

Sale, St. Paul's
'Serving God and the community'

Parish News

Teach us, Lord, to use all the time we

have well, so

that we might grow in wisdom. Ps 90:12

September 2021

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Dear Friends,

Who likes change? Not many of us I would suggest! Most of us probably like the status quo – the way things are when we are settled or content. Many of us resist change, sometimes with a strong will, when life is good.

As we know, there is one thing for certain and that is nothing lasts for ever. In our constantly evolving world changes can happen with great frequency often throwing us off course.

The past 17 months or so have thrown up challenges and enormous changes for most of us, enforced change in our freedoms and everyday lives and for some, other changes too. I don't need to elaborate too much as we all know what impact Covid 19 has had. For some there will have been far reaching changes and for others temporary and superficial ones, we will all have coped with our individual changes in different ways.

During this time, we have had many changes at church too, including the way we worship, where we can sit, the new apparel of face coverings, no singing etc. and of course, the departure of Barbara our vicar who ventured into her retirement.

Changes, of course, aren't always negative, as a direct consequence of Covid we now live stream church services so that we can reach a wider audience and we look forward to welcoming Rev'd Becky Mathew as our new vicar in November and her family, as we embark on a new chapter at church.

In uncertain times, such as we have been living through, we often hanker for things to revert back to 'the way things used to be' but one thing that change teaches us is that we can seldom go back to the way things were.

Covid rules and regulations have been relaxed but some of us may still feel nervous, uncertain or perhaps uncomfortable in re-adjusting to the new normal. On the other hand others we know may be carrying on with life, riding the changes with seeming ease.

Jer 29:11 says "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart."

As we encounter trials and change remember that God is preparing us for the future. He is trying to draw us closer to Him so that we will trust in Him and lean on Him rather than on our own strengths and abilities. We must try our utmost to embrace change as hard as it so often is, especially change which we don't like, leaning on God and resting in Him who of himself is changeless, for He is our strength, our lifeline and the one who directs our steps.

Yours in Christ
Yvonne K



We hope it will be possible to start Community Choir again after the October half term on 5th November (subject to Covid restrictions of course), and are busy making provisional plans to make it work as safely as possible. Watch the magazine and pew sheets for further updates!

Anne Allen

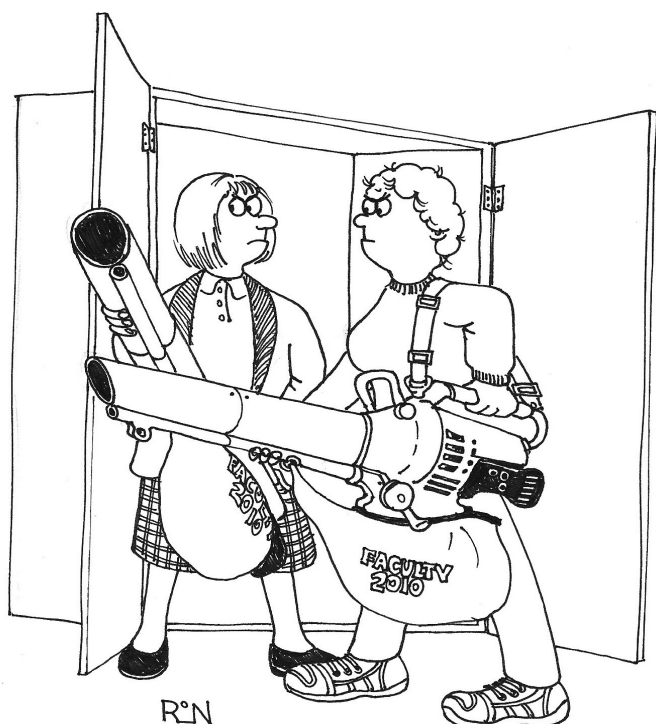
Tuesday Group

This is a reminder that we are meeting at 1.15 pm on September 14th in the church hall.

Unfortunately our speaker has had to postpone her visit as her holiday dates have been changed by the airline! Fear not, we are not wasting the afternoon! We have some things planned and all I will say is that we would like you to bring a pen.

I hope you will all be able to come.

Diana



*Shifting the cobwebs in the North aisle
required a faculty*



Jean would be very pleased to receive any donations towards the costs of flowers for some of our forthcoming big events including Heritage Day, Harvest Festival and the Induction of Revd. Becky Mathew.

Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in
1 Kings 1: 5-53

King David was now very old, but he had still not said which son would be king. Adonijah decided to make himself king.

Adonijah had a big party at Rogel Spring for all his friends, including Joab and Abiathar, to tell them he was the king. His brother Solomon and Nathan and Zadok were not invited.

Nathan told Solomon's mother

You must tell King David. If Adonijah is king, he will kill you and your son.



You promised our son Solomon would be king, but Adonijah says he is now king.



Nathan told David

He's having a big party to celebrate right now!



I will keep my promise! Solomon will be the next king. Zadok and Nathan, take him to Gihon Spring, anoint him and tell everyone!



So they went to Gihon with Solomon riding King David's own mule.



He was anointed king and a trumpet was blown.



At Adonijah's party they heard the noise.



David has just announced that your brother Solomon is now king.



Solomon was anointed and everyone is cheering.



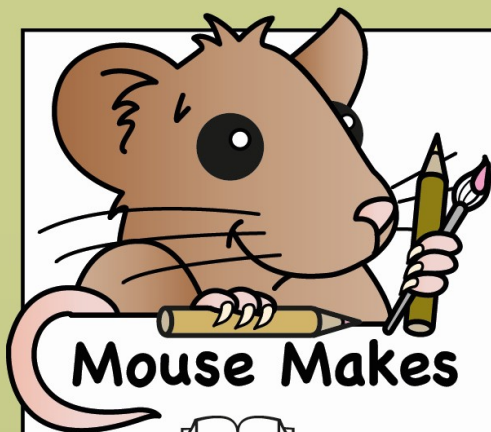
Everyone ran away. Adonijah was so scared he ran to the sacred tent for sanctuary.



King Solomon sent for Adonijah.

If you don't cause me any trouble, I will not hurt you.





Mouse Makes



The bowl of flour and the jar of oil

It had not rained for months and months, there was a drought in the land. God sent His prophet **Elijah** to the town of Zarephath. At the town gate he saw a widow gathering firewood.

"Please bring me a drink of water and some bread." he asked her.



She answered "All I have is a handful of flour and a drop of oil in a jar, it is our last meal."

"Do not worry." Elijah said, "Make the meal and make a small loaf for me."

The woman did what Elijah had asked and God blessed her ...

... The bowl never ran out of flour and the jar never ran out of oil until it rained again!



Find these words from the story in the word search:

WORD • LORD • GOD • ELIJAH • SENT • ZAREPHATH • GATE • CITY • WIDOW
STICKS • WATER • DRINK • BREAD • FEED • HANDFUL • FLOUR • LITTLE
OIL • SON • EAT • DIE • FULL • WENT • MAKE • BAKED • ATE • JAR • JUG • MANY
DAYS • LIVE • NEVER • EMPTY

The Queen on York Minster

York Minster is to mark the Queen's Platinum Jubilee next year with a statue of the monarch, placed in a niche high on its medieval west front.

The figure of the queen will be slightly larger than life, and she will be holding the historic symbols of monarchy: the orb and sceptre. She will be the first British monarch to have reigned for 70 years.

The statue will be the centre point of a makeover of the open space in front of the Minster, where a new Queen Elizabeth Square is to be created. More details are expected in the autumn.



Dress codes

Has this past year changed your preference in what you wear? Almost a third of workers want to ditch formal dress codes when the pandemic ends and more of us return to the office.

That is the finding of a recent study by recruiter Randstad, who found that the notion of 'dressing for success' has been weakened by the pandemic. After a year of working in casual clothes at home, many of us feel considerable resistance to 'getting dressed for work' again.

Be careful with Covid, urges Bishop of London

The Bishop of London, Sarah Mullally, has encouraged churches and individuals to continue to take precautions to protect the vulnerable from Covid-19.

"Many will welcome the possibilities now before us. However, this is a difficult point in the course of the pandemic. Despite vaccination rates, cases are up, hospital admissions are up and long covid remains an ongoing concern. Therefore, our approach needs to be cautious and careful.

"Taking personal responsibility means taking precautions to protect those more vulnerable than we consider ourselves to be. Local church leaders know their communities and their own circumstances, and we will support them making local decisions to keep themselves and their community safe."

Take a break

Here is a good tip if you are trying to learn a new skill: take short, regular breaks as you go along.

US neurologists helping people to rehabilitate from strokes have found that short breaks allow them to replay what they have learned, which cements the new skill in their memory. As one explained: "Manipulating replay activity during waking rest may be a powerful tool to help people learn new skills faster."

September Prayer

Dear Lord,

September – the month of new beginnings for many, as summer fades and school and college terms start.

After such a strange time of restrictions, hopes of freedom, with warnings to be cautious, it is hard to know what to expect this September.

We can't know what lies ahead, Lord, but we *can* trust you to see us through whatever it turns out to be.

Thank you for your promise, *I will never leave you or forsake you... (Hebrews 13:5)*

Help us to hold fast to that promise, to keep trusting you - and to be thankful for each September day.

In Jesus' name.

Amen.

By Daphne Kitching



"Mike composes all his sermons on his iPhone – he uses something called Predictable Text..."



Annual Box Opening 2021

After delaying last September's Box Opening due to the Pandemic, it has been decided to open the boxes this September.

If you have a Children's Society Collection Box, I would be grateful if you could bring it in to Church ASAP. If you're not able to bring it in, please contact me so that I can arrange for it to be collected from you.

Many thanks

Sheila Clarke

Local Secretary, The Children's Society

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Reflected Faith Series: the Bread we eat

The majority of Sunday morning service in churches throughout the world are based on the Last Supper of Jesus.

At the Passover meal, on the night before His death, Jesus took bread, gave thanks, broke it and gave it to His disciples saying, "*This is My body given for you;*" (Luke 22:19a). He also took wine and passed it to each of them and said, "*This is My blood, given for you.*"

These two elements, the bread and the wine, continue to be the central focus for Christians: doing what Jesus asked us to do, '*Do this in remembrance of me*'. (Luke 22:19b)

What we call this service varies between denominations and even between churches within the same denomination.

It is a way of giving 'thanks' as Jesus did (the word '*Eucharist*' comes from the Greek by way of Latin, and it means 'thanksgiving'), reminding us not only of the tremendous sacrifice that Christ had made on our behalf, but also recalling the love and joy that Jesus brings to the community.

The word '*Communion*' comes from something done with others – the community. It's done with Christ. It's done with other worshippers. In sharing the meal, 'I' becomes 'us'.

The word '*Mass*' comes from the conclusion to the traditional service – which was in Latin: '*Ite, missa est.*' 'Go. You are being sent.' Today we use similar words, 'Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord.'

At the moment many churches, especially the Church of England, are only giving bread to the congregation with the priest alone consuming the wine. So the meaning underlying the taking / the giving of bread is more crucial than ever. In some denominations the bread is literally the 'daily bread', whilst in others it is a 'wafer' or yeast free bread – as was used at the original Passover.

This month: Have a look at the bread that is placed into your hands the next time you 'receive'. How does it reflect receiving Christ into your life?



Nigel Beeton writes: "September, of course, is when we remember the Battle of Britain – on the 15th, to be precise, the anniversary of the day on which the Battle turned in Britain's favour and Hitler realized that it would not be possible to invade without incurring huge losses from air attack. Covid permitting, the Spitfires will be up in the sky this month, and we will watch in wonder and gratitude."

Spitfire

The heavens ring with Merlin's roar
We gaze in wonder from the ground
To see a great old aircraft soar
And marvel at the engine's sound.

The Spitfire loops and rolls and dives
We smile and gasp and clap and cheer;
The pilot shows his skill and strives
To make us think he has no fear!

No fear – but eighty years ago
Young men of barely adult age
Sat in those planes, true courage shown
They flew into the battle's rage.

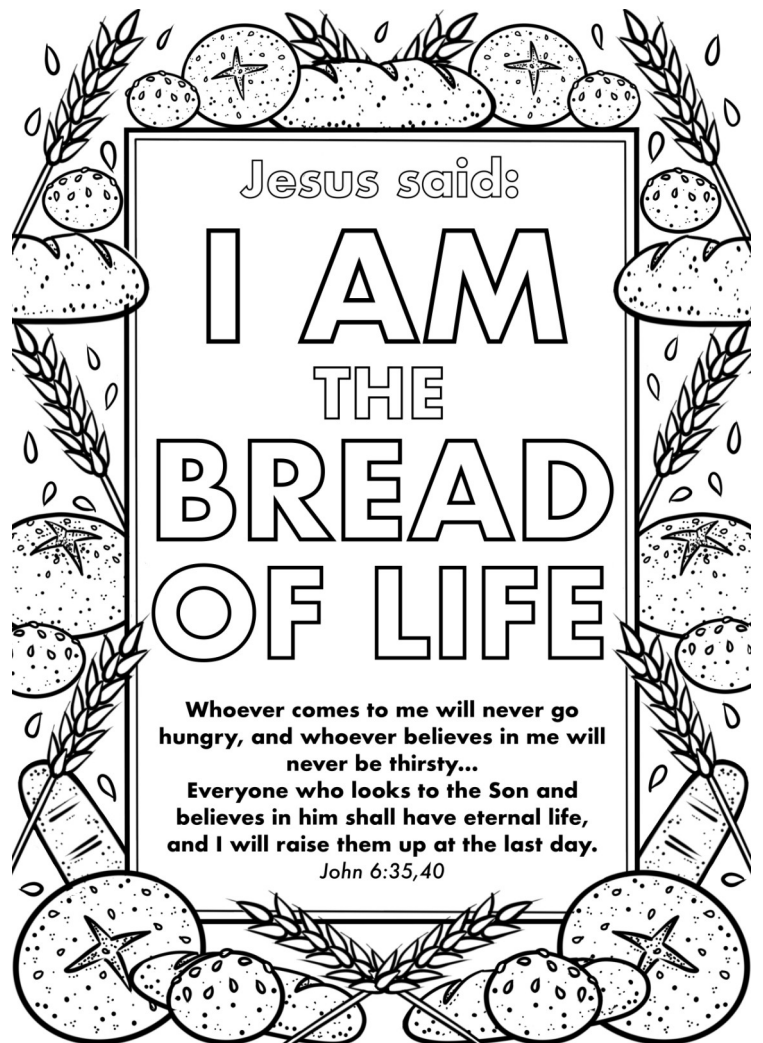
They too would loop and roll and dive
Not to impress a watching crowd
But so that Britain might survive –
And hist'ry shows they did us proud!

So many died within those planes
The watchers would with horror see
A blazing trail of smoke and flames
As brave men died to keep us free.

Yes – watch the Spitfire, and rejoice
Rejoice to see the pilot's skill.
Remember those who had no choice
But met the foe with iron will.

By Nigel Beeton

As usual there will be a service of commemoration at the Cenotaph which will be led by Karen on Sunday 19th September.



The Parable of the Sower

This month we are looking at the Parable of the Sower (Mark 4:1-20). It's the story of a farmer who sowed his seed in different type of soils. These represent the different responses of the heart to God's Word (v15-20):

1) *The hard heart: 'like seed along the path...as soon as they hear it, Satan comes and takes away the word that was sown in them.'* (15). Some people, when they hear the message, get distracted eg social media, work or relationships. Personal priorities prevent them from hearing God.

2) *The shallow heart: 'like seed sown on rocky places...since they have no root, they last only a short time. When trouble or persecution comes because of the word, they quickly fall away.'* (16,17). These are the people whose heart isn't open to the message. When things become uncomfortable or discouraging, they are ready to quit.

3) *The crowded heart: 'like seed sown among thorns...but the worries of this life, the deceitfulness of wealth and the desires for other things come in and choke the word, making it unfruitful.'* (18,19). This soil is most relevant for us today. People crave status, comfort, security and personal desires alongside the things of God. It's a heart that is worried about life getting out of control!

4) *The open heart: 'like seed sown on good soil, hear the word, accept it, and produce a crop – some thirty, some sixty, some a hundred times what was sown.'* (20). This represents the open heart that listens and accepts Jesus's word, and is ready to follow Him however difficult things become.

What kind of soil is our heart? Are we hard, shallow, crowded or open? Do we have a heart of faith to follow Jesus in every aspect of our lives?





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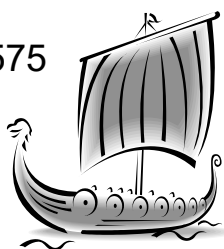
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September



1st September	Wednesday		
2nd September	Thursday		
3rd September	Friday		
4th September	Saturday		
5th September	Sunday	8.30am	No BCP Communion
		10.00am	Parish Eucharist
		6.00pm	Evening Prayer
6th September	Monday		
7th September	Tuesday	9.30am	Babes & Tots
8th September	Wednesday		
9th September	Thursday		
10th September	Friday		
11th September	Saturday	10am to 5pm	Heritage Day
12th September	Sunday	8.30am	No BCP Communion
		10.00am	Parish Eucharist
		6.00pm	Evening Prayer
Deadline for the October Parish News			
13th September	Monday		
14th September	Tuesday	9.30am	Babes & Tots
		1.15pm	Tuesday Group
15th September	Wednesday		
16th September	Thursday		
17th September	Friday		
18th September	Saturday	10.30am	A chance to catch up with Barbara following her retirement
19th September	Sunday	8.30am	No BCP Communion
		10.00am	Parish Eucharist
			Battle of Britain Service at the Cenotaph
		6.00pm	Evening Prayer
20th September	Monday		
21st September	Tuesday	9.30am	Babes & Tots
22nd September	Wednesday	7.30pm	PCC Meeting
23rd September	Thursday		
24th September	Friday		

25th September	Saturday		
26th September	Sunday	8.30am	No BCP Communion
		10.00am	Parish Eucharist
		6.00pm	Evening Prayer
27th September	Monday		
28th September	Tuesday	9.30am	Babes & Tots
29th September	Wednesday		
30th September	Thursday		
1st October	Friday		
2nd October	Saturday		
3rd October	Sunday	8.30am	No BCP Communion
		10.00am	Parish Eucharist
		6.00pm	Evening Prayer



...er Vicar, it's about that flower Mrs Brindle's brought back from her foreign holiday...

Volunteers are required to help with the setting up of Heritage Day particularly Monday to Friday evenings (6th to 10th) and just as importantly to help put everything away afterwards. Please see Michael if you are able to help and as usual we will be doing our Victorian Afternoon Teas and our ever popular Cake Stall so as usual all offers of cakes etc would be very welcome.

During this period of Vacancy and our journey until our new Vicar Becky is with us in November all services as advertised are subject to last minute change depending on whether we have been able to obtain clergy cover. All Sunday 8.30am BCP Communion Services are currently suspended and this will be reviewed in September with the Rural Dean and we are only able at present to obtain cover for the last Thursday in the month for the 10am BCP Communion Service. So please check our website and Facebook pages regularly for updates.

At this time although the need to observe the social distancing rules and to wear face-coverings (**remember these must cover your nose and mouth**) is no longer mandatory and only advisory the PCC would like you to wear a face covering on entering and leaving and at any time you are moving about in church.

The wearing of a mask properly helps everyone in that it helps protect you from me and me from you from the spread of the virus—let's all do our part in keeping the numbers down.

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Parish Organisations

Monday		
Tuesday	9.30am	St. Paul's Babes & Tots
	6.15pm	4 th Sale Central (St. Paul's) Brownies
	7.30pm	4 th Sale Central (St. Paul's) Guides
	1.00pm	Women's Tuesday Group (2 nd of every month)
Wednesday	8.00pm	Badminton Group
Thursday	9.30am	St. Paul's Babes & Tots
	7.30pm	Chorister Training and Choir Practice
	8.00pm	Men's Society (last of every month Sept to May but not Dec)
Friday	1.00pm	Community Choir
Saturday	9.30am	Open Church
	10.30am	Charity Coffee Morning