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Summer 2026



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Pott Shrigley's Church & Parish Magazine

All are welcome at our
Outdoor Pet Service
at
St Christopher's Church
July 12th 2026 10.45am

Bring along all pets: animal, human or stuffed

Songs of Praise
at
St Christopher's Church

July 19th 10.45am

Aug 9th 10.45am

Aug 30th 10.45am

Choose the hymns that
have meant something
to you

Please put your suggestions in the
box at the back of church or email
vicar@pottshringleychurch.org.uk

Dear Friends

Dear friends,

Have you ever got a song stuck in your head: a good one, or a bad one, or even the jingle from an advert? I sometimes get a song that stays with me

and I sing it on a walk or in the car as I drive along. One day last year, whilst walking on my own, I sang a few hymns loudly for quite a few minutes. When I turned around, I had

a semi-circle of cows just behind me who had quietly crept up to listen in. I must admit to having been a little concerned as they were quite large and numerous, but as I walked slowly towards the fence I just kept singing and they stayed calm and followed me to the stile.

It was a reminder that the Bible says that everyone and everything is commanded to praise the Lord.

In Psalm 148 we read:

‘Praise the Lord from the earth, you great sea creatures and all ocean depths, lightning and hail, snow and

clouds, stormy winds that do His bidding,

you mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars,

wild animals and all cattle, small creatures and flying birds,

kings of the earth and all nations, you princes and all rulers on earth,

young men and women, old men and children.’

So, no-one and nothing is left out of this

command to sing praise to God.

Why is there so much emphasis on singing praise to God in the Bible?

Music is more than just an escape; it both reflects and affects our mood. It can be a powerful way to lift our spirits and change our minds and actions.

The power of music and song has been known since the beginning of time. A large part of the Old Testament is a collection of songs. David loved to sing praises to God. We all have hymns that we love more than

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Rev. Lynn Caudwell

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others, but sometimes the words of these songs become so familiar to us that they lose their meaning. We begin singing words with our lips instead of with our hearts. Thus, although we enjoy singing old favourite songs and hymns it seems there is benefit from learning to sing ones we don't yet know. In *Psalms* 96 we are all encouraged to: 'Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth.'

What this means is for us to meditate on the words as we sing them, as if it is the first time that we have ever heard them. Hymns can touch our hearts in a powerful way, but only if we allow the Holy Spirit to speak to us through the words we are singing.

This summer we want to repeat what we have done in previous years and invite

anyone who would like to sing a new song, or sing a familiar one with more thought, to join us. We will be holding three Songs of Praise services on 19th July and 9th and 30th August. Anyone can ask for a hymn to be sung at one of these special services; please contact me by email with your requests or put them in the box that is at the back of church.

Recognising that all creatures are commanded to praise the Lord we will be holding our annual outdoor pet service on 12th July, just before the schools break up for the holidays. Please come along – with or without a favourite pet!

Finally, we will also have a short summer series on the various ways the Psalms help us to give thanks and to pray for protection, justice, unity and confidence, all of which remain essential prayers for us today. Why not join us on 26th July and 2nd, 16th and 23rd August. At least one of these services will be held outside, depending on the weather.

This comes with my love and prayers that you find ways to sing a new song this summer,

Blessings

Lynn



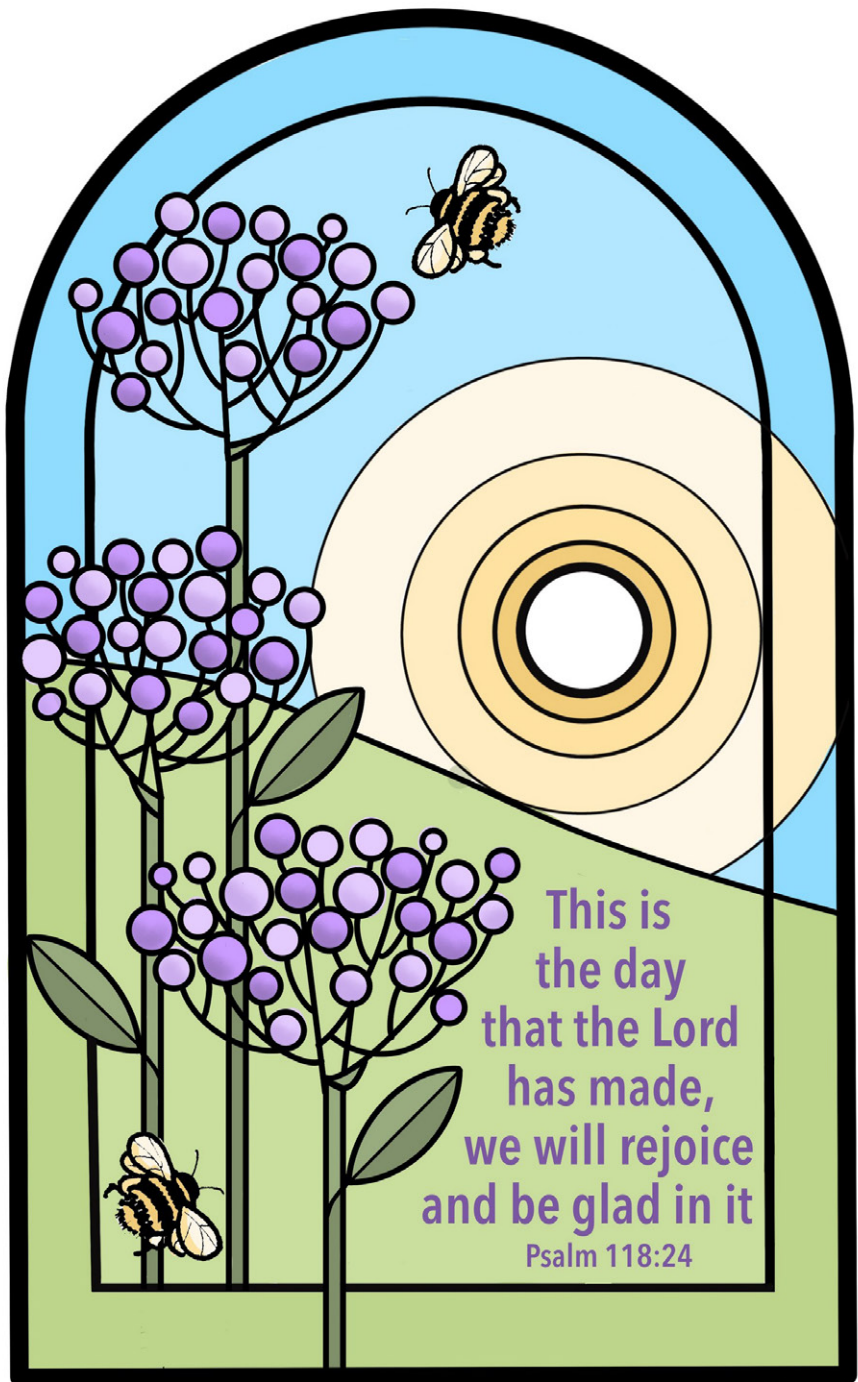
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please contact the pastoral ministry care team via Anne Murphy.

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This is
the day
that the Lord
has made,
we will rejoice
and be glad in it
Psalm 118:24

Queen Bertha: A Frankish Christian Influencer

St Christopher's is now part of the Pilgrim Place network of churches. We have always welcomed visitors to our beautiful building, but now have some explanatory leaflets to help people see the connections between the building and the Christian faith. We are all pilgrims as we journey through life, but as part of being a Pilgrim Place, HotPott will run an occasional series on those pilgrims from previous times who through their words and example have brought their communities closer to Christ.

Kath Matheson

Queen Bertha was a Frankish princess who married pagan King Æthelberht of Kent. The Franks were Germanic tribes who, when the Roman Empire crumbled, invaded and took over some of their territory. In the late fifth century the Franks' overall leader converted to Christianity, and by the sixth century Christianity was dominant in the Frankish kingdoms. The descendants of the Franks are mostly French, Dutch, Flemish and Western Germans, and Bertha was born to Charibert I, King of Paris, and his wife Ingoberga in the early 560s. Bertha was raised as a Christian, though her father was excommunicated as he left Ingoberga for one of his mistresses, but then married her sister.

Bertha's marriage to Æthelberht was no doubt politically expedient, her father's kingdom being adjacent to Æthelberht's, albeit across the English Channel. The date of the marriage is uncertain, but around 150 years afterwards when The Venerable Bede records it in his book, *The Ecclesiastical History of the English People*, he implies that her parents were still alive



Queen Bertha of Kent; World History Encyclopedia

which, as her mother died in 589 and her father in 575, means Bertha was probably married in her early teens, the normal age for an aristocratic woman. Bede records that a condition of Bertha's marriage was that she be allowed to 'maintain inviolate the practice of the Christian faith and of her religion' and she brought a Christian bishop, Liudhard (or Leodheard) with her to Kent as her confessor. Although Bede says that 'the fame of the Christian religion had already reached [Æthelberht] as a result of his wife's faith' this is not entirely certain. Æthelberht did not convert to Christianity on his marriage to Bertha, but he did enable her to continue her Christian journey and the Roman-era church of St



King Charibert 1 of Paris; English Heritage

Martin of Tours in Canterbury was restored for her use as a private chapel. This church still exists and is the oldest in the English-speaking world where Christian worship has taken place continuously; and the Roman walling of the original church can still be seen in the chancel.

In 595 Pope Gregory the Great became rather impatient with the lack of progress in converting Æthelberht and the other Saxon kings, so he sent Augustine, a monk living in Rome, to lead a mission to England. Augustine was an influential Christian theologian and philosopher who wrote numerous texts on Christian doctrine and became a major preacher advocating the spread of Christianity throughout Europe. Kent may have been the place chosen to start this mission because Æthelberht was the most powerful of the warring Anglo-Saxon kings, but it's also credible to think that Gregory considered that as Æthelberht allowed his wife Bertha to practise



Gold medalet showing Bishop Liudhard; National Museums Liverpool

Christianity, he might be sympathetic to Augustine's mission too. Also, Kent is close to continental Europe! Some 140 years after the mission landed in Kent in 597, Bede described how Æthelberht met Augustine and his 40 fellow travellers outdoors because he was scared the new arrivals may practise sorcery. The monks are said to have held up a silver cross and a panel painted with the image of Christ. King Æthelberht, while remaining wary, allowed Augustine to preach to the gathering, and invited him and his



Church of St Martin of Tours, Canterbury; Wikipedia

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King Æthelberht of Kent; English Heritage

companions to live in Canterbury, the capital of Kent. They initially held services in St Martin's, Queen Bertha's church, before Æthelberht granted Augustine land, near to St Martin's but just outside the city walls, to build a monastery, which was initially dedicated to SS Peter and Paul but is now known as St Augustine's Abbey. The cathedral was also built, and Augustine became the first Archbishop of Canterbury.

Pope Gregory obviously considered that Bertha was slow in converting her husband to Christianity. In 601 he wrote Bertha a letter in which he praises her hospitality and education, but chastises her for slowness in converting Æthelberht: 'Laurentius ... and Peter ... have brought us word on their return to us how your Glory has exhibited itself towards our



Pope Gregory the Great; Diocese of Hexham & Newcastle

most reverend brother and fellow bishop Augustine, and how great succour and what charity you have bestowed upon him. ... And indeed you ought before now, as being truly a Christian, to have inclined the heart of our glorious son, your husband, by the good influence of your prudence, to follow, for the good of his kingdom and of his own soul, the faith which you profess, to the end that for him, and for the conversion of the whole nation through him, fit retribution might accrue to you in the joys of heaven. For seeing, as we have said, that your Glory is both fortified by a right faith and instructed in letters, this should have been to you neither slow of accomplishment nor difficult.'

Although Pope Gregory was unimpressed with Bertha's inability to convert her husband to Christianity in what he considered was a timely fashion, her Christian presence in the king's household



St Augustine preaching to King Æthelberht and Queen Bertha; English Heritage

paved the way for Augustine's mission to be accepted by Æthelberht, which held many advantages for Augustine. King Æthelbert's gifts enabled the creation of a school and a library at the abbey, which in turn established it as an important seat of learning. Pope Gregory even sent books from Rome to fill the abbey's bookshelves. Æthelberht also protected the new Christian church by making laws that safeguarded church property and punished transgressions against the Church even more harshly than those against the Crown. Most importantly, Augustine's mission was ultimately successful, though it wasn't until 686 when the Isle of Wight's pagan king, Aruald, died, that all the Anglo-Saxon kingdoms became Christian. Some successors to

the converted Anglo-Saxon kings reverted to paganism, including Æthelberht and Bertha's son Eadbald, who became king in 616. One of their other children, Æthelburg, took a different path, being instrumental in bringing Christianity to northern England after she married King Edwin of Northumberland.

The date of Bertha's death is uncertain. She was alive in 601 to receive Pope Gregory's letter and possibly attended the consecration of St Augustine's Abbey in 604, but she died before Æthelberht as he had a second wife at his death in 616. Traditionally, Bertha is said to be buried under the step of her church of St Martin's Canterbury.

As a woman, albeit a relatively powerful one with an international reputation: 'your good deeds are known not only among the Romans ... but also through various places' (Pope Gregory's 601 letter), Bertha would have had limited opportunities to exert her influence over the Kingdom of Kent and its king. However, it seems she did what she could: she continued to worship God, provided hospitality to His missionaries and planted the seeds of faith that helped transform the Anglo-Saxon kingdoms.

Information taken from English Heritage, Historic UK, New Advent & Wikipedia, acknowledged with thanks.

Read about other pilgrims in HotPott: Hild in November 20, Cedd in October 23 & Cuthbert in March 23.

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*"Well, well," said the old gentleman to some boys who were playing cricket.
"I wish I could join your game, but I'm too old."*

*"You CAN join in," said one young player.
"Our ball has just gone through that window. You can go and ask for it back."*

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The parochial church council met on 12th May 2026; Simon has kindly written about the salient points discussed:

Safety

Over the past few months we have been talking about safety in and around our church. Although the buildings are ancient, and therefore not designed with modern health and safety standards in mind, they are well maintained and subject to periodic inspections.

Simon Caudwell

We have a faithful team of people who open and close the church each day so that visitors can come in and experience the beauty and history of St Christopher's and perhaps pause for prayer. Happily, we have not had any serious accidents in the churchyard or inside church in recent years, but nonetheless the PCC has been thinking carefully about the safety of visitors, and of those who may be working alone at St Christopher's, to try to make things as safe as possible. We have made efforts to provide adequate lighting and to indicate the location of steps. But we do all have a responsibility to take care of ourselves when we use this ancient building. If you notice any hazards, please do let the health and safety officer (Annie Palace) or one of the churchwardens know; all the relevant numbers can be found on the back of *HotPott*. Obviously, if there's an emergency, phone 999!

Safeguarding

As a caring church we take our safeguarding responsibilities seriously, and indeed everyone in the church family has a role to play in helping to make



Annie Palace: Health and Safety Officer

St Christopher's a safe and welcoming space. Everyone is encouraged to take a look at the Church of England safeguarding training website (<https://safeguardingtraining.cofeportal.org/>) and to take the basic level course. All clergy, PCC members and pastoral care team, junior and youth church volunteers must complete the training specified by the Church of England for their roles and undergo government DBS checks to the required level.

After years of faithful service, Kath Matheson is retiring from the role of parish safeguarding officer (PSO) for St Christopher's. We are hugely grateful to Kath for her detailed work in engaging with the diocesan safeguarding team, setting up systems and gathering documentation, and for patiently reminding us to retake training and renew our certificates when needed!

And now we are delighted to announce that Caroline Booth has taken over the role of PSO for us. Caroline will work alongside Rev. Lynn and the PCC to maintain and continue to implement our safeguarding policies. Celia Fraser has been working alongside Kath for several years and will continue in her supportive role. Jenny Myles has also agreed to join the team and will be a visible presence at our 8:30 services. Our heartfelt thanks to all these people as they help ensure we remain a safe and caring community.

If at any time you have concerns in this area of safeguarding, or if you want to know more, please notify Caroline or Rev. Lynn (numbers on the back of this magazine) or talk to Celia or Jenny. Also, there are relevant phone numbers of both statutory safeguarding bodies and relevant volunteer organisations on the noticeboard at the back of church and in the toilet. Again, in an emergency please dial 999.



Caroline Booth: Parish Safeguarding Officer

From the Registers

Baptism

We welcome into our church family:

14th June Beatrix Rose Swann

Wedding

Congratulations to:

5th June Jonathon Fowell & Madeline Thomasson

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The teacher's young pupils were discussing a picture of a family. One little boy in the picture had a different hair colour than the other members. One of the children suggested that he was adopted. A little girl said, "I know all about adoption; I was adopted."

"What does it mean to be adopted?" asked another child.

"It means", said the girl, "that you grew in your mommy's heart instead of her tummy."

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Your Vote Your Council

Items for consideration by ward councillors

Cllr Saunders is continuing to pursue Jonathan Coppall of the Highways Department, Cheshire East Council (CEC) to discuss what further measures he is taking to reduce the number of damaging collisions passing trucks have with the village hall guttering and roof.

Jo Hadfield

Highways

New/Updated/Completed

Dates when issues were first raised with Cheshire East Council (CEC) Highways appear in brackets.

- B5470 closure: Good news! The road is finally open again.
- Traffic lights at Hammond's Brickworks, Bakestonedale Road (SR510034984): The clerk has sent photographs to Highways, CEC, demonstrating the hazard the lights cause to pedestrians and asked when the lights will be removed.
- Damaged sign & chevrons at Norman's Hall Bend (SR510034986): Previously reported to CEC in November 2025 but the case was considered resolved by them on 24th December. The damage has been re-reported. (May 26)
- Loose kerb stones at Norman's Hall (SR510034988): Reported to CEC. (May 26)
- Gullies not emptied on Spuley Lane & Bakestonedale Road (SR510004094): Although CEC state that the gullies have been updated and cleaned since the problem was reported in September

2025, 11 were missed so the clerk has put in another request for the gullies to be cleared.

- Jackson Brow steps: East Cheshire Ramblers await the appointment of a new project manager before they can consider helping to keep the steps clear of vegetation.

Pending

- Poynton Relief Road: no further information received about a proposed meeting regarding traffic mitigation measures.
- Repair of collapsed wall on Bakestonedale Road. (July 22)
- Improvements to bend at Brookbank: these will be included in the 'Minor improvement Scheme'. (Nov. 2024)
- Culvert/wall on the west side of Shrigley Road. (Nov. 2024)

Adlington New Town

The Adlington Task and Finish Group (TFG), comprising the councils of Adlington, Bollington, Mottram St Andrew, Pott Shrigley, Poynton and Prestbury, was formed following the announcement about Adlington New Town in September 2025. The TFG lobbied Sir Michael Lyons, Chair of the New Towns Taskforce, directly as well as the House of Lords Built Environment Committee.

The full report can be viewed here <https://pottshrigley-pc.gov.uk>

The council are pleased that the Adlington New Town site has been deprioritized but concerned that it has not been cancelled. Rather, it has been added to a new list of viable alternative sites, due to the case not being made that the benefits of such a large development would exceed the costs.

The TFG believes that following the recent announcement there is reason to be cautious about whether the development in Adlington has been rejected, or merely sidelined. Therefore, they will carefully monitor developments in the coming months as more information is released by the government.

Jumber Clough

No further information is available on the issue of activity taking place in Jumber Clough (above Pott Hall) where previously a stone wall was removed and stone taken away from the site. A Peak Park enforcement officer has visited.

Flagpole

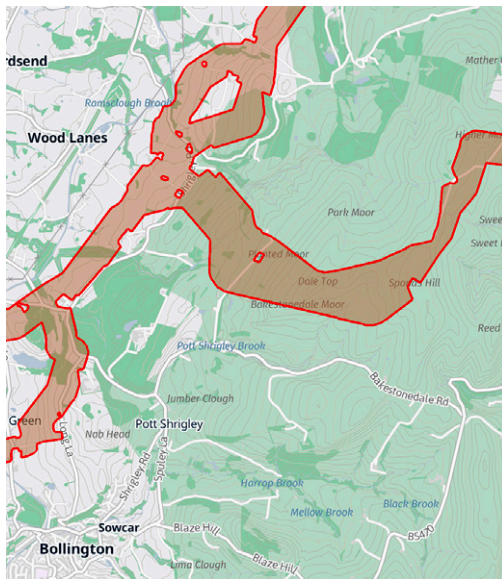
A replacement to be ordered by Cllr Wray.

Peak Cluster Pipeline

Cllr Wray updated the council on the meeting held to identify common concerns among parishes about the pipeline and to understand how CEC and Cheshire West can support them regarding Peak Cluster issues. Derbyshire, Wirral, Cheshire West and many local parish councils (including Pott Shrigley) have objected to the scheme; CEC have not made its position known yet.

Concerns raised about the pipeline were:

- The potential impact on agricultural land, habitats, and local roads.
- The lack of information about the project's scale and safety measures.
- The potential impacts on drainage and wildlife corridors.
- The disruption to habitats, farmland and businesses.
- What alternatives for carbon capture are there?
- The long-term implications of the pipeline, including the need for its replacement every 40 years.
- Is this project necessary, how will it be



Potential route of pipeline carrying compressed CO₂ from the cement works to the sea

funded and is it safe?

People were encouraged to seek answers to their questions on the Peak Cluster website.

Assurances were made that the project would capture around 3,000,000 tonnes of CO₂ annually. Peak Cluster will work with local authorities and the Highways Agency to minimize the impact on roads, and they will refine the pipeline route to avoid impacts on key habitats wherever possible. There will be a process in place to compensate any adverse effects on farmland.

Further consultation will take place at the end of the year. Peak Cluster were encouraged to provide more detailed responses to specific questions raised by councils and communities.

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Planning

New

NP/CEC/0526/0507 & NP/CEC/0526/0508
(listed building consent) Cophurst, SK10 5SE

Repair and refurbishment of the existing stone slate roof.

Replacement of existing windows and doors with painted timber units.

Installation of two conservation rooflights to the rear roof slope above the kitchen;

Internal repair works and renewal of outdated electrical and plumbing installations.

Pending

NP/CEC/1025/1086 Keepers Cottage, SK10 5RZ

Replacement dwelling: self-build.

Refused on grounds that the proposal would result in the total loss of a non-designated heritage asset and would result in less than substantial harm to the setting of Lyme Park (Grade II* Park and Garden) and Lyme Park Conservation Area. The proposal would have an unacceptable design and would harm the character and appearance of the site, its setting and the wider landscape.

Awaiting outcome of appeal to Secretary of State

26/0686/FUL Shrigley Hall Hotel, SK10 5SB.
Removal of the existing omni antenna and

support pole; installation of a new 7m high wall.

Mounted flagpole supporting three antennas; installation of six remote radio units on new wall mounted support pole; removal of one existing BTS3900A cabinet; installation of one new AIRI equipment cabinet; installation of Ericsson radio systems (ERS), baseband unit (BBU) and a GPS node, plus associated apparatus and ancillary works. 6/0687/LBC Listed building consent for proposal above.

25/4528/HOUS Church View Cottage, SK10 5SA

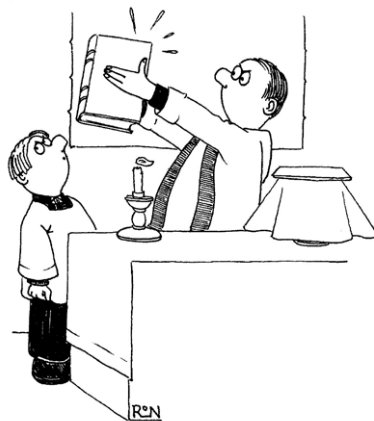
Re-roof the property and install energy saving materials and solar panels.

Enforcement

26/0064ENF Brookbank Farm, SK12 1TF
Unauthorised material change of use. CEC report that discussions with the landowner remain ongoing to establish whether a breach of planning control exists. CEC advises that cases of alleged light pollution can be reported to the environmental health department at CEC.

Next Meeting

The next council meeting will take place at 8pm on Monday, 6th July 2026.



*Fortunately it was a perfect mosquito,
without spot or blemish*

The Coffee Tavern

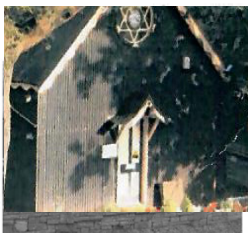
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Words and Actions

JESUS HAD MANY FRIENDS - AND HE OFTEN WENT WALKING WITH THEM.



ONCE, ON A JOURNEY, JESUS CALLED AT THE HOME OF MARTHA AND MARY



MARTHA WAS VERY PLEASED TO MEET WITH JESUS, AND SHE MADE HIM WELCOME



MARY WAS VERY EXCITED TOO AND WANTED TO LISTEN TO EVERYTHING JESUS HAD TO SAY



BUT MARTHA, WAS NOT VERY IMPRESSED WITH MARY! SHE THOUGHT HER SISTER SHOULD BE HARD AT WORK. NOT SITTING AROUND - JUST LISTENING



LORD, DON'T YOU CARE THAT MARY HAS LEFT ME TO DO ALL THE WORK BY MYSELF?!



MARTHA, YOU ARE WORRIED AND TROUBLED OVER SO MANY THINGS



JESUS TOLD MARTHA THAT THERE ARE FAR MORE IMPORTANT THINGS IN LIFE THAN JUST FUSSING OVER A CLEAN HOUSE!



PERHAPS THE MOST IMPORTANT THING WE CAN LEARN, LIKE MARTHA, IS TO MAKE TIME TO LISTEN TO JESUS.



See Luke 10.38-42

Uncovering the Story of the St Christopher Window

In the north aisle of St Christopher's there is a stained-glass window. Across its three lights it depicts the church's patron saint, Christopher, in a semi-rural landscape and carrying the Christ Child over the river. The window was installed in 1913 but the images it displays have been identified as similar to those illustrated in a 15th century woodcut print held at The John Rylands Library in Manchester. In the last week of April a small group from St Christopher's took the train to Manchester to find out more.

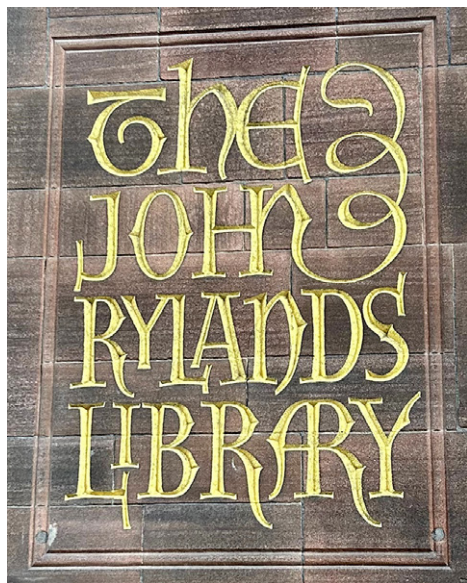
Paul Bowden

The John Rylands Library is now part of Manchester University. Its great red Cumbrian sandstone building stands on Deansgate and is one of the finest examples of Neo-Gothic architecture in Europe. The library now houses the third largest academic collections of books in the country.

We had a warm welcome from John Gandy, the Rylands' Cataloguer of Incunabula, incunabula being publications produced by metal type before 1500. John was at pains to say that incunabula was his



Seriously interested - in the Vestibule of the John Rylands Library



specialty rather than medieval woodblock printing, which he said was quite outside his area of expertise. Nevertheless, he gave a detailed and memorable presentation on what we had come to see.

He spoke to us in the John Rylands' Bible Room. As we sat there it was hard to take our eyes away from the books that lined the walls of the room: a Gutenberg Bible of 1455, one of the first Bibles to appear in print; editions of Tyndale's New Testament from the 1520s and 30s, banned in England in those times and, on the cusp of the Reformation, smuggled into the country from the Low Countries; nearly 100 editions of the Vulgate (Latin language) Bible pre-dating 1500, and many more Bibles, spanning six centuries and written in more than 400 languages and dialects.

But whom we were really there to see was St Christopher and his woodcut, and there was a sense of eager anticipation as we glimpsed his woodblock print laid

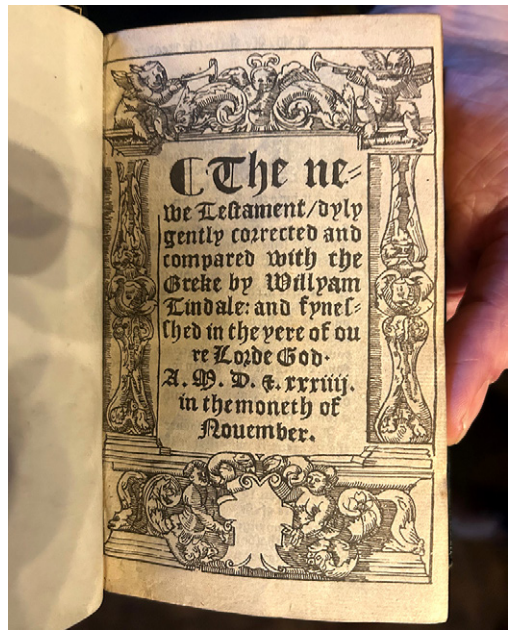


John Gandy in the Bible Room

out for us on a table in the room. The print had been pasted into a collection of handwritten devotional works that had been bound together some time in the 1400s – a sort of medieval scrap book. The book's binding was the nigh on 600-years-old original.

This book had been 'discovered' in 1769 by an antiquarian book dealer, Carl-Heinrich von Heinecken, in the library of the Carthusian monastery of Buxheim in Bavaria, although it's hard to say that it had ever actually been lost! By 1803 it had found its way to England and into the library of the second Earl Spencer at Althorp.

The print of St Christopher we were looking at had been hand-coloured, which gave it a visual tone and character more like the Pott Shrigley window than we had anticipated. The only print known to survive from amongst all the copies printed from the original woodcut block, our copy bears the printed date of 1423



Tyndale's New Testament

in Roman numerals. This had, for many years, given it the reputation of being the earliest dated example of Western European printing still in existence. However, more recent scholarship using watermark analysis gives it a slightly later date of sometime in the 1440s or 1450s. This seemingly odd disparity in the dates possibly gives a clue as to when this St Christopher pictorial was first created, and in what context: it could well have been before the 1440s or 1450s, or even 1423, and may not have been produced in a woodcut printer's shop. But more about that in a future *HotPott*.

On looking closely, it was just possible to make out pin holes in each corner of the St Christopher print, which John said suggested it had been bought as a single sheet. In 15th century Southern Germany many other such sheets would probably have been sold around monasteries and churches and for private devotion, and put up on the wall to contemplate,

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Left St Chistopher window, right St Christopher woodcut

or just for decoration, rather like a modern student poster. For our woodprint, at some point someone had the idea of preserving it by sticking it into a book, along with another 15th century woodblock print of the Annunciation.

The similarity of the ancient print of St Christopher to the Victorian window at Pott was unexpected and astounding: the way the river flows around the saint's feet; the palm tree in his hands; the stoop of his shoulder, and on one river bank a hermit with his lantern beside a chapel, and on the other the water mill and a local on his way home with a sack of flour. Apart from a few little details everything was the same, except the man on the donkey at the foot of the print had somehow eluded the stained-glass artist.

There was no doubt at all. The designer of the stained-glass window had faithfully

(apart from the man and his donkey) copied this print in the John Rylands Library. We know who that designer was: Frederick Charles Eden, a renowned church architect and craftsman in stained glass who was based in London and active at the turn of the 19th century. Eden



15th century woodcut print of the Annunciation

would have worked on his commission for St Christopher's around the period of 1910 to 1913. The woodcut print had been acquired for the John Rylands' collection in the late 1890s in anticipation of the library building opening in January 1900.

The thought came to mind that more than 110 years previously Frederick Eden may have been sitting in the same room that we were now in at the John Rylands

Library studying, as we were now doing, the St Christopher print and carefully sketching it for his stained-glass project at Pott Shrigley. How that came about, and who the other people were who may have played a part in bringing the project to fruition, including the great Victorian industrialist after whom the library is named, John Rylands himself, we will also explore in a future edition of *HotPott*.

A Gentle Reminder: an Afternoon with Malcolm Guite (and Christina Johnson)

Last month's *HotPott* (page 24) carried an invitation to Paul and Lynne Bowden's home in Taxal, Whaley Bridge, for an afternoon with Christina Johnson, who will be telling us more about contemporary and influential Christian poet Malcolm Guite. Christina will share some of Malcolm's poetry with us and there will be some interactive time too.

Kath Matheson

At our Not Just Sunday (NJS) services we usually find out something about a renowned Christian spiritual leader, either past or present, as well as discussing a Bible reading. Why not take this extra opportunity to learn more about a Christian leader and writer?

Wednesday 12th August is the day, and Paul and Lynne warmly invite **all** members of St Christopher's congregation from 12.30pm.

Contact Lynne either by email (a.curate@btinternet.com) or by WhatsApp if you would like to come; there will also be a sign-up sheet at the back of church from mid-July.

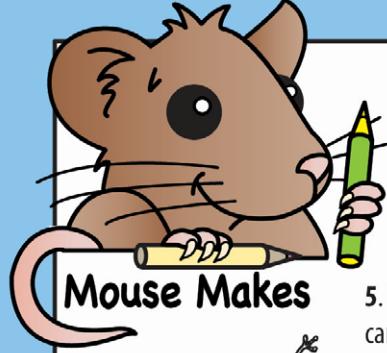


Malcolm Guite; the Church Times

Tea, coffee and cold drinks will be provided, and a cream tea at the end; cheese scones for those who prefer savoury.

Please bring a packed lunch and a folding chair and try to car share if you possibly can.

Lynne and Paul look forward very much to welcoming us to what promises to be an uplifting afternoon.



Mouse Makes

1. What bird makes its nest on high?
Job 39:27



2. What ate the seeds along the path?
Matthew 13:4



3. The hair of which animal was used to make curtains?
Exodus 36:14

5. What plague came out of the River Nile?
Exodus 8:6



6. What animal would go through the eye of a needle easier than a rich person?
Luke 18:25



7. Which animal was Jesus compared to?
John 1:29



8. What bird did Noah release from the ark first?
Genesis 8:7



9 across.
In what creature's mouth was a coin found?
Matthew 17:27



9 down.
What lives in holes?
Matthew 8:20



12. Which bird did the Holy Spirit appear as?
Luke 3:22

13. Which animal did Jesus ride on?
Matthew 21:7



14. What bird did God provide for food in the wilderness?
Exodus 16:13



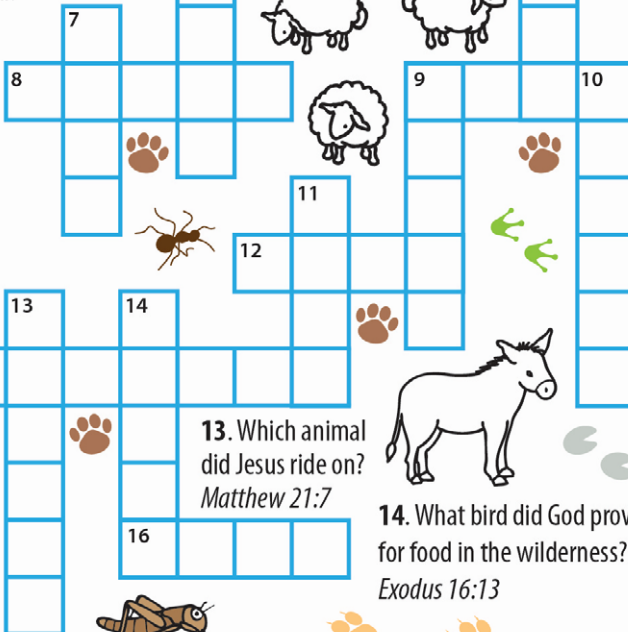
15. What insects did John eat in the wilderness?
Matthew 3:4



16. Which animal is the "mightiest among beasts"?
Proverbs 30:30

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Coffee Break

Across

1 Proverbs describes her as being 'of noble character' (Proverbs 31:10) (4)

3 'Shall we go up again — against the Benjamites, our brothers?' (Judges 20:23) (2,6)

8 A descendant of Shem (Genesis 10:28) (4)

9 'Anyone who does not carry his cross and follow me cannot be my —' (Luke 14:27) (8)

11 Resentment (Ephesians 4:31) (10)

14 In Cain(anag.)(6)

15 'Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, too lofty for me to—' (Psalm 139:6) (6)

17 Intense (1 Thessalonians 4:5)(10)

20 Third Order of the Roman Catholic Church(8)

21 'At midnight the cry rang out, "Here's the bridegroom!Come out to — him"' (Matthew 25:6) (4)

22 'My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in —' (2 Corinthians 12:9) (8)

23 'As the — pants for streams of water,so my soul pants for you, O God' (Psalm 42:1) (4)

Down

1 Nickname of popular First World War chaplain, the Revd G.A. Studdert Kennedy, — Willie (8)

2 Occasion of religious joy (Lamentations 2:22) (5,3)

4 'We three kings of — are' (6)

5 Allegation or charge (Jude 9) (10)

6 Kind (1 Chronicles 12:33) (4)

7 'Open your — and look at the fields!' (John 4:35) (4)

10 Also known as the Feast of Lights (John10:22) (10)

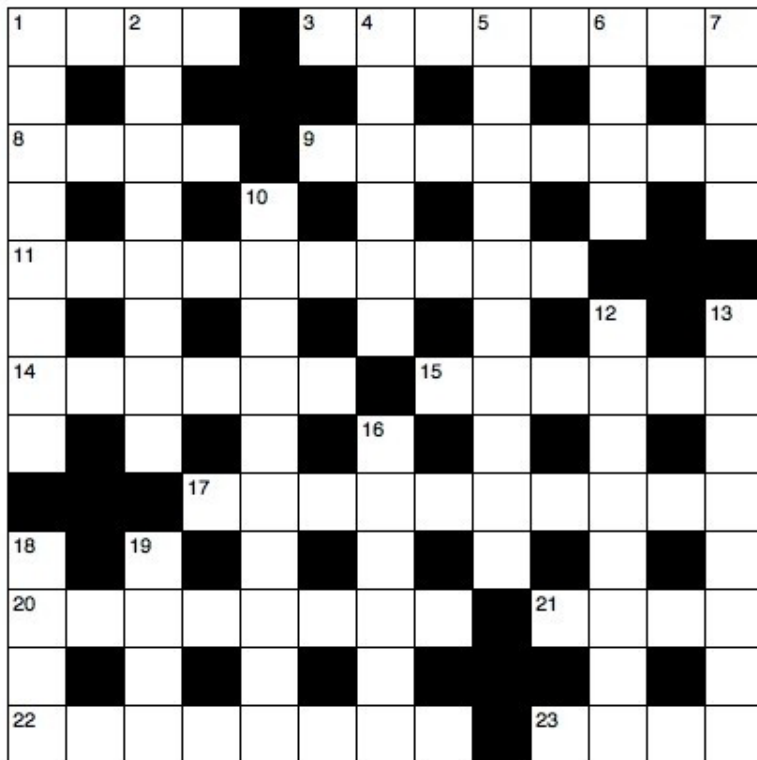
12 Area that saw the healing of two demon - possessed men and a herd of pigs stampeding to their deaths (Matthew 8:28) (8)

13 Forebear (James2:21)(8)

16 Name given to the first two books of the Apocrypha(6)

18 Esau sold his birthright for this (Genesis25:34)(4)

19 Rear(anag.)(4)



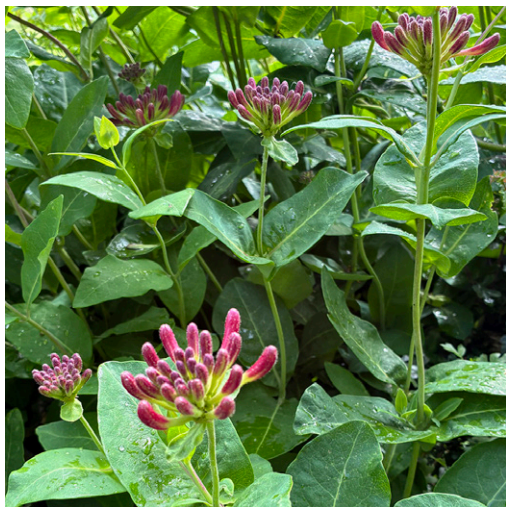
Walking with grateful hearts, the June Prayer Walk

Apparently, gratitude and prayer are both good for our health and wellbeing, and June's prayer walk did feel like a good tonic. There was so much to be thankful for. What a beautiful part of the world we live in, what a beautiful time of year to be outdoors, how blessed to have good friends to walk with and able bodies to walk the hills and climb the stiles; also to have eyes to see, ears to hear and noses to smell the honeysuckle in the hedgerow.

Sally Winstanley

Our walk began at The Coffee Tavern and we started by giving thanks for Andrew and his staff who work so hard to provide refreshments and give a warm welcome to all who call in at the Tavern.

Living in a rural parish, we are always praying for our farmers. Meeting Nick Barton from Highbarn Farm on his tractor was a good reminder at the start of the walk of how we need to appreciate those who farm the land and care for



Honeysuckle in the hedgerow



Yvonne, Sally & Kath at the Coffee Tavern

the landscape. Thank you Nick and Tom for the work you do. In these days of industrialised farming what a joy it was to walk through a meadow, filled with buttercups, clover and other wild flowers, providing a habitat for mammals, butterflies, bees and other insects. We stopped to observe a hare, clearly unaware of us, and further on a rabbit, who was more alert and bolted for cover.

On Simpson Lane we gave thanks for the sale of Redacre Hall Farm, praying the new owners would feel welcomed into our community. Passing Simpson Lane Cottage



The Barton tractor



Across the meadow towards Lockgate Farm

we paused to say 'Hello' to Tracey, who'd just returned from a wild swim.

Arriving at Green Close Chapel we gave thanks for its sale and asked for God's blessing on its future - to date unknown. Saying our goodbyes to Sally - an 18th birthday party in the northeast that evening beckoned her and Gareth - Kath and I journeyed on together.

Passing numerous sheep lying down in the fields reminded us of Psalm 23. We remembered our Good Shepherd, Jesus, who calls us and cares for us, and sometimes makes us 'lie down'. Resting in green pastures looked like a good place to be invited to. Passing fields of snow-white wood-rush we climbed up onto the moor and then, turning to admire the view, we prayed that many in the conurbations, still visible despite the mist, would believe in and taste God's love and care for them.



Sheep above Green Close

Leaving the moor and descending toward Birchencliffe we stopped in one of the most idyllic places on the walk. Like the sheep in the pastures, we rested. Listening to the many birds singing in the trees, we reminded ourselves of the verse in Zephaniah which says: 'He (The Lord) will take great delight in you, He will quiet you with His love, He will rejoice over you with singing.'

Back at the Coffee Tavern two hot chocolates and a tea cake tasted good and were much appreciated. A hug and goodbyes ended a lovely walk.

Thanks Kath and Sally for sharing another special prayer walk.

The next walk will be on Saturday 4th July, meeting at The Coffee Tavern at 10.30am and returning by 12.15pm.

Everyone, including your dog, is welcome to join us.

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Enjoying Afternoon Tea with the Archbishop of York

In the photograph posted in the *Diocese of Chester News* for the week beginning 8th June 2026, you can see a glimpse of Lynn, Lynne and me in Tarvin Church enjoying afternoon tea the previous Tuesday!

‘The Parish Church of Tarvin hosted an afternoon tea for churches to find out more about the Faith in the North initiative. Here, the Archbishop encouraged churches to embrace the opportunity to tap into the



Lynn, Anne & Lynne at Tarvin

Anne Murphy

huge interest in pilgrimage in our culture – and to ensure our buildings speak to visitors of the story of Jesus Christ, to be better translators and interpreters of our holy spaces.’

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“The front row please.” she answered.
“You really don’t want to do that”, the usher said. “The vicar is boring.”
“Do you happen to know who I am?” the woman inquired.
The man shook his head. “Well, I’m the vicar’s mother,” she said indignantly.
Do you know who I am?” he asked. The woman shook her head.
“Good,” he grinned.*

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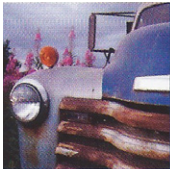
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The McCleans have moved!

By the time this edition of *HotPott* is published, our missionary partners **Johnny and Ann McClean** will be living in Udon Thani. Ann's final day of teaching at the International Community School (ICS) Bangkok was 5th June; she described her last week as having a heart flitting between Udon and Bangkok, a head in Udon with a long to do list, and boxes firmly on the floor in Bangkok!

Kath Matheson

She was looking forward to having head, heart and boxes all in one place, but praised God for all that is past and is trusting Him for all that is to come.

Just before the move, Johnny had a week of Asia-Pacific Langham Preaching leadership meetings to discuss how to make the 40% cuts needed in their budget for this next financial year; some tough



Ann's final day as a teacher in Bangkok



Goodbye to Bangkok

decisions will need to be made, so he is asking us to pray for wisdom. Please pray too for New City Fellowship (NCF) and their pastor, Pramote, and his wife Lhing, as they move forward without Johnny and Ann being regular worshippers and leaders at NCF.

Johnny and Ann have a short break to enable them to settle into Udon before Ann starts at ICS Udon with two weeks



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of teacher orientation and planning. She starts her new role proper on 4th August; please pray for good opportunities for her to get to know and connect with the staff and pupils, and for her to be able to remember everyone's names! Johnny is in Mongolia for five days in mid-August

leading preacher facilitator training.

Please pray for Johnny and Ann as they make this huge transition, and for their three children Matthew, Bethan and Joshua as they visit their new Thai home.

Time Choices

(Lk 10:38-42)

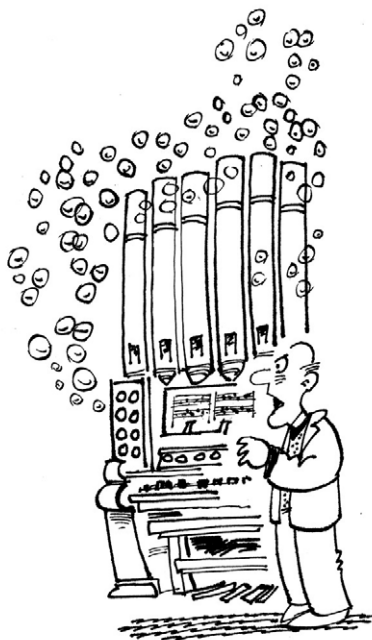
*Martha is distracted,
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preparing for the
needs of the day.
Not enough time...
not enough time.*

*Mary is focused,
taking time to meet
the needs of the heart.
Sitting still,
seeing through the
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with a new clarity
that changes her world.*

*Mary listens to Jesus.
She chooses life.
There is time...there is time.*

*We all have our life time.
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Which member of junior church
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Recipe of the Month: Pearl barley salad with mince, pomegranate & herbs

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Alex Matheson

Serves 4.

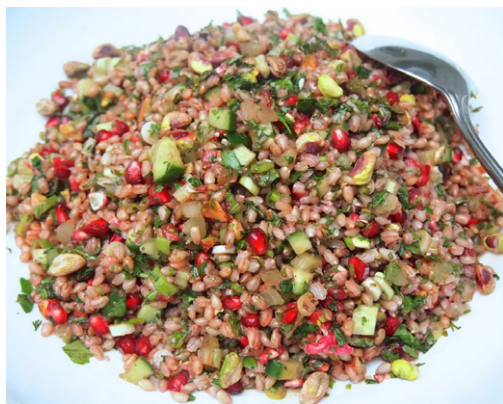
Ingredients:

200g pearl barley
5 tablespoons olive oil
250g lean beef mince
1 tbsp ras el hanout
1 beef stock cube
200g pomegranate seeds
1 cucumber, unpeeled but deseeded and diced
Large handful flat leaf parsley, roughly chopped
Large handful mint, roughly chopped
3 tablespoons pomegranate molasses
4 tablespoons pistachios, lightly toasted and finely chopped
Salt and freshly ground black pepper

Method

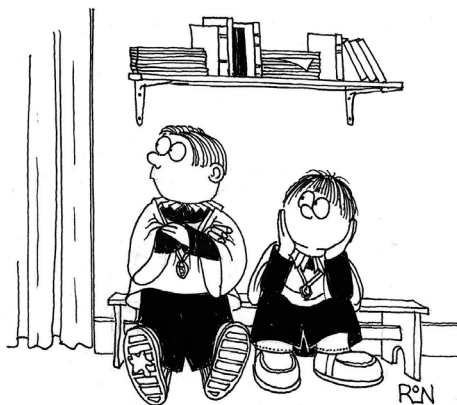
Put the barley in a pan with plenty of salted water and 1 tablespoon of olive oil. Cook for around 20 minutes until cooked through. Drain and allow to cool.

Heat a large, wide-based pan over a high heat. Once hot, add the mince and cook for 3 minutes or until starting to brown. Stir in the ras el hanout and cook for one minute, then sprinkle in the beef stock, add a splash of cold water and stir. Reduce the heat to medium low and cook for about 5



minutes until the mince is cooked through. Allow to cool.

When cool, mix the pearl barley with the mince, pomegranate seeds, diced cucumber, herbs and the pistachios. Season well with salt and pepper. Whisk together the remaining olive oil and the pomegranate molasses with a pinch of salt, and dress the salad with it, mixing gently.



The boys on the substitutes' bench knew their only chance of a sing was if one of the first team was injured

Services

5th July. Away Day

8.30am	Holy Communion	Psalm 145.8-15	Lynn Caudwell
10.45am	Away Day [‡]	Matthew 11. 16-19	

12th.

8.30am	Holy Communion	Psalm 119. 105-112	Lynn Caudwell
10.45am	Pet Service [‡] [†]	Matthew 13. 1-9, 18-23	

19th.

8.30am	Holy Communion	Psalm 139.1-11,23-24	Lynn Caudwell
10.45am	Songs of Praise	Matthew 13. 24-30, 36-43	

26th.

8.30am	Holy Communion	Psalm 105:1-11, 45b	Anne Murphy
10.45am	Morning Worship	Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52	

2nd August.

8.30am	Holy Communion	Psalm 17. 1-7,16	Lynn Caudwell
10.45am	Morning Worship	Matthew 14.13-21	

9th.

8.30am	Holy Communion	Psalm 105.1-6,16-22, 45b	Lynn Caudwell
10.45am	Songs of Praise	Matthew 14. 22-33	

16th.

8.30am	Holy Communion	Psalm 133	Lynn Caudwell
10.45am	Morning Worship	Matthew 15, 10-20, 21-28	

23rd.

8.30am	Holy Communion	Psalm 138	Lynne Bowden
10.45am	Morning Worship	Matthew 16.13-20	

30th.

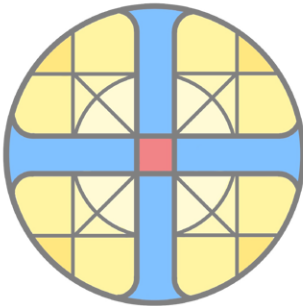
8.30am	Holy Communion	Psalm 115	Lynn Caudwell
10.45am	Songs of Praise	Matthew 16.21-end	

6th Sept.

8.30am	Holy Communion	TBC	Lynn Caudwell
10.45am	Holy Communion		

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12th July	Rebecca Roth- Biester & David Gem	Pam Cooke	Annie Palace	David & Joy Whitehead	Frances & Meg
19th July	Victoria Price & Matt Bird	Sally Winstanley	Annie Palace	Tony & Rachel Witkowski	Gill + one
26th July	Mike Akerman & Jean Ferguson	Sandy Milsom	Jim Curtis	Mike & Sue Akerman	Joy & David
2nd Aug	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC	Caroline & Steve
9th Aug	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC	Ros & Madeline
16th Aug	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC	Yvonne & Annie
23rd Aug	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC	Frances & Meg
30th Aug	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC	Gill + one
6th Sept	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC	Joy & David



- Services will be **streamed live** on our [YouTube channel](#). (although this cannot be guaranteed during the summer)
- A recording of each live-streamed service will be available from the services page of the [church website](#).

‡ Junior Church and Youth Church

† Refresh Youth Group (at 7.00pm)

Church Cleaning Rota

3rd July	Shirley & Christine
10th July	Sally & Yvonne
17th July	Caroline & Jean
24th July	Ros & Madeline
31st July	Judith & Jill
7th August	Mary & Ivan
14th August	Joy & David
21st August	Shirley & Christine
28th August	Sally & Yvonne
4th September	Caroline & Jean

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