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LETTER FROM THE VICAR

Dear Friends,

Celebrating the Harvest each year is both modern and ancient. The traditional British Harvest Festival emerged in Victorian times in Cornwall but in fact it has been variously marked for millennia going back to pre-Christian times. Christians have a profound sense of God the Creator engaging with his creatures and Creation in daily life and



work. Our Harvest hymns capture this well and additionally remind us that our own lives are meant to become a harvest of growing faith and kindness to all. Harvest has a universal appeal and it is also marked in many different cultures.

On the final Sunday of February in Argentina, the Archbishop of Mendoza sprinkles the season's first grapes with holy water and offers the new vintage to God, setting off a month of celebrations. Crowds line the streets to watch a parade of competing beauty queens on their regional floats, and the festival culminates with a spectacular show at the amphitheatre; musicians, entertainers, and dancers take to the stage before a Harvest Queen is chosen against a backdrop of spectacular fireworks.

Sukkot celebrates Israel's bountiful harvests and recalls the time when the Israelites wandered the desert living in temporary shelters. Families build makeshift huts, or sukkah, with roofs open to the sky. Here they eat, and sometimes sleep, for the next seven days. Wands of willow, myrtle, and palm, together with a citron (a kind of lemon), are shaken every day in all directions to honour the gifts from the land.

Celebrating Harvest is somehow deeply embedded in human lives and although few of us are directly involved in agriculture in modern Britain, Harvest has an abiding importance. We remain conscious of the impact of the environment on harvesting food, not only changing farming practices but influencing what we now sow as crops because of climate change. Food miles make us aware of the need to procure foods without harming the world's environment. The joyful delights of harvest celebrations are coupled with a growing awareness of those who experience food poverty, drought and famine which have been present across the world ever since agriculture developed. Thanksgiving for what we have and generosity to those who lack life's basics is as vital today as ever it was.

It's clear that Harvest is a time for everyone to mark with reflection, thanksgiving and generosity, what it means in the $21^{\rm st}$ Century. "Come, ye thankful people, come, raise the song of harvest home!"

With every blessing,

Monton



CHURCH NEWS

SMART Home Remedies

Eighteen of us met at SMART at the start of September, to discuss "Home Remedies" which turned out to be a far-ranging topic covering not only homemade cures for ailments but gardening, household and DIY tips too.



Old fashioned remedies on display in Seaford Museum.

Dampened salt put in the middle of a dandelion flower will kill the weed and tip-ex can be used for a quick fix of scratched wood instead of paint. Instead of throwing away your burnt saucepan try simmering a small quantity of washing powder or rhubarb in water to lift all the stains. Water mixed with vinegar or neat vinegar will clean mould off silicon and dirt off windows which should then be wiped clear with scrunched newspaper to remove any smears. Raw garlic soaked in honey to be eaten, was recommended for high blood pressure. Friar's Balsam in hot water in a bowl inhaled under a towel, hot water mixed with rum, honey and lemon juice as a drink or hot toddy and sipping the black sticky gunk from raw onion sprinkled with sugar were all given as infallible cold cures.

I know which of those I would prefer! People remembered using vinegar for wasp stings and bicarbonate of soda for bee stings and Cherith's granddad's remedy for nettle stings was to rub dock leaves on them while reciting his charm of: "Docken go in, nettle go out." Anthony's dad would always carry a lump of soda crystals in the car for rubbing the bite of a horsefly or other insect bites.

You may recall when one could buy preparations such as kaolin and morphine for upset stomachs, and malt with cod-liver oil as a health supplement. One member brought along her copy of Mrs Beaton's Home Remedies which is full of similar household tips and health cures.

A wartime tip for doing away with greying hair really fascinated me. Mix red wine with iron filings and then comb through your hair! On second thoughts maybe I won't try that one at home!

Everyone contributed and it was an interesting and amusing afternoon, followed by tea with delicious homemade coffee and lemon cakes. Thank you to all SMART members who contributed these and many more Home Remedies. If you are of retirement age and would like to give SMART a try please get in touch with Sarah Cousins via the Parish Office.

Sarah Cousins

MESSY CHURCH

September's Messy Church was the first Messy Church service back after the summer holidays and it was very well attended with over 75 people. The children got to take part in an array of activities which included the newly introduced breakdance session,





Garden Tidy Session

Please join us on Saturday 2 November so we can get the Church gardens looking tidy for Remembrance Sunday. We meet from 10am and if you can spare some time it would be appreciated. Do join us for tea, coffee and cake.

Patricia Bird and Elisabeth Davis



News from the Church of England

The National Lottery Heritage Fund awards nearly £5 million for conservation in Church of England parishes

The Church of England has been awarded nearly £5 million to fund a 'much needed' expansion in work to conserve cultural and historical heritage in parish churches in a grant from The National Lottery Heritage Fund.

The National Lottery Heritage Fund has announced £4.68 million to support the Church of England's Conservation Grants Scheme over the next five years, helping churches to preserve a range of features from stained glass windows to paintings, clocks, bells, organs and monuments.

The award, which rises to £5.5 million in value with match funding, will enable the scheme also to fund grants for church fabric repairs of up to £25,000 that are linked to the conservation of an object – such as mending guttering if a leak is affecting wall paintings.

Other new features include funding for partnerships with training institutions – helping with significant costs such as scaffolding – in order to allow churches to act as training sites for skilled crafts in areas such as stained glass, monuments and wall paintings.

The expanded scheme will not only give larger grants to more projects, but will include funding for specialist surveys and help existing conservation projects reach completion.

The award is the first to be made through The National Lottery Heritage Fund's new strategic initiative for Places of Worship. Through the initiative at least £15million will be invested for strategic projects at a national and regional level to address sector-wide issues and funding gaps facing the UK's places of worship.

A further £85 million is expected to be awarded through The National Lottery Heritage Fund's National Lottery Grants for Heritage programme over the next three years, with any place of worship in the UK, of any religion or denomination, encouraged to apply.

Eilish McGuinness, Chief Executive of The National Lottery Heritage Fund, said: "Places of worship are some of the UK's most historic buildings often at the heart of communities.

"There are many challenges facing these places, some new and others long-standing.

"The Heritage Fund has launched a new three-year strategy for places of worship which commits us to working with everyone concerned about their future to ensure that they are valued, cared for and sustained for everyone.

"We are delighted to be supporting the Church of England's conservation grants scheme and we are looking forward to working with other organisations across the UK to develop their own strategic interventions for places of worship of all denominations to tackle the problems they face."

The Bishop of Ramsbury, Andrew Rumsey, who is the Church of England's joint lead bishop for church buildings, said: "This is tremendous news, and will be such an encouragement to all who care for our church buildings. I applaud the vision and generosity of the Heritage Fund in committing to the future of these extraordinary places of worship, wonder and service."

Emily Gee, the Church of England's Director of Cathedrals and church buildings, said: "We are hugely grateful to the Heritage Fund for this extraordinarily generous and much-needed award for church buildings.

"It will enable us to expand our support to parishes in their crucial work to preserve our treasured cultural heritage, including the conservation of stained glass, wall paintings, clocks, bells, paintings and monuments.

"It will also provide a programme to enable churches to partner with educational institutions in the training of a new generation of heritage craft skill specialists, who are vital to the ongoing preservation of this diverse and rich heritage.

"I would like to pay tribute and thank all the thousands of dedicated volunteers who work so hard and give their time to ensuring that the heritage of our church buildings, so cherished by our communities, is sustained into the future.

"We are also deeply grateful to those funders, particularly the Pilgrim Trust, and the Radcliffe Trust, who have supported this programme over so many years and established this remarkable programme for churches and their communities."





SMOAT WELCOMES BACK HELIER DREUX WITH HIS MUCH ACCLAIMED ILLUSTRATED QUIZ

£15 TICKET INCLUDES CHILLI SUPPER

SATURDAY 12TH OCTOBER 2024

DOORS OPEN AT 7.15PM FOR 7.30 START ST MARK'S CHURCH CENTRE, REIGATE

We will be funding a project in Malawi which supports children orphaned by AIDS.

TABLES OF 8 - BRING A TEAM OR JUST JOIN A TABLE ON THE NIGHT

For tickets email chair@smoat.org.uk or go to www.smoat.org.uk to find a link to TicketSource



The End?

So often in life we can be disappointed to see the words "The End", or even the signs that appear saying "No Through Road" or "Dead End." We can be sad if we come to the end of a good film or a good book or any other event which we don't want to terminate.

If it is a good life we are enjoying, we are not wanting that to end either. Often the words "The End" is not the end but just so far as the author has recorded. Often the "end" of a relationship, through death or otherwise, might leave the surviving person desperately sad and seemingly irreconcilable. But none of us can see the remainder of our lives which might improve beyond our imagination.

At that early critical stage in the 2nd World War Sir Winston Churchill said at the Lord Mayor's Day Luncheon at the Mansion House on 10 November 1942:

"This is not the end. It is not even the beginning of the end.

But it is, perhaps, the end of the beginning."

How lucky we all are that he was right in that in three years we had victory.

Oscar Wilde, John Lennon and others are credited in saying:

"Everything will be okay in the end.

If it's not okay, it's not the end."

Both sayings may be helpful to us when each of us meet a crisis in our lives.

Sometimes these troubles seem so great that we want them to disappear for ever, or at least for the time being. Sometimes other people can help us and troubles may seem better at a later date. When we think of them in the night it is just possible to sometimes see things in a better light in the morning.

Eventually we will all come one day to the point of the prospect of death. Do we worry about this or just accept that God's will, whatever it is, will show us that life after death will be good, too?

How happy were those disciples who were devastated when Jesus had died and as they trudged their way home on the way to Emmaus. However, this was not as they had thought, the end of the story, as the glorious end of meeting the resurrected Jesus followed the sadness of their bereavement.

Who knows what will follow in our lives after the tragedies that come our way? Let us seek God's help on those occasions and maybe the help of someone else we can trust.

Ian Archer

GIVE TO GOGREEN

St Mark's is fundraising for £20,000 this Autumn



How much do we need to raise?

The lighting project that we want to carry out will cost £19,676. We need to raise half of that amount, which is £9,838, and Give To Go Green will then provide the other half.

What will the project achieve?

We need to replace the current lighting system in the church with a new, energy efficient LED system. This will **reduce carbon emissions and save money** in the future as the electricity requirement for the new lighting system is much lower.

How can you help?

You can make a one-off donation at services or online, or you can give weekly. And you can come along to our dedicated events!

You can donate by using dedicated card readers that will be in the church and hall at each service from the 29th September. Or you can scan the QR code below any time or by coming into the church office.

We must raise all donations in the 6 weeks from 29th September to 9th November. And all donations must be electronic: cash and cheque donations will not count towards our total.

What happens if we raise too much or too little?

We're determined to reach our total but if there's a deficit we'll replace a smaller number of the lights. If we raise more than our target we will put the surplus into a restricted fund for future eco church projects.

What are the autumn fundraising events?

A Candlelit Concert on 20th October with a fabulous line-up including St Mark's Singers and organ recital from Fr Martin and an Autumn Fair on 9th November.

Any questions? Please contact Treasurer Mel Crighton, any of the Clergy or Wardens, or Sustainability Committee member Sophia Oliver through the parish office.

Give to Go Green donations go a long way! Each donation is worth more than twice its original value due to match-funding and savings on bills. Donate via the QR code (right) or dedicated card readers.





CALENDAR FOR OCTOBER 2024

Wednesday 2nd October 3.25pm T-Time Tales

Thursday 3rd October 12.45pm Holy Communion (Iona) in Church

2.00pm SMART

2.30pm Micklefield School Harvest Service

Sunday 6th October Harvest Festival

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) – in Church 10.00am Sung Eucharist – in Church and Online

4.00pm All-age Harvest Worship

5.00pm Harvest Supper

Wednesday 9th October 3.25pm T-Time Tales

Thursday 10th October 12.45pm Holy Communion (Iona) in Church

Sunday 13th October 20th Sunday after Trinity

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) – in Church 10.00am Sung Eucharist – in Church and Online

1.00pm Community Lunch

Wednesday 16th October 3.25pm T-Time Tales

Thursday 17th October 12.45pm Holy Communion (Iona) in Church

Friday 18th October St Luke the Evangelist

Saturday 19th October 8.00pm Social Ballroom and Latin Dance

Sunday 20th October 21st **Sunday after Trinity**

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) – in Church 10.00am Sung Eucharist – in Church and Online

4.00pm Messy Church

6.30pm Concert in Church with St Mark's Singers

Wednesday 23rd October 3.25pm T-Time Tales

Thursday 24th October 12.45pm Holy Communion (Iona) in Church

Sunday 27th October Bible Sunday

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) – in Church 10.00am Sung Eucharist – in Church and Online

4.00pm Taizé Prayer

Monday 28th October St Simon and St Jude, Apostles

Thursday 31st October 12.45pm Holy Communion (Iona) in Church

Please remember that planned services are subject to change at short notice so please check the details on our website or with the Parish Office.

CALENDAR FOR NOVEMBER 2024

Saturday 2nd November 9.00am Garden Tidy Session

Sunday 3rd November All Saints' Sunday – "Green Sunday"

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) – in the Hall 10.00am Sung Eucharist – in the Hall and Online

4.00pm Family Service – in the Hall

6.00pm All Souls' Memorial Service – in Church

Wednesday 6th November 3.25pm T-Time Tales

Thursday 7th November 12.45pm Holy Communion (Iona) in Church Saturday 9th November 2.00pm Autumn Fair and Family Fun Day

Sunday 10th November 3rd Sunday before Advent – Remembrance Sunday

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) – in Church **9.45 am** Sung Eucharist – in Church and Online

and Act of Remembrance

1.00pm Community Lunch

Wednesday 13th November 3.25pm T-Time Tales

Thursday 14th November 12.45pm Holy Communion (Iona) in Church

Sunday 17th November 2nd Sunday before Advent

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) – in Church 10.00am Sung Eucharist – in Church and Online

4.00pm Messy Church

Wednesday 20th November 3.25pm T-Time Tales

Thursday 21st November 12.45pm Holy Communion (Iona) in Church

Sunday 24th November Christ the King

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) – in Church 10.00am Sung Eucharist – in Church and Online

4.00pm Taizé Prayer

Wednesday 27th November3.25pm T-Time Tales

Thursday 28th November 12.45pm Holy Communion (Iona) in Church

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1.5 Disaster or Opportunity?

"I knew we could do it. It's official. Never mind about 2050 or even 2030, in 2023 we reached an increase of 1.5 degrees C over the world average temperature before the Industrial Revolution. At last. That Saudi was right. We could achieve it. Now we can think of other things," said Ralph

"It's no laughing matter. The heating up of the world is a worldwide emergency," said Janet. "For twenty-eight years the COPs have agreed that global warming is a serious emergency which will come about if we don't end our use of fossil fuels and products made with them. The world might even become uninhabitable. There will be heavier rain, more frequent floods, rising sea levels threatening the many coast side cities, uncontrollable fires, loss of useable agricultural land and shortages of food and water. Unless sufficient change takes place, the higher temperatures will melt the thermafrost giving off huge amounts of methane, even worse than carbon dioxide. After that there's no way back. I thought countries were agreed that we should limit the rise to 1.5 by 2050 or even 2030 if possible"

"Don't believe everything you read in newspapers. Its 1.5 degrees and we are still here," said Ralph. "That's what matters. Oh, I know some are suffering floods and forest fires and food production is falling in some places but not here. We are on a hill and it's more of a concrete jungle than a forest susceptible to fire. It's now generally agreed that climate change can go on the back burner," he continued. "More imminent is the high inflation or stagflation, serious wars with changing positions amongst the world powers. The US is losing its status. Coping with that must come first. The previous government gave a lead back to fossil fuels, the papers are tired and moved on, the people are bored with the problem of climate change."

"I know that is the trend by governments and most have failed to have policies putting planned targets into effect. It's even worse than that. They have conspired to allow further coal and oil mines to be opened. They conspired by allowing Planning Authorities to grant licences provided the actual sinking of the shaft or super structure itself produced little pollution without any consideration of the pollution from the actual burning of the fuel. It was a simple nonsense and only the determination of Miss Finch down in Redhill who has taken the point to the Supreme Court and won has changed that. That was a triumph of commonsense over playing with unclear language," said Janet.

"Even in 1958 weather scientists understood the nature of climate change. The publication, *An Inconvenient Truth* set out the causes of climate change and the dire long-term consequences. The climate experts agree that things are much worse now than was anticipated then and strong remedial action is required at once. Even with

some change, emissions are still rising instead of declining, and now even the inadequate targets and counter actions are being toned down."

"They are just trendy lefties, who don't understand the problem of inflation," said Ralph. "It's very simple. Unless we increase our use of fossil fuels the world economy will simply grind to a halt through rising prices. Think of the current problems. All the public services, defence, police, health, social services, care for the elderly, the Civil Service are all in deep financial trouble. Worst of all business is short of investment. Economically we are falling behind other countries. And we have to defend ourselves against possible withdrawal of gas and oil by countries discriminating against us, not to mention a real threat of war".

"Yes," said Janet, "but much of that is due to slowing everything down by austerity and economising which itself puts off investors. As for our oil, I understand that increased output, when it comes, will be sold on the open market. Firms may make higher profits, but our economy will not benefit. The oil will simply go into the world market. In the long run it is changes in climate which threaten the world as we know it, and if that is to be avoided it is action now that is required.

"All in good time," said Ralph. "What we need is to manage the finances prudently and reduce inflation and taxes. People are fed up with the state of the world and just want to get on with their present lives."

"I understand that. But what people like you have to realise is that unless changes are made there is no future for their grandchildren," said Janet. "Furthermore, the Foreign Secretary has recently said that Climate Change is a greater priority than the wars in Ukraine and Palestine.

"Whatever the arguments on climate change, now is not the time. If green policies make them unemployed or not able to afford their car, people will vote for the populists and then governments will founder along with economies. Our reduction in the use of fossil fuels is still better than most. Other countries are not achieving their targets either, so why should we? The climate change chatter is simply diverting attention away from the present problems we cannot afford not to deal with, and they matter now," said Ralph.

"Our use of fossil fuels has reduced partly because what we consume is increasingly produced in China. We still use it. The aircraft industries hoping to double its output. I have to accept that simply closing steelworks without replacing employment opportunities is bound to cause resistance, and no one wants to lose their car," replied Janet. "Green policies have to take account of the consequences of replacing fossil fuels and in the short term before green industries get under way, employment and other changes have to be taken into account. People just cannot get on their bikes.

"But actually the change to green power, which will be necessary at some time should be seen as a great opportunity. It's a chance to get in on the early developments of new industries and lead the way in some areas. John Kerry, US Envoy for Climate change, says this is the greatest opportunity for economic change since the Industrial Revolution and he says green energy is already cheaper than fossil fuels. But also it will provide employment for those who otherwise would be out of work which saves on unemployment benefit. Thirdly if the change uses British firms all the income generated by the investment will accrue here rather than abroad. Three problems solved for the price of one.

"We have an opportunity to once again build a business base which produce income for the bulk of the population rather than relying on financial areas. In any case it's only doing what we shall have to do later rather than propping up the past. This makes it imperative to start early so we not only become leaders in some fields but have the time to make changes properly. People cannot use electric cars if there are not enough charging points. Gas has to go sometime. People don't want to be unemployed through the process of change and as in the past be told to get on their bikes. We need to plan now and do things properly. We don't need to employ foreign companies to do things we can do our selves. That's how economies thrive.

"I still think that unless we solve our many social and economic problems first our investment in green power will founder anyway," said Ralph. "And it's no more than democracy to provide what the people want. VAT should be removed from things bought by foreigners to encourage them to come here," said Ralph.

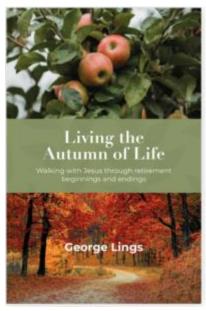
"The basic problem is that we are too set in our economic ways," said Janet. "We are also too used to electing some government and then letting them get on with it without any downside. Like us, governments just continue with old time business and divert to immediate problems because the really important ones are difficult for them to deal with. Then their advice is "Don't Look Up!" We all want democracy but no one wants responsibility and there are always those perhaps with vested interests who are prepared to deny or divert attention from the really important things so they can go on as before. And the electorate is just content either to let them play with the ball or desperately elect some populist who promises heaven but also fails to deliver." "Don't worry," said Ralph. "We had to fight World War II and recently Covid and we are still here. Science is wonderful. Something will turn up." "But what if it doesn't?" "Well, we shan't be here then Janet, so let's enjoy the warmer weather whilst we have it," said Ralph. "It's very unusual to have an emergency where urgent action is needed NOW to avoid a disaster some decades away, so I guess it's not surprising that mankind cannot deal with Climate Change," said Janet quietly.

"Hmm," said Ralph. "That sounds like it's still a very 'Inconvenient Truth!"

Harry Ingram



Book Review



Living the Autumn of Life: Walking with Jesus through retirement beginnings and endings

By George Lings

How can we best approach the season between retiring and becoming dependent? Autumn is a time of gains and losses: fruit being harvested, and leaves falling.

This book charts the experience of living through both realities, drawn from the author's own life and from the views of interviewees. Informed by historic and contemporary reading, it offers snapshots of later life, taken against a backdrop of ageism in society and church. George

Lings reflects on the identity of the 'active elderly' and considers the challenges and opportunities that this season brings.

Have you recently read a good book? Tell us about it. Email office@stmarksreigate.co.uk with your book review.

Prayer for October 2024

Lord,

As we move into autumn and the month of October, the normal seasonal changes are all around us, the beautiful colours, the falling leaves, the cooler days. And that is reassuring.

But, so much else in our world is changing so rapidly, often in ways we don't understand. And that can be worrying.

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

Thank you that whatever comes, we are secure in You, when we put our trust in Jesus.

In His name, we pray.

Amen.

Daphne Kitching



A Lasting Gift for St Mark's Church

Leaving a legacy

Legacy gifts can make a huge difference to churches. Each year, gifts in wills, ranging from £100s to £100,000s are received. Faithful witnesses leaving generous legacies have enabled churches to invest in their buildings, pioneer new ministries, and sustain a welcoming presence in their communities.

Why should you write a will?

Writing a will means you choose:

- · How you would like to share your property and possessions;
- Who you would like to look after any children under the age of 18;
- How to support any charities or churches that are important to you.

Without a will, these decisions will be made according to pre-ordained rules, and by the courts, which may be different from your wishes. Leaving a will gives you peace of mind and lifts a burden from loved ones after you are gone.

To make it easier the Church of England has partnered with Farewill, the UK's favourite will-writer, so anyone can write a simple will online for free, in as little as 30 minutes. You can find out more by visiting https://farewill.com/southwarkdiocese.

We strongly advise seeing a solicitor for more complicated wills, or for people wishing to review their existing will or add a codicil.

A gift for future generations

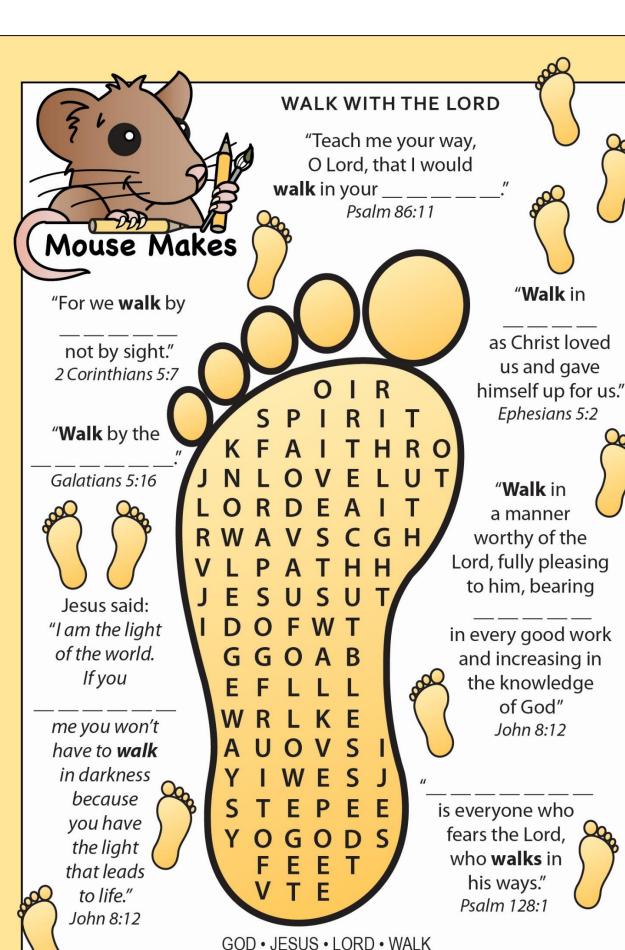
After you have made provision for your family and friends, we hope you'll also consider leaving a gift in your will to St Mark's. A legacy is a valuable expression of how meaningful a church has been during your time there. It's a way to give thanks - a lasting testimony to the faithfulness, goodness and generosity of God.

The policy of the PCC is to use legacies to help fund additional mission or development projects in the parish, whether buildings, equipment or staff. Circumstances change over the years, so church members are encouraged to leave legacies for the general purposes of the parish. The PCC will discuss the most appropriate use of the legacy in the light of current projects and the donor's known areas of interest in the church (for example, children and youth, music, buildings).

You may also receive tax benefits for including a gift to St Mark's in your will. A gift in your will to a charity is free of inheritance tax and may also reduce the amount of tax payable on the rest of your will. https://www.gov.uk/donating-to-charity/leaving-gifts-to-charity-in-your-will

Please consider leaving a legacy to St Mark's.

Mel Crighton, PCC Treasurer



Find the words from the questions too!

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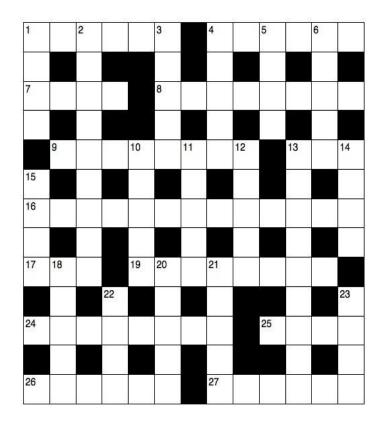
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October Crossword

Biblical references are from the New International Version

Across

- 1 He must be 'the husband of but one wife and must manage his children and his household well' (1 Timothy 3:12) (6)
- 4 'For we must all before the judgement seat of Christ' (2 Corinthians 5:10) (6)
- 7 'They reeled and staggered like drunken men; they were at their end' (Psalm 107:27) (4)
- 8 See 19 Across
- 9 It concerned who among the disciples would be the greatest(Luke 9:46) (8)
- 13Formed by the Jews in Thessalonica to root out Paul and Silas (Acts 17:5) (3)
- 16'He has sent me to bind up the ' (Isaiah 61:1) (6-7)
- 17 Moved rapidly on foot (Matthew 28:8) (3)
- 19and 8 '— a great company of the host appeared with the angel' (Luke 2:13) (8,8)
- 24Hindrance (Romans 14:13) (8)
- 25Comes between Luke and Acts (4)
- 26Empower (Acts 4:29) (6)
- 27'Get these out of here! How dare you turn my Father's house into a !' (John 2:16) (6)



Down

- 1 Sunrise (Psalm 119:147) (4)
- 2 The part of the day when Cornelius the Caesarean centurion had avision of an angel of God (Acts 10:3) (9)
- 3 He was one of those who returned with Zerubbabel from exile inBabylon to Jerusalem (Nehemiah 7:7) (5)
- 4 'No one can see the kingdom of God unless he is born '(John 3:3) (5)
- 5 Animal hunted or killed as food (Ezekiel 22:25) (4)
- 6 'He encouraged them remain true to the Lord' (Acts 11:23) (3,2)
- 10 Ruses (anag.) (5)
- 11Jewish priestly vestment (Exodus 28:6) (5)
- 12Visible sign of what had been there (Daniel 2:35) (5)
- 13This was the trade of Alexander, who did Paul 'a great deal of harm' (2 Timothy 4:14) (9)
- 14 This is my , which is for you; do this in remembrance of me' (1 Corinthians 11:24) (4)
- 15One of Noah's great-great-grandsons (Genesis 10:24) (4)
- 18Traditionally the first British Christian martyr (5) 20Relationship of Ner to Saul (1 Samuel 14:50) (5)
- 21Jacob had one at a place he named Bethel while on his way to Haran, fleeing from Esau (Genesis 28:12) (5)
- 22Bats (anag.) (4)
- 23'You strain out a but swallow a camel' (Matthew 23:24) (4)

September Answers

ACROSS: 8 Kiriath Jearim 9 Toe 10 Ill at ease 11 Hated 13 Miletus 16 Started 19 Micah 22 Leviticus 24 Eli 25 Mary and Joseph

DOWN: 1 Sketch 2 Priest 3 Samizdat 4 Shalom 5 Wept 6 Breast 7 Embers 12 Art 14 Limassol 15 UNA 16, Salome.17 Adverb 18 Decade 20 Clever 21 Height 23 Tear

Puzzles

October Sudoku

		9		6	5			
6			3		4		5	
5	7					1		3
		3			6		1	7
		6	9		7	3		
1	2		5			9		
9		8					2	5
	4		6		3			8
			8	9		4		

September Solution

2	5	1	6	8	9	7	4	3
8	4	7	2	1	3	6	9	5
6	9	3	4	7	5	2	1	8
7	3	8	9	2	6	4	5	1
1	2	9	5	4	8	3	6	7
5	6	4	1	3	7	8	2	9
3	1	6	7	5	2	9	8	4
4	7	2	8	9	1	5	3	6
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