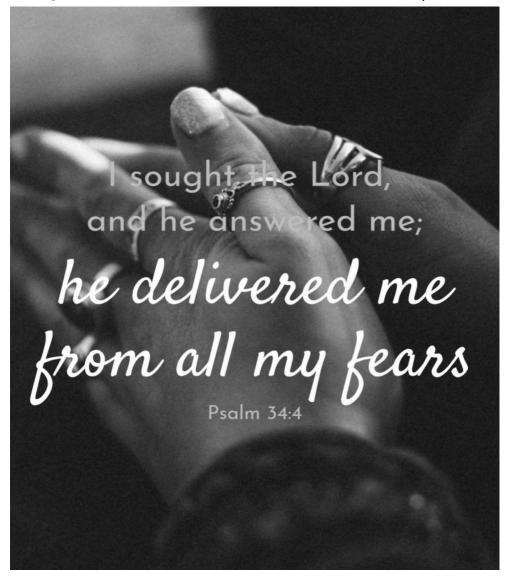


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This month's letter is from Peter Maynard

Dear Friends.

Our year started well and then due to unforeseen circumstances we encountered an evil which we could not see, Covid 19.

It is here that we see one of God's commandments in action here and now. "Love Thy Neighbour"

It has truly happened; great love has been showed to our neighbours next door and far and wide. Our love and compassion has reached out, whether it is doing the shopping or just making sure everyone is safe and well. It has drawn young and old closer together.

Our communication skills have been tested to perhaps it's limits. We have had to learn new technical skills quickly, with some of us still playing catch up with those skills.

Most people have followed what they have been instructed to do, followed the law so to speak, but some have ignored this directive and done their own thing.

A disregard to human life, their own and their loved ones. Sad to say this will always happen no matter what is on the cards. It cannot and will not happen to me, but sorry to say it can and perhaps it will. If we blow away the fog from our minds, we see the challenges each individual is faced with.

Our NHS working tirelessly to look after our illness, striving to find a vaccine and these things become sacrificial. It is now time to forget all this doom and gloom. Our flames burn brightly with our faith. Our spirits are lifted high with hope in our hearts, and a love for life and each other, and Jesus Christ is there to see and share with us all. We must remember the world is ever changing, and we must change and adapt to our environment. Meet all things head on and we will reach victory.

It is the time of the year when we celebrate our Harvest Festivals, where I hope "All is Safely Gathered in". Again, to share with those who have extraordinarily little or none. Some of what we collect in the benefice will go to the Trussell Trust, again giving people hope and love, and a feeling that they do matter.

May God keep you all safe and well on this somewhat long journey.

Love In Christ.

Peter Maynard Stanton under Bardon

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Please Note:

Obviously our services at Cross Hills are suspended for the foreseeable future and so we are holding virtual services through the Zoom conferencing platform.

This is working well for us and our services are held at 11 am every Sunday and prayer meetings every Tuesday at 7.15 pm.

Anyone wishing to join our services can they speak to Garry our Minister (contact number above) so that he can arrange for you to join our virtual services. You will need either a computer, iPad (or other tablet), or it will work to some extent on a mobile phone.

We wish you all well through these trying times.

God Bless.

Mary Holmes, Cross Hills Baptist Church

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If you have ANY concerns about a child, the conduct of an adult towards a child or vulnerable adult (however insignificant you feel it may be), please refer to one of the Benefice Safeguarding Team, who will then consult with the Diocesan Safeguarding Adviser.

Beta Bible Basics



Using technology the BETA Bible study group is continuing to meet virtually.

The meetings are as follows:

Alternate Tuesdays, 13th & 27th October at 2 pm looking at

"Justice and the Heart of God", a study with links to Christian Aid.

All you need is a phone, tablet or laptop. And to download a Zoom application.

For further details please contact Helen 230532

Benefice Registers September 2020



Baptism:

13th September: Freya Louise Wildbore, St Mary's, Stanton under Bardon

Funerals:

1st September: Julie Hucknall, St Peter's, Copt Oak

2nd September: Maureen Bancroft St Mary's, Stanton under Bardon

Please remember the families and friends in your prayers



The Benefice of Markfield, Thornton, Bagworth & Stanton under Bardon and Copt Oak Prayer Diary

Prayer Cycle	Church Local	Church Local &	Community, Nation	Benefice Street by	
		National	& World	Street	
4th Oct	Our Rector and Associate Minister	Leprosy Mission	Markfield Medical Centre and its staff	Park Lane, Beacon View, Bloxsom Close	
11 th Oct	Our Readers and their ministry	Mission to Seafarers	Scientists, mechanics & engineers	Jackson Road, Chestnut Road, Hawthorn Road	
18 th Oct	Our Church wardens and sidespeople	Tear Fund	Manufacturers and factory workers	Murphy Drive, Burditt Close, Daisy Close	
25 th Oct	Bishops and Archdeacons	Bible Lands	Craft workers and manual workers	Station Road, StationTerrace, Northfield,	
1st Nov	Our Parochial Church Councils	The Bridge, Loughborough	Service Industry workers	Victoria Road Stanton Lane, Thornton Lane	

Church Services across the Benefice

St Michael and All Angels' Church, Markfield

4th October	10.30 am	Harvest Holy Communion (CW)				
11th October	6.00 pm	Holy Communion (BCP)				
18th October	6.00 pm	Evening Prayer (BCP)				
25th October	6.00 pm	Holy Communion				
St Mary and Al	I Saints' Churc	ch, Stanton under Bardon				
4th October	10.30 am	Morning Prayer (CW)				
11th October	10.30 am	Holy Communion (CW)				
18th October	10.30 am	Morning Prayer				
25th October	10.30 am	'Something different' service (led by				
		SDS team) or Morning Prayer				
	St Peter's Church, Thornton					
4th October	10.30 am	All Age Service , Harvest (led by All Age Team),				
11th October	10.30 am	Holy Communion				
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Holy Rood Church, Bagworth

10.30 am

10.30 am

18th October

25th October

No services at Bagworth yet.

St Peter's Church, Copt Oak

Holy Communion (CW)

Morning Prayer (CW)

4th October	6.00 pm	Holy Communion (BCP)
11th October	3.00 pm	Praise Service (service of the word)
18th October	9.15 am	Holy Communion (BCP)
25th October	6.00 pm	Evening Prayer (BCP)

Morning Prayer

(You may wish to light a candle and have some reflective music playing in the background.)

The Lord is good, a strong refuge when trouble comes. God is close to those who trust in him. (Nahum 1:7)

O Lord, open our lips and our mouth shall proclaim your praise. The night has passed, and the day lies open before us; let us pray with one heart and mind.

(Pause for reflection as you offer the day to God.)

As we rejoice in the gift of this new day, so may the light of your presence, O God, set our hearts on fire with love for you; now and for ever. Amen.

Psalm 23 (or Psalm 16 or Psalm 139.)

The Lord is my shepherd; therefore can I lack nothing.

He makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters. He shall refresh my soul and guide me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; you have anointed my head with oil and my cup shall be full.

Surely goodness and loving mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning is now and shall be for ever. Amen.

Readings: see list of daily readings

Prayers

Almighty and everlasting God, we thank you that you have brought us safely to the beginning of this day.

Keep us from falling into sin or running into danger;

order us in all our doings and guide us to do always what is righteous in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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Keep us, good Lord, under the shadow of your mercy in this time of uncertainty and distress.

Sustain and support the anxious and fearful, and lift up all who are brought low; that we may rejoice in your comfort

knowing that nothing can separate us from your love in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The conclusion

The Lord bless us, and preserve us from all evil, and keep us in eternal life. Amen.



Evening Prayer

(You may wish to light a candle and have some reflective music playing in the background.)

The eternal God is your refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms. (Deuteronomy 33.27)

The Lord almighty grant us a quiet night and a perfect end. Amen.

Our help is in the name of the Lord who made heaven and earth.

(Pause and reflect on the day that is past.)

Save us, O Lord, while waking, and guard us while sleeping, that awake we may watch with Christ and asleep may rest in peace.

(Psalm 121, or Psalm 27, or another chosen psalm.)

Psalm 121

I lift up my eyes to the hills - from where will my help come?

My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber.

He who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.

The Lord is your keeper; the Lord is your shade at your right hand.

The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.

The Lord will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life.

The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time on and forevermore.

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning is now and shall be for ever. Amen.

Readings: see list of daily readings

Prayers

Merciful God, we entrust to your unfailing and tender care this night those who are ill or in pain,

knowing that whenever danger threatens, your everlasting arms are there to hold us safe.

Comfort and heal them, and restore them to health and strength; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Be present, O merciful God, and protect us through the silent hours of this night, so that we who are wearied by the changes and chances of this fleeting world, may rest upon your eternal changelessness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Visit this place, O Lord, we pray, and drive far from it the snares of the enemy; may your holy angels dwell with us in peace, and may your blessing be always upon us;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The conclusion

In peace we will lie down and sleep; for you alone, Lord, make us dwell in safety. The Lord bless us and watch over us; The Lord make his face to shine upon us and be gracious to us; The Lord look kindly upon us and give us peace. Amen



Readings for October

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Morning	Evening
1 st Ps 27:13-16 Luke 10:1-12	Ps 62 Mark 13:14-23
2 nd Ps 139:6-11 Luke 10:13-16	Ps 38 Mark 13:24-31
3 rd Ps 119:169* Luke 10:17-24	Ps 66 Mark 13:32*
4 th Ps 19 Matt 21:33*	Ps 136 1 John 2:1-17
5 th Ps 111:1-6 Luke 10:25-37	Ps 72 Mark 14:1-11
6 th Ps 139:1-9 Luke 10:38*	Ps 74 Mark 14:12-25
7 th Ps 117 Luke 11:1-4	Ps 119:81-104 Mark14:26-42
8 th Ps 78:1-39 Luke 11:5-13	Ps 78:40* Mark 14:43-52
9 th Ps 111:4* Luke 11:15-26	Ps 69 Mark 14:53-65
10 th Ps 105:1-7 Luke 11:27-28	Ps 84 Mark 14:66*
11 th Ps 106:1-6 Matt 22:1-14	Ps 139:1-18 1 John 3:1-15
12 th Ps 113 Luke 11:29-32	Ps 85 Mark 15:1-15
13 th Ps 119:41-48 Luke 11:37-41	Ps 89:19* Mark 15:16-32
14 th Ps 1 Luke 11:42-46	Ps 91 Mark 15:33-41
15 th Ps 98:1-4 Luke 11:47*	Ps 94 Mark 15:42*
16 th Ps 33:1-6,12 Luke 12:1-7	Ps 102 Mark 16:1-8
17 th Ps 8 Luke 12:8-12	Ps 104 Mark16:9*

Morning

18th Ps 99 Matt 22:15-22

19th Ps 147:1-7 Luke 10:1-9

20th Ps 85:7* Luke 12:35-38

21st Ps 98 Luke 12:39-48

22nd Ps 33:1-6 Luke 12:49-53

23rd Ps 24:1-6 Luke 12:54*

24th Ps 122 Luke 13:1-9

25th Ps 90:1-6 Matt 22:34*

26th Ps 1 Luke 13:10-17

27th Ps 128 Luke 13:18-21

28th Ps 119:89-96 John 15:17*

29th Ps 144:1-11 Luke 13:31*

30th Ps 111 Luke 14:1-6

31st Ps 42:1-7 Luke 14:1,7-11

Evening

Ps 142 1 John3:16-4:6

Ps 103 Colossians 4:7*

Ps 107 John 13:12-20

Ps 19:129-152 John 13:21-30

Ps 116 John 13:31*

Ps 130 John 14:1-14

Ps 118 John 14:15*

Ps 119:89-104 2 Tim2:1-7

Ps 127 John 15:1-11

Ps 135 John 15:12-17

Ps 119:1-16 Jude 1-4, 17*

Ps 138 John 16:1-15

Ps 145 John 16:16-22

Ps 5 Revelation 19:6-10



Prayers during the Covid 19 crisis

Intercessions

We pray to God, who alone makes us dwell in safety: For all who are affected by coronavirus, through illness or isolation or anxiety, that they may find relief and recovery:

Lord, graciously hear us.

For those who are guiding our nation at this time, and shaping national policies, that they may make wise decisions:

Lord, graciously hear us.

For doctors, nurses and medical researchers, that through their skill and insights many will be restored to health:

Lord, graciously hear us.

For the vulnerable and the fearful, for the gravely ill the dying, that they may know your comfort and peace:

Lord, graciously hear us.

We commend ourselves, and all for whom we pray, to the mercy and protection of God.

Merciful Father, accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

Prayers with children

A prayer for when a friend is ill

Dear God, (name of friend) is ill. I'm sad because I miss them.

They must be feeling miserable and lonely as well.

Please be close to them and the people who are looking after them. Please help them to get better and to know that you love them.

Amen.

A prayer for the world

God of love and hope, you made the world and care for all creation, but the world feels strange right now. The news is full of stories about Coronavirus. Some people are worried that they might get ill.

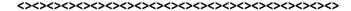
Others are anxious for their family and friends. Be with them and help them to find peace. We pray for the doctors and nurses and scientists, and all who are working to discover the right medicines to help those who are ill. Thank you that even in these anxious times, you are with us. Help us to put our trust in you.

Amen.

A prayer at bedtime

Before the ending of the day, creator of the world, we pray that you, with steadfast love, would keep your watch around us while we sleep. Tonight we pray especially for (names family or friends who are affected by Coronavirus). Please give skill and wisdom to all who are caring for them. Amen.

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A Helping Hand

There is much we can do just to brighten This world of all take and no give, There's a great deal that we can contribute Through the everyday lives that we live.

By supporting one's elderly neighbours Or through lending a hand in some way It's by taking a bunch of spring flowers To someone to brighten their day.

It's by sparing a few precious hours In the service of those most in need It's all about setting a standard And trying to give others a lead.

It's the way that we tend to treat others And help and aid folks in distress In the care and assistance we offer That will set us apart from the rest.

The choice that we face is quite simple The rewards plain for all men to see As you did all of this to my brother Then said Jesus, you did it to me.

By Colin Hammacott (Parish Pump)

Welcome Reverend Andrew

On a glorious evening on 21st September 2020 at 7.30 pm at St Peter's Church, Thornton, we welcomed The Reverend Andrew Smith as our new rector. Bishop Martyn led the service of welcome, institution and induction for Andrew as Rector of Markfield, Thornton, Bagworth and Stanton under Bardon, and Copt Oak.

Despite limited numbers attending because of covid-19, the service was a celebration of new beginnings for Andrew, his family and the community that make up our 5 villages. Bells were rung, music played, and St Peter's looked beautiful filled with flowers. Pat from Copt Oak Church described the service as 'very intimate' (in spite of social distancing), poignant and personal to both Andrew and his family and to the churches of the benefice'. It was a wonderful evening of welcome to Andrew, his wife Louisa and children, Ruben and Amelie, from us all across the benefice.

We wish you, Andrew, and your family all joy and success in your new home and in your new life among us.

A video of Monday's service is available on the Benefice Website: www.j22churches.org.uk



Understanding the Bible

Canon Paul Hardingham considers the authority of the Bible.

As we acknowledge Bible Sunday this month, it's a good opportunity to ask the question: why should I read the Bible?

The Bible is the world's best-selling book of all time. However, it isn't one book, but a library of 66 books, composed by some 44 writers over a period of 1500 years in a range of literature including history, poetry, prophecy, letters and apocalyptic (end times). Despite having a number of different writers, the Bible claims one author: God himself!

This is the basis of the unity of its message and authoritative claim to be the primary way by which God speaks to us: 'All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work' (2 Timothy 3:16). The Bible is inspired ('the word of God in the words of men') and presents itself as a manual for life, equipping us to live for God in every aspect of our lives. We also have the promise of the Holy Spirit to guide us in applying the words to our lives: 'the Spirit will quide you into all truth' (John 16:13).

However, the Bible could also be described as a *love letter* from God, as He uses it to deepen our relationship with him. As Jesus said: *You diligently study the Scriptures because you think that by them you possess eternal life. These are the Scriptures that testify about me'* (John 5:39,40). Christians follow a person not a book, and the Scriptures are intended to help us to know Jesus better.

At her coronation the Queen was given a Bible with the words 'the most precious thing this world affords'. Does this reflect our own attitude to the Bible?

Parish Pump



The Bible that is falling apart usually belongs to one who isn't!

Vance Havner

Everyone is invited to attend

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting of Thornton, Bagworth and Stanton under Bardon

Via Zoom on Tuesday 20th October at 7.30 p.m.

Please do join in and see what your PCC has been doing.

To book your place please let Gill Maynard know and pass her your email address.

As in previous years we need to elect 2 Parish Wardens, 2 Deputy Wardens and 2 Deanery Synod representatives. Nomination forms are available in church.

If you would like to have your say, or help with decision making please join the PCC.

Application forms are available in the churches.

Contact Gill Maynard 01530 249430 for more information.



Social lifeline to older people

It is not a surprise that older people are demonstrably happier when they can stay in touch with friends and family.

Now recent research by University College London (UCL) has found that people over 50 who use the internet for communicating with loved ones, have better mental health. But they tend to feel worse when they use the internet for information, such as job-hunting.

As one researcher said, the internet "does provide some substitute for face-to face communication, and does have a positive impact on mental health."

Parish Pump

Guardian Angels - keeping an eye on us

The teaching of Jesus encourages us to believe in guardian angels. He once said, 'See that you do not look down on one of these little ones. For I tell you that their angels in heaven always see the face of my Father in heaven.' (Matthew 18:10)



The existence of angels was suggested in various Old Testament texts, Jesus mentioned them explicitly, and the early Christians accepted their existence and work (Acts 12:15).

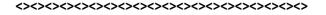
In England, devotion to the angels, both in Anglo-Saxon times and later, was strong. In modern times, the great American evangelist Billy Graham has written an entire book on the existence and work of angels.

Alcuin described them as intercessors (in the 11th century Leofric Missal); Herbert of Losinga, bishop of Norwich (d 1119) specially praised them, and his contemporary, Reginald of Canterbury, wrote prayers in their honour.

Honorius Augustodunenis (d 1151) clarified the existing belief of the time by asserting that each human soul, when infused into the body, is entrusted to the particular care of a single angel, who protects both body and soul and offers prayers to God.

For many centuries Christendom was satisfied with the feast of St Michael (and all Angels), but the special feast of the Guardian Angels was introduced in Austria, Spain and Portugal in the 15th - 16th centuries. Guardian Angels were then seen as guardians of particular towns or regions, or of each individual. Pope Clement X made the feast day universal in 1607, fixing its date to 2nd October.

Parish Pump



Keep the faith...but not from others!

Anon

Ivy - never underestimate its goodness!

Autumn is in full swing but there is at least one plant that is in full bloom. Not spectacular to look at, yet ivy is an important source of nectar for bees, moths, flies and wasps, and while they are not most people's favourite insects, they all play a vital part in Nature's jigsaw.

Ivy produces flowers from September to November. Spherical clusters of greeny -yellow blobs, which on closer inspection have endearing little horns with knobs on! The resulting fruits are dark berries with ridged sections, resembling tiny black footballs each containing five seeds. Poisonous for us, but birds love them.

Ivy is one of the few native climbing plants that can reach a substantial size. Contrary to popular belief, it is not a parasite. Its stems have lots of fibrous, adhesive-covered, roots which cling to buildings, brickwork, trees, telegraph poles, in fact just about anything to help it gain some height. However, when it comes to nourishment, that comes via the roots in the ground. [There's not much nutritional value in a brick.] Although ivy does not normally damage sound buildings or walls, and is rarely a threat to healthy trees, its weight can cause problems.

What a useful plant it can be! Providing shelter, hibernation and nesting sites for birds and insects, its glossy green leaves are happily munched by sheep, goats and deer. These leaves, so familiar, are different shapes according to whether they are on flowering or growing branches. The flowers are surrounded by heart- or spear-shaped leaves, while the rest of the plant has the three- or five-pointed ones we all recognise.

Many legends involve ivy. But has anyone discovered why although mentioned in the first line of the carol 'The Holly and the Ivy', it is absent from the rest of the verses?

Parish Pump



All Hallows Eve - or Holy Evening

Modern Halloween celebrations have their roots in pre-Christian times. In those long-ago days, on the last night of October, the Druid priests celebrated the Festival of Samhain, or 'Summer's End'. They lit great bonfires and performed magic rites to ward off the dark supernatural powers of oncoming winter. Today, Christians turn to prayer instead of charms to overcome the powers of darkness. And the deeper, true meaning of All Hallows' Eve, should not be forgotten. As Christians, we all draw closer to Christ when we remember and give thanks for our loved ones and for others who have gone before us through the gates of death.

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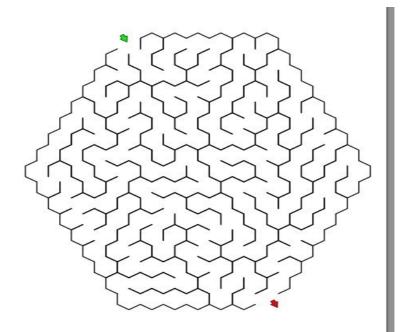
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It's A-mazing!



Copt Oak News

Hello everyone - it's that time again!

First, I must apologise for an error in my article for the September magazine. I referred twice to Revd. Andrew as 'Martin', why, I don't know and I didn't even notice my mistake when I read the piece through, before sending it to the editor. However, Revd. Andrew has graciously accepted my apology and I will try not to make the same mistake again.

Well Autumn is now approaching, after a strange Summer and will be upon us by the time you are reading this. Autumn is one of my two favourite seasons (the other being Spring). In my garden, the autumn crocus is in full bloom and the attractive bright red kaffir lilies are in flower too, heralding the coming season on 22^{nd} September. Red berries are everywhere - hollies, cotoneasters, hawthorns, rose hips and others - and acorns and hazelnuts are in good supply too, so the squirrels will be very satisfied. I know many people see squirrels as pests, but I like them and it cheers me up when I see one sitting up, its bushy tale curled like a question mark and clasping a nut in its tiny paws. I take great pleasure in watching their acrobatics, dashing up and down trees, jumping from branch to branch and walking along the slender ones as though on a tightrope and I'd sooner have a score of squirrels, than the rats which were a plague in my garden until recently. Soon the migrating birds will be flying high , up and away, when they know it is time to go. What a remarkable phenomenon that is!

The Harvest celebration will be very different this year, unless things change; no singing of harvest hymns, which is a great disappointment and no visiting choir to provide the entertainment which has become a regular feature of our annual events at Copt Oak. So many events lost as a result of the pandemic, thus affecting the fund raising of each of the churches in the Benefice. However, we can have a harvest service, fill the church with flowers in autumn colours and donate produce for the needy, so that is something to be happy about. Apropos of the season, here is a poem by Ann Rutherford:

Midsummer past, the days reach out Towards the Autumn glow Of golden corn and falling leaves That lead to Winter's snow. So, let us grasp the precious hours, While the season lingers on, And keep the sunshine in our hearts, Long after Summer's gone If you have managed to have a holiday recently, if only for a couple of days, I hope you enjoyed it and returned home refreshed. I always used to think that coming home to familiar things was one of the best things when a holiday came to an end so I will conclude with the following, written by Henry van Dyke, an American poet:

"Every house where love abides and friendship is a guest, is surely home - home sweet home - for there the heart can rest."

God bless,

Mary Pepper



Hymns Ancient and Modern

Over the past few months it has become quite difficult to find a topic on which to write an article for our magazine. Churches which have opened have many restrictions in place and all our fundraising events have been cancelled, hence there is little to report.

However, listening to Pauline's sermon based on not being able to sing hymns brought to mind the powerful words of hymns which when read and without music can be especially meaningful during this current pandemic

Each year there is a national poll conducted to see which hymns are the most popular. Voted the favorite hymn in 2019 was 'In Christ alone'. There was a difference of national opinion when it came to the survey conducted by the BBC. Those of us who went to the De Montfort Hall in August 2019 and joined in with the event entitled 'the Nation's favorite hymn ' found that their survey placed 'Jerusalem' in first place.

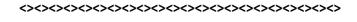
Charles Wesley, the inspiring writer of so many of our hymns, wrote according to one source, 8,989 hymns and another source stated over 6,000. Whatever the actual number what cannot be doubted is that his 'Love Divine' is a constant inclusion in most of our family celebrations.

The hymn 'To be a pilgrim' was a firm favorite during my school years and as young schoolgirls we found the words 'hobgoblin nor foul fiend' so amusing and so I was pleased to hear the verse retained and the hymn sang in full on the Sunday morning service on Radio 4.

My father at the age of fourteen was placed in a seven year indenture and during the 1920's sailed the seas to parts of the world where most people, at that time, had only read about in books. Much of that time was spent in the Arctic Circle repairing fishing boats out of Grimsby. It is not surprising that his favorite hymn was 'Eternal Father strong to save'.

The hymn that means so much to me is 'There's a wideness in God's mercy like the wideness of the sea' and especially the words of the final verse; 'If our love were but more simple, we should take him at his word; and our lives would be illumined by the presence of or Lord.' In this time of worry and uncertainty it is good to be able to read these words, even if we cannot sing them.

Jan Gaskell



St Peter's News

Christmas Craft Fayre

The Friends of St Peter's Church have very reluctantly decided that the Christmas Craft Fayre must be cancelled this year because of Covid-19.

This is the first time in 24 years that we have had to cancel the fayre. We hope you understand our reasons. The decision was not made lightly.

We have spent considerable time trying to find a workable plan that will encompass all the government Covid-19 guidelines. Sadly, it has proven to be impossible to find a sensible solution in view of the latest restrictions. And, given that the weather in November is often inclement, we could not expect folk to queue outside.

We are planning to continue the fayre in future years and look forward to seeing you in 2021. Maybe we could have a Spring fayre!

Shirley Garlick

Parish Walk 2020

We have been leading the Parish walk, about 8 miles, for over 20 years now and this year's walk was probably the most enjoyable. Firstly, the weather was a perfect 19°C with a light breeze. Importantly, it had not rained for several days before the walk and so the ground was firm and the grass dry. Secondly, we had a great company of 10 good walkers, a record for the Parish walk which helped make the occasion a very social event.

As usual we met at St. Peter's Lych Gate at 11 a.m., Richard & Sandy, Lis & Paul, Gill & Lucy, Mike & Olivia and ourselves. We were very pleased to welcome Mike and Olivia back who had travelled all the way from Essex to walk with us again. They first walked with us in 2015.

We set off on the first leg to St. Michael's Church, Markfield, via Brown's Wood. We were pleased to see that Brown's Wood was looking much better than it had in March. All the deep ruts made by the heavy vehicles used to thin out the trees were now overgrown and the footpath well-trodden. There were herds of cattle in the fields behind South Charnwood School, but they were far enough away not to be disturbed by us passing through. It was good to see the woods looking so mature and healthy as we remember when they were planted over 20 years ago. We walked through the M1 underpass and up into Markfield for a welcome short stop and a drink.

Next, we headed towards St. Mary's church, Stanton under Bardon, but took in an all-round view of Leicestershire from the trig. point at the top of Cliffe Hole Quarry. This is one of the best views of the county, especially on a clear day like today. After leaving Markfield we crossed the M1 via a farm bridge within sight of junction 22. It is always quite noisy there, but interesting to wonder where all the M1 traffic is going! We walked around the boundary of Cliffe Hill Quarry and entered Stanton under Bardon walking by the allotments behind Main Street. At St. Mary's Church we rested and ate lunch sitting on the grass enjoying the sunshine.

It is sometimes difficult to get one's legs moving again after a rest and lunch, but once we were all moving any stiffness soon eased as we headed towards the churchyard at Bagworth on the third leg of the walk. This part of the walk is quite varied as we first walk through grassy fields into Parting's Wood and then on to arable farm land. The first part of which was stubble, followed by a nice

stretch of a large unploughed grassy verge that the farmer had left for wild life, and walkers. Thank you. The next field was uphill and had been ploughed so was a bit uncomfortable underfoot. Thankfully, it was not wet so we didn't have the problem of heavy, mud caked boots! Finally, we walked under the railway bridge and up the hill into Bagworth. We rested in the churchyard and talked about the old churches that had once stood there.

Finally, we started the last and shortest leg of our walk back to St. Peter's Church. Most of this is through woodland where we often find hazel nuts. We did pass a lovely apple tree that was well laden with small apples. We always look out for blackberries and sloes and this year the blackthorns were well laden so a return visit in a few days was in my mind to start the sloe gin in time for Christmas. Once back in Thornton our jolly band dispersed with a promise to meet again next year, weather and Covid-19 permitting, a lovely thought. Thank you to all our walkers for a very pleasant day out in our glorious Leicestershire countryside.

William & Shirley



Thornton Nature Notes



Summer Heat.

August continued with hot weather and this was ideal for Dragonflies. On August 11th I managed to find several Small Red- Eyed Damselflies at the Stanton Inflow. This species is on the increase and this is the first record for this species at Thornton. Also on the wing were Brown and Migrant Hawker, Emperor Dragonfly and Blue Damselfly.

Purple Hairstreaks were flying over the Oaks on Stony Bank on August 13th and two Hobbies were seen on the 14th. On August 15th a single Common Sandpiper was on the dam, no doubt commencing its migration back to Africa.

A single Barnacle Goose was at the Outflow on August 21st and the flocks of Canada and Greylag geese were increasing. Three Crossbills were seen flying South West by Dave Wright on August 23rd.

Other sightings at the end of the month included Teal, Shoveler, Lapwing, Little Egret, Swift, and Spotted Flycatcher. It was encouraging to see a Dabchick with three juveniles and a family group of five Grey Wagtails.

An early Wigeon made an appearance on September 1st along with three Gadwall. Kingfisher, Green Woodpecker and Lesser Whitethroat were also noted. Cooler weather on September 3rd had a flock of ten Swifts dashing over the reservoir. On the following day three Spotted Flycatchers were in the hedgerow near Stony Bank. Other species seen here included Blackcap, Whitethroat, Chiffchaff and Willow Warbler.

On September 8th five Yellow Wagtails were in the horse paddocks below the dam. Included in this group were some washed out juveniles, which might indicate local breeding? Also on this date small parties of Meadow Pipits and finches were migrating south east. Two Ravens were also seen.

On September 10th a flock of 60 Siskin were near the church and feeding on Silver Birch. Geese numbers had increased with 250 Canadas and 70 Greylags. On the 13th two Snipe flew west and 60 Swallows drifted south.

On September 14th very hot weather was ideal for raptors to thermal and a single

Red Kite was observed. A late Hobby was also chasing dragonflies near to the church. On September 15th a small flock of 12 Lesser Redpoll were seen and 20 House Martins were feeding over the reservoir. They seemed in no hurry as the temperature reached 26C.

Andy Smith. 15/09/2020



Don't 'go it alone'

If you are helping others at this time, remember to still leave space and time for yourself. Going the extra mile for other people all the time will only ensure one thing; your collapse. Work in teams. Even the Good Samaritan did not attempt to help the injured man all on his own; he brought in the innkeeper. By sharing the problem, they solved it!

Parish Pump



Countdown

Using the numbers 100, 50, 7, 9, 8, 9 try to make the number 521

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(Answers on Page 30)



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- ♦ 100 years ago, on 7th Oct 1920 that Oxford University allowed women to become full members and study for full degrees for the first time, and the first 100 women were admitted.
- 40 years ago, on 3rd Oct 1980 that the Housing Act came into effect in Britain, giving more than five million council tenants the right to buy their homes.
- ♦ 30 years ago, on 8th Oct 1990 that East and West Germany reunited as the Federal Republic of Germany.

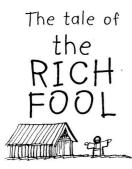
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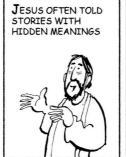


The language of church-going:

- ♦ HOLY WATER: A liquid whose chemical formula is H2OLY.
- ♦ HYMN: A song of praise usually sung in a key three octaves higher than that of the congregation's range.
- ♦ JUSTICE: When your children have children of their own.
- ♦ KYRIE ELEISON: The only Greek words that most Catholics and Anglicans can recognise besides gyros and baklava. (it means Lord have mercy)
- RELICS: People who have been going to church for so long that they actually know when to sit, kneel, and stand.
- PEW: A medieval torture device still found in many Anglican and Catholic churches.



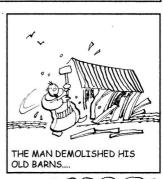












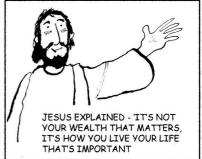














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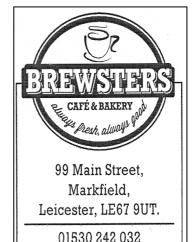
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