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*May the pains and the paths of war remain in our hearts and in our minds
so they may no more be waged with our hands nor trod with our feet.*

Service Times

See also Parish Diary at back of magazine for changes to below service times

At the time of production St Laurence is gradually relaxing Covid-19 restrictions and we hope that further easing will be possible as time goes on. However, it is not yet possible to predict the situation several months ahead so please see Porchtalk, or contact the Parish Office or clergy, for current information.

Sundays	Weekdays
Holy Communion 1 st and 3 rd Sunday 08.00	Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday Morning Prayer 08.45
Sung Parish Mass 09.30	Wednesday Mass 11.00
Sunday Schools 09.30	
Evensong (maybe on Zoom) 18.30	

Footsteps

This Service is for pre-school children and grown-ups
Monday at 09.30 in the Lady Chapel.

Services on
1st and 29th November.



Additional services on Saints' Days are shown in the Diary in the back pages.

Baptisms These are administered during public services.
Please contact the Parish Office to make arrangements.

Wedding Banns Please contact the Parish Office to make arrangements.

Confessions By appointment with the clergy.

**Please inform the Parish Office, Revd Susannah or Fr Roy
of anyone who is ill or in need of a pastoral visit.**

See back pages for useful telephone contact numbers

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From Fr Roy

The Old Testament book of Ecclesiastes tells us: 'For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven'. At Morning Prayer recently, we have been working our way through the two books of Samuel. In the second book there is the story which tells of King David's realisation that while he, the king, had a fine palace in which to live, God seemed to be housed only in a tent. David wanted to build a fine temple for God and, whilst God seemed to approve of this idea, he decreed that it would not be for David to complete the work but his son Solomon. In God's plans it was not yet the season: the idea was good, but the time was not yet right.

This is often God's way. God reveals his plans through chance conversations, through little hints, through a series of coincidences. On their own, none of these might seem to mean very much. However, when you experience all these things in quick succession then you begin to understand one inevitable thing. The time is right: the season for God's plan has come. So, I begin to wonder just what God has been saying to us throughout the past eighteen months or so.

We have lived through one of the major events in human history. From nowhere, a major new infectious disease spread rapidly across the whole planet, leaving the world's leaders at a loss as to how to react, how to control the events unfolding on their watch. What about the Church? Did the Church, too, struggle to keep up with events? Some people believed that decisions made by church leaders, our bishops, and others, were somewhat of an over-reaction. Some decisions, perhaps, did not go far enough.

As I write this, we appear to be on the road to recovery from the most devastating effects of the pandemic. Today, in mid-September, eighty per cent of the adult population of the United Kingdom have had two doses of the vaccine: a magnificent achievement in anyone's eyes. Life may seem to be becoming more normal, although of course we cannot know what may happen next. As active Christian people we should pray that our lives and livelihoods, and those of our neighbours, will continue to recover.

As we pick up the pieces, we must think about what we have learned. During the long periods of lockdown, we saw the good side of human beings. We saw

that many people went out of their way to help others, particularly the most vulnerable people: those who were shielding. People seemed to put into practice the commandment to love our neighbours by ensuring that their own neighbours had food, medicines and other essentials.

We found new ways to keep in touch with each other. We discovered that through technology we were able to continue to worship God and to have some fellowship even though we could not meet in person. Now, as we return to worshipping together, we need to hold on to what we have learned and then build on it so that we can continue to support those who are housebound and help them to feel part of our Church.

We continue to live in uncertain times. For some people such uncertainty is uncomfortable. But we live in hope, and as followers of Jesus Christ we must put our hand into God's hand and trust him. There may be new and exciting things ahead.

From the Parish Registers

BAPTISM: *We welcome into the family of the church and pray for:*

25 th July	Isaac Masterson
15 th August	Charlotte Edge
22 nd August	Jesse Arbon
29 th August	Henry Langford
5 th September	Isla, Alfred and Amelia Yallop
12 th September	James and Alfie Smith



MARRIAGE: *We offer our congratulations to and pray for:*

14 th August	Emily-May Buffoni and Jay Venables
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FUNERAL: *We offer our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of:*

24 th August	Keith Wennell (known as Jim)
2 nd September	Joan Sharpen

We are all saddened by the death of Tony Mason at the end of August. Tony had been a long-standing member of the congregation at St Laurence and contributed to church life in many different ways over the years. A tribute to Tony will be published in the next issue. Please do keep June and their family in your prayers.



From the Editors

It is that special time of year again when we notice the season changing around us. The urgency of summer growth is over, the fruits are being gathered in and the autumnal colours in nature glow richly in the rays of each setting sun.

Harvest will have been celebrated in church during the latter part of September but the preserving and storing for the lean winter months ahead is still in full swing.

It is our duty and privilege to be thankful to God for many things and at all times, but, in autumn, the abundance of his provision becomes increasingly obvious. His necessity to every living thing on this planet turns being thankful from a solely personal state to a truly corporate one.

God has blessed the Earth and in doing so has blessed us beyond all measure.

Joanne Chapman, Editor.

December and January Magazine Deadline

Items for inclusion in the December and January edition of *Gridiron* should reach the editorial team by **Friday 5th November**. We would prefer to receive items by e-mail at gridiron@upminsterparish.co.uk. Paper copy is acceptable but should be submitted to us as early as possible. The **December and January Magazine** will be on sale from **Sunday 28th November**.

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The Course in Christian Studies (CCS)

by Rob Brabner



The two year 'Course in Christian Studies' (CCS) is run by the Chelmsford Diocese in various centres around within the diocese. The CCS began in 1987 and since then over 2,500 lay people have taken part, including some from St Laurence.

The course meetings are weekly with breaks between term time. The first year is deemed 'foundational' i.e. looking at the Old Testament, the Gospels and the Letters of St Paul. Later in the course other modules explore varied subjects such as 'Living Spirituality', 'Baptism and the Eucharist', 'The Church, The World and Essex', and 'Living Distinctly - making Christian decisions'.

The first year modules enable the exploration of faith and for those of us who are a bit rusty, a chance to brush up on our Old and New Testament knowledge. The second year gives an opportunity to explore faith further and deeper, and the issues relating to living as a Christian.

To quote from the Diocese's website 'What could it give you?

The **excitement** of discovery and learning together: members bring their own varied stories and experiences and share them, finding new truth in themselves and in each other through lively discussion.

.... Constructive **Reflection** on the Bible and tradition and on the contemporary world: the Course does not shirk the hard questions posed by the Church's history or by believing in God and seeking peace and justice today.'

Little did we know when joining in 2019 that we would experience the pandemic. Initially we were meeting in the St Laurence Church Halls but could only continue on line and by using Zoom, coping as best we could with the restrictions this imposed. However, we were very grateful that the course did not have to be cancelled.

Our Upminster-based group was ably led by Jenny Heinink (St Luke's, Cranham) with Kerry Shipley (The Good Shepherd, Collier Row) and Anne Jarrett (St Andrew's, Hornchurch) assisting. Sadly, Jenny had to miss a few weeks herself due to becoming a Covid victim. Members of the group represented a number of local Anglican churches, including South Weald, Wennington, Cranham, Rainham and Hornchurch.

The cost of the course is £150 per year or £50 per term. If anyone in the congregation would like to know more I would be delighted to provide further information. The way our group bonded and helped each other was most heartening. We had an interesting variety of religious perspectives that was quite enlightening, and we learnt a lot from each other.

The Chelmsford Diocese website has further information. If you wish to expand your knowledge of Christianity and the Church, both in the community and on the world stage, it is well worth visiting and exploring:

<https://www.chelmsford.anglican.org/discipleship/course-in-christian-studies>

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My Lovely Church

by Lance Jackson

Arriving in Upminster in 1937, most of my life has been involved in St Laurence in one way or another. My father knew I seemed useful with my hands and I spent a lot of time playing the piano or model-making.

Church furnishings always interested me, so when Margaret Reading, one of our wardens, asked for a stool with a handrail for use in the vestry, I jumped at the challenge. A raised platform for youngsters to read at the lectern came next and is in use to this day.



Pat Worton generously left the church some money on her death on condition it would be used for literature, notices, etc. The existing cheap steel table at the south entrance was not very attractive. A suitable piece of furniture, which could be moved, seemed a possibility. Fr Michael suggested I should make something. Using oak and mahogany seemed to fit the requirements. No faculty was required as there were no fixings to walls. Another idea of Fr Michael's was to make a small prayer table which could be used to indicate when the children are taken to the choir vestry during the service at 9.30. A candle is lit to indicate that they are in another room and on their return, the candle is doused. This was quite a challenge but gave me much pleasure to make.

When Fr Michael arrived with his very talented wife Rosalind, they came with some of her beautiful sculptures. One of these was a Pietà which shows Mary mourning her son Jesus. This sculpture is on long-term loan to the church. I decided to make a stand large enough to place flowers on either side. Some lovely oak was required. The top three boards were fixed with carpenter's biscuits and Scotch glue.

It was several years ago when I was involved with making music boxes. The hundred-year-old library was designed to take quarto-sized sheet music and many of the pockets were damaged. I set about making cardboard boxes which would just fit the library shelves into which our A4-sized music would fit. I have so far made 180 boxes. Pat Worton and Jean Blow, both experienced librarians, spent hours indexing and cataloguing the music.

When you have a few minutes, maybe after a service, remember to look at the beautiful Rectors of Upminster board made by Robert (Mouseman) Thompson in the church tower.

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Bach Concert Series - and Thank You to Richard

In October 2019, Richard Brasier, who was at the time still our Director of Music, embarked on an ambitious project to play the complete organ works of J.S. Bach. Richard programmed the pieces over twenty concerts, all scheduled to be played on the St Laurence organ and intended to raise money for the church building improvements project. Sadly, the onset of the pandemic meant an end to live concerts with an audience, but as soon as lockdown restrictions permitted, Richard set about recording a video for each performance which was then premiered on YouTube at the scheduled time. In due course he also recorded the concerts he had already played, so that those could also be enjoyed again, or seen by those who had been unable to attend in person. The online concerts have reached a diverse international audience.

The final concert premiered on 3rd September 2021 and collections from both in-person and online concerts have raised over £1700 – a very welcome addition to the building project's funds. If you would like to listen to the concerts again or for the first time, they remain available on Richard's YouTube channel – 'Richard Brasier Organist'. Donations to the building project – either by cash in the wall safe in church, or by bank transfer to the PCC account (Account name: PCC of Upminster, Sort code: 60-22-06, Account number: 13064185) remain welcome.

At Easter 2020, Richard completed his time as our Director of Music, but sadly, due to the constraints of the pandemic, we were not able to express our thanks properly at that time. We hope finally to be able to do this at the 9.30am Mass on Sunday 31st October, and at refreshments in the Hall afterwards. We will be presenting Richard with a gift; if you wish to contribute towards this and did not have opportunity before the pandemic, please give cash donations to Jean Keen or make a bank transfer using the above details and the reference 'Richard thanks'.



Madeleine Lyus

by Sally Thomson

In July, Guiding in Upminster said farewell to Madeleine Lyus who has been a Guider for over 50 years, the majority of which have been spent in Upminster. We will miss Madeleine so much as her experience is so varied.

I asked Madeleine to write a little timeline of her time in Guiding:

'I joined Brownies aged 7 in 1961 and never left guiding, in fact still going, currently a member of Chelmsford South Trefoil Guild and about to start in 1st Galleywood Guides as an Assistant Guider.



Although I grew up in Tottenham I joined 7th Edmonton Brownies, in the next borough, gained my first class Brownie, flew up to Guides and after a couple of years I went back to the same Brownies as a Pack Leader. I got my Queen's Guide and then became a member of SRS ISIS, our local ranger unit which was a Sea Ranger Unit, where I spent a lot of time rowing, sailing and canoeing in Cheshunt.



I also met Dave through the Rangers as he was a Venture Scout and we had a lot of joint meetings with the Ventures. In fact 5 of us got married to members of that Scout unit and we are still in contact with each other. I continued helping at Brownies and at 17 and half I held my first leader warrant as Tawny Owl with 7th Edmonton Brownies.

A year later we moved to Crays Hill in Essex and I went off to University. However the local Guide Unit met Saturday mornings so I was able to continue as Guide Leader there.

When I got married we moved to Hainault and I started at a Guide unit in Barkingside which had a patrol of girls from the local Barnado's Home who came with their 'House Mother' who was also a Guider at the Unit.

In 1980 we moved to Upminster and I thought I might have a short break before starting guiding there, but in the first few weeks a parish magazine from Trinity dropped through our letterbox and in it was an appeal for someone to take over the Ranger Unit at St Laurence. In those days Upminster was one big district. I contacted Hazel and said I assumed the previous owners of the house

had been members of Trinity Church, but no, and no one at Trinity had any idea why the magazine had been delivered to me. I never received another one after that, so it was obviously meant to be. A couple of years later Upminster was divided into 2 districts and Deborah Masterson invited me to become her District Assistant as she took on the role of District Commissioner for the newly formed Upminster South District. Over the next 15 or so years Deborah and I swapped roles and uniforms and ran the district. I then moved on to become Division Commissioner, the most memorable part of which was organising a fun day to celebrate the Millennium for 1000 girls and leaders over at Grange Waters. I returned to the role of District Commissioner a couple more times. Whilst all this was going on I continued to run the Rangers, and also had 4 children, who got dragged along to so many guiding events. After passing the Ranger unit over to one of my ex-rangers I stepped in to keep the Brownie packs at Branfil School going, I put all the girls into one big unit and after 6 months one of the packs at St Laurence was set to close so I took those in as well and with 2 mum helpers who stayed with me we ran a large Brownie Pack. Then the Guide unit was set to close, I couldn't find anyone to take it over but did find 3 ladies who had been Brownie Guiders in Islington and were looking for a unit in Havering or Thurrock. So together with my trusty mum helpers we reopened the Guide unit at Branfil. At this time the Rainbows at Branfil where my daughter, Susie, was a helper were short of help, so for a year, instead of dropping her off at Rainbows and then coming back, I stayed and helped. We had to move the Guides from Branfil and St Laurence welcomed us. After a



couple of years we combined the 2 Guide Units into one and I joined with Sally. I continued taking the older girls through their Baden Powell Trefoil and this gradually evolved into a Ranger Unit, taking me back full circle to where I had arrived in Upminster.

I continued to 'guide' in Upminster after moving to Chelmsford because I was coming in to Hornchurch on Wednesdays to look after my granddaughters. But the youngest starts school in September, so now is the time to say goodbye to Upminster Girl Guiding. After 41 years guiding in Upminster and 51 years in a leadership role, I move on to Chelmsford South Trefoil Guild, but as I don't feel quite ready to



give up the weekly meetings with the children, 1st Galleywood Guides have invited me to join them.

I must thank Sally for organising a party to say goodbye, which even included a video link to a guiding friend who now lives in Liverpool. The county team came along and presented me with my 50-year long service award, delayed like many things by Covid. It was a wonderful occasion with friends old and new. How they packed all the gifts, which included a 6ft tall Olive tree, into my car was amazing. I will miss guiding in Upminster and in particular at St Laurence.'

Obviously losing Madeleine has left a big hole and Guides and Rangers desperately need new leaders. If this has inspired you, please do not hesitate to contact me. (sallyathomson@hotmail.co.uk)



October and November



The meaning of October comes from the Latin word Octo meaning eight. The old Roman calendar started in March, so October was the eighth month. When the Roman Senate changed the calendar in 153 BCE, the new year started in January, and October became the tenth month.

Our modern Gregorian calendar began on 4th October 1582. Pope Gregory XIII ordered the calendar to jump from 4th October to 15th October to correct the 10 days that the old Roman calendar had accumulated.

Daylight Saving Time begins in Australia and ends for most countries in Europe. In Australia the clocks go forward one hour as they enter 'summer time'; in Europe they go back one hour as they return to 'standard time'. October is the second month of autumn in the northern hemisphere and the second month of spring in the southern hemisphere.

Halloween, or the night of spirits, goes back to a Celtic festival known as Samhain which marked the start of winter. They believed the spirits of the dead could return to earth that night.

The full moon in October is traditionally called the Hunter's Moon, as October is the month to start preparing for winter by hunting or slaughtering animals and preserving their meat.

Around 8th and 9th October the Draconids meteor shower peaks. The shooting stars are best seen just after nightfall. The shower is named after the constellation Draco the Dragon where the meteors seem to originate. The Orionid meteor shower peaks on 21st and 22nd, but usually remains active between 2nd October and 7th November. The best time to see shooting stars is just after midnight and before the Sun rises.

Oktoberfest, the original beer festival, is celebrated in Munich, Germany. It started as a spectacle in honour of the Bavarian royal wedding in 1810. Today, the carnival with rides, food and, of course, beer tents, lasts from mid-September to the first Sunday in October.

The Space Age began on 4th October 1957 when the Soviet Union launched the first satellite into orbit. They named it Sputnik which means 'fellow traveller' or simply 'satellite' in Russian. It sent a beeping radio signal for just 21 days and the 'Space Race' between the USA and the Soviet Union began. The tiny satellite only weighed 83.6kg.

The meaning of November comes from Novem which is the Latin word for nine. It was called mensis november, the ninth month, because the Roman calendar started in March. There were initially 29 days in November. When the start of the year was changed from March to January (see above) November became the eleventh month. In the year 46 BCE, Julius Caesar introduced a new calendar system - the Julian calendar. He added ten days to the year and introduced the leap day. In the new Julian calendar, November was expanded to 30 days.

In the northern hemisphere November is the last month of autumn and the last month of spring in the southern hemisphere. Daylight Saving Time ends in the United States of America, Canada, and northern Mexico. On the first Sunday of November the clocks go back 1 hour from 2am to 1am in most US states.

The Leonid shooting stars are visible between 6th and 30th November. This meteor shower usually peaks during the night of 17th and in the early morning hours of 18th November, with up to 15 meteors per hour.

On 19th November 2021 most of the Moon will plunge into the Earth's umbra, the central, dark portion of its shadow. This partial lunar eclipse will be visible from North and South America, Australia, and parts of Europe and Asia. The Full Moon in November this year will be a Micro Full Moon. This occurs when the Moon is closest to its apogee. Traditionally the November Moon is called a Beaver Moon after beavers who build their dams at this time of the year.

On the 5th November in 1605 a group of conspirators tried, but failed, to blow up the Houses of Parliament in London, overthrow King James I and restore the Catholic Monarchy. Guy Fawkes was captured the day before and the conspirators betrayed. Since 5th November 1606 the failed treason has been celebrated and is now remembered as Guy Fawkes Day in the UK. It is celebrated with fireworks and bonfires.

On 3rd November 1957 the Soviet Union sent the first living creature into space. A dog called Laika, Russian for 'yapper', was aboard Sputnik II, the second Soviet satellite to go into orbit around the Earth almost one month after the first.

And of course, Remembrance Day, which evolved from Armistice Day, is on 11th November and has been observed since the end of the First World War, which officially ended in 1919 with the signing of the Treaty of Versailles.



Seeing Christ

Christians are called to find Jesus in the faces of the poor. It's not easy, but it is the first step towards compassionate action.

This poem and prayer is by the late David Adam who was the Vicar of Lindisfarne off the Northumbrian coast for thirteen years until he retired in March 2003. His work involved ministering to thousands of pilgrims and other visitors. He is the author of many inspiring books on spirituality and prayer, and his Celtic writings have rekindled a keen interest in our Christian heritage.

Christ, let me see you in others.
Christ, let others see you in me.
Christ, let me see:

You are the caller
You are the poor
You are the stranger at the door.

You are the wanderer
The unfed
You are the homeless
With no bed

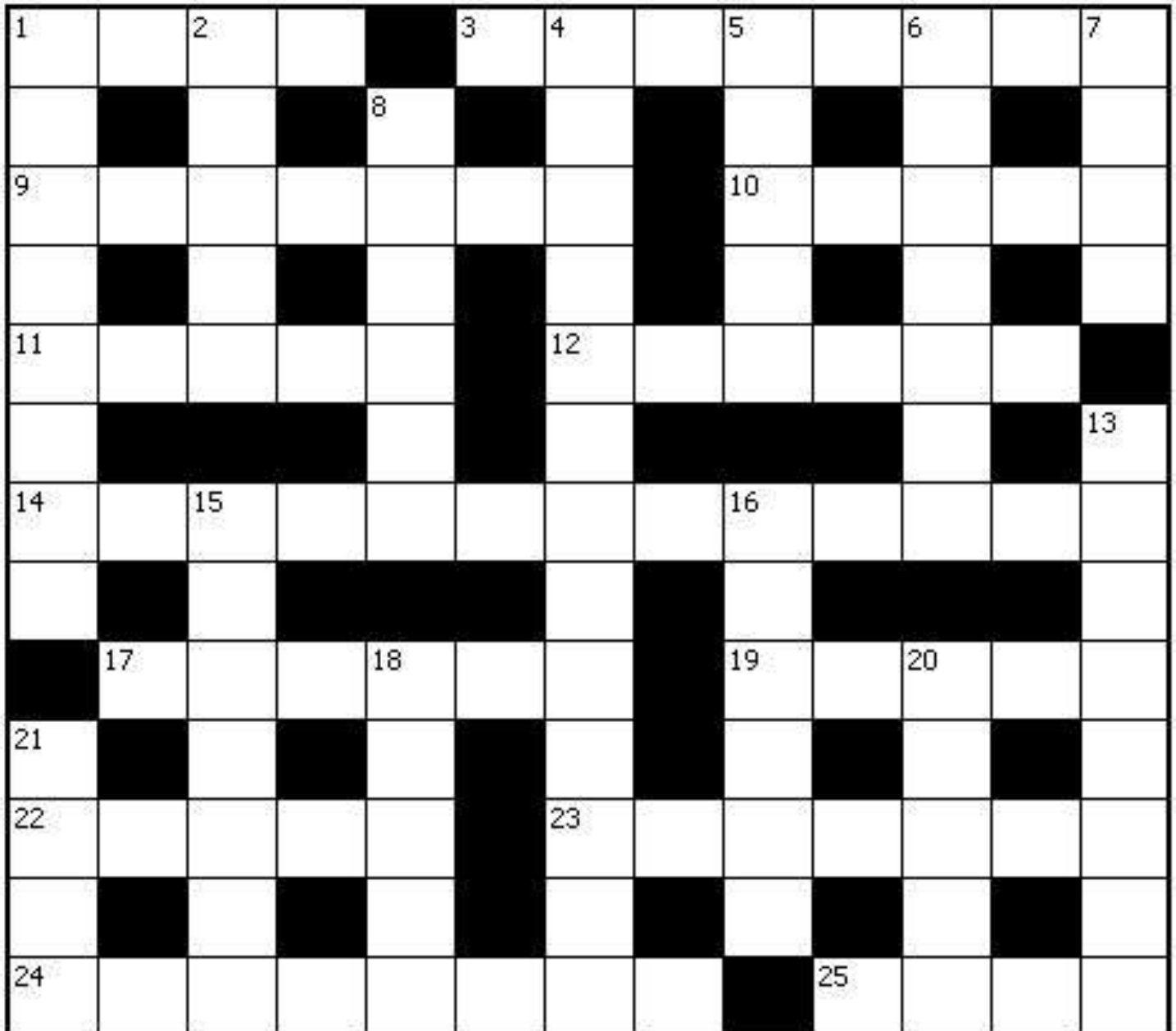
You are the man
Driven insane
You are the child
Crying in pain

You are the other who comes to me
Open my eyes that I may see.



From 'Pocket Prayers: For Troubled Times' compiled by John Pritchard (Bishop of Oxford) published by Church House Publishing – 2009.





Across

- 1 'Those who were standing near Paul said, "You _____ to insult God's high priest?"' (Acts 23:4) (4)
- 3 They were assigned to guard the tree of life (Genesis 3:24) (8)
- 9 'Elkanah son of Jeroham, the son of Elihu, the ____ of _____, the son of Zuph, an Ephraimite' (1 Samuel 1:1) (3,4)
- 10 Surrender (Joshua 24:23) (5)
- 11 Where American livestock can be reared (5)
- 12 Listen (anag.) (6)
- 14 Alternative name for Kiriath Jearim (2 Samuel 6:2) (6,2,5)
- 17 He founded Westminster Abbey, _____ the Confessor (6)
- 19 Hebrew word for the place of the dead (5)

- 22 Allies of Persia in the fifth century BC (Esther 1:3) (5)
- 23 Where John Wesley was forced to preach a lot (4,3)
- 24 Rebellion against God; abandonment of religious belief (8)
- 25 Note (anag.) (4)

Down

- 1 Give an account of (Mark 4:30) (8)
- 2 'I ____ the path of your commands, for you have set my heart free' (Psalm 119:32) (3,2)
- 4 'He took the ephod, the other _____ and the carved image' (Judges 18:20) (9,4)
- 5 'You are a chosen people, a _____ priesthood' (1 Peter 2:9) (5)
- 6 The meek, the merciful and the mourners are all this (Matthew 5:4-5, 7) (7)
- 7 Musical Instrument Digital Interface (1,1,1,1)
- 8 He was the son of Nun (Deuteronomy 34:9) (6)
- 13 'Let the little _____ come to me' (Matthew 19:14) (8)
- 15 'About three thousand were _____ their number that day' (Acts 2:41) (5,2)
- 16 In John's vision, the wall of the new Jerusalem was made of this (Revelation 21:18) (6)
- 18 'Our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly _____ a Saviour from there, the Lord Jesus Christ' (Philippians 3:20) (5)
- 20 'Glorify the Lord with me: let us _____ his name together' (Psalm 34:3) (5)
- 21 Young Men's Christian Association (1,1,1,1)



Answers to August and September Crossword: ACROSS: 1 Mosaic; 4 Scales
 7 Cana; 8 Claudius; 9 Sadducee; 13 SLM; 16 Self-confident; 17 Sad;
 19 RADIUS; 24 Shepherd; 25 Bind; 26 Astern; 27 Arthur **DOWN:** 1 Mock;
 2 Sandalled; 3 CICCUI; 4 Share; 5 Aide; 6 Equal; 10 Décor; 11 Caned; 12 Elihu;
 13 Sherebiah; 14 Moth; 15 Uses; 18 Ashes; 20 ASEAN; 21 India; 22 Apse;
 23 Eder

Celebration Cake

On September 5th cake and wine were served following the 9.30am Mass. This was to celebrate all the special occasions and birthdays that have been missed over the last year and a half and to mark the occasion of our weekly refreshments resuming again. Jean Keen made this lovely cake for everyone to share and enjoy. The message on the cake read 'Congratulations and Best Wishes to everyone whose special celebrations we have missed.' Sunday refreshments follow the 9.30am Mass and Friday Coffee Mornings are at 10.30am each week. Both are in the Main Hall.



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Parish Diary for October

See also inside front cover for regular Sunday service times

Sun.	3 rd	18 th Sunday after Trinity. 8am Holy Communion. 9.30am Parish Mass. 12 noon Baptism. 6.30pm Evensong on Zoom
Tue	5 th	8.45am Morning Prayer
Wed	6 th	<i>William Tyndale, translator, martyr, 1536.</i> 8.45am Morning Prayer. 11am Mass
Thu	7 th	8.45am Morning Prayer. 8pm Choir Practice
Sun.	10 th	19 th Sunday after Trinity. 9.30am Parish Mass. 12 noon Baptism. 6.30pm Evensong on Zoom
Mon	11 th	11am Organ Teaching
Tue	12 th	<i>Wilfrid, bishop, missionary, 709; Elizabeth Fry, prison reformer, 1845; Edith Cavell, nurse, 1915.</i> 8.45am Morning Prayer. 5pm Organ Teaching
Wed	13 th	<i>Edward the Confessor, king, 106.</i> 8.45am Morning prayer. 11am Mass
Thu	14 th	8.45am Morning Prayer. 8pm Choir Practice
Sat	16 th	9.30am Organ Teaching
Sun.	17 th	20 th Sunday after Trinity. 8am Holy Communion. 9.30am Parish Mass. 4pm Rose Croix Evensong
Tue	19 th	<i>Henry Martyn, translator, missionary, 1812.</i> 8.45am Morning Prayer
Wed	20 th	8.45am Morning Prayer. 11am Mass
Thu	21 st	8.45am Morning Prayer. 8pm Choir Practice
Sun.	24 th	Last Sunday after Trinity. 9.30am Parish Mass. 6.30pm Evensong on Zoom
Tue	26 th	<i>Alfred, king, scholar, 899; Cedd, abbot, bishop, 664.</i> 8.45am Morning Prayer
Wed	27 th	8.45am Morning Prayer. 11am Mass
Thu	28 th	<i>Simon and Jude, Apostles.</i> 8.45am Morning Prayer
Sun.	31 st	All Saints' Sunday. 9.30am Parish Mass with presentation of DOM farewell gift to Richard Brasier. 6.30pm Evensong on Zoom

Details of dates, times and venues of all meetings and events need to be recorded in the Parish Diary (Parish Office 01708 220696)

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Mon	1 st	9.30am Footsteps.
Tue	2 nd	All Souls' Day. 8.45am Morning Prayer.
Wed	3 rd	<i>Richard Hooker, priest, teacher of the faith, 1600; Martin of Porres, friar, 1639.</i> 8.45am Morning Prayer. 11am Mass
Thu	4 th	8.45am Morning Prayer. 8pm Choir Practice
Sat	6 th	9.30am Organ Teaching
Sun.	7 th	3 rd Sunday before Advent. 8am Holy Communion. 9.30am Parish Mass. 12 noon Baptism. 6.30pm Evensong on Zoom
Mon	8 th	11am Organ Teaching
Tue	9 th	<i>Marjery Kempe, mystic, c1440.</i> 8.45am Morning Prayer
Wed	10 th	<i>Leo the Great, bishop, teacher of the faith, 461.</i> 8.45am Morning prayer. 11am Mass
Thu	11 th	<i>Martin, bishop, c397.</i> 8.45am Morning Prayer. 8pm Choir Practice
Sun.	14 th	Remembrance Sunday. 9.30am Parish Mass. 6.30pm Evensong on Zoom
Tue	16 th	<i>Margaret, queen, philanthropist, 1093; Edmund Rich, archbishop, 1240.</i> 8.45am Morning Prayer
Wed	17 th	<i>Hugh, bishop, 1200.</i> 8.45am Morning Prayer. 11am Mass
Thu	18 th	<i>Elizabeth, princess, philanthropist, 1231.</i> 8.45am Morning Prayer. 8pm Choir Practice
Sun.	21 st	Christ the King. 8am Holy Communion. 9.30am Parish Mass. 12 noon Baptism. 6.30pm Evensong on Zoom
Mon	22 nd	11am Organ Teaching
Tue	23 rd	<i>Clement, bishop, martyr, c100.</i> 8.45am Morning Prayer
Wed	24 th	8.45am Morning Prayer. 11am Mass
Thu	25 th	<i>Catherine, martyr, c400; Isaac Watts, hymn writer, 1748.</i> 8.45am Morning Prayer. 8pm Choir Practice
Sun.	28 th	Advent Sunday. 9.30am Parish Mass. Evening Service to be confirmed
Mon	29 th	9.30am Footsteps
Tue	30 th	8.45am Morning Prayer

Details of dates, times and venues of all meetings and events need to be recorded in the Parish Diary (Parish Office 01708 220696)



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