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Dear Friends,

Abound in hope

As I write these words, we are again entering a period when, again, all seems uncertain because of the pandemic: meetings of no more than six, talks of lockdowns for the vulnerable, or indeed for the whole community – the list goes on. Most of us will have experienced all sorts of emotions over these months when our whole way of life first shuddered to a halt and then slowly adapted to new circumstances.

The rise of all sorts of problems, including mental well-being and bereavement, has shaken society. We have watched as protests and rioting have taken place surrounding a variety of issues in many parts of the world.

How can we make sense and deal with the turmoil with has beset humanity?

Paul offers the answer. I know I have used these quotes before, but the little phrase ‘abound in hope’ comes from the end of his letter to a group of Christians in Rome. They are suffering persecution, life is difficult - something not unknown to Christians in many parts of the world right now. Paul says to them:

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. (*Romans 15: 13*)

At the heart of Paul’s life is an understanding of the way in which Jesus Christ has changed everything for him:

The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me,’ (*Galatians 2: 20*)

Paul’s understanding of life is transformed through knowledge of the self-giving love of Jesus, together with the call to his Resurrection Life.

Jesus Christ offers true life and true hope to all who seek to follow him. This does not mean that everything will be a bed of roses, but the assurance that whatever besets us, we are able to respond by abounding in hope, knowing that we are never alone - always accompanied by the God of Love.

With my love and best wishes,
Michael



FROM THE VICAR'S DESK

The Revd Michael Windridge Great news that the Revd Michael Windridge and his wife, Sabrina, will soon be moving to Bolney as Michael takes up his role as Associate Vicar within the Benefice! I know how greatly both are looking forward with eager anticipation to joining the community, and I also know how warmly you will welcome them! I hope that Michael will write something for the magazine soon and tell us something of his journey. Because of lockdown the appointment and move has been very protracted, but we do offer the warmest of welcomes to both Michael and Sabrina.

Tickets and other delights! Please remember that for the 9.45 you will require a ticket to attend. These are obtainable online (www.holytrinitycuckfield.org) or by phoning Gill in the Church Office (456461). We are currently only able to seat 60 people in the nave due to social distancing. Please remember that you are required to wear masks and provide contact details for each service you attend.

Alas, for the time being our beautiful Lady Chapel and the tower are currently chair stores. Hopefully, we may find a better solution in the long term.

Zooming I would like to pay tribute to the team who have enabled us to worship over these long months of strangeness. Paul, David, Jonathan, and James (and latterly Peter) have worked so hard on our behalf. It has been extraordinary that I took my hundredth service on Zoom recently, and we should note that although sometimes there have been glitches, we have never once failed to worship together – not always other churches' experience online! Thank you, one and all. I would also like to mention Richard Jenkinson and the choir. Richard has produced music for the choir for most of these services, so that they are able to join in at home. In addition, socially distanced choir practices have taken place outside in the Church Street playground, on one occasion producing applause from the residents! Well done, everyone!

Harvest We celebrate our Harvest Festival on **Sunday, October 4th**. Because of restrictions, there will be no associated barn dance – something we normally look forward to every year. The Family Eucharist will also be somewhat different, although please do remember that we are livestreaming all services on Zoom other than the 8.00 a.m. on that Sunday. Please do provide harvest gifts in aid of **Family Support Work**: tins, dried foodstuffs, jars of pasta sauce and the like. As you will imagine, there has been unprecedented need by families, and I hope that we will give generously from our parish. Please leave in the tower or call Jane Coan (617158) if you need items collected. Please, if getting to shops is difficult for you, and you would find making a financial donation easier, FSW will welcome that form of giving, too, in the cash-strapped times they find themselves, with normal fundraising events across the Deaneries currently suspended.

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETINGS

The parish's annual meetings, one for the election of churchwardens, the other for the election of members of the Parochial Church Council, which were deferred by the lockdown in March by Diocesan edict, are now able to be held on Zoom, following a change in the regulations. The meetings will be held at **11.30 a.m. on Sunday 11th October**, and access will be via the normal '**big blue button**' on the home page of the church web site. All the meeting papers are available on the church web site, and a limited number in hard copy will be available from the porch nearer the time.

Future planning Obviously our minds turn to the usually busy period ahead in the autumn as we approach Christmas, and more details about services including Remembrance Sunday, etc., will appear in next month's magazine.



REFLECTIONS FROM A LOCKDOWN VICAR *Part 3*

I hope that you will not have found my reflections too anecdotal. In a sense, they have enabled me to explore the flow of the situation we continue to live with at present – the essence of which I do not believe will change for the foreseeable future. It is challenging. At the same time, I have mentioned blessings we may have experienced in the slowing down of life generally, together with the opportunity to examine the pattern of life. Against this I think that there is some truth in what Michelle Obama described as a ‘low-grade’ depression many feel. Hers will also be coloured by the current situation in the USA particularly with the upcoming presidential elections! I mentioned a kind of PTSD affecting our attitudes in returning to some semblance of normality, particularly in regard to worship.

This is, perhaps, the true focus of the question I posed myself last month: ‘*Quo Vadimus?*’ – Where are we going? Where are we going as a Community of Faith, called by God to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ? Where are we travelling in regard to worship?

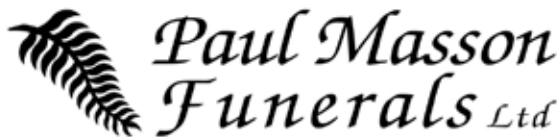
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Well, we are further forward (for the present, at least) in returning the 9.45 to the church, which feels like a very big step. However, we know the restrictions. Ticketing feels not much different to the pew rents of yesteryear! Most worshippers are masked and unable to sing, although we have the blessing that some singers are allowed to provide music for us. The restriction of numbers affects every aspect of the way in which we use the building. I am also fully aware of the fact that many parishioners will feel more comfortable for the time being attending worship online – something absolutely understandable. Asking those attending our weekday services, most are much happier if we remain as we are at present.

On the plus side, we are so fortunate that a generous parishioner provided (anonymously) a donation to cover the installation of the capacity to live stream: a camera and internet connection together with controls. However, this has thrown into sharp relief the shortcomings of the sound system and projector. These are mainly connected to the fact that we are now eight years on from installation when the church was reordered. In this modern technological world, it is a question of whether to rebulb the projector (expensive) or replace (only slightly more expensive yet offering even better quality and longer life). The other ongoing issue surrounding the sound system is the question of participation within services from people at home. I had set our team and the engineers who have advised us the goal of inclusivity. We have had such a good experience of live interaction, including guest preachers, that I hoped that we would be able to achieve this. However, this seems some way off, although Jonathan Berry and others are exploring if we might achieve this eventually.

One big concern to me is the participation of people in the sacramental life of the Church, most particularly in receiving Holy Communion. For many months, this was my role at our worship. It felt very strange: in some ways I felt bereft just being physically separated from everyone even though I was receiving Holy Communion. I hope that nevertheless people felt that Spiritual Communion was something which helped. Even with the lessening of lockdown I really didn't begin to know how to bring about the participatory act which stands at the heart of our worship – the breaking and the sharing of bread – THE bread.

We now have the opportunity for those who feel able to attend church to receive, even if in one kind only. What I hope we will achieve, is gradually to send Holy Communion out to all parishioners who request it on a regular basis.

Our Ministers of Communion will, I hope, play a key role in this, so that people may know that **'though we are one many we are one body'** (*Romans 12:5*) **because we all share in the one bread.'**



*You are the body of Christ!
Each one of you is a part of it.*

OCTOBER SAINTS

October is a month particular rich in terms of English saints, particularly in our Anglican Kalendar. **St Luke** (18th) and **Ss Simon and Jude** (28th) are Red Letter Days.

Although there has been (and continues to be) much debate on **Bishop George Bell**'s reputation in regard to accusations of abuse, he remains the one Anglican bishop who spoke out bravely during the Second World War. Before the war he had become acquainted with Dietrich Bonhoeffer, the exceptional Lutheran priest (subsequently murdered by the Nazis) and this shaped Bell's understanding of the iniquitous nature of that regime. He had witnessed the coming to power of the Nazis first-hand and strongly supported the Confessing Church (itself anti-Nazi) Bonhoeffer belonged to. During the war, Bell was involved in helping not only displaced persons and refugees who had fled the continent to England, but also the interned Germans and British conscientious objectors, together with a growing awareness that retribution was the wrong approach as the war neared its end. Bell was also a key figure in promoting ecumenism after the war. His life is commemorated on 3rd October.



Edward the Confessor from the Wilton Diptych

Edward the Confessor is commemorated on October 13th. The seventh son of Æthelred the Unready, and the first by his second wife, Emma of Normandy, Edward managed to survive the tangled nature of political and royal strife of the time, spending about 25 years in exile. However, once he ascended the throne, he proved to be a wily operator! Edward was the founder of Westminster Abbey, where he was laid to rest. We forget that the Norman conquest happened quickly following his death. William the Conqueror was crowned in Westminster Abbey on Christmas Day in the same year!

Henry Martyn (18th February 1781-16th October 1812) was an Anglican priest and missionary to the peoples of India and Persia. Born in Truro, Cornwall, he was educated at Truro Grammar School (the successor to Truro Cathedral School which I attended) and St John's College, Cambridge. A chance encounter with Charles Simeon, the influential evangelical divine, led him to become a missionary. He was ordained a priest and became a chaplain for the British East India Company. Martyn arrived in India in April 1806, where he preached and occupied himself in the study of linguistics. He translated the whole of the New Testament into Urdu, Persian and Judaeo-Persic. He also translated the Psalms into Persian and the Book of Common Prayer into Urdu. From India, he set out for Tabriz.

He was noted for his gentle personality and attractive character. On his journeying, Martyn developed fever, and though the plague was raging at Tokat, he was forced to stop there, unable to continue and died on 16th October 1812, although he is commemorated on 19th October. Martyn was given a Christian burial by Armenian clergy and it was found that the last entry in his journal included the following words:

Oh! when shall time give place to eternity? When shall appear that new heaven and new earth wherein dwelleth righteousness? There, there shall in no wise enter in any thing that defileth: none of that wickedness which has made men worse than wild beasts, none of those corruptions which add still more to the miseries of mortality, shall be seen or heard of any more.



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In addition, we have our local saints, **Bishop James Hannington**, martyred in Uganda in 1885 (October 29th) and **St Wilfrid** (October 12th) – Bishop of York and great missionary, who is reputed to have taught the South Saxons how to fish!



The East Window of St Mary's Willingdon – glass by Christopher Webb – St Richard on the left, St Wilfrid on the right, complete with fishing net, fishes and crab!

"I don't care who your dad is, this social gathering is breaking the rule of 6"



THE PARISH MAGAZINE COPY DATE

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<http://www.holytrinitycuckfield.org/welcome/parish-magazine/>

A limited number of hard copies of the magazine are being printed for those who might prefer to collect one from the church porch. All the while we are not physically distributing the parish magazine, we are able to move the copy date for the digital edition to later in the month. As a result:

The copy date for the **NOVEMBER 2020 Magazine** is now

MONDAY 19th OCTOBER

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Dear Friends,

It is hard to believe that we have reached September and a new school year. This week as the children in our families return to school there is a sense of change, which is causing a great deal of anxiety for some of them. Our practitioners are helping to ease the transition from home to school and giving support on re-establishing routines. We have already started to see an increase in referrals, which we were anticipating back in April at the start of lockdown, and expect that this will continue as new stresses and challenges face families that have just about managed to make it through lockdown.

Our friends at the **Diocesan Mothers' Union** have now joined us in our offices in Brighton. It is wonderful to be so close physically as there is so much that we do together in partnership to support families all across the county. With office-based staff now back at our head office for half of their working week (whilst still working from home the rest of the time), there is also great joy at being able to see our colleagues face-to-face again after months of phone calls, emails and Zoom meetings.

Thank you for all your support during these last few months and please pray for us as we enter what we anticipate will be a few difficult months.

Last month's work in numbers

- 286 (socially distanced) visits to families and 209 phone calls supporting 38 grandparents, 340 parents and 362 children;
- 17 supported meetings (virtually via Zoom/Skype etc.) with other agencies;
- 127 deliveries of food and other items (such as children's activities)

Nikki Kerr, FSW Director of Fundraising and Marketing



SOME SIMPLE BUT URGENT GUIDANCE TO GET US THROUGH THESE NEXT MONTHS

I awoke on Saturday September 19th with three sources in my mind for guidance: Etty Hillesum (1914-1943), the young Jewish woman who suffered much more injustice in the concentration camp than we are suffering now; Psalm 62, which must have been written in a time of a major oppression of the Jewish people; and the Irish Poet, W.B. Yeats (1895-1939), who wrote his ***Second Coming*** during the horrors of the World War I and the Spanish Flu pandemic.

These three sources form the core of my invitation. Read each one slowly as your first practice. Let us begin with Etty:

There is a really deep well inside me. And in it dwells God. Sometimes I am there, too ... And that is all we can manage these days and also all that really matters: that we safeguard that little piece of You, God, in ourselves.

Etty Hillesum, *Westerbork transit camp*

Note her second-person usage, talking to 'You, God' quite directly and personally. There is a Presence with her, even as she is surrounded by so much suffering.

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Then, the perennial classic wisdom of the Psalms:

In God alone is my soul at rest. God is the source of my hope.

In God I find shelter, my rock, and my safety.

Men are but a puff of wind,

**Men who think themselves important are a delusion. Put them on a scale,
They are gone in a puff of wind.**

Psalm 62:5-9

What could it mean to find rest like this in a world such as ours? Every day more and more people are facing the catastrophe of extreme weather. The neurotic news cycle is increasingly driven by a single narcissistic leader whose words and deeds incite hatred, sow discord, and amplify the daily chaos. The pandemic that seems to be returning in waves continues to wreak suffering and disorder with no end in sight, and there is no

guarantee of the future in an economy designed to protect the rich and powerful at the expense of the poor and those subsisting at the margins of society.

It's no wonder the mental and emotional health among a large portion of the American population is in tangible decline! We have wholesale abandoned any sense of truth, objectivity, science or religion in civil conversation; we now recognise we are living with the catastrophic results of several centuries of what philosophers call nihilism or post modernism (nothing means anything, there are no universal patterns).

We are without doubt in an apocalyptic time (the Latin word *apocalypsis* refers to an urgent unveiling of an ultimate state of affairs). Yeats's oft-quoted poem ***The Second Coming*** then feels like a direct prophecy. See if you do not agree:

**Turning and turning in the widening gyre
The falcon cannot hear the falconer;
Things fall apart; the centre cannot hold;
Mere anarchy is loosed upon the world,
The blood-dimmed tide is loosed, and everywhere
The ceremony of innocence is drowned;**

**The best lack all conviction, while the worst
Are full of passionate intensity.**

Somehow our occupation and vocation as believers in this sad time must be to first restore the Divine Center by holding it and fully occupying it ourselves. If contemplation means anything, it means that we can 'safeguard that little piece of You, God,' as Etty Hillesum describes it. What other power do we have now? All else is tearing us apart, inside and out, no matter who wins the election or who is on the Supreme Court. We cannot abide in such a place for any length of time or it will become our prison.

God cannot abide with us in a place of fear.

God cannot abide with us in a place of ill-will or hatred.

God cannot abide with us inside a nonstop volley of claim and counterclaim.

God cannot abide with us in an endless flow of online punditry and analysis.

God cannot speak inside of so much angry noise and conscious deceit.

God cannot be found when all sides are so far from 'the Falconer.'

God cannot be born except in a womb of Love.

So, offer God that womb.

Stand as a sentry at the door of your senses for these coming months, so 'the blooddimmed tide' cannot make its way into your soul.

If you allow it for too long, it will become who you are, and you will no longer have natural access to the 'really deep well' that Etty Hillesum returned to so often and that held so much vitality and freedom for her.

If you will allow, I recommend for your spiritual practice for the next four months that you impose a moratorium on exactly how much news you are subject to - hopefully not more than an hour a day of television, social media, internet magazine and newspaper commentary, and/or political discussions. It will only tear you apart and pull you into the dualistic world of opinion and counter-opinion, not Divine Truth, which is always found in a bigger place.

Instead, I suggest that you use this time for some form of public service, volunteerism, mystical reading from the masters, prayer, or, preferably, all of the above. You have much to gain now and nothing to lose. Nothing at all. And the world-with you as a stable center-has nothing to lose. And everything to gain.

Richard Rohr, September 19th 2020

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CHURCH ARMY

by Sister Eileen Caple, CA

After we retired and moved to Haywards Heath, we started attending Holy Trinity Church and met Fr Michael who found out Stephen was a Priest and that are we both Church Army Evangelists. Michael mentioned to me that maybe I could put something together about Church Army for the magazine so here I am.

I come from Belfast, Northern Ireland originally. I felt called to Christian ministry but did not know what to do. I spoke to my minister the Revd Brian Moller who told me about Church Army, and he was able to get me information about the three-year training in Blackheath London at the time. I could have run away from this calling, but the prompting of God's Holy Spirit led me to do something about it. I began my three-year training in 1977, and after training my first post was St Luke's, Bromley Common working with Revd Ron D Smith.

I met my husband, Stephen, as he was in training too, and his first post was St Mary's, Woolwich. In 1982 we got married, and then Stephen felt called to be ordained, and we have ministered together in a number of Churches, in different settings together over the years until we retired last year after 39 years in ministry.

Enough about us, as I would like to share something about Church Army, which is incredibly special and, in my DNA, as it were. September is a special month for Church Army as we

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remember our founder Revd Prebendary Wilson Carlile on the nearest Sunday to 26th Sept the anniversary of his death.

Church Army has been the heart of evangelism within the Church of England since it was founded in 1882 by Wilson Carlile who was both a priest and evangelist. His vision was to take the good news of Jesus Christ to those outside the church and to encourage Christians in the church to share their faith.

Before Wilson Carlile committed his life to Christ, all his energies and talents had been devoted entirely to personal gain. In his own words, he said 'I was a money grubber, pure and simple, I worked and schemed with the sole idea of piling up my banking account - all my thoughts were given to that one end'.

The year 1873 will be remembered in business circles for the series of bank suspensions in London and New York that brought about a day of disaster known as Black Friday. Among the hardest hit was Wilson Carlile: from a person worth between £20-30,000, he lost everything except for £1,500. He became extremely ill, and it was the lowest time in his life. His Aunt sent him a leaflet called *The Christian* each week; and she also wrote to him and visited him because she wanted Wilson to find peace in God. He was furious at first but while lying on his back through ill health he had the opportunity to take stock of his life and what was important, and God used the witness of his aunt and Christian material to speak to Wilson, and he turned to Christ and became a committed Christian.

After his conversion people saw a great change, and his service for Jesus Christ became his one passion. His eyes had been truly opened because he had experienced the power of God in his life. He became involved in the life of the church, and was later ordained, and served his curacy at St Mary Abbots Kensington. The people soon learnt that he had a desire to help those less

fortunate than himself, and so the seeds of the Church Army were being planted, and Church Army began in 1882.

His passion to share the good news was infectious and encouraged great numbers to join Church Army and train and then go and serve churches and communities wherever they went, and through the war years.

Church Army is not just in the UK, but it reaches as far away as Jamaica, New Zealand, America, Africa, and many other parts of the world. Church Army ministry is involved with children and young people, area evangelism, church planting, older people, and homeless people through centres of mission, which of all stem from the heart of Wilson Carlile who cared for those less fortunate than himself.

The DARE Strategy explains Church Army well. ***Doing, Advocating Resourcing and Enabling***. Church Army's vision is that everyone everywhere has the opportunity to encounter God's love and be empowered to transform their communities through faith shared in word and action.

The CATALYST Church Army magazine, and prayer diary comes out usually once a quarter and gives write-ups about the work that is being done, a little plug to encourage others to take the magazine, when life gets back to a new normal. If you Google Church Army, you will find lots of information and videos about its history and present ministry being done by its Evangelists: The Marylebone Project for homeless women in London, and Ty Bronna in Wales for young people, are continuing to serve others, through this pandemic. No room to mention the rest. Hope the following website about Church Army will help: <https://churcharmy.org/>

LOST AND FOUND

I missed him when the sun began to bend;
I found him not when I had lost his rim;
With many tears I went in search of him,
Climbing high mountains which did still ascend,
And gave me echoes when I called 'my friend!';
Through cities vast and charnel-houses grim,
And high cathedrals where the light was dim,
Through books and arts and works without an end,
But found him not--the friend whom I had lost.
And yet I found him - as I found the lark,
A sound in fields I heard but could not mark;
I found him nearest when I missed him most;
I found him in my heart, a life in frost,
A light I knew not till my soul was dark.

George Mac Donald
(1824-1905)

CROSSWORD ANSWERS FOR OCTOBER 2020 ANSWERS

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

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

TAWNY OWL - *NOT WHAT THEY SEEM*

Once upon a time, we were terrified of Tawny Owls. They were a portent of evil in fairy tales, folklore and just about every scary story, film or poem that needed a creepy cliché. But in today's crowded marketplace of international terrorism, climate change and saturated fats, the owl's powers to scare us are fading. Recently, it appears this spokesman of the supernatural has got itself a new publicist. Its modern image is one of a cuddly pin-up, more Harry Potter than Hammer Horror.

But stand in the woods on a moonlit night and listen for an unseen owl's ethereal call. It's an ancient, unnerving sound that still speaks to something buried deep within us and ignites a primeval fear. The Tawny Owl is the largest and commonest of our island's five owl species, typically nesting in holes in old trees in our remaining woodlands. But what is it about this bird that has given us the willies throughout history? Let's start with those huge, lifeless black eyes that seem to stare into your very soul. An owl's eyes are not spherical but tubular like two telescopes and give amazing vision at low light levels. However, the eye's stretched shape and position on the owl's face presents a narrow field of vision. To compensate, a Tawny Owl has special bones and blood vessels in its neck so it can perform that freaky, Exorcist-like head twist. This gives the bird the ability to scan all around without having to move their bodies and arouse detection by prey.

And in the world of a nocturnal hunter, silence and stealth are everything. Special serrated feathers slice the air, allowing it to fly

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MAP OF CUCKFIELD AREA

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as silently as a phantom and aerially ambush its victims. Incredible hearing achieved by asymmetrical ears allows them to accurately pinpoint the rustle of a nervous vole below. They can hear fear.

And then there's that disembodied voice arising from the darkness. The male's far-carrying baritone *hooo-huhuhuho* and the female's squawky *kerr-wik* response are like a mismatched duet between Johnny Cash and Janet Street-Porter. These calls help establish, maintain and defend a breeding territory, and from October the birds are at their most vocal. Of course, Tawny Owls really couldn't give two hoots about scaring us, but throughout history these spectral calls have provided a soundtrack to our deepest fears. In a society which is becoming increasingly detached from nature, it's time to get out into the woods this Halloween and allow ourselves to be unsettled once again by these mystical birds.

Michael Blencowe - The Sussex Wildlife Trust

OCTOBER GARDEN NOTES

The end of August brought a change to the weather with Storm Francis and night temperatures down to single figures over the Bank Holiday weekend. Autumn colours began early with the summer drought and heat causing stress to trees and shrubs, some of which, (shallow-rooted beech particularly), had already dropped a proportion of their leaves to reduce moisture loss and survive. So long as another storm does not rip through, we should be able to enjoy the autumn hues through into early October.

In the garden, keep mowing the grass whilst it's growing; turf bare patches before the middle of the month. Scarify and treat for moss.

Cut back herbaceous perennials that have died down and compost where possible, removing seed heads first on those that reproduce too readily like *Alchemilla* and *Echinops*. Prune climbing roses by shortening long whippy shoots or

tying them in to avoid wind damage. Remove damaged, dead, diseased or tangled/ crossing branches. Prune any flowered side shoots back by two thirds of their length. If the plant is heavily congested, cut out any really old branches from the base to promote new growth.

Sedums, Michelmas daises, Nerines and Kaffir lilies (*Shizostylis*) are making a good display as are cyclamen hederifolium and colchicums.

Plant bulbs no later than the end of October if you want a good spring show, as the soil is still warm enabling their roots to penetrate the ground and draw up nutrients. Likewise, you may wish to plant new trees, shrubs and climbers before winter sets in. Buddleias, penstemons, bush roses and taller shrubs/woody herbaceous that aren't normally pruned until spring are best reduced by a third to avoid wind damage and wind rock. Secure very vulnerable plants with a stake. Consider planting hiped roses for birds to feed on in winter. *Rosa rugosa*, *galuca/rubrifolia*, *moyesii* and *rubiginosa* are all good hip bearers.

Cut all types of hedge from *leylandii*, privet, hawthorn, beech, holly, yew - any you haven't yet tackled.

Empty and clean out pots and tubs when summer bedding has gone past its best (also hanging baskets). Plant with pansies, polyanthus, bulbs and other winter bedding including small evergreen shrubs like heathers, hebes and *Euonymus*, using new compost.

In the veg garden, take down runner and climbing French beans and their structures if not permanent; stake sprouts and kale if the wind might blow them horizontal; harvest remaining squashes, pumpkins and apples. In the greenhouse, remove tomatoes cucumbers, peppers and aubergines once they've finished cropping. Bin or burn if there were any signs of blight, mildew or virus.

If the autumn winds blow, there will always be leaves to rake up and compost if you can!

Lindsay Shurvell

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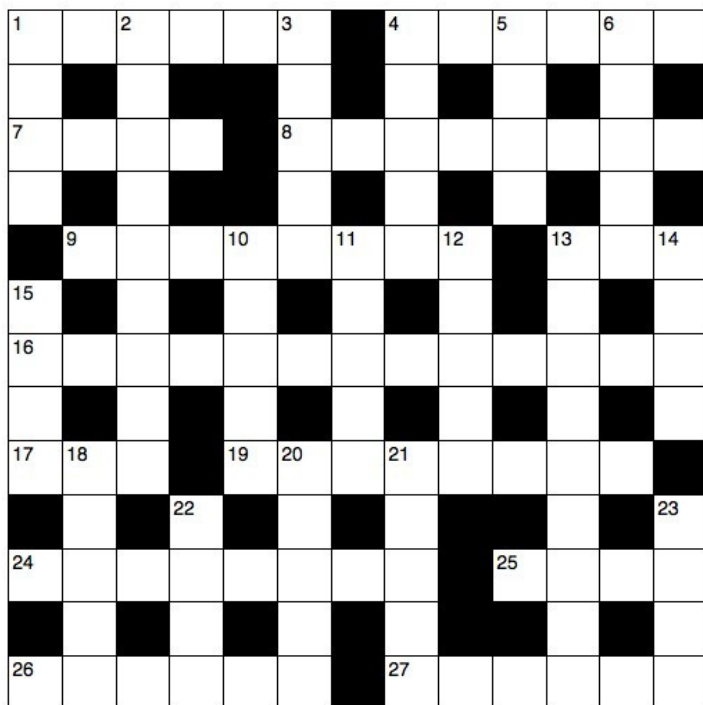
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October Crossword



ACROSS

- 1 He must be 'the husband of but one wife and must manage his children and his household well' (1 Timothy 3:12) (6)
- 4 'For we must all — before the judgement seat of Christ' (2 Corinthians 5:10) (6)
- 7 'They reeled and staggered like drunken men; they were at their — end' (Psalm 107:27) (4)
- 8 See 19 Across
- 9 It concerned who among the disciples would be the greatest (Luke 9:46) (8)
- 13 Formed by the Jews in Thessalonica to root out Paul and Silas (Acts 17:5) (3)
- 16 'He has sent me to bind up the — ' (Isaiah 61:1) (6-7)

- 17 Moved rapidly on foot (Matthew 28:8) (3)
- 19 and 8 ' — a great company of the — host appeared with the angel' (Luke 2:13) (8,8)
- 24 Hindrance (Romans 14:13) (8)
- 25 Comes between Luke and Acts (4)
- 26 Empower (Acts 4:29) (6)
- 27 'Get these out of here! How dare you turn my Father's house into a — !' (John 2:16) (6)

DOWN

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

(Answers on page 29)

CHURCHES ENJOY ZOOMING

Most churches who used digital channels during lockdown, in order to keep in touch with their congregations, found that their favourite platform was Zoom.

A recent survey by *Ecclesiastical Insurance* found that Zoom was used by 78%, Skype 12%, and other platforms, including WhatsApp, by 8%.

Nearly one third of churches who used digital channels have also reported increased attendance at their virtual services.

That has led to 38% of churches saying that they would continue to use digital channels, even now that churches are physically open again.

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October 2020 Calendar & Readings for Sunday Services

Apart from on the first Sunday of the month there are no Evensong services at present but the readings for the day are still listed for information

SUNDAY 4 OCTOBER – HARVEST AND SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

- 8.00am Holy Communion
*Deuteronomy 8: 7-18; 2 Corinthians 9: 6-end;
Luke 12: 16-20*
- 9.45am Family Eucharist
- 6.00pm Choral Evensong
Deuteronomy 26: 1-11; Philippians 4: 4-9

SUNDAY 11 OCTOBER – EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

- 8.00am Holy Communion
As 9.45am
- 9.45am Parish Eucharist
*Isaiah 25: 1-9; Philippians 4: 1-9;
Matthew 22: 1-14*

SUNDAY 18 OCTOBER – NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

- 8.00am Holy Communion
As 9.45am
- 9.45am Parish Eucharist
*Isaiah 45: 1-7; 1 Thessalonians 1: 1-10;
Matthew 22: 15-22
Evensong (for information only)
Proverbs 4: 1-18; 1 John 3: 16-4: 6*

SUNDAY 25 OCTOBER – LAST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

- 8.00am Holy Communion (Traditional Language)
As 9.45am
- 9.45am Parish Eucharist
*Leviticus 19: 1-2, 15-18; 1 Thessalonians 2: 1-8;
Matthew 22: 34-end
Evensong (for information only)
Ecclesiastes Chap. 11 & 12; 2 Timothy 2: 1-7*

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6.00 p.m. Evensong

WEEKDAYS

10.30 a.m. Wednesdays Holy Communion (Common Worship)

9.00 a.m. Thursdays Holy Communion (Iona/Celtic)

11.00 a.m. Fridays Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)

All live online services are via the same Zoom Link, which will be found on the home page of the church website which you will find here:

<http://www.holytrinitycuckfield.org/>

Please note that after clicking on the Zoom link you will enter a 'waiting room' from where you will join the service