

# November 2022



**To journey in faith and  
share God's love**

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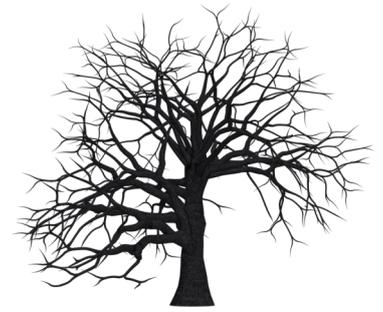
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**THIS MONTH'S COVER: Harvest flowers at St. George's. Photo: Sarah Smith**

The nights are drawing in and it is feeling truly autumnal. The beauty of Autumn is everywhere we look: wonderful and vibrant colours on the trees and bushes. It won't be long before the leaves are all on the ground and the branches are bare. Autumn will invariably cause a variety of feelings and emotions for us all. This season can be exciting and joyful if you are looking forward to some of the autumnal events: bonfire night, clocks turning back and Christmas around the corner.



However, it can also feel very daunting if you dread the dark nights, the shorter days and fear the weather turning colder, compounded with any concerns about all the price rises, uncertainty, and unrest in our society.

Wherever we are on this scale of being enchanted or daunted by Autumn, time will keep marching forward, the sun will rise each morning, and Spring will be with us sooner than you think! Something I have seen more of recently and hope to see more and more of in the months and years ahead is displays of kindness – powerful and simple acts of thinking and caring for other: an encouraging word, a thank you. Small things helping to make life sweeter, brighter, and more hopeful.



# Message from Bishop Rachel

**Rejoice in the Lord always; I will say it again: Rejoice! ... The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God...** (Philippians 4:4-6)

As well as the privilege of being Bishop of Gloucester, I also have the additional privilege of being Anglican Bishop for His Majesty's Prisons in England and Wales, and last Sunday was Prisons Sunday at the start of Prisons Week ([www.prisonsworld.org](http://www.prisonsworld.org)). The theme this year is Thankfulness, and it was good to explore that during the Eucharist at HMP Ashfield in the Diocese of Bristol.

The Gospel reading set for Prisons Sunday was that of Jesus Christ's healing encounter with ten men with leprosy and the one who came back to say thank you (Luke 17:11-19). During a time of reflection, I invited the men in the chapel to write or draw things on a wall of thankfulness. Repeated words were about families and forgiveness, and someone wrote in large capital letters 'LIFE'. Inevitably, it immediately reminded me of our diocesan vision of 'LIFE Together' rooted in Jesus Christ's words, 'I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full'. (John 10:10)

The desire for perpetrators and victims of crime to know Christ's life in all its fullness sits at the heart of my work as Bishop for Prisons, whether it be conversations with prisoners about new possibilities and potential, or whether it be speaking out on the reforms needed across our criminal justice system, which I see as facing a number of crises.

There are many situations both local and global which are continually named as crises. At present, those include war in Ukraine, famine in East Africa, the cost of living and the climate. Yet even amid turbulence, anxiety and uncertainty, God's love and faithfulness are unchanging, and we can be thankful. The Word became flesh and lived among us, and nothing can undo the resurrection. God's kingdom is here, and God's kingdom is coming,

and nothing can change that. So, it is that we can be thankful and rejoice even amid the mess, pain and struggle, as we seek to join in with God's work of transformation.

May it be so for us this week. May it be so for all those whose lives are impacted by crime, whether victims and survivors of crime; offenders; families and friends; and all who work across the criminal justice system.

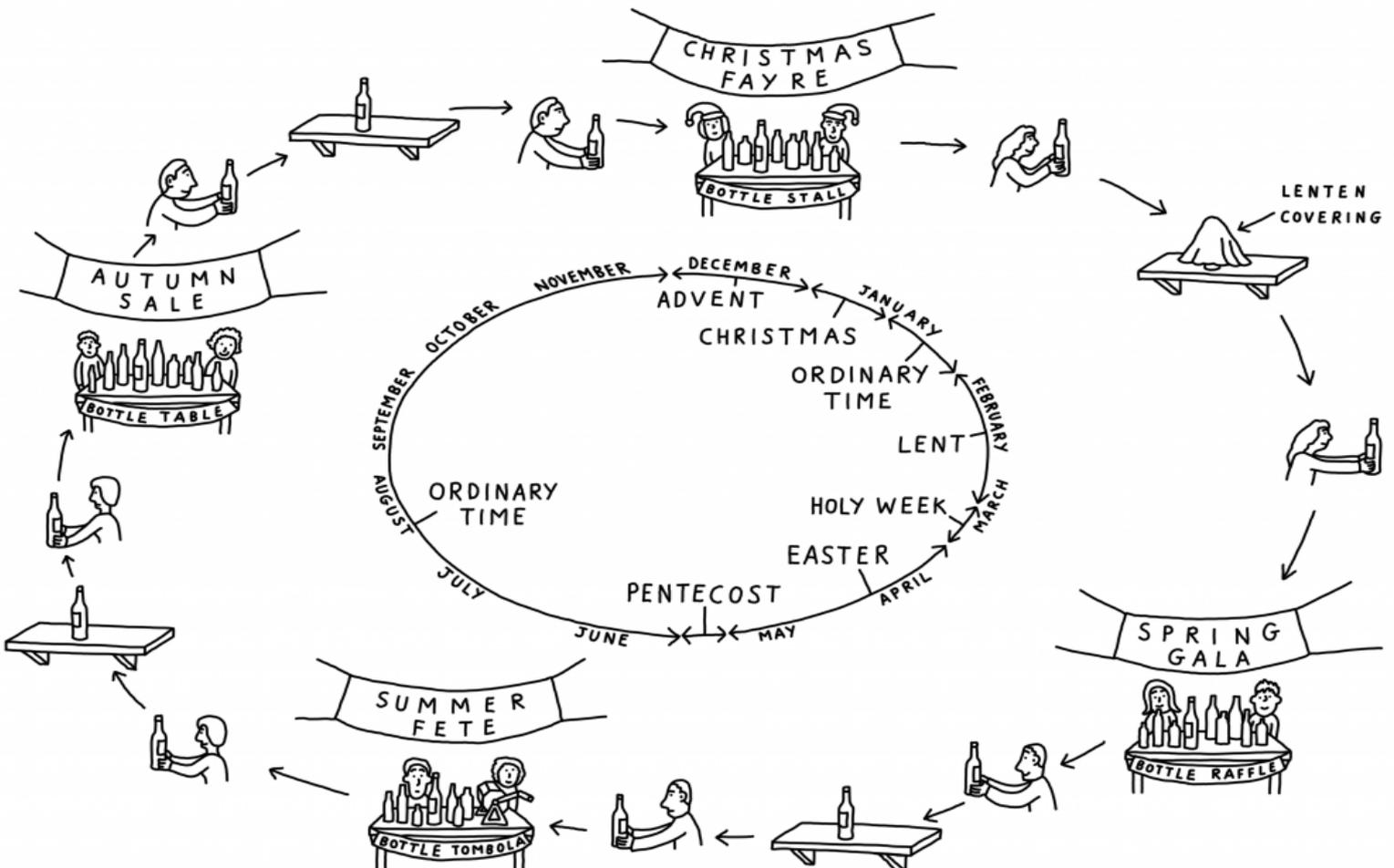
And finally, if your worshipping community is open to being a place of hope for all, then please consider signing up with the Welcome Directory: [www.welcomedirectory.org.uk](http://www.welcomedirectory.org.uk). I am very thankful for this wonderful resource which points people coming out of prison to faith communities who will welcome them. Sadly, at present, only a small percentage are Anglican places of worship.

As ever, this letter comes with my thanks for our partnership in the gospel

+ Rachel



# THE CHURCH YEAR





**ST. GEORGE'S**

Brockworth

**CHRISTMAS  
FAIR**

**SATURDAY  
26TH  
NOVEMBER**

**ST GEORGE'S  
CHURCH  
CENTRE  
BROCKWORTH  
GL3 4ET**

**2-4:30**

**CARDS & GIFTS  
TOYS & GAMES  
REFRESHMENTS  
TOMBOLA  
SANTA  
PRESERVES  
RAFFLE**

## MUSICAL EVENING

Our 6<sup>th</sup> Musical Evening 'A trip down memory lane' on October 1<sup>st</sup> was well attended and well received. A big thank you to all who supported us and to all who helped, especially the ladies who made cakes, all who helped in the kitchen, Brian who provided and ran the bar, Keith for his amusing monologue and my Brian who does all the technical work and helps to sort out the music, videos and quizzes.

Our final one for the year is going to take place on **Saturday December 17<sup>th</sup> at 7pm**. The price will be £5 and we will have our usual quiz. This time we are having a 'Christmas Special' and I would love you to choose your favourite Christmas song, carol or piece of music for us to include in the evening. So far, we have 8 and we need at least 10 more so get thinking and let us know as soon as possible.

Looking forward to hearing from you.

Judy



From the Church Registers

SEPTEMBER 2022

**Baptisms**

*Sunday 25th September Dominic, Jacob & Freya*

**Weddings**

*Saturday 3rd September Danielle Mountifield & Ryan Dunlop*

**Funerals**

*Thursday 15th September David Ford*

**100 Club**

**October 2022**

**WINNERS**

1st — Lizbeth Harbottle (47)

2nd — Jenny Farmer (76)

3rd — Steve Plant (98)

**BROCKWORTH FOOD LARDER**

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

Thursday 3rd November 7pm  
at the Community Centre

## **HYMN WRITERS CONTINUED, CHARLES WESLEY**

Dear Readers, continuing my series on Hymn writers I have chosen probably the best known of all Hymn writers, Charles Wesley. He was an English lyricist and significant early leader in the mid-18th century Methodist movement which he founded, along with his younger brother John Wesley.

Charles Wesley was born on December 18, 1707, in Epworth, Lincolnshire, England. He was the 18<sup>th</sup> child of Anglican Cleric and poet Samuel and Susanna Wesley. He was the youngest and third surviving son. He was educated at Westminster School in 1706 then at Christ Church college, Oxford University where his brothers had also studied. Charles followed his father and brother into the church in 1735, and he travelled with John to Georgia in America, returning a year later.

Following their evangelical conversions in 1738, the Wesley brothers travelled throughout Britain, converting followers to the Methodist revival through preaching and hymn-singing.

In 1749, he married Sarah Gwynne, daughter of a Welsh gentleman who had been converted to Methodism by Howell Harris.

From 1756 his ministry became more static and he ministered in Bristol, and later London. He died on March 29<sup>th</sup>, 1788, in London.

He published more than 6,500 hymns and carols. Here are some of the most popular, well-known ones:

"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

"Jesus, Lover of My Soul"

"Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending"

"Love Divine, all Loves excelling"

"Oh for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

"Oh Thou Who camest from above"

"Soldiers of Christ, Arise"

It was not difficult for me to choose which one to include in this magazine. It is Love Divine, all loves excelling. Why may you ask? It was because it was sung at the Queens funeral and at Prince William and Catherine's wedding.

### **Love Divine, All Loves Excelling**

Love divine, all loves excelling,  
joy of heav'n, to earth come down,  
fix in us thy humble dwelling,  
all thy faithful mercies crown.  
Jesus, thou art all compassion,  
pure, unbounded love thou art.  
Visit us with thy salvation;  
enter ev'ry trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit  
into ev'ry troubled breast.  
Let us all in thee inherit,  
let us find the promised rest.  
Take away the love of sinning;  
Alpha and Omega be.  
End of faith, as its beginning,  
set our hearts at liberty.

Come, Almighty, to deliver,  
let us all thy life receive.  
Suddenly return, and never,  
never more they temples leave.  
Thee we would be always blessing,  
serve thee as thy hosts above,  
pray, and praise thee without ceasing,  
glory in thy perfect love.

Finish, then, thy new creation;  
true and spotless let us be.  
Let us see thy great salvation  
perfectly restored in thee.  
Changed from glory into glory,  
till in heaven we take our place,  
till we cast our crowns before thee,  
lost in wonder, love, and praise.

A.K.Delves

05.10.2022

# Alone

I face an empty chair but sometimes in the silence I imagine you are there

The good companion of the past

No longer here with me

And yet, in some mysterious way you keep me company.

Thought or spirit? Does it matter? Words are meaningless

I only know that in times of great loneliness

I feel you are somewhere near though nothing's seen or said

The bitter moment passes, and my heart is comforted.

I receive the strength I need, am rescued from despair.

Maybe that's the way God works, the answer to a prayer

Though my loss is grievous, and the future is unknown

I face the years that lie ahead, alone, and not alone.

*This poem was contributed by Beryl Deas, a regular reader of this magazine. She was sent this poem following the death of her husband and hopes it will be of comfort to others as it comforted her.*

*Thank you, Beryl.*





Our beautiful Church decorated for the Harvest Thanksgiving service by our wonderfully talented Flower Guild.



**Thank You, LORD!**

## Our Pilgrimage to the Holy Land / Our trip to the Holy land

A longed for trip came about in September. Gwendolyne and I met our fellow pilgrims from all over the United Kingdom at Heathrow to fly to Tel Aviv.

We had a great guide who took us to the authentic places recorded in the Bible, such as the Mount of Olives, the Kidron Valley, The House of Caiaphas, where Peter denied knowing Jesus three times.

Our group of 34 visited the fields outside Bethlehem and the place of Jesus's birth. We saw the garden of Gethsemane, and went to the river Jordan where John was Baptizing.

We also saw less authentic sites still revered as original, but doubted by some scholars and archaeologists, such as Golgotha, the site of the Sepulchre, and even the Way of the Cross, the Via Dolorosa, had been created for pilgrims to go through the narrow streets of old Jerusalem.

The countryside sites around the Sea of Galilee where we had a boat trip, were restful after the hectic crush of Jerusalem. A service of Holy Communion on the shores of lake Galilee was very special, as Peter was forgiven three times and tasked with caring for the flock of Christ.

We even saw where St Paul had sailed from Caesarea on his way to Rome.

In all a wonderful pilgrimage.

*But our visit to the holy lands reminded us that in 1948 when the state of Israel was created after the horrors of the World War 2, 780,000 Palestinians were forced out of their homes and lands. The horrors the Jews had experienced were replicated through their treatment of the Palestinians. "An eye for an eye" from the Old Covenant was not replaced by the New Covenant of Forgiveness and love for your neighbour. In Bethany, the home of Lazarus, Mary and Martha we were prevented from walking to the next site by one of the many "Walls of Separation!" It had been built in one place, between the houses of two brothers. The one who now lives in Israel can visit his brother in Palestine freely – but not vice versa. He could earn 800 a month, while his brother only 500. If they were Jews they would earn 1000 for the same work.*

*When we visited the Dead Sea, we learned that the water level had shrunk over the years by the extraction of water from the Sea of Galilee and the River Jordan (so now the Baptismal site was a slow muddy stream, not clear running water) to satisfy the needs for drinking water and agricultural watering. The beach used to be sandy but now is full of crystalized salt and very painful to step on. Floating there was an experience indeed.*

*Water is essential for all life. Jewish houses are connected to the main supply, as are Palestinian houses, but the latter need water tanks on their roofs to catch any possible rainfall in case the authorities cut off their supply. Palestinians are not free to use all roads and cannot drive into Jerusalem without a permit. To arrive for work at 7am in the City, many will rise at 3am to join the queue at the checkpoint.*

*On the Sabbath roads to the Jewish quarter are closed and the trams do not run. The Christian, Armenian and Muslim Quarters are open to all.*

Please pray for the peace of Jerusalem that it might become wholly holy.

As Jesus said “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the children of God.”

*“Oh happy band of pilgrims, if onward ye will tread, with Jesus as your fellow and Jesus at your head”*

David Sutch September 2022



# Christmas Fair Raffle

The Fair is fast approaching on 26<sup>th</sup> November 2022.

Donations towards the prizes of a Christmas Hamper or other any Christmas goodies would be gratefully accepted. Please pass to Lizbeth Harbottle or leave at the Church Office.

Raffle tickets will soon be available and circulated. Please sell what you can, further supplies can be obtained from the Church Office.

Thank you.



## One for the birds ...

God: You're a crow.

Crow: Nice!

God: A group of birds is called a flock.

Crow: A flock?

God: You know, birds of a feather flock together.

Crow: Not ringing any bells.

God: (sigh) it means you stick together.

Crow: (happy gasp) Velcrows!

*Contributed by Joy Curzon*



You're invited to

# St George's Church Christmas Tree Festival

FRIDAY 2ND - SUNDAY 4TH  
DECEMBER 2022

at ST GEORGE'S CHURCH, BROCKWORTH

FRIDAY 2ND, 7PM GRAND SWITCH ON  
with Christmas Carols and refreshments  
SATURDAY 3RD, 11AM-4PM CHURCH OPEN  
SUNDAY 4TH, DO JOIN US FOR OUR 9AM SERVICE  
2PM-4PM CHURCH OPEN

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## The Messenger, November 2022

OneDiocese blog: COP27 and the challenge of climate injustice

With COP27 taking place over 6-18 November 2022, the Revd Dr Daniel Button, Director of Gateway Theology School in Gloucester, shares his thoughts on how, as Christians, we can use our individual and collective voice to challenge climate injustice.

If COP27 rings a bell but doesn't quite register, you're not alone. Last year, one could hardly escape the tremendous build-up to COP26 in Glasgow. So, why such lack of attention now?

Last year's media frenzy was partly due to being hosted on UK home soil, and COP26 was the centrepiece of world news. This year, COP27 takes place in Sharm el-Sheikh (Egypt); crowds, public involvement and mass protests will be held to a minimum. A key component will be the rather dull and ever-delayed issue of climate justice – while world news focusses on the war in Ukraine, the death of the Her Late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, fuel shortages, the cost of living increase, mass flooding in Pakistan, and hurricane season wreaking havoc. Climate justice and mitigation will generate barely a flicker in the public eye. Ironically, all of these existential threats (apart from the Queen) are directly related to climate change – yet the issue of climate change has dropped right back into obscurity.

'Disaster response' is human nature. It's immediate, necessary, feels good and serving those in need is part of our Christian duty – so much easier than studying the root causes and working out tedious measures of prevention and mitigation. The current array of famine, floods, war, hurricanes, fuel shortages, refugees ... all demand action. We've always had storms, but climate change multiplies their frequency, intensity and catastrophic effects – same with drought, famine, floods, heatwaves ... so the cycle worsens, we keep addressing the symptoms, while the root cause continues unabated.

Is there any good news? Yes. The hard, tedious work has all been done. The COP conferences have compiled decades of in-depth scientific analysis, brought governments and world leaders to global policy agreement, achieved consensus on the causes, urgency and outcomes of climate change – and proposed achievable solutions.

One key solution is the recognition that the countries that have benefitted most from industrialisation need to shoulder the greater burden of covering the costs of fossil fuel transition and climate catastrophes. The poorest nations most adversely affected by climate change are the least complicit in causing the problem and need help. Wealthy nations have pledged over 100 billion dollars toward this end. This is climate justice. Yet it's becoming known as 'climate INjustice' because this solution is never implemented but continuously kicked down the road.

Even as Christians, justice is not a convenient option. Yet we're all complicit in the problem, and we must all be agents of change – even sacrificial change – because we already know it's the right thing to do. It requires both urgency and agency. Human agency must come from all three sectors – government, corporations and individuals. The Church is the largest

social institution on earth, and it has a voice. It also has a leader who demonstrated the meaning of prioritising the poor and sacrificing for the sake of others.

And then he said, 'Come, follow me'.

On 5 November, churches across the country are being asked to 'Ring out for Climate!' – find out more here: [www.gloucester.anglican.org/churches-asked-to-ring-out-for-climate-on-5-november-2022](http://www.gloucester.anglican.org/churches-asked-to-ring-out-for-climate-on-5-november-2022)

### Eco campaigner Josie lights up Bussage School

PV panels have been fitted to the roof of Bussage Church of England Primary School after a 10-year-old schoolgirl inspired her local community to take action on the environment.

Josie Tomlinson, in Year 5, read about Greta Thunberg's mission to speak out for the environment and was concerned by the environmental crisis so decided she wanted to do something to help.

She said, "I can't have solar panels on my house at home because it's a listed building, so I thought we could get them on the school. I put together a petition for solar panels on the school roof and 110 children signed it." Josie also walked up Scafell Pike with her family, raising an additional £590 towards the project. She said, "All my family and friends sponsored me, plus we put up posters and even some people we didn't know sponsored me."

Over the summer, 34 PV panels were installed, supplying power to the school. Josie's dream was celebrated with a special trophy for her environmental work presented to her at the school's leavers assembly.

Watch a video of Josie sharing her story on our website: [www.gloucester.anglican.org/eco-campaigner-josie-lights-up-her-school](http://www.gloucester.anglican.org/eco-campaigner-josie-lights-up-her-school)

16 Days of Activism against gender-based violence Since 1991, this annual international campaign aims to challenge violence against women and girls. This year's theme is Ending Femicide, with a focus on women who are vulnerable to femicide.

The campaign runs from 25 November to 10 December. Find out more at

<https://16dayscampaign.org>

## Events and training

More details for all these events at [gloucester.anglican.org/events](http://gloucester.anglican.org/events)

Wild and Wonderful Workshop 5 November, 2pm to 4pm St Lawrence Church Centre, Barnwood, Gloucester GL4 3JB Aimed at churches, holiday clubs and primary schools that are keen to engage more with science, faith and creation care.

More information at [www.wildandwonderful.uk](http://www.wildandwonderful.uk)

Growing faith 10 November, 10am to 2.30pm St Lawrence, 32 Church Lane, Barnwood, Gloucester GL4 3JB Making the most of the home, school, church relationship. This event explores the small changes which worshipping communities have found to bring real growth to family faith.

To book, visit: [www.gloucester.anglican.org/event/growing-faith](http://www.gloucester.anglican.org/event/growing-faith)

Drop-in café for children, family and youth ministry

1 December, 12.30pm to 2.30pm

Danny's Cafe & Bakery, 21 Church Rd, Bishops Cleeve, Cheltenham

This drop-in session will be led by Jo Wetherall (Growing Faith and Spirituality Officer) and a member of the Youth Connect Team.

More information: [www.gloucester.anglican.org/event/drop-in-cafe-sessions-for-children-family-and-youth-ministry-bc-chelt](http://www.gloucester.anglican.org/event/drop-in-cafe-sessions-for-children-family-and-youth-ministry-bc-chelt)

Everyday mindfulness

2 January 2023, 9.30am to 12 noon

St Peter's Cottages, Leckhampton, Cheltenham

Research has demonstrated how effective this practice can be for general wellbeing as well as for specific difficulties such as anxiety, depression, sleeplessness and stress.

Visit: [www.gloucester.anglican.org/event/everyday-mindfulness-2-3-2](http://www.gloucester.anglican.org/event/everyday-mindfulness-2-3-2)

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## MY FAVOURITE POEMS CONTINUED

Dear Readers, you will recall my October poem in which I chose a nonsense poem, *The Owl, and the Pussycat* as a change from my historical more serious poems. As one Reader informed me how much he enjoyed this poem I racked my brain to think of another nonsense poem. The obvious choice was Lewis Carroll's *The Lobster Quadrille*. It is from *Alice in Wonderland* which I guess most of you will have read (or had it read to you) in your childhood.

What is it all about? The Mock Turtle is all choked up from sobbing, and the Gryphon shows Alice how he beats the Turtle's back to help him clear his throat. Turtle recovers and informs Alice since she has never lived by the sea about a dance called the *Lobster Quadrille*. He explains that the first thing to do is line up along the shore. Two lines, one for sea creatures, seals, salmon, turtles and so on, and one for Lobsters and then the partners must step towards each other once you have cleared all the jellyfish out of the way. It begins just like a square dance but quickly becomes very elaborate, with the Lobsters thrown into the sea.

The Mock Turtle's constant crying about his past experiences indicates his profound sentimental side.

The *Lobster Quadrille* is another example of a "civilized" activity—a dance—that ends in a strange kind of violence

At this point the Gryphon and the Mock Turtle get very excited and propose to show Alice the dance. The Gryphon nominates the Turtle to sing. They begin by dancing round Alice, occasionally treading on her toes while the Turtle sings mournfully about a Whiting and a Snail while dancing the *Lobster Quadrille*. When it is over Alice politely says it was an interesting dance, but she is relieved it is all over.

The Turtle asks Alice if she knows anything about Whittings. She avoids saying that she has eaten Whiting. The Gryphon has lots more to say about a Whiting. It tells Alice it is called a Whiting because "it does the boots and shoes" She figures her own shoes must have been done by blacking. Shoes under the sea are different says the Gryphon they are made of soles and eels. Alice goes back to the song in which a porpoise is always treading on a Whiting's tail. The Mock Turtle tells her wisely that no Whiting never travels without a porpoise. Alice thinks this is dubious and the Gryphon changes the subject and asks Alice about her adventures.

# The Lobster Quadrille

"Will you walk a little faster?" said a whiting to a snail,  
"There's a porpoise close behind us, and he's treading on my tail.

See how eagerly the lobsters and the turtles all advance!  
They are waiting on the shingle — will you come and join the dance?

Will you, won't you, will you, won't you, will you join the dance?  
Will you, won't you, will you, won't you, won't you join the dance?

"You can really have no notion how delightful it will be  
When they take us up and throw us, with the lobsters, out to sea!"

But the snail replied "Too far, too far!" and gave a look askance

Said he thanked the whiting kindly, but he would not join the dance.

Would not, could not, would not, could not, would not join the dance.

Would not, could not, would not, could not, could not join the dance.

"What matters it how far we go?" his scaly friend replied.

"There is another shore, you know, upon the other side.

The further off from England the nearer is to France —

Then turn not pale, beloved snail, but come and join the dance.

Will you, won't you, will you, won't you, will you join the dance?

Will you, won't you, will you, won't you, won't you join the dance?



## Rona and Gordon write from Fishguard

September was not the kindest of months for us since we moved here just over a year ago (September 20th 2021).....

At the end of August Rona was admitted to hospital with acidic problems and was kept in overnight. Two days later another consultant phoned asking her to return for more tests. Her GP thinks that it may be Gall Bladder problems. She is currently awaiting an outpatient appointment for an ultrasound scan.

Then in the middle of September we both went down with Covid 19 which was pretty nasty. We were so frustrated after some two and a half years since the major outbreak in March 2020 to contract it now. We know where the virus came from as we attended the licensing service for our Curate into his first living in a nearby parish. The church was packed, it was a warm evening and none of us wore masks because none of us do these days. Half a dozen or more from St Mary's all went down with Covid by the following Wednesday. We also understand that a number of clergy who attended also suffered. Fortunately, having had the vaccinations it was not as bad as it could have been. We are both well again now but wear our face masks much more often.

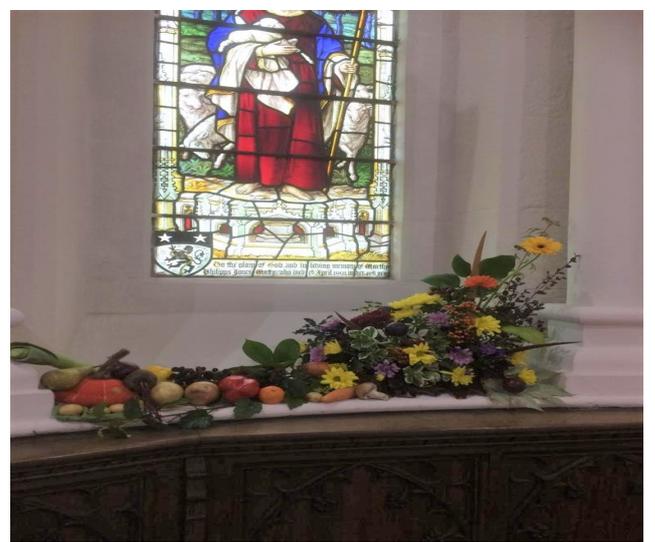
St Mary's Church Harvest Festival took place on October 2nd. Rona did the high altar flower arranging for that festival (see photos overleaf), and Gordon led the Intercessions. Our service was followed by a Harvest Lunch in the local pub next door to the church. Like St George's, items and donations were collected and given to the local food bank.

We have also included another photo of Lower Town with the different boats and yachts having been lifted out of the water for the winter.

Life goes on at quite a relaxed pace which suits us in our increasing years.

We still think about you all often and remember you in our prayers.

Rona & Gordon



## Church diary—NOVEMBER 2022

2nd	9.45am	Communion : Church Centre
	7.30pm	Mid-Week Church : Church Centre
3rd	10.00am	St George's Flower Arrangers : Church
	7.30pm	Bell ringing practice : Church
<b>6th</b>	<b>9.00am</b>	<b>Communion Worship Service : Church</b>
	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Coffee &amp; biscuits : Church Centre</b>
	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Family Worship Service : Church Centre</b>
7th	10.00am	Parent and Toddler Group : Church Centre
	7.00pm	PCC meeting : Church Centre
9th	9.45am	Communion : Church Centre
	7.00pm	Church Centre Committee meeting : Hall, Church Centre
	7.30pm	Mid-Week Church : Lounge, Church Centre
10th	10.00am	St George's Flower Arrangers : Church
	7.30pm	Bell ringing practice : Church

### **Remembrance Sunday**

<b>13th</b>	<b>9.00am</b>	<b>Communion Worship Service followed by short service at Churchyard War Memorial : Church</b>
	<b>Details tbc</b>	<b>Parade, Service at Brockworth War Memorial followed by refreshments at St George's Church Centre (see noticeboard at Church and Church Centre for further details or contact Church Office)</b>

14th	10.00am	Parent and Toddler Group : Church Centre
16th	9.45am	Communion : Church Centre
	7.30pm	Mid-Week Church : Church Centre
17th	10.00am	St George's Flower Arrangers : Church
	7.30pm	Bell ringing practice : Church

<b>20th</b>	<b>9.00am</b>	<b>Communion Worship Service : Church</b>
	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Coffee &amp; biscuits : Church Centre</b>
	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Family Worship Service : Church Centre</b>

21st	10.00am	Parent and Toddler Group : Church Centre
23rd	9.45am	Communion : Church Centre
24th	10.00am	St George's Flower Arrangers : Church
	7.30pm	Bell ringing practice : Church

26th	2.00pm	Christmas Fair : Church Centre
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<b>27th</b>	<b>9.00am</b>	<b>Communion Worship Service : Church</b>
	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Coffee &amp; biscuits : Church Centre</b>
	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Family Worship Service : Church Centre</b>

## **November 2022**

### **Daily Bible Readings:**

Tuesday 1st	Daniel 7:1-3,15-18; Luke 6:20-31
Wednesday 2nd	Philippians 2:2-18; Luke 14:25-33
Thursday 3rd	Philippians 3:3-8a; Luke 15:1-10
Friday 4th	Philippians 3:17-4:1; Luke 16:1-8
Saturday 5th	Philippians 4:10-19; Luke 16:9-15
Monday 7th	Titus 1:1-9; Luke 17:1-6
Tuesday 8th	Titus 2:1-8,11-14; Luke 17:7-10
Wednesday 9th	Titus 3:1-7; Luke 17:11-19
Thursday 10th	Philemon 7-20; Luke 17:20-25
Friday 11th	2 John 4-9; Luke 17:26-end
Saturday 12th	3 John 5-8; Luke 18:1-8
Monday 14th	Revelation 1:1-4,2:1-5; Luke 18:35-end
Tuesday 15th	Revelation 3:1-6,14-end; Luke 19:1-10
Wednesday 16th	Revelation 4; Luke 19:11-28
Thursday 17th	Revelation 5:1-10; Luke 19:41-44
Friday 18th	Revelation 10:8-11; Luke 19:45-end
Saturday 19th	Revelation 11:4-12; Luke 20:27-40
Monday 21st	Revelation 14:1-5; Luke 21:1-4
Tuesday 22nd	Revelation 14:14-19; Luke 21:5-11
Wednesday 23rd	Revelation 15:1-4; Luke 21:12-19
Thursday 24th	Revelation 18:1-2,21-23,19:1-3,9; Luke 21:20-28
Friday 25th	Revelation 20:1-4,11-21:2; Luke 21:29-33
Saturday 26th	Revelation 22:1-7; Luke 21:34-36
Monday 28th	Isaiah 4:2-end; Matthew 8:5-11
Tuesday 29th	Isaiah 11:1-10; Luke 10:21-24
Wednesday 30th	Isaiah 25:6-10a; Matthew 15:29-37

## **Mothers' Union is working together with Women's Aid to help end domestic abuse.**

An estimated 1.6 million women experience domestic abuse every year, though that's only the tip of the iceberg. One in seven children and young people under the age of 18 will have lived with domestic violence at some point in their childhood.

Many women don't speak out due to fear or feeling ashamed – they never thought it would happen to them. They may be worried what others will say or what people will think about them. With three women being killed a fortnight by a current or ex-partner, so much needs to change before women are safe.

This year, Women's Aid Federation of England launches *Come Together to End Domestic Abuse*. (Women's Aid also has sister UK federations in Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland, and there is also Women's Aid Ireland). We know there is no magic wand that will solve the significant societal issue that is domestic abuse. Domestic abuse affects people throughout society and at every stage of life. What we need is for people to come together and do what they can in their communities and workplaces. We are asking everyone if they will *Come Together to End Domestic Abuse* – women, men and young people together.

Shadow Minister for Domestic Abuse and Safeguarding, Jess Phillips MP says: "For domestic abuse to truly end it requires every part of society to take action. It is wonderful that the 45,000 Mothers' Union members across Britain and Ireland are standing up and being counted, not only taking action as individuals but also sharing information and support with the wider community."

### **Speaking out on social media**

Women's Aid are also asking people to share their pictures of hands coming together, like their campaign logo, as you take an action to end domestic abuse, using the hashtag #EndAbuseTogether and our Mother's Union hashtag for the campaign #MUEndAbuseTogether. We want people to show – anonymously if safer – how people are coming together to end domestic abuse.

# Mothers' Union ongoing fight against Domestic Violence

Mothers' Union is committed to ending domestic violence and abuse, expressed through its year-round activities and campaigning as well as specific focuses (such as participating in the annual 16 Days campaign to end gender-based violence). MU members across the world look to identify the needs of those around them and work together with them, using resources available, including partnering with other organisations to work towards our common goals of peace, justice and safety for women and for everyone.

By joining together with Women's Aid, we are able to raise even more awareness, dispel myths and create safe spaces. Together we are working towards a future where everyone can thrive, confronting injustice wherever we find it.

Mothers' Union CEO, Bev Jullien explains how this partnership is just one piece of the puzzle: "This new partnership compliments our members' commitment to ending domestic abuse. From practical support such as new bedding and toasters for refuges through to training local community groups or advocating for policy changes to protect women and girls at national and international level, we will not stop until the abuse ends.

I am proud that this partnership makes up part of our global commitment to end all forms of violence against women and girls and feeds into our existing No more 1 in 3 campaign ([www.mothersunion.org/global-day-2022](http://www.mothersunion.org/global-day-2022)) to see an end to 1 in 3 women worldwide being subjected to some form of violence or abuse during their lifetime. By joining together Mothers' Union and Women's Aid can raise even more awareness, dispel myths and create safe spaces. Together we can be the agents of change that ensures no girl has to grow up in a world of abuse and violence."



**No more 1 in 3**

# St. George's Bells

The Parish Church of Brockworth  
Has well-tuned bells.

They sound out every Sunday  
To call folk where the Lord's spirit dwells.

They are rung by people devoted  
To not only ringing as an art,  
But to their church, as a duty,  
Where they play a real part.

The message of the bells carries near and quite far  
A joy to a great many,  
Which no-one should mar.

To some good folk to their homes confined,  
The bells have a far greater meaning,  
Also, to the Christians inclined.

Even to non-church goers, the bells to them speak  
As they realise that under it all  
There is a real one they should seek.

It is certainly a lovely sound,  
Of which we should be justly proud,  
A fine creation by man. When our efforts ring aloud.

Long may it continue. From St. George's tower  
To remind us again and again  
Of our Heavenly Lord's Power.



**November Meeting  
will be at 2.30 on 28th November  
in the Church Centre**

Adrian Slade will offer us Reflections on Advent

Once again, it is time to consider how we make preparations to welcome the joy of the Nativity.

In September we welcomed Denise Fenley who entertained us with insights and stories from her visit to Ethiopia. Denise is a long-standing MU member and supported her interesting talk with images from her trip to that beautiful country and its devout people.

*(Thanks also to Mike who gave up time to help get the memory stick working on the church system!)*

Our Christmas Lunch will be on Monday 12th December

1.30 at the Church Centre

Again, it will be Fish 'n' Chips, mince pies and festivities.

All members and spouses welcome. Please make sure you have signed up so we know how many orders to place.

*Prayer for Advent*

*Lord, oil the hinges of our hearts' doors*

*that they may swing gently and easily to welcome your coming.*

*Prayer from New Guinea*

A decorative border with a repeating pattern of white leaves and flowers on a black background, framing the central text.

## **Brockworth Food Larder**

Our local food larder will be needed more than ever as families are faced with rising costs. It is run from the Community Centre by volunteers for local people.

Supplies are running low so please could you consider donating long life or tinned food, drinks or toiletries, All items can be taken to Brockworth Community Centre whenever it is open.

**Thank you**

## A walk round Crickley Hill

I thought I would write this just to prove that I am not always bad news. This morning (12<sup>th</sup> Oct) I walked up to the Wednesday morning service only to discover it was cancelled, due to illness, so I walked home, had a coffee & drove myself & Paul up to Crickley Hill country park. I am sure there are many of you who are unable to get out & about as I am so I thought I would bring the walk to you.

We parked the car & paid the car park £2 & set off in a clockwise direction around the hill. As we walked towards the trees I was able to describe the colours to Paul. We walked through the gate into the field & as we walked down it began to rain, so we went through the bottom gate into the woods again for shelter. We walked through the wood & back up to the field again.

By now the rain had passed & the sun was out so we walked across the field reading all about adders on exit. We followed the path until we exited the woods into the field that the road up the hill passes. On past the cricket pitch & back into the woods again. It was lovely to be able to scuff up the leaves, just like a child again. The floor at this stage was a multi-coloured carpet of browns, rust, orange & the occasional green leaves. As we walked on up through the wood the sun was shining through the trees highlighting the falling leaves like silver rain.

We then emerged from the wood into a cloudy day & walked up the hill & eventually onto the common. The sky was darkening & very hazy, so we could only just pick out May Hill in the distance. I told Paul that if this was a minefield we would be blown up as we were zig zagging in order to avoid the cow pats. If anyone was watching from behind we would appear drunk the way I was trying to avoid standing in them.

We returned to the car just as the next shower arrived & drove home in time for lunch. I can recommend the Country Park for a lovely day out in the summer months or just for a very colourful walk at this time of year. I hope you have enjoyed our experience with us.

Jenny

# Hiawatha (but not as you know it!)

From the cupboard Hiawatha  
Took some Bramley cooking apples  
Neatly peeled and swiftly cored them  
And with keen edged kitchen chopper  
Hacked them into little pieces.  
These he cast into a vessel  
Made of gleaming heat-proof Pyrex  
Straight to them he added sugar  
Soft brown sugar from a carton  
Shook the vessel to ensure that  
There was even distribution  
Of the sugar midst the fragments.  
Then he took a bowl for mixing  
Threw therein of flour a measure  
Added half as much of sugar  
And of butter as for sugar.  
These he twirled with nimble fingers  
Til the three were well commingled  
This he poured upon the apples  
Lightly smoothed the floury surface  
Shoved the vessel in the oven  
Heated all the splendid substance.  
Hiawatha took the vessel  
From the clean efficient oven  
Set it down upon a table  
Let it cool through hours of darkness.  
In the morning Hiawatha  
Using his electric beater  
Whipped some cream until its texture  
Was of just sufficient firmness  
To be spread upon the surface  
Of the dish his faithful labours  
Had, as has been told, created.  
Then he summoned many tribesmen  
Sat them down around his table  
Bade them help themselves to portions  
Of his glorious creation.  
This they did with speed and vigour  
Hogged themselves with massive seconds  
Loud and earnest were the praises  
Lyrical and joyous praises  
Amplly earned unstinted praises  
Heaped upon that grand confection  
Hiawatha's apple crumble.



*Contributed by  
Joy Curzon*

*Author unknown*

Before you go...

Don't forget to save your used stamps, greetings cards, old or broken jewellery, old spectacles, medicine blister packs and used ink cartridges for us to pass on to charities as fund raisers.

Thank you!

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This is *your* magazine. We need your interesting stories, facts, jokes, poems, quotes, recipes, brain teasers, photos, notices or anything else that others would enjoy reading.

All contributions will be gratefully received by the church office or, preferably, please email:

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