

# WASHBURN & MID-WHARFE CHURCHES MAGAZINE

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All Saints Church, Farnley  
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Fewston with Blubberhouses  
[www.fewstonwithblubberhouses.org.uk](http://www.fewstonwithblubberhouses.org.uk)

All Saints Church Weston  
[www.westonchurch.wordpress.com](http://www.westonchurch.wordpress.com)

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## Village Church Services September 2023



Please check on [www.achurchnearyou.com](http://www.achurchnearyou.com) for up to date information.

### 3<sup>rd</sup> September Thirteenth Sunday After Trinity (Green)

9.30am	Weston	Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer) (TMc)
11am	Fewston	Holy Communion (TMc)
9.30am	Leathley	Morning Prayer (JC)

### 10<sup>th</sup> September Fourteenth Sunday After Trinity (Green)

11am	Denton	Holy Communion (SH)
11am	Fewston	Holy Communion (TMc)
9.30am	Farnley	Morning Prayer (FD)

### 17<sup>th</sup> September Fourteenth Sunday After Trinity (Green)

9.30am	Weston	Morning Prayer ( Book of Common Prayer) (TD)
9.30am	Blubberhouses	Family Service (Fs)
9.30am	Leathley	Holy Communion (BM)

### 24<sup>th</sup> September Sixteenth Sunday After Trinity (Green)

11am	Denton	Family Service (TD)
9.30am	Farnley	Holy Communion (SH)



## Services at Norwood Methodist Chapel 2023

Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> September at 2:30pm with Rev. Cameron Stirk

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> September at 2:30pm with Rev. Roger Smith

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## The View from the Vicarage

Where would we be without those who volunteer?



At the start of August there was a meeting of those directly involved in the running of the Benefice Magazine! I found out what a wonderful job they all did and how committed they were to getting the best edition out to everyone each month. They have soldiered on through Covid and through the Interregnum to ensure that each month there are interesting things to read about and to make sure that costs are covered. But it is not just down to them there is an army of dedicated folk who deliver it. They are on the front-line of working in all our parishes, meeting and serving those in our communities. Always ready to have a friendly chat whilst on their rounds. A very big thank you to everyone involved in the Magazine in its many varied strands.

There are the people who volunteer at the Washburn Centre who give of their time freely, who are equally committed to their work and serving the community by the giving of their talents and experience. We would be lost without those who help in so many ways to make our community a better place to live.

Let us not forget, the many people who give selflessly in so many ways connected to all of our churches. Like: Church Officers, PCC Members, Lay Ministers, Retired Clergy, Flower Ladies, Sides people, Cleaners, Grass Cutters, those who supply refreshments, people who work on our churches and never ask for payment, Organists..... The list goes on and on. Without all of you, this Benefice would not be the Benefice it is.

There are a wonderful array of gifts that are being used directly and indirectly to extend God's Kingdom here in the Washburn Valley. The gifts may all be very different, but they all ultimately stem from God's generous nature. In my prayers, I give thanks for you all, for all that you do.

Please, never think that you are taken for granted and that all that you do goes unnoticed. You are all part, and a valued part, of this rich tapestry which is the United Benefice of Washburn & Mid-Wharfe Benefice.

Every Blessing Teresa

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## News from Norwood Chapel

Dear friends,

Happy Autumn! I'm not sure it will feel like Autumn in early September . . . it all depends on the weather, doesn't it?! As I write these words in mid-August, the temperature is rising, and it looks like it will be a proper summer day with sunshine and warmth.

During the summer school holiday break, my family and I had some of our son's friends and their parents over for a game-board night. Folks come over early evening and we enjoy a variety of games . . . it's usually teens in one room and adults in the other. However, for the final game, we come together, gathering around the dining room table which has extra chairs and a card table added to it to ensure everyone has a place. We play "Herd Mentality" --- it's become tradition! In this game a question is asked, and everyone gets a chance to answer. The key to this game is to think of a common or most popular answer (not necessarily your own!) that most/all people around the table will answer. If your answer is one that the majority of folks use, you get a point. The key here is knowing the crowd you're with!

Here's one of the questions that has stayed with me over the past several days: *If it were possible, which one of Jesus' miracles would you perform?* This is not a religious or spiritual game and to have a question like that was intriguing. Also, it assumed the players had a knowledge of Jesus' miracles. Some folks said, "Turning water into wine!" Another person said she would like to be able to heal people. There are other miracles just as amazing and life-changing for those involved: feeding the five thousand, walking on water, calming the storm and raising the dead, to name a few others. All of these miracles benefited other people. The miracles were directed toward others rather than to Jesus, himself. When Jesus was in the desert, scripture tells us the devil tempted him with food, being rescued and power over all things. Jesus resisted all these temptations. In his ministry, he focused his miraculous powers on others. Therefore, lives were transformed with the healing of the mind, body and soul; fears were chased away; peace prevailed; hunger was relieved; new life took up residence where death had been.

If it were possible, which one of Jesus' miracles would YOU perform? And why? Yes, it would be incredible to have such a special power . . . but it's one that really shouldn't be used for self-gain or for selfish reasons. I encourage you to use your imagination! What does your family, friends, church, and village need the most? What miracles does our world need most? Maybe the climate and environment are on your mind or perhaps the continued brutal war in Ukraine. Maybe your concerns are closer to home and you desire peace and reconciliation to abound in daily living. Whatever comes to mind, pray about it and for the changes you think are needed. Maybe just maybe, God might use us in powerful ways to bring about the changes for which we pray. Perhaps in God's eyes, we all have the potential to be miracle workers!

Grace and peace, ~ Rev. Shannon

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## Volunteers Required Weston Church

We are looking for some extra help with the Weston church cleaning and flower rota. You would only be required about three times a year. Full training given, no experience required, you do not need to be a regular church attender.

Please consider giving a little of your time to aid maintaining this ancient, beautiful church.

Contact Hazel Pullan 01943 466098

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### T&T

#### Dominoes

We're back after the summer (???) break! Come and join us for prize winning dominoes, tea and chat on Tuesday 5th September 2pm at Norwood Social Hall.

T&T meets at Norwood Social Hall and is for the over 60s.  
It is only £2 per person.  
If you want to hear more about T&T, give Gillian a ring on 880362

I have always got time for T&T!



### Fewston Foxy Ladies



#### ~ beading

We'll be busy beading, with help from Pat Dunhill a WI instructress, on Tuesday 19th September 7.30pm. Do come along and join us at Fewston Parochial Hall, you'll be made most welcome.

If you want any more info, give Gillian a ring on 01943 880362; Mary 01943 464507; Sheila 01943 468741; Joan 01943 466789; or Margaret 01423 806151 See you there!,

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## The Last Friday Supper

Our next supper will be on Friday 29th September in Leathley Village Hall from 7.00pm. A two course meal at £12.50 a head will be served followed by coffee or tea.

If you intend being there please let me know by Tuesday 26th and inform me if you have any food allergies.

Paul Howarth. [pandshowarthotley@gmail.com](mailto:pandshowarthotley@gmail.com) 01943 465076 '

# Community Notice Board



## Denton Flower and Cleaning Rota For September and October

3<sup>rd</sup> September Ann Chadwick  
 10<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> September Helen Cobley  
 24<sup>th</sup> September & 1<sup>st</sup> October Karen Boothman  
 8<sup>th</sup> October 15<sup>th</sup> October 2023 Hilary Crawford  
 22<sup>th</sup> October 2023 29<sup>th</sup> October 2023 Sue Wood

## Weston Flower and Cleaning Rota

for September and October  
 3<sup>rd</sup> September Mrs J Cowgill  
 10<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> September Tom & Ruth Raper  
 24<sup>th</sup> & 1<sup>st</sup> October Mrs H Pullan  
 8<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> October Sally Stanley  
 22<sup>nd</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> October Stephen & Marlene Turnbull



### From the Registers

#### Baptism

13th August Frank Thomas Ayrton Caton & Violet Alice Caton at All Saints Church Weston

20th August Wilfred Pickles at St Helen's Church Denton

#### Funeral

31st July George Barry Gregory at St Oswalds Leathley

21st August Mrs Helen Barker- Weston Parish held at The Bridge Otley followed by a Cremation at Lawnswood.

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## Fewston Parochial Hall

The Teas, lunches and homemade cakes will be served  
 on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> September  
 from 10.30 am until 4.00 pm.  
 All proceeds to Aireborough Rugby Club.



The proceeds on the Bank holiday are for St Michaels and all Angels church.  
 Thanks.



**All Saints Weston with St Helen's Denton  
 invite you to their**

## Heritage Open Day

On Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> September from 11am – 5pm  
 Both churches will be open and  
 there will be afternoon teas  
 at the Tithe Barn, Weston Hall  
 from 2pm – 5pm

Further information from  
 Ann Chadwick – 07986 454 433

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# RIPON international festival

St. Michael & St. Lawrence Church Fewston  
Wednesday | 6 September 2023 | 7.30

## Duo Diez



Violeta Barrena & Dimitris Dekavallas  
**Latin-American music - seat gripping tangos, Brazilian dances by Granados, Machado, de Falla, Piazzolla, Lorca, Sarasate**

*'excellent music-making'* Classical Guitar

Dazzling Duo Diez tour throughout Europe and to Sweden, Mexico, Chile, and the USA. Violeta has also performed with Fontaines DC at Glastonbury and Hammersmith Apollo and toured with Steeleye Span

Refreshments at adjoining Washburn Heritage Centre HG3 1SU  
Tickets £17 (Student £5) Box Office 01765 605508  
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locally from: [anderson@delvesridge.plus.com](mailto:anderson@delvesridge.plus.com) &  
[cheribee5977@gmail.com](mailto:cheribee5977@gmail.com)

For full festival programme August, September, October visit  
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Norwood Social Hall

# DOMINO DRIVE

Dates for 2023

8<sup>th</sup> September

20<sup>th</sup> October

8<sup>th</sup> December

(Christmas Hats & Jumpers)

Everyone Welcome

7pm

Hot Supper Raffle

15 & under £3

16 & over £6

Come & join the fun!

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## Yorkshire Churches Day

**Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2023**

A day when churches open up and tell the stories  
of their buildings

**We are taking part!**

Come and discover what's behind these  
doors

St Michael and St Lawrence,  
Fewston HG3 1SU  
St Andrew's,  
Blubberhouses LS21 2NU

### Entertainment

**Wool trail** between Fewston and  
Blubberhouses Churches - Saturday. and  
Sunday, 9 & 10 September, and  
16 & 17 September 2023.

**Sheep treasure hunt** in St Andrew's,  
Blubberhouses – for families – light  
refreshments

**Organ Recitals** Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> September at  
Fewston Church 11.30 to 2.30 pm

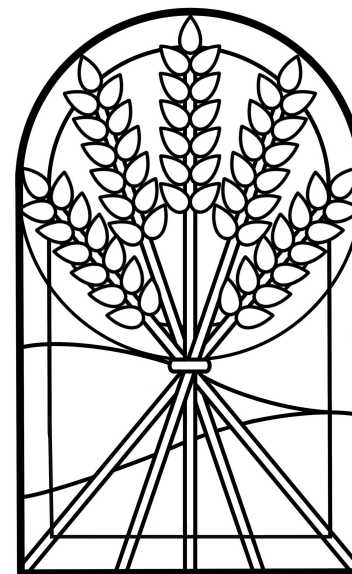
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FEWSTON AND BLUBBERHOUSES CHURCHES

**ST ANDREW'S CHURCH,  
BLUBBERHOUSES**

**Friday, 29 September 2023  
at 7.00 pm**

**Let's Celebrate the Harvest  
HARVEST FESTIVAL**



**Followed by Supper  
& Auction with  
our local auctioneer**

To book, or for more information please contact Pat on anderson@delvesridge.plus.com

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Weston, Denton and Askwith

## Harvest Supper

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September

from 7.00pm

at Askwith Village Hall

Catering by Chris Monkman

Bar Raffle Auction

Tickets £17.50

from Ann Chadwick 07986 454 433

### Askwith Village Hall Events 2023/2024

Saturday 21st October 2023 - 7.30pm Quiz night with cheese and wine. Tickets £8 to include first drink, cheese and biscuits and quiz. A bar and raffle will also be held.

Friday 24th November 2024 – Domino Drive with a pie and pea supper.

Friday 9th February 2024 – Children's disco – Further details to follow

Saturday 9th March 2024 – Beetle Drive. Further details to follow

Saturday 8th June 2024 – A family day to be arranged. Games etc to be held in the field. Further details to follow.

For further details contact Carol 07889 891086

or Helen 07841 097101

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### All in the month of September

It was:

125 years ago, on 26<sup>th</sup> Sept 1898 that George Gershwin, American composer, was born. Known for his operas, Broadway musicals and film scores.

100 years ago, on 4<sup>th</sup> Sept 1923 that Noel Coward's musical revue *London Calling!* was first performed, in London. It was his first publicly produced musical work.

Also 100 years ago, on 7<sup>th</sup> Sept 1923 that Interpol, the International Criminal Police Organisation, was founded.

Also 100 years ago, on 29<sup>th</sup> Sept 1923 that the British Mandate for Palestine came into effect. Britain took control of Mandatory Palestine (formerly part of the Turkish Empire) until 1948, when Israel became an independent state.

80 years ago, on 10<sup>th</sup> Sept 1943 that the Germans occupied Rome, Italy, and took over the protection of the Vatican City.

75 years ago, on 9<sup>th</sup> Sept 1948 that the People's Democratic Republic of Korea (North Korea) was established, headed by Kim Il Sung.

70 years ago, on 10<sup>th</sup> Sept 1953 that the discovery of rapid eye movement (REM) sleep was published in the journal *Science*. It had been discovered in 1952 by Eugene Aserinsky and Nathaniel Kleitman at the University of Chicago.

50 years ago, on 2<sup>nd</sup> Sep 1973 that JRR Tolkien, British fantasy writer,

poet, scholar, and educator died. Best known for his novels *The Hobbit* and *The Lord of the Rings*.

Also 50 years ago, on 29<sup>th</sup> Sep 1973 that W H Auden, British born American poet, died. Regarded as one of the greatest writers of the 20<sup>th</sup> century.

25 years ago, on 4<sup>th</sup> Sep 1998 that Google, the internet search company, was founded by Larry Page and Sergey Brin, both students at Stanford University in California. The company was originally based in a friend's garage at Menlo Park.

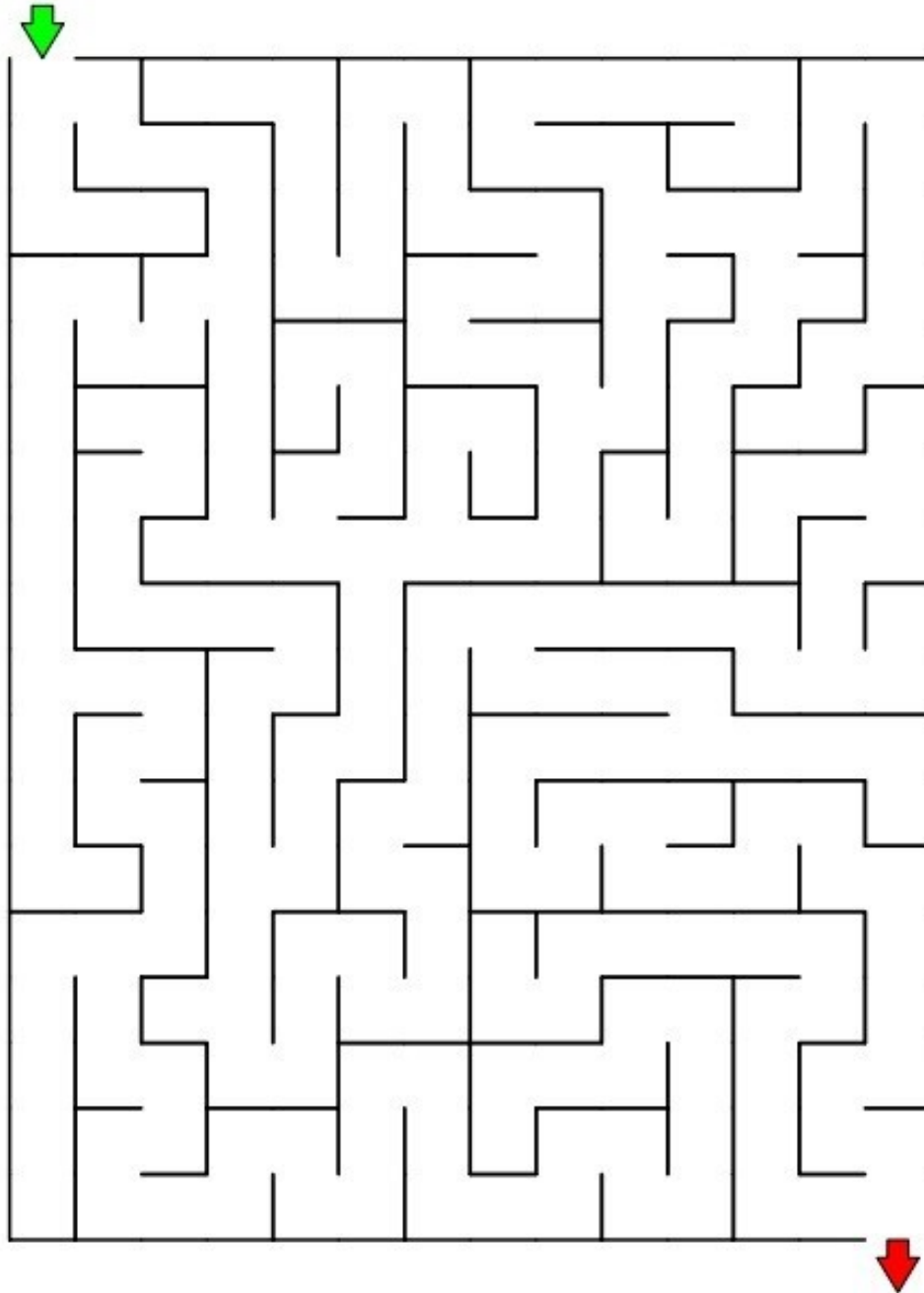
15 years ago, on 7<sup>th</sup> Sep 2008 that the Financial Crisis erupted. The troubled US mortgage-financing giants, Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, were put into government conservatorship under the Federal Housing Finance Agency. On 15<sup>th</sup> Sep 2008 the global investment company Lehman Brothers filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy. It was the largest bankruptcy filing in US history.



"Er... vicar – does the church have a position on the donation of GM vegetables for the Harvest Festival?"

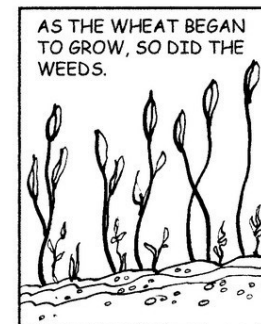
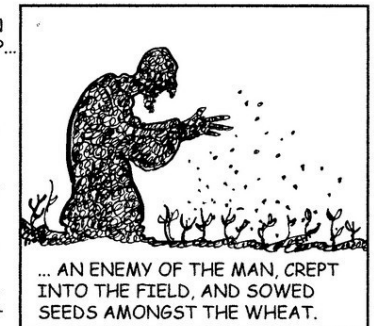
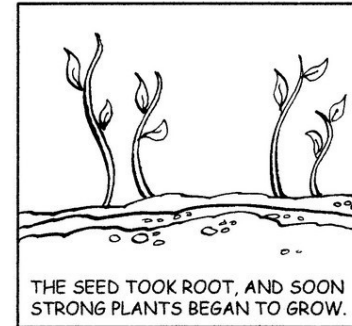
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# Story, puzzles and colouring-in



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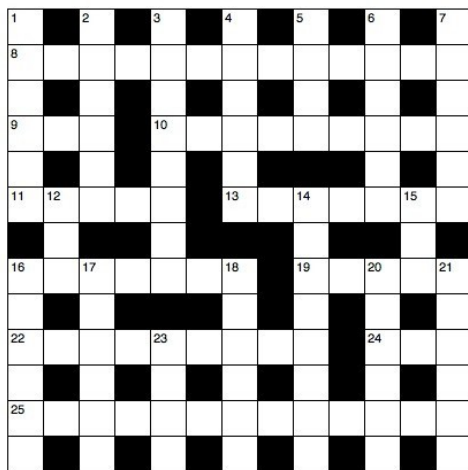
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## Crossword Puzzle



### Across

8. Where the Ark of the Covenant was kept for 20 years (1 Samuel 7:1) (7,6)
9. One of the parts of the body on which blood and oil were put in the ritual cleansing from infectious skin diseases (Leviticus 14:14-17) (3)
10. Uncomfortable (3,2,4) 11 'Yet I have loved Jacob, but Esau I have —' (Malachi 1:3) (5)
13. Where Paul said farewell to the elders of the church in Ephesus (Acts 20:17) (7)
16. 'Jesus bent down and — to write on the ground with his finger' (John 8:6) (7)
19. Prophet from Moresheth (Jeremiah 26:18) (5)
22. Comes between Exodus and Numbers (9)
- 24 and 2 Down 'Then Elkanah went home to Ramah, but the boy ministered before the Lord under — the —' (1 Samuel 2:11) (3,6)

25. There was no room for them in the inn (Luke 2:7) (4,3,6)

### Down

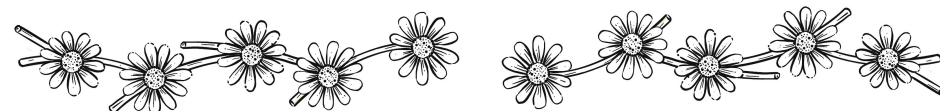
1. Rough drawing (2 Kings 16:10) (6)
2. See 24 Across
3. Underground literature (including Christian books) circulated in the Soviet Union (8)
4. Lo, mash (anag.) (6)
5. The Bible's shortest verse: 'Jesus —' (John 11:35) (4)
6. 'Can a mother forget the baby at her — and have no compassion on the child she has borne?' (Isaiah 49:15) (6)
7. Can be seen in a dying fire (Psalm 102:3) (6)
12. 'Send me, therefore, a man... experienced in the — of engraving, to work in Judah and Jerusalem' (2 Chronicles 2:7) (3)
14. Second city of Cyprus (8)
15. United Nations Association (1,1,1)
16. One of the women who first heard that Jesus had risen from the dead (Mark 16:1) (6)
17. Braved (anagram.) (6)
18. — of Evangelism, outreach initiative in the 1990s (6)
20. 'Woe to those who are wise in their own eyes and — in their own sight' (Isaiah 5:21) (6)
21. 'Neither — nor depth... will be able to separate us from the love of God' (Romans 8:39) (6)
23. What Jesus shed in 5 Down (4)

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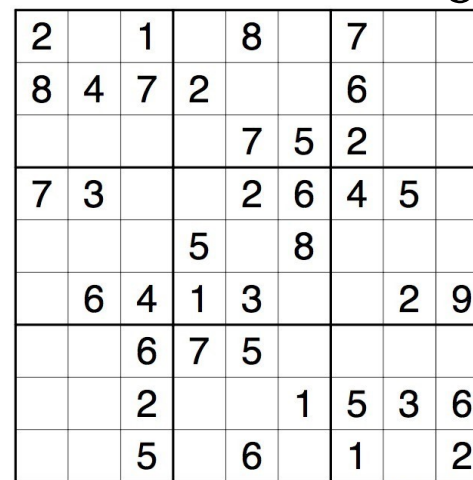
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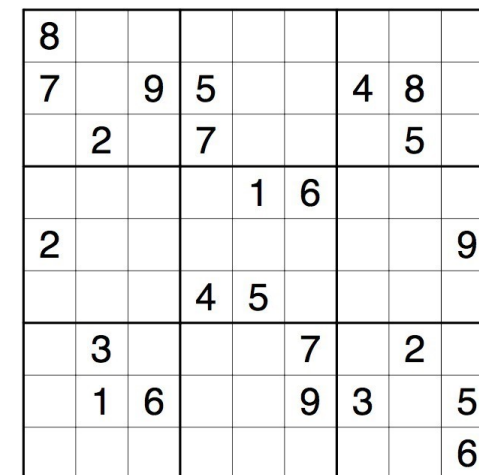
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## Sudoku

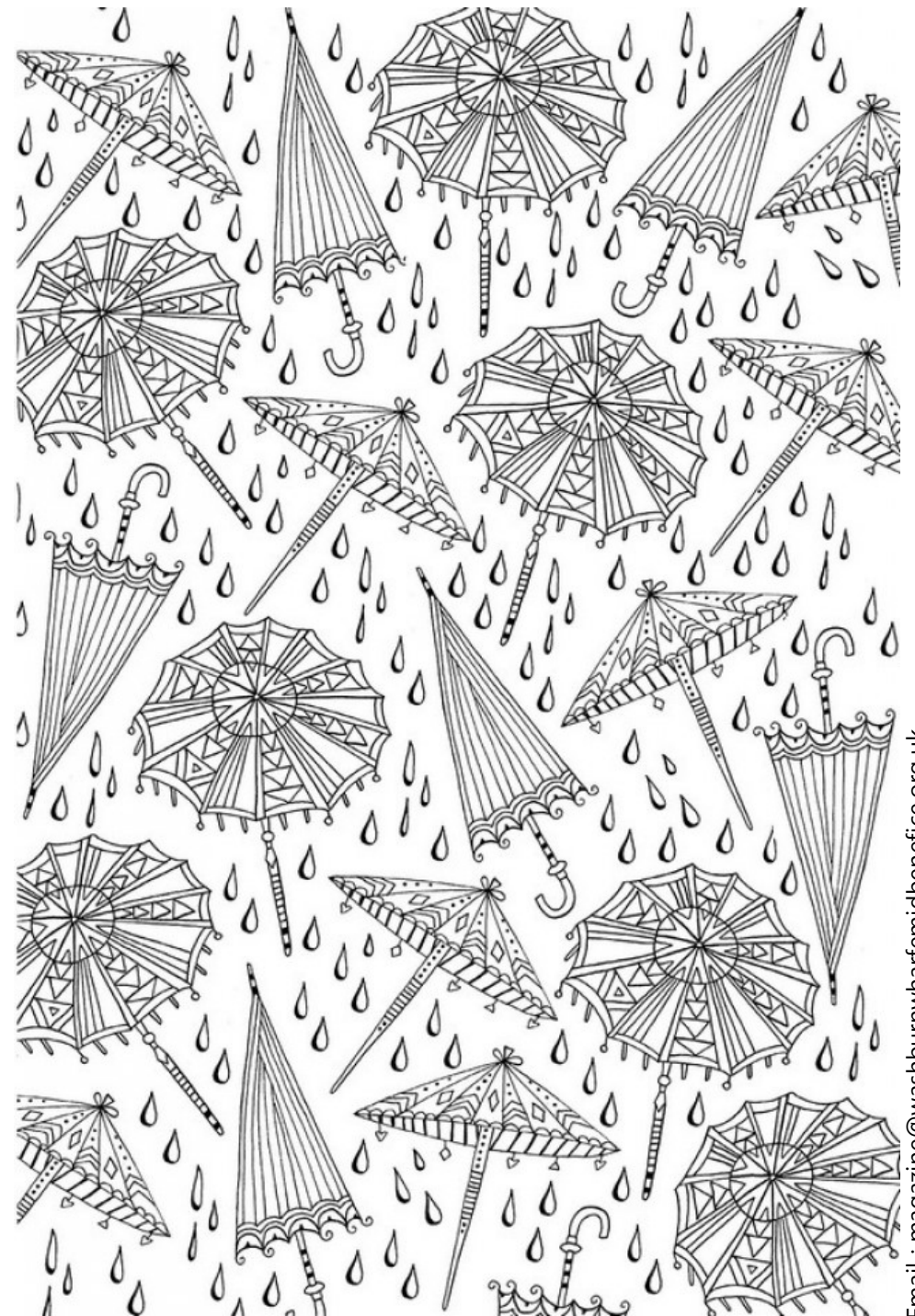
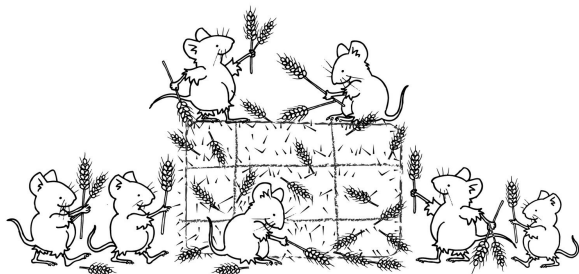
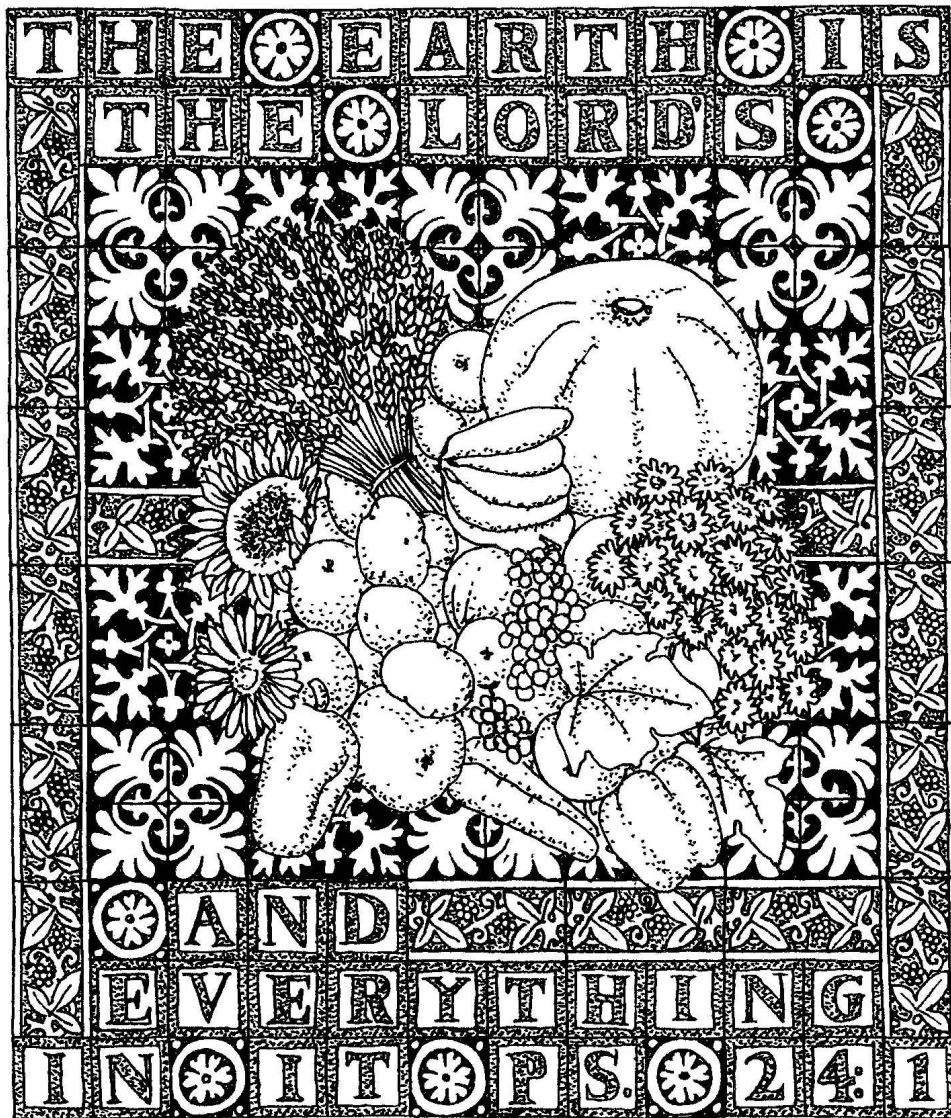


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## Mouse Makes

### THE WEEDS AND THE WHEAT

What did the enemy sow amongst the wheat?

Matthew 13:25

At harvest time the weeds are gathered, bundled then

Who sows the good seed?

Matthew 13:37

What does the field represent?

the \_\_\_\_\_  
and who is the good seed?

The people of the \_\_\_\_\_

Matthew 13:38

Who sows the weeds?

The \_\_\_\_\_

Who are the harvesters?

The \_\_\_\_\_

Matthew 13:39

"He who has ears, let him \_\_\_\_\_"

Matthew 13:43

TOGETHER SHEAR  
DSOX FIRE PENGT  
PEOPLEWB AADEN  
EEDLB EHARVEST  
GDGATHERAEVIL  
RKTIKANBNIPG  
OYINDITWLOLER  
WCMBUNDLEBVJA  
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## Book Review

Barry Miller reviews and reflects on a recent book.

### Awe: The transformative power of everyday wonder By Dacher Keltner

Awe and wonder are words which have often featured in my sermons over the years so it's perhaps no surprise that when I saw the title of this book, I was drawn to it.

The author is a Professor of Psychology at the University of California. He's not a theologian and this is not intended to be a book about theology. As his field of research particularly focuses on the psychology of emotions his aim was to discover exactly what type of emotion 'awe' might be.

The book contains stories from people in 26 countries with a range of cultures and all major religions. These are stories of events in their lives which were awe inspiring. The definition of awe they were given was: "being in the presence of something vast and mysterious that transcends your current experience of the world."

Perhaps surprisingly spiritual experience or the love of nature were not the most frequently reported. Keltner classified the experiences into 'wonders of life', the first of which he called 'moral beauty'. This was when people were moved by the kindness of other – usually heroic acts which we may even see in news items such as

rescue attempts in disasters. This was followed by a second 'wonder': those important life experience which are shared with others such as family Weddings, Christenings or Jewish Bar mitzvah.

Next came the wonder of nature; then the wonders of sights and sounds as in stirring music or magnificent art; then religious and spiritual experiences, followed by times surrounding birth and death which were common to all cultures, and finally those moments in life when we suddenly understand 'essential truths' when we say 'Wow, I get that!' – the eureka experience.

I should say that I felt there were rather too many stories to illustrate the points he wanted to make. It's quite a lengthy book (over 300 pages) and only in hardback at present, but it's fascinating nonetheless.

I began by saying it wasn't a book about theology and yet as I read on, I understood why he gave it the subtitle 'the transformative power of everyday wonder'. He demonstrates that a sense of wonder is essential for a fulfilled life. It has the ability to inspire curiosity, expand perspectives, foster humility, enhance relationships and promote well-being.

Isn't this also what the study of theology is and the Christian faith provides us with? It's those moments when we experience 'being in the presence of something vast and mysterious that transcends our current experience of the world'. That was his definition and it's what some theologians have called "the sense of the presence of God".

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## Long-tailed Tits

Long-tailed Tits, in spite of their diminutive size, seem to go out of their way to be noticed. Constantly calling to each other as they move about in small flocks and easily spotted when they fly into the open, these charming birds are unmistakable, thanks to their lollipop-stick physique. By late August Long-tailed Tits start forming mixed flocks with various other tits, Treecreepers, Goldcrests and warblers, and can be found ping-pong along hedgerows and woodland. Truth be told, The Long-tailed Tit isn't really a tit at all, differing in its behaviour and appearance from our familiar Blue and Great Tits, being more closely related to the warblers of Africa and south-east Asia

This year seems to have been difficult for Long-tailed Tits, with their Garden BirdWatch counts for July so far being lower than in 2022, as well as being below their long-term average. This is likely to be a knock-on effect from the cool spring and heavy rain we experienced earlier in the year. Most tits and tit-like species produce only one brood per season, laying up to nine eggs in the case of Long-tailed Tits. (Though 15 have been recorded in exceptional cases, possibly from multiple birds laying in the same nest.) If these large broods hatch during poor weather, the parents will struggle to find enough food, causing many nests to fail. If this has been the case, we will continue to see lower numbers throughout the rest of this year. However, their numbers should quickly recover if the weather next spring allows.

Until fairly recently, Long-tailed Tits were regarded as rare visitors to bird tables, but BTO Garden BirdWatch results have shown an increase in their use of gardens, and the food provided in many of them, over the last couple of decades. In winter they are found in flocks, usually of 6-8 birds, but possibly up to 20, and even occasionally reaching 50 individuals en masse. They are very active as dusk approaches, before heading off to roost in thick shrubbery such as a hawthorn. They are quite often one of the last birds seen still to be feeding in the late afternoon. Being so small, they lose a lot of energy overnight when it is cold, and so to keep warm they huddle up together, often in crevices or tree forks.

During daylight hours in winter, they must feed continually, and their gregarious nature is apparent as they roam in flocks through woodlands and hedgerows chattering to each other in a high-pitched voice as they go: hence one of their names, 'Chitterings'. Their call is a sharp 'tsurp', repeated several times. Once heard, it is easily remembered and is often the first indication that a flock of Long-tailed Tits is in the area. When they find productive feeding areas, they share the information by calling enthusiastically to each other.

Having a delicate beak, long-tailed tits are primarily insect-eaters, though they will take to peanut feeders and fat balls in gardens, but don't be surprised if they choose not to hang around for long, Long-tailed Tits always feel safer if they move on quickly. Although insects are a good source of energy, they are much more difficult to find in the cold of winter, though there are

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spiders in sheltered crevices and moth and butterfly eggs to be found underneath leaves. spiders in sheltered crevices and moth and butterfly eggs to be found underneath leaves. You can help look after these vulnerable birds by making sure they are well fed during cold months – they are very

partial to suet balls!

If you find the lives of our garden birds to be of interest and would like to join in and count the feathered occupants of your garden, please visit the BTO Garden BirdWatch website ([www.bto.org/gbw](http://www.bto.org/gbw)). If you know of an organisation which would like a talk on garden birds, contact Mike Gray via [gbwmike@gmail.com](mailto:gbwmike@gmail.com).

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## Memories of Summer

The Glorious Twelfth dawned, the tents were up and the tables set for Denton and Weston's Parish Barbecue. Chris Monkman prepared delicious food, Mike MacDonald manned the Bar and we were off! An afternoon of fellowship and fun with a Tombola, Splat the Rat and Ping Pong Pots to keep the young and young-at-heart amused.

Jonathan Smith exhibited his beautiful paintings inside the church, so there was something for

everyone to enjoy. The day ended with Chris conducting the auction and then the heavens opened. All retreated into the shelters apart from Chris, who carried on regardless. Heartfelt thanks to him and Bernie who transported tables and chairs and to all who helped, supplied shelter, donated prizes and generally supported this biennial event. Well done everybody!

**Images**  
Denton BBQ (left)



## Who is my neighbour?

By Anne Buxton

Not just a biblical quote, but something many of us may ask these days. Our villages are spread out and tend to lack a focal point other than the church. We do not have the local shops or schools that used to be meeting places for neighbours. Our roads are busy and traffic fast, so there is little inclination for a leisurely stroll through our villages and even those with dogs try to leave the road as soon as possible. Which all combine to mean that many people do not know their neighbours, and this has become even worse since COVID. Families have moved in and out of our villages, and hardly know anyone local. Those of you who have lived here for a long time know we have some wonderful people in our

Parish. Some have lived many decades and know much about our local history. Some have lead full and exciting lives. Some have developed rare and special talents.

We would like to publish a series of interviews with Parish residents so we can all "know our neighbour". Few people like to blow their own trumpet, so we would like volunteers who are willing to conduct a short interview with a neighbour to share with other neighbours. If you would like to conduct an interview, or have a suggestion of someone we should interview, please get in touch with the editor, Anna Bowman.



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## Way Hay!! Or perhaps, “way say!”

Leathley Parish Room can now boast a super smart new set of “WCs”, thanks to generous grants from The Bramall Trust, a National Lottery award from The National Lottery Community Fund and a series of fundraising events over the last few years.

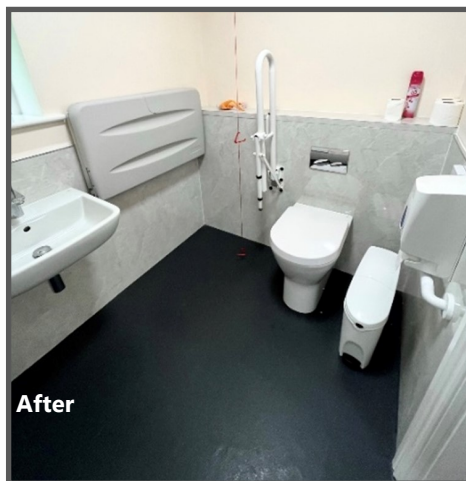
Those of you familiar with the hall will recall the trudge up the draughty, sloping corridor to our rather tired toilets, much beloved of spiders and daddy long legs. The water heater had a mind of its own and the room heater didn’t really live up to its name. The gentleman had to push the ancient iron arm of the “heritage” lead lined cistern back up after each use. No more!

The new toilet block opens directly from the hall, making life much easier for those with push chairs, wheel chairs

Before



or just wobbly legs. There is a disabled toilet with a “help” alarm, and baby change facilities. The hot water comes out hot, and the heater actually heats the facilities! And with an easily cleaned sealed floor and back to wall toilets, no hiding places for spiders. So, please do come along to one of our events and marvel at our wonderful new loos!



After



George Webster—Saturday 23rd September

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The Tea Room at the Heritage Centre is open **SATURDAY** and **SUNDAY** every weekend from 11-4pm. We welcome **NEW VOLUNTEERS**. If you can spare a few hours at the week-end once a month we would love to see you in the Tea Room. It’s a busy environment, warm and friendly, but you are rewarded with cake!

Our new programme **THE BEST DAYS OF OUR LIVES?** draws to a close at the end of September and we would like to thank volunteer Sarah Stead for leading this exciting and varied programme. The programme for October 2023 to January 2024 is called **“More than a woman”** and brings stories of female achievement and inspiration, of actors, warriors and much more, plus our popular seasonal events. The **Preview Evening for Members** is to be held on **Tuesday 3 October at 6pm** and we will welcome our guest speaker Clare Granger, new High Sheriff of North Yorkshire.

Poems from our schooldays  
Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September, 2pm – 4pm  
Can you remember the poems you learned at school? Come and spend an afternoon sharing your memories and poems. The afternoon will be co-ordinated by Alex Rosser and hopefully result in a wide variety of poetry to enjoy together. Tea/coffee and cake will be served. Cost £10 non-member, £8 member.

Celebrate summer  
Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September, 7pm – 10pm

Welcome in the late summer evenings with Bridge Ensemble Leeds and friends. We shall enjoy a performance of beautiful and varied music from across the string orchestra repertoire. Wine and canapes will be served. Cost £15 member, £18 non-member.

### Apprentice Houses

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> September, 9.30am

A walk across mixed terrain, with stiles, through the former industrial area centred on the huge West House Mill, Blubberhouses. We will be in the vicinity of the Apprentice Houses, the homes of the pauper apprentice children, then passing disused mill ponds and follow the Washburn. Return over moorland to the start. Approx 5 miles, parking details will be advised later. Two course delicious lunch served at the Heritage Centre. Cost £12 member, £15 non-member.

### This is me! George Webster

Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> September, 2pm – 4pm

CBeebies presenter, Strictly contestant, film star and author George talks to us about his life, his growing fan base, popularity and incredible success. We are proud that George volunteered at the Heritage Centre before he found fame! Children are most welcome to come to this talk with their parent/carer and George will bring signed copies of his book “This is me”. Cost £8 member, £10 non-member. Tickets for children half price.

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## Gardeners Corner



The year is whizzing by and it's time to think ahead. September is a good time to plant bulbs for spring colour. Start with prepared hyacinths which you can pack tightly into bowls for indoor scent and colour and they may be ready for Christmas. Ideally use bulb fibre and plant with the tops of the bulbs half out of the compost. Store the moist containers in a dark, cool but frost free place for two or three months to allow the roots to develop, before bringing them into the light. Daffodils, crocuses and iris bulbs can be planted outside in September. As a rule of thumb, plant bulbs at a depth of at least twice their height.

Harvesting orchard fruit will keep you busy this month. When ripe, apples should come away from the tree when the fruit is lifted gently. Perfect fruits can be wrapped individually in newspaper and stored in cardboard boxes in a cool, dry place such as a garage, but do check them periodically to make sure there are no rotten ones to spoil the rest. You can pick blackberries until the end of the month – delicious with cooking apples in a pie

### Independent Advisory Groups

Are a way for our diverse communities to work with us to help improve our service. An IAG is consists of members of the public meeting in each of our policing areas.

#### Who are the IAG members?

IAG members are members of the public who have an interest in the community and the policing of it. Members are not expected to be a spokesperson

or crumble.

The baby birds should all have fledged by now, so it is safe to trim hedges and clean out nest boxes ready for next year. Time also to put the bird feeders back up.

The summer raspberries will have finished fruiting, so cut back the old canes and tie in the new. Autumn raspberries should be coming into their own now for harvesting. Leave their canes until next year for cutting back in February.

I grew sweetcorn for the first time this year. To check if they are ready, push a fingernail into a kernel. If they release a milky sap they are ripe; if it is watery wait a bit longer.

Perennial wildflower meadows can be cut right down, leaving the cuttings in situ for a few days to allow the seeds to drop out before removing all of the cuttings. The idea is not to increase the fertility of the soil.

Enjoy September – it is a lovely month!

for any particular community, but should bring their own personal experiences and perspectives to the IAG. community

#### Who can become an IAG member?

If you work or live within the North Yorkshire Police area you are eligible to apply to become a member of an IAG.

If you are interested in becoming an IAG member, please email:  
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## A Morning's Reflection

I was looking out into the garden at the beautiful trees on a wet day. So many different hues of green eaves. One branch of the lilac tree looked dead and I thought that it needed to be cut off; it was no longer useful.

Suddenly three sparrows flew on to it, two young ones and an adult bird, balancing on the old branch the older bird fed its young. As I watched I realised what I thought

was dead and finished still had a place, a purpose and God's creatures needed it.

Never feel too old or useless.

Marlene Turnbull nee Wilkinson who also re wrote the All Saints Weston Parish recipe book.



### Recipe ~ Spiced Pears



This Recipe is reproduced from the All Saints Weston Recipe book, that was first printed 1<sup>st</sup> December 1956. 52 years later it was discovered by Reverend Marlene Wilkinson in her mothers possessions and reprinted again. She dedicated it to "Edith and all the other saints who made their Contributions" 67 years later we are sharing the recipes again but this time in the magazine. Thank you to the people of Weston for their recipes

This recipe is for storing pears over winter.

#### Ingredients

4lbs Pears  
2lbs Brown Sugar  
1 1/2 pints of vinegar  
1/2 Oz cinnamon  
3/4 oz of cloves

#### Method

Boil the sugar and spices together in the vinegar.  
Peel and quarter the pears and put into the liquid.  
Bring to the boil and simmer until tender.  
Put into jars and seal once cold  
Mrs Wilkinson

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The magazine is created by compiling contributions from readers, the many people associated with running the churches, societies, clubs and event holders. Thank you to everyone for sending in items each month.

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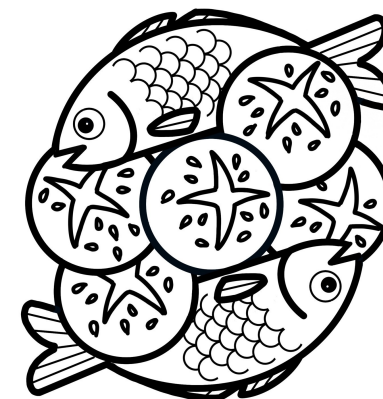
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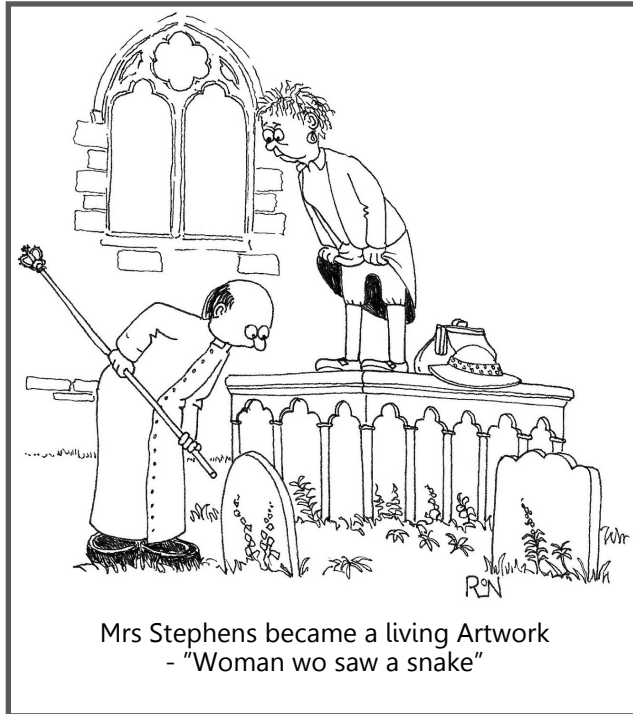
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- "Woman wo saw a snake"

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