the safety and wellbeing of our volunteers, staff and members is paramount.

This means that collectors who fall into the vulnerable category have been advised "not to take part in activity on behalf of the Poppy Appeal that would expose them to any additional risks while coronavirus is still present."

And yet the need is still huge: "Members of the Armed Forces Community are suffering significant hardship as a result of the Covid-19 outbreak and we at the Royal British Legion will do everything we possibly can to support them."

## GREEN GROW' TH THE HOLLY

A music manuscript from about 1515 and attributed to King Henry VIII has the words:

Green grow'th the holly,  
*So doth the ivy,*  
*Though winter blasts ne'er so high*  
*Green grow'th the holly.*

The next three verses take us through spring, summer and autumn, so this is clearly not a Christmas carol, unlike the familiar 'The Holly and the Ivy'. What may not be known is that holly and ivy are two of the very few native evergreen trees, and in past times must have been especially popular in providing greenery during winter months.



With its shiny spiky dark green leaves, holly is surely one of the most easily recognised trees in this country. Though often bushlike, holly can grow up to ten metres high with a straight trunk and pyramid shape. It is *dioecious*, meaning each tree is either male or female, explaining possibly why the one in your garden never has any berries!

Nowadays we associate holly with Christmas wreaths and garlands, cards and carols. Pre-Victorian times saw holly branches used as Christmas trees, with the spiky leaves representing Christ's Crown of Thorns and the red berries as drops of blood. Holly brought into the house was regarded as protection against evil spirits and as a refuge for good 'faeries' who would guard the residents of the house in return.

It is interesting to note that where no person or animal brushes by a holly, the leaves lack all spines except the one at the tip. This includes upper leaves on mature trees. A bit like people – be nice and they won't be scratchy!

Back to 'Green grow'th the Holly'. The final verse ends:

The God of life can never die,  
*Hope! Saith the holly.*

How wise. Where would we be without hope?

## **HELP OUR WILDLIFE BEFORE IT IS TOO LATE**

A quarter of mammals in the UK are at risk of extinction, and this decline will continue unless their habitats are restored and some species are reintroduced.

So warns the chair of Natural England, Tony Juniper, referring to a recent list of endangered animals issued by the Mammal Society, and approved by the United Nations.

UK mammals most in danger are the greater mouse-eared bat, the water vole, the hedgehog, hazel dormouse and Scottish wildcat. The European wolf is already extinct.

Tony Juniper advises that reintroducing some mammals would help others at greater risk. For example, introducing more pine martens would help control the grey squirrels, which in turn would give our native red squirrels a better chance.

As one professor of environmental biology said: “Here in Britain we are managing to send even rodents towards extinction. Things have to change rapidly if we want our children and grandchildren to enjoy the wildlife that we take for granted.”

### **DON'T WORRY**



A little boy was told that he should try and be good, and that he could ask God for help with this. So he prayed: “Lord, please make me good, if you can. But if you can't, don't worry about it. I'm having a real good time like I am.”



### **ONE OUT OF TEN**

A Sunday school class was studying the Ten Commandments. The teacher asked if anyone could recite one from memory. Susie raised her hand, stood tall, and quoted, “Thou shall not take the covers off the neighbour's wife.”



## **DOES MARRIAGE MAKE YOU HAPPY?**

It may. But then again, it may not. Research spanning 40 years has found that being married does not necessarily make people significantly happier than if they were divorced or single.

Psychologists at Michigan State University found that, while married people showed a slight increase in happiness, the difference was still less than one percentage point.

The findings are in contrast to a previous study by the Office for National Statistics, which found that being married or in a civil partnership was the third most important factor in happiness, behind only health and employment.

One researcher observed that, if someone longed for a lifelong partner to build a happy life together, but that individual was not completely happy to begin with, then getting married would be unlikely to cause a dramatic change in the long term.



## **WOMEN LIKE HUGS**

Women are more genetically predisposed to giving you a hug than a man is.

According to a recent study at Arizona University, about 45 per cent of a woman's desire for affection is hereditary, while the remaining 55 per cent is due to environmental factors. In comparison, men's 'skin hunger' is due to entirely environmental factors.

The scientists found that, 'almost without exception', women tend to be more affectionate than men. "There is some speculation that affectionate behaviour is more health supportive for women than it is for men, and that it helps women to manage the effects of stress more than it does for men."

## IN PRAISE OF PEANUT BUTTER

One quirky change of life under Covid-19 is that for some reason, we are eating more peanut butter. According to a recent report in The Grocer, sales of the stuff rose by 35.5 per cent in the Spring.

Peanut butter producer Kirstie Hawkins (Whole Earth brand) is delighted. "Peanut butter offers an easy way to add more nutrition to breakfast and snack choices."

Whatever the reason, sales of peanut butter, at £98.9million in the past year, are now £2million more than those for jam.



## SPARE A THOUGHT FOR YOUR FURRY FRIEND

Many dogs have struggled to adjust to the changes that Covid-19 has brought to their owners this year, according to the Dogs Trust.

For one thing, coronavirus has meant greatly reduced walkies for many dogs, more people around the house all day, less quiet for rest, and little or no contact with other dogs. No wonder that the Dogs Trust has reported that 82 per cent of owners have reported an increase in barking or whining

### *(from)* **The Brewing of Soma**

Drop thy still dews of quietness,  
Till all our strivings cease;  
Take from our souls the strain and stress,  
And let our ordered lives confess  
The beauty of thy peace.

*by John Greenleaf Whittier (1807-92 – American Quaker poet)*

## **WHERE DO YOU STORE YOUR VARIOUS FOOD ITEMS?**

Where do you put your parsnips and eggs, and what about the potatoes and onions?

The correct answers, according to new government guidelines, are that the first two belong in your fridge and the second two belong in your cupboard.

More guidance on storing food safely can now be found on Wrap, the Government's food waste watchdog. The aim is to stop households throwing so much food away.

And so [Wrap.org.uk](http://Wrap.org.uk) offers advice on storing everything from aubergines to onions, bananas to cheese, fizzy drinks to wine. It could be a good refresher course for many of us, and a lifeline for younger people trying to get the most out of their weekly shop.

## **LOWER YOUR HOSTILITY**

Keep calm, and keep kind, if you want to live longer. It seems that being sarcastic and irritable only makes heart attack victims more likely to die from a second coronary.

A recent study in the US on the personality traits of patients who had had heart attacks found that hostile personality traits (sarcasm, cynicism, resentment, impatience, irritability) was a common factor.

One doctor at the University of Tennessee said: "We know that taking control of lifestyle habits improved the outlook for heart attack patients, and our study suggests that improving hostile behaviour could also be a positive move."



## TRY A LITTLE KINDNESS

When TV presenter and celebrity Carolyn Flack took her life in February 2020 the world was shocked and saddened. How could someone so young, beautiful and successful do such a thing? It seems that the pressure of an impending court case, the vitriol she received online, and her own inner pain had become too much for her.

Shortly before she died, she posted, 'In a world where you can be anything, be kind.'

These simple words are a call to our society to become more caring and careful in the way we treat each other. There is too much unkindness about, especially on social media where unkind words are so common and can be so destructive.

Kindness can be defined as the quality of being friendly, generous and considerate. It is shown through our words and by our actions, an everyday sort of quality that is not spectacular but which when we encounter it can lift our spirits.

It is above all a Christian virtue that ought to be demonstrated in great measure within Christian communities. It is a fruit of the Spirit, an attitude that is formed within us when the Holy Spirit is at work in our lives (Galatians 5:22). It is an aspect of love for love is patient, love is kind (1Corinthians 13:4). Yet sadly, the Church is often no different from the world. Congregations can sometimes be anything but friendly, generous and considerate.

Why not try a little kindness this week? Do something spontaneously to help another person. Reach out in friendship to someone who seems lonely, if only by phone! Speak some kind words to those around you. You will feel better yourself, and you will be making the world a better place.



## THE WISDOM OF AFTERNOON TEA

My wife and I were at one time missionaries with the Overseas Missionary Fellowship. We joined them in 1975 after a period of training at their headquarters in London. While we were there, we met the hostess of the Mission Home, a matronly lady who had herself served overseas. She was a formidable person, but with a soft heart, and a depth of spiritual wisdom.

I remember her offering to our group of would-be missionaries this piece of sage advice: “The missionaries who stay the longest on the field are those who have their afternoon tea.” It struck me then as being very profound, and it is a life rule that I have followed ever since, with great benefits.

This practice of course is typically British, but valuable none the less. For us, a cup of tea is the answer to everything. “Let’s make a cup of tea,” we say in any crisis. It soothes and refreshes and helps us get things in perspective. Somehow things seem much brighter when you have had a cuppa, especially if shared with friends or colleagues.

But there is more to the custom of afternoon tea. This little ritual gives us permission to stop in the midst of a busy day and rest a while. It enables us to make contact with others, and to step back from whatever is filling our mind at the time. And over time, these little oases are the way we care for our souls as well as our bodies.

We read that Jesus, when He was tired, sat down by the well at Sychar (John 4:6). He gave Himself permission to stop and have a break. I like to think on that basis He would heartily approve of afternoon tea.

*: By the Revd Tony Horsfall of Charis Training.*



## **ALL SAINTS'100 CLUB**

The purpose of the 100 club is to raise much needed funds for the upkeep of All Saints' Church and Churchyard.

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### **The winners of the APRIL 2020 draw:**

<b>First Prize</b>	<b>£41.62</b>	<b>No. 27</b>	<b>H Robertshaw</b>
<b>Second Prize</b>	<b>£13.88</b>	<b>No. 34</b>	<b>D Masterman</b>

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<b>Second Prize</b>	<b>£13.50</b>	<b>No. 36</b>	<b>S Mumford</b>

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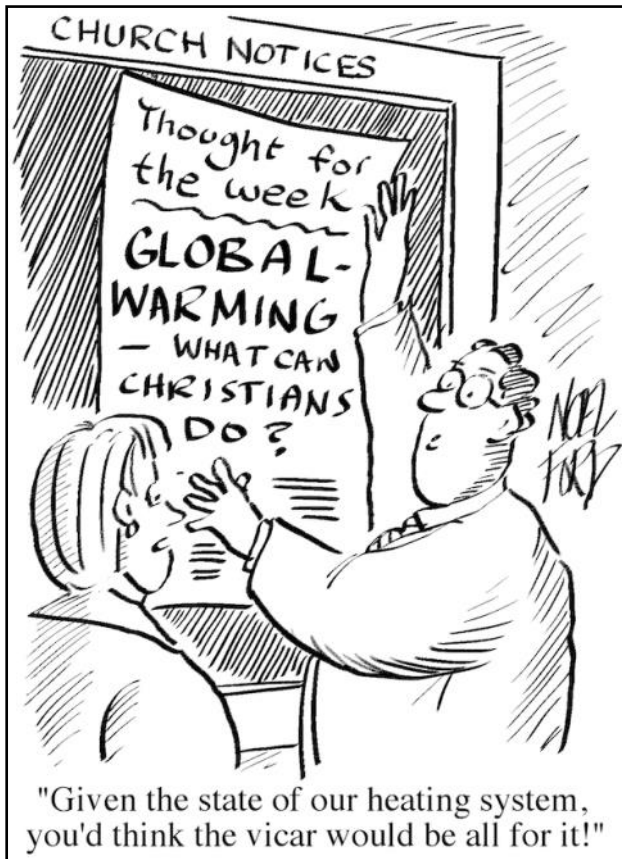
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The winners of the October 2020 draw:

First Prize	£40.50	No. 33	C Wright
Second Prize	£13.50	No. 1	J-C Bulidon

All winners have been notified.

So far the club is contributing over £1500.00 net to the annual costs.



# NOVEMBER'S CROSSWORD PUZZLE

## Across

- 1 'The Lord Jesus... took bread, and when He had given —, he broke it' (1 Corinthians 11:24) (6)
- 4 'He has taken me to the banquet hall, and His — over me is love' (Song of Songs 2:4) (6)
- 8 Surrey town that hosts the National Christian Resources Exhibition (5)
- 9 Also known as Abednego (Daniel 1:7) (7)
- 10 Liken (Isaiah 40:18) (7)
- 11 A son of Etam, descendant of Judah (1 Chronicles 4:3) (5)
- 12 A part of the temple where the blood of a young bull was to be smeared (Ezekiel 45:19) (9)
- 17 'They make many promises, take false — and make agreements' (Hosea 10:4) (5)
- 19 Roman province to which Paul returned after evangelizing it on his first missionary journey (Acts 16:6) (7)
- 21 Material used to make baby Moses' basket (Exodus 2:3) (7)
- 22 'And feeble as —, in thee do we trust, nor find thee to fail' (5)
- 23 'The watchman opens the gate for him, and the sheep — to his voice' (John 10:3) (6)
- 24 Stalk carrying the sponge of wine vinegar given to Christ on the cross (John 19:29) (6)

## Down

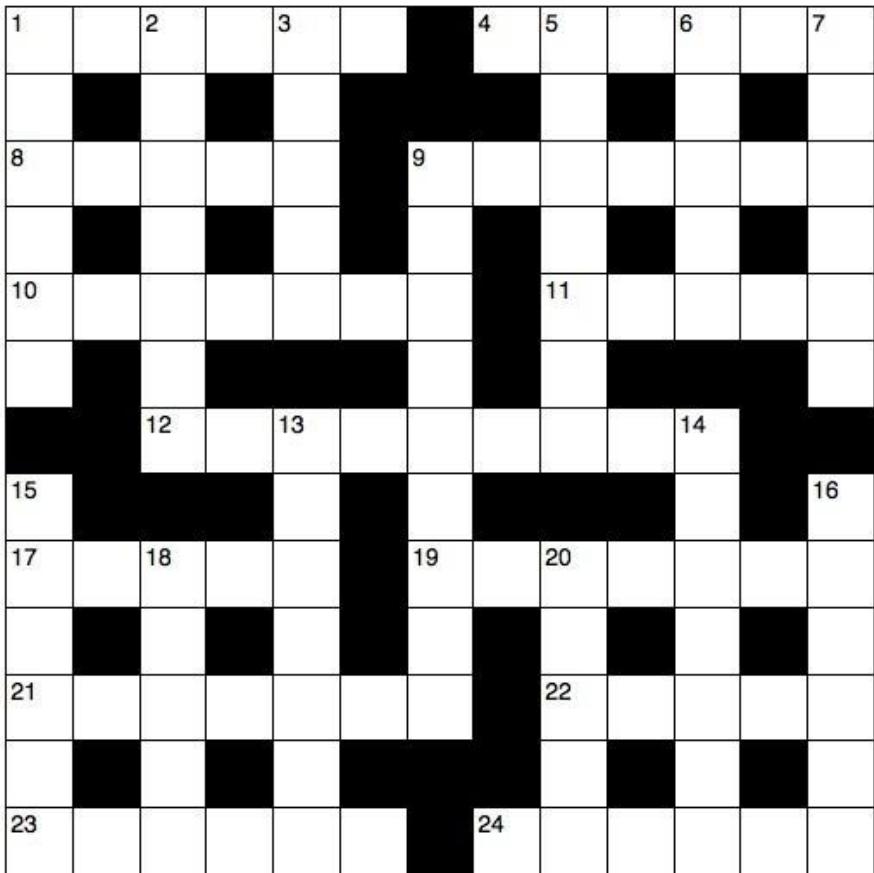
- 1 Elijah dug one round the altar he built on Mount Carmel and filled it with water (1 Kings 18:32) (6)
- 2 'I am not — of the gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes' (Romans 1:16) (7)
- 3 Buddhist term relating to belief in reincarnation (5)
- 5 Damascus disciple who, at God's command, restored the sight of the blinded Saul of Tarsus (Acts 9:12) (7)
- 6 and 16 Horses: their sound (Jeremiah 50:11) (5) and their gait (Joel 2:4) (6)
- 7 A three (anag.) (6)
- 9 Athenian council addressed memorably by Paul (Acts 17:22) (9)
- 13 Abide by (Galatians 3:5) (7)
- 14 Persian princes (Daniel 3:2) (7)
- 15 Force (Galatians 6:12) (6)



16 See 6 Down (6)

18 Paste (anag.) (5)

20 How the cedars of Lebanon are described (Isaiah 2:13) (5)



## OCTOBER'S CROSSWORD ANSWERS

**ACROSS:** 1, Deacon. 4, Appear. 7, Wits. 8, Heavenly. 9, Argument. 13, Mob. 16, Broken-hearted. 17, Ran. 19, Suddenly. 24, Obstacle. 25, John. 26, Enable. 27, Market.

**DOWN:** 1, Dawn. 2, Afternoon. 3, Nehum. 4, Again. 5, Prey. 6, All to. 10, Users. 11, Ephod. 12, Trace. 13, Metalwork. 14, Body. 15, Eber. 18, Alban. 20, Uncle. 21, Dream. 22, Stab. 23, Gnat.

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