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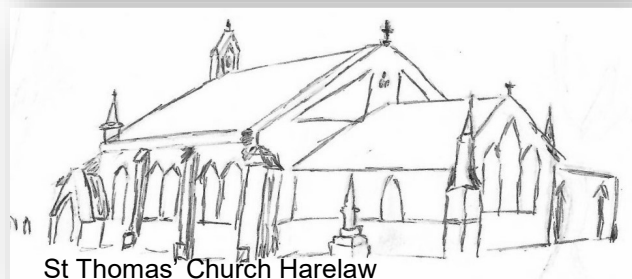
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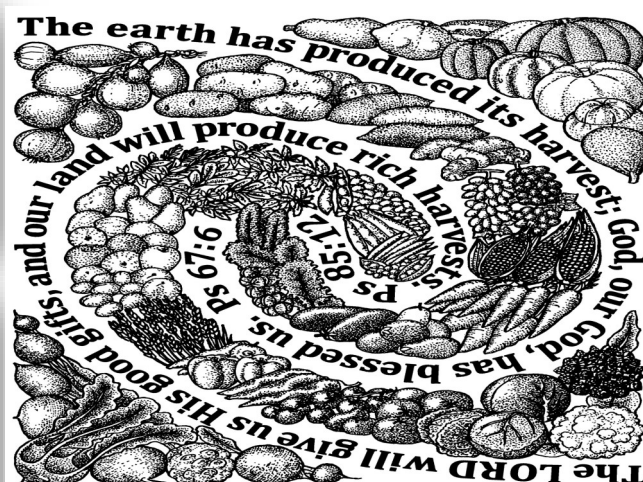
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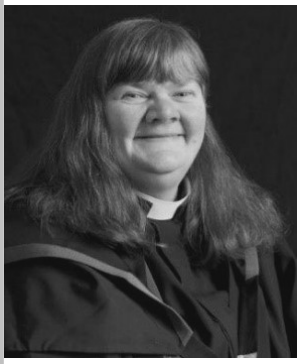
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When I signed our register at All Saints on Thursday 15th September, I recorded the preacher as having been Her Late Majesty Queen Elizabeth 2nd. Her words were voiced by our Rev'd Abbey—but the sermon was very much the Queen's, as it was composed of quotations from her many Christmas messages. As we remember her and mourn the passing of an extraordinary leader, a woman who was a reassuring presence and a person of deep and inspiring Christian faith, I can do no more than pay tribute to her by giving her my column this month. What follows is a patchwork of the Queen's own words, from a speech made on her 21st birthday to her Christmas broadcast of 2020; 'The simple facts of Jesus' life give us little clue as to the influence he was to have on the world. As a boy he learnt his father's trade as a carpenter. He then became a preacher, recruiting twelve supporters to help him. But his ministry only lasted a few years and he himself never wrote anything down. In his early thirties he was arrested, tortured, and crucified with two criminals. His death might have been the end of the story, but then came the resurrection and with it the foundation of the Christian faith.

I know just how much I rely on my faith to guide me through the good times and the bad. Each day is a new beginning. I know that the only way to live my life is to try to do what is right, to take the long view, to give of my best in all that the day brings, and to put my trust in God. I draw strength from the message of hope in the Christian gospel. And to what greater inspiration and counsel can we turn than to the imperishable truth to be found in this treasure house, the Bible?

To many of us our beliefs are of fundamental importance. For me the teachings of Christ and my own personal accountability before God provide a framework in which I try to lead my life. I, like so many of you, have drawn great comfort in difficult times from Christ's words and example. Jesus of Nazareth makes it clear that genuine human happiness and satisfaction lie more in giving than receiving, more in serving than in being served. We can surely be grateful that, two thousand years after the birth of Jesus, so many of us are able to draw inspiration from his life and message, and to find in him a source of strength and courage. Many will have been inspired by Jesus' simple but powerful teaching: love God and love thy neighbour as thyself—in other words, treat others as you would like them to treat you. His great emphasis was to give spirituality a practical purpose. His simple message of love has been turning the world upside down ever since. He showed that what people are and what they do, does matter, and does make all the difference. He commanded us to love our neighbours as we love ourselves, but what exactly is meant by 'loving ourselves'? I believe it means trying to make the most of the abilities we have been given, it means caring for our talents. It is a matter of making the best of ourselves, not just doing the best for ourselves. We are all different, but each of us has his own best to offer. The responsibility for the way we live life with all its challenges, sadness, and joy is ours alone. If we do this well, it will also be good for our neighbours. If you throw a stone into a pool, the ripples go on spreading outwards.

Although we are capable of great acts of kindness, history teaches us that we sometimes need saving from ourselves—from our recklessness or our greed. God sent into the world a unique person—neither a philosopher nor a general (important though they are)—but a Saviour, with the power to forgive. Forgiveness lies at the heart of the Christian faith. It can heal broken families, it can restore friendships and it can reconcile divided communities. It is in forgiveness that we feel the power of God's love.

God sent His only Son 'to serve, not to be served.' He restored love and service to the centre of our lives in the person of Jesus Christ. It is my prayer that his example and teaching will continue to bring people together to give the best of themselves in the service of others. Christ not only revealed to us the truth in his teachings. He lived by what he believed and gave us the strength to try to do the same – and, finally, on the cross, he showed the supreme example of physical and moral courage. In difficult times we may be tempted to find excuses for self-indulgence and to wash our hands of responsibility. Christmas stands for the opposite... we need to go out and look for opportunities to help those less fortunate than ourselves, even if that service demands sacrifice.

For Christians, as for all people of faith, reflection, meditation, and prayer help us to renew ourselves in God's love, as we strive daily to become better people. And the Christmas message shows us that this love is for everyone. There is no one beyond its reach. It has always been easy to hate and destroy. To build and to cherish is much more difficult. We know the reward is peace on earth, goodwill toward men, but we cannot win it without determination and concerted effort. But when peace comes, remember it will be for us, the children of today, to make the world of tomorrow a better and happier place. I therefore declare before you all that my whole life whether it be long or short shall be devoted to your service and the service of our great imperial family to which we all belong.

God help me to make good my vow and God bless all of you who are willing to share in it...

'Thank you, Your Majesty, for your example of servant leadership.

May you rest in peace, and rise in glory.

My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you.

John 15:12

I write this having watched the late Queen's funeral witnessing the end of an era and the beginning of a new one.

The death of Queen Elizabeth II and the ongoing situation in Ukraine have brought some time of reflection for me as I navigate my way through this ever-changing world. In the last couple of years, we have had to deal with so much, COVID, war in Ukraine, the death of the Queen who for so many has been a constant for those of all faiths and none and the current cost of living crisis on top of climate change. Our world continues to change ushering in a new era and much uncertainty. It is easy in times of difficulty to disappear into our own world making sure we have sufficient and looking after number one, but I am reminded of Jesus' command to 'love one another'.

Remember what we have achieved as a community over the years! We have seen a community coming together to support those around them, giving time, money and sharing the burden of their neighbours. Despite all life's difficulties it has been wonderful to see people coming together in love and simply reaching out. The war in Ukraine showed a world willing to reach out to welcome the stranger to safety and making them feel safe and comfortable. On 19th September the late Queen for the final time brought heads of state from around the world and united our United Kingdom, the Commonwealth, and the world. It brought together those of all faiths, Christian denominations and none and broke-down barriers. Even for just a few hours we were a global family. I saw those words of Jesus played out 'Love each other' and we did.

Jesus' love for his fellow human being had no barriers. He met, ate with, and spent time with many who were rejected by society asking little in return. As we move past COVID, winter approaches, the cost-of-living crisis takes hold, our new Prime minister takes up her role and King Charles III takes the throne, I pray that we can continue with this spirit of kindness, community, service. It is necessary to continue in prayer for our brothers and sisters in Ukraine and those areas affected blighted by war.

Life is not easy. If it were easy, we would not need God's continuing grace to see us through.

"Family does not necessarily mean blood relatives, but often a description of a community, organisation or nation" *Queen Elizabeth II*

Stephen



Celebrating Bible Sunday 30th October

What is a good way to 'celebrate' this annual day of appreciation for our Bibles?

One way might be to send a Bible to someone in prison. Certainly, Bibles seem to be wanted there just now.

Bible Society reports that: "Prison chaplains are telling us that more and more prisoners urgently want to read God's Word. Dominic Dring, who serves at two prisons, says he brings ten Bibles in with him and every one of them gets taken.

"This is an amazing opportunity. You can share the transformative love of Jesus with someone who has lost everything. You can increase the number of Bibles going into prisons this year. As demand rises, we need your help to meet it. Just £10 can provide a Bible to a prisoner in a UK prison. Imagine the impact that could have on someone longing for a second chance."

More at <https://www.biblesociety.org.uk/contact-us/>



Nurseries under threat

If you are a parent in need of childcare, you may be struggling this autumn.

Especially if you live in a rural area. The number of nurseries in the countryside has dropped by a staggering 20 pc since 2015. That means that one in five has now closed. Figures for urban areas are little better, with a drop of 13pc. There is also a widespread decline in breakfast and after-school clubs.

Fewer places in childcare provision mean higher prices, and that will not help the cost-of-living crisis for families.

Home Communion

If you are unable to come to church and wish to receive Home Communion, please contact Revd Stephen (01207 529166) who will be pleased to make the arrangements for you.



Lanchester and Burnhope

Funerals

28th September John Wingfield

'May he rest in peace and rise in glory'



Weddings

Sunday 21st August Joseph Horan and Elizabeth Botcherby

May God's blessing be upon you in your new life together



Baptisms

24th July	Daniel Truswell
31st July	Grace Elmes
31st July	Theodore Bowes
21st August	Rosie Grace Stewart
4th September	Holii Smith
18th September	Penny Alice Robson



"We welcome you into the Lord's Family"

Lanchester



In the early evening of Thursday September 8th news broke through of the death of our beloved Queen Elizabeth II at the age of 96. Although her health had been of major concern during the last few months it came as a shock to most, almost disbelief. It has been mentioned many times that for most people we have not known any other Monarch. I for one was born the year she became Queen and my age runs alongside the years of her reign. Her passing is the end of an era and the regard in which she was held for a lifetime of service and constancy is unparalleled.

Ringers since she died have gathered and taken to their ropes with a sense of duty and service and great privilege which also reflects the Queen's values in life. On Friday September 9th at 12noon our church bells were rung muffled as you do only for the death of a monarch with the Tenor bell muffled only on one side of the clapper, giving that mournful tone with only a loud sound every 16th stroke. The bells at this extraordinary moment, formed the voice of our community. Before ringing commenced The Reverend Adrian led us in prayer. The sombre mood was felt by all but as I say all felt an intense feeling of pride to be able to ring our bells for our beloved Queen. As a mark of respect on that evening our ringing practice was cancelled.

On Saturday 10th our new King Charles III was formally proclaimed Monarch at an Accession Council at St James's Palace. For this occasion all bells were rung open as normal. Our bells were stripped of their muffles and rung at 6pm on that evening in celebration of the new King Charles III. However the muffles then had to be put on again for the period of national mourning until a week after the State funeral of HM Queen Elizabeth II scheduled for Monday 19th September.

A State funeral was held in Westminster Abbey for our beloved Queen. The streets and towns in the United Kingdom were deserted while everyone watched and listened around the world with intense sadness as her funeral took place, setting a place in history, the like of which we will never see again for a much loved Queen. Our bells rang out muffled in the evening in memory of H M Queen Elizabeth II, now laid to rest at Windsor Castle with her beloved Philip.

Olga Walker

NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

Mothers' Union Lanchester



Following the death of her majesty Queen Elizabeth it was decided to cancel our September meeting out of respect. Our next meeting will be October 11th, when we will hold a Scripture Market after our usual service. Eric Gaskill had kindly agreed to speak at our September meeting and we will try to arrange for him to join us on another occasion. I hope as Autumn fades to Winter, that the weather will be kind to us and not hinder our attendance at meetings.

Eileen Matthews

Mothers Union Burnhope



Our meeting was held on Monday the 5th September 2022 and we commenced with a Eucharist Service, led by Reverend Stephen Martin We then retired to the vestry for our meeting.

Our Pie and Pea supper will be held on Monday the 3rd October at 7pm and, for advance warning, the Christmas Fair will be held on the 3rd December at 2pm, both at Burnhope Community Centre.

Three of our members will attend the Autumn Deanery meeting.

Muriel Molloy

Note from the Editor

Please note we are coming to the time of the year when Magazine subscriptions are due. We would be obliged if you can, as usual, pay your magazine subscriptions to your distributor when your magazine is delivered

Thank You

The Language of Flowers

Majesty and Power

Imperial Crown *Fritularis Imperialis*

‘The Crown Imperial, Lilies of all kinds, the Fleur –de Luce being one! O these I lack to make you garlands of’ **William Shakespeare**



The very name of this flower speaks of majesty and power and certainly the crown-like appearance of its hanging flowers and tufts of leaves above them supports the royal notion. It was introduced from Persia in the 16th Century, and George Chapman writing in 1575 called it “Fayre Crown-Imperial, Emperor of flowers”. At the bottom of each flower bell there are drops of sweet water—Gerard says six drops in each flower. In German legend these “tears” are carried by the plant in sorrow and shame for not having bowed its head with the other plants on the night of Christ’s agony

Her Majesty the Queen loved Sweet Peas, and in the wreath on her coffin from Balmoral were white sweet peas.



This verse is from the Language of Flowers.

Sweet Pea - *Lathyrus Adoratus*

“ Here are sweet peas on tip toe for flight,

With wings of gentle flush oer delicate white.

And taper fingers catching at all things,

to bind them all about with tiny rings” **John Keats**

Audrey Newton

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100 Club News

The September draw was made in the Chapter House on 17th
By Olga and Rob
Winning numbers were:

All £5- 144,125,7,14,163,19

Sue Smith and Olga Walker



Ginger wine

I would like to thank everyone who provided clean bottles for ginger wine. I now have sufficient bottles for this year, thank you. I am hoping to produce the first brew for the middle of October. Price will be at £4.50 for as long as possible, delivery can be arranged. Telephone orders welcome to 521690 or when you see me. All proceeds go to Church funds. Thank you.



Hazel Gaskill

Thank You

Thank you everyone who helped in any way. All those who laboured or planned or performed at the DEC Ukraine book sale on Saturday August 27th. The total raised was £952 which makes our total of donations in excess of £4000, an amazing effort. Thank you also for those who planned, baked scones, served on the day or those who enjoyed their Strawberry Tea on Tuesday 20th September. A good time was had by all and £274.50 raised for Church Funds.

The Church Fundraising Committee

Church Flowers in October

2nd Oct L Berry

9th Oct N Walker (Red)



Julian Prayer Meetings

2pm in the Chapter House

**October 3rd
November 7th
December 5th**



Church Wives

October already and Autumn is here,
The leaves are falling making that clear.
The days are shorter, we wrap up more
Wondering what the winter has in store.
At Wives we gather whatever the weather,
And our fellowship gets better and better!
On the 13th Denise Watson comes our way
On 'Sign Language' she has a lot to say.
Ian McCardle on the 27th will be our next guest
L. S. Lowery his topic, simply the best!
Anyone interested can come to our meetings.
They are sure of a welcome and a very warm greeting

This summer we have enjoyed many hours of sunshine, which always makes everyone feel better and I am reminded of a little saying I have in my collection of meaningful quotes which dates back to my teenage years.

'Be like the sundial and count only the sunny hours'

That is such good advice because it is so easy to get weighed down with the troubles and challenges in our lives and what is happening in the world around us, that we lose sight of the goodness which is the Life and Light of Christ. Our Lord has said to us in John's Gospel 'Do not let your hearts be troubled neither be afraid' In other words stop worrying too much! Not always easy but remember and concentrate on all the things that make you happy. It is so much more beneficial for you if you lift your eyes to the sun and our creator God and thank Him for His goodness toward you. I think our most gracious Queen Elizabeth took strength many times from the Life and Light of Christ and her smile radiated from her just as the sun radiates the world when it shines. Rest in peace Your Majesty.

Brenda Craddock.

Soup Lunch Wednesday



**26th October
12pm-2.00pm**

Come and enjoy fellowship and a variety of soups

Ticket only event £5.00

**See Margaret Walters or committee members
Tel 521214**

She was among us as one who serves

The news of the Queen's death has reverberated round the world; the deep sadness felt in the United Kingdom is shared across the globe, not least in the Commonwealth of Nations which meant so much to her. There was something rocklike in her character which impressed everyone. In times of danger, uncertainty and personal grief, she consistently exemplified courage and confidence. We are reminded of Christ's signal to his disciples: "You will hear of wars and rumours of wars; see that you are not alarmed". Queen Elizabeth made no secret of her source of



inspiration and guidance. "For me, the life of Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace", she said, ... "is an inspiration and an anchor in my life. A role model of reconciliation and forgiveness, He stretched out His hands in love, acceptance and healing." It was Christ's revolutionary example of leadership which shaped her own sovereignty. He had confounded the prevailing perceptions of authority with a dramatic demonstration. At the Last Supper He noted that none of His disciples was willing to perform the customary task of a servant by washing the dirt off the feet of the others. So *He* did it. Then He gave them this revolutionary definition of leadership: "The kings of the gentiles lord it over them, and those in authority over them are called benefactors. But not so with you; rather, the greatest among you must become like the youngest and the leader like one who serves. For who is greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves? Is it not the one at the table? But I am among you as one who serves." On her 21st birthday in 1947, Princess Elizabeth was touring South Africa with her parents. She made this personal, Christian commitment then and she lived by it throughout her reign: "I declare before you all that my whole life whether it be long or short shall be devoted to your service". Right until the end, when she invited the new British Prime Minister to form a Government, she was doing her duty. She broke into her Summer holiday at Balmoral to give an audience, first with Boris Johnson as the outgoing Prime Minister, and then with Liz Truss, the 15th Prime Minister of her reign. We will treasure the photograph published then, which showed her at the age of 96 looking frail, but beaming warmth and kindness. And in the midst of national and international mourning, we may also allow ourselves to recall the glorious episode with Paddington Bear during Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations when, solemnly and self-deprecatingly, she drew a marmalade sandwich from her handbag. It gave us a glimpse into the character of a Queen who carried the weight of her office solemnly, but did not take herself too seriously. The Church of England's historic prayer for the Sovereign concludes with the petition that "finally after this life she may attain everlasting joy and felicity". We hope you will join with us now in saying, 'Amen'.

Source The Parish Pump

Agatha Christie's Mousetrap

It was 70 years ago, on 6th October 1952, that the world premiere of Agatha Christie's play, *The Mousetrap*, opened in Nottingham. It then opened in London on 25th November, and is still going, making it the world's longest-running play.

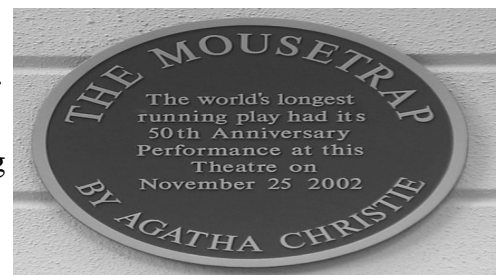
Originally a short radio play written as a birthday present for Queen Mary, it was broadcast in May 1947. The stage play, a murder mystery, has been performed more than 28,000 times – the only break being, because of the Covid pandemic, between 16th March 2020 and 17th May 2021

The play also made theatrical history by having an original "cast member" survive all the changes since its opening night. The late Deryck Guyler can still be heard, on a recording, reading the radio news bulletin in the play. There have been many physical alterations, with the set being changed in 1965 and 1999, but one original prop survives – the clock above the fireplace in the main hall.

Christie regarded detective fiction as a distinctively moral genre because it deals with questions of guilt and justice that are at times almost theological. The society and milieu of her stories are distinctively Christian. She was baptised into the Church of England and kept her mother's copy of *The Imitation of Christ* – a spiritual handbook – by her bedside. Its flyleaf carried a quotation from Romans, beginning "Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?"

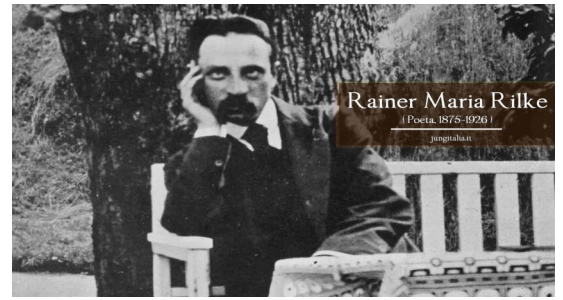
At her memorial service in 1976, her publisher William Collins described her as having a "gentle Christian spirit".

Source The Parish Pump



Pauline's Reflection

Have patience with everything unresolved in your heart,
and try to love the questions themselves
as if they were locked rooms
or books written in a very foreign language.
Do not search for the answers which could not be given to you now,
because you would not be able to live them.
And the point it is to live everything'
Live the questions now.
Perhaps then, someday far in the future,
you will gradually,
without even noticing it, live your way into the answers.



Rainer Maria Rilke

I spent a wonderful week enjoying a silent guided retreat in Mirfield, a Benedictine Monastery situated in Yorkshire recently. I have been on retreat before, but never a such a long silent one and never a guided one. From after welcome on the first day, until after dinner on the last, we did not speak except for the periods where we shared our spiritual difficulties with our individual guide, and were given suggestions and instruction which helped us gain insight into ourselves, to help us overcome our blockages. No reading was allowed, other than anything recommended by our guide, and we were encouraged to participate in the services held in the chapel. It was bliss!

I'm a bit of a chatterbox, and expected to find it very difficult to keep silent. However, this didn't happen - there was a craft room where we could paint and draw, journalling was encouraged - I took full advantage of both of these opportunities - and for someone like myself, who has a great love for Creation, it was wonderful. The grounds are extensive - I hadn't taken a phone or anything else, but in retrospect I wish I'd taken a camera. I didn't want to be tempted by any distractions (and I knew I would be!). I spent a lot of early morning hours wandering around - visiting the beehives, the orchard, the Easter Garden, the Silent Garden and dozens of other nooks and crannies, but mostly I spent time in the Rose Garden where there was a pond full of koi carp. I spent hours just watching these beautiful fish, slowly and gracefully swimming into the depths and back to the surface, their easy movements mesmerising and captivating. At first they had been shy of me, but soon they nibbled at my fingers when I trailed them in the water. We got to know each other. I mentioned my delight in them to my guide, Fr Nicholas, and he gave me permission to feed them. What a change in behaviour that was! No sooner had the pellets hit the water than they bubbled and churned it to a froth as though it was boiling! Rather a metaphor for human activity, I thought. It was then that I saw that there were also some goldfish in there - and a dace! I mentioned this - apparently the pond has become a repository for unwanted pet fish, but how the dace got in there is anybody's guess. I also had a favourite squirrel, which I gave a custard cream to every day - not sure if that its really a kindness, but he enjoyed eating it and I enjoyed gifting it. The first three days passed in wonderful solitude, but on the fourth day I began to get restless. "I'm bored. I want to read something/ do something else/ know what's happening out in the world". (Thank heavens I didn't have any way of contacting social media or even the news.) It was that night that I felt that indefinable shift within myself. It's something that can't be described, but if you have experienced it, you will know. It isn't just associated with silence (but that helps enormously), but also with being immersed in something - something creative which brings you into contact with the Divine - where you are lost to everything except what you are doing. It's a qualitative rather than a quantitative experience, and everything is seen in a different light. I felt that although I hadn't wholly come through my dark patch, there was a chink of light shining in, and that "all would be well, and all manner of things would be well". My soul was at peace. The services became even more intensely meaningful. The thrice daily services at Mirfield have quality about them which is incredibly beautiful - someone described them as being very "clean", and I know exactly what they meant. With the best will in the world, the average church service is accompanied by noise and bustle and a lot of "Do you know where . . . ?", "Who is doing . . . ?" "Have you seen . . . ?" and chattering from the congregation - this is not a criticism, it's an observation. Mirfield services, because the congregation is largely silent, and the brothers so familiar with them, and they are full of plainsong, are restful as well as worshipful. (They are posted online - please look them up). There is a depth to them which can't be achieved in a church - or even a cathedral - the atmosphere is wholly different. I had travelled down with a friend, but she tested Covid-positive on the second day and came home which caused a hiccup later, but didn't pose any problems during the week. On the final day, however, with Malcolm not knowing that I didn't have a lift home, and being committed to duties at St Thomas' it was much later than expected when we got home (nearly 9.30!). Traffic was horrendous, there were many diversions, a couple of accidents, but the conditions which would normally have left me frazzled and frustrated didn't phase me at all - I knew I was "chilled".

A couple of weeks ago, I came across the poem I have at the beginning of this reflection and it seemed to me very pertinent. We struggle and question all of the time, wanting things and answers in our time, not God's. Often, though we don't realise it, it is the questions themselves which are teaching us; our doubts which are leading us to a greater depth of faith. All that our impatience does is slow us up. I have returned to the practice of meditative prayer which, without realising it, I had gradually drifted away from during lock down. This has included joining the Julian group at Lanchester. It is enormously helpful.

My two greatest sins are impatience and anger. I am very impatient, and I get angry at a lot of things. Neither serves any purpose except to fluster me and make things harder for people around me. I hope that I will be able to let these things go as I become more accepting of God's time, rather than my own.

I hope that I will be able to appreciate the questions and the doubts and see them for what they are; signposts on the Way.

Pauline Meek



An extract from the Parish Magazine of October 1902

My dear Friends

On Sunday, August 17th, the preacher for the day was the Rev. E.H. Dykes, Vicar of Oultin, Leeds, the occasion being the Dedication of the handsome new Font recently placed in the Church; I may here remark that the old Font will find a home,, as soon as possible, in some new Church or Mission Chapel in the Diocese, where I have no doubt it will be appreciated.

Our Coronation Festivities were brought to a very happy conclusion on Friday, August 29th, when through the kindness of Mrs. Hedley all the children attending our School went down to Burnhopeside for the afternoon; all sorts of games were indulged in, and this was followed by a sumptuous tea, besides this, each scholar was presented with a silver brooch or pendant as a memento of the Coronation. The weather being fine a most enjoyable time was spent, and I am sure I am voicing the feelings of every scholar and parent when I say Mrs. Hedley's Coronation Treat was worth waiting for and was thoroughly appreciated. On Sunday, August 31st we held our third and last Flower Service this summer, which proved a great success, many of the scholars' friends being present and materially helping in the Service, which was hearty throughout. The next Children's Service we shall have will be on our Harvest Festival Sunday, October 12th at 2.30; let me take this opportunity of inviting parents and friends of the children to come, and if need be, to bring their little ones who are not yet old enough to attend School. It would be a source of encouragements to teachers and scholars alike if parents were to show by their presence at the Children's Service that they valued and appreciated what was being done Sunday by Sunday for their children.

I append the copy of a letter which I feel sure will be of interest to all who in any way contributed towards the Fund:-

Dear Mrs Jepson,

Lady Londonderry wishes me to express to you on her behalf and on behalf of the Committee of the Women's Memorial to Queen Victoria, the great pleasure with which the contribution of £168 12s 9d from the Lanchester Division of the County of Durham has been received. This is the highest total received in any division in the County. The full details so carefully provided by you are most interesting, and the fact that the contributors in your division number 3,968 is a further proof, if any were needed, that all through the country subscribers of small amounts have been the backbone of the Fund. You and your friends will be interested to hear that £694 6s. 6d. has already been received from those organisers in the County of Durham who have completed their collection, and this together with £100 personally contributed by Lady Londonderry will bring the total up to £794 6s 6d, There are two or three more divisions from which results have not yet been received. I enclose your results up to date. The total amount received by the Committee is now £51,500, and this comes from more than 2.75 million contributors, thus showing that the women of Durham are joining hands with a very great number of others throughout the length and breadth of the kingdom in this appropriate and charitable memorial to our late beloved Queen. As it is impossible to convey the thanks of Lady Londonderry and the Committee personally to all concerned, it is hoped that you will find some opportunity of publicly thanking all those

ladies who helped you to collect throughout your division, and to let as many as possible of the contributors know how much the participation in the Women's Memorial to Queen Victoria is appreciated.

Yours faithfully, Harold Boulton, Hon. Sec

GEORGE JEPSON, Vicar and Surrogate

Peter Smith

From the Wardens

The Wardens as ever continue to support Lesley in accommodating services both in our normal pattern and extra services as they arise.

We are currently arranging to have the boilers serviced by a different contractor as we have been informed that the gas board do not undertake servicing now.

We are grateful to Margaret Walters for running repairs to the Union Flag which we are currently flying constantly. We do need to obtain another George flag; recent ones which were purchased at small cost tend to break down in extreme weather conditions.

We have changed the position of the Hymnbook unit in church to the opposite side of the font. This is to try to reduce the congestion at that point on service mornings thus reducing the pressure on those needing space for wheelchairs, assistance dogs and walking aids.

We have been gifted an electric Vacuum /Blower for the Wardens and Verger to use to help keep the drives free from leaves (especially useful in Autumn) It has been tried out and will be extremely useful. Thank you to Richard and Pauline Hall

With the recent predicted massive rise in energy costs, we will need to review heating times for the coming winter. Normally, the heating is programmed to come on well in advance of a service or event to ensure that the church or Chapter House reaches an acceptable temperature. Similarly for the same reason we need to consider the floodlighting times.

At St Johns the fire extinguishers have been checked. A meeting took place with roofer Paul Marley who quoted £130 for refixing 4 slipped tiles, one between the Chancel and the Nave, and 3 close to the ridge on the North slope of the Nave, and repointing the ridge tiles where required. This work has been authorised.

The sad news of the death of Queen Elizabeth took everyone by surprise but our churches were ready. A book of condolence was opened on the day in both churches and the memory trees were erected for people to leave tokens and messages. All Saints is as always open daily for private prayer and St John's at specific times was open also. Special commemorative services for Her Majesty, have been held at all Churches. At All Saints, peals of bells were rung muffled on the announcement of her death, and again open for the accession of King Charles III.



**'Long live the King'
For The Wardens
Rob Matthews.**



LANCHESTER E.P (Cont.) PRIMARY SCHOOL



The start of the new term has been relatively uneventful for a change and compared to the last two years, it has been blissful! It is so lovely not having any restrictions to contend with and to be able to plan for the year ahead with the confidence that things will go ahead!

However, we have of course had a monumental occasion occur with the death of Her Majesty The Queen since the schools returned. This has been handled very delicately by all staff as it has undoubtedly had an effect on many of our children. The day following her death, we held a special Worship in school, following a suggested order from The Church of England. We also intend to create some lasting memorial to The Queen in our school. Obviously we were closed for the day of the funeral and I know that many children followed the day's events with great interest. What a memorable and moving day it was with such amazing pageantry – a day none of us will ever forget, I am sure.

The final week in September sees our final visit to Lanchester for our Erasmus+ Projects. This will be a bitter-sweet week as we have enjoyed 13 wonderful years enjoying great links with a wide range of European countries. Sadly, due to Brexit, we are no longer able to apply for or be part of any these projects anymore. We are going to make the most of this year with their visit to us and mobilities to Latvia, Hungary, Brussels, Greece, Turkey and Spain.

We are now looking forward to celebrating Harvest with you in church too. On Tuesday 27th September, we will be joining you in church for our Harvest celebrations, along with our Erasmus visitors. I am sure this will be a very memorable occasion for them and us – it will be wonderful for them just to set foot in our beautiful church!

It has been lovely to see some of our ex Year 6 pupils proudly wearing their new school uniforms – they look so grown up and seem to have grown so tall over the summer holidays too! It is always so nice when they return to see us – they never seem to forget us!

We were delighted to welcome Mrs Margaret Matthews back to a governing body meeting we held last week. We were all quite shocked when we heard she had been unwell but were delighted to welcome her back into school last week. Let's hope her health continues to go from strength to strength.

I do hope that you all keep well, look after yourselves and we hope to see some of you at our Harvest Festival too!

Mrs Jane Davis

Head Teacher, Lanchester Endowed Parochial (Controlled) Primary School

A very modern problem with driving after dark

Have you ever driven down a road after dark, only to shield your eyes from dazzling beams of a large Sports Utility Vehicle (SUV) coming straight at you? If so, you will know the blinding effect those lights can have.

Now a recent study by the RAC has found that almost two thirds of drivers have noticed the problem is happening more often than even a couple of years ago. And the RAC has found that because the SUV-style vehicles are higher off the road, their beams are in the direct eyeline of drivers in lower vehicles.

One in ten drivers admitted that they were unable to see clearly for six seconds or more when dazzled by such oncoming headlights. If they were travelling at 60mph, that means they could be covering 160 yards more or less blind.

Overall, the RAC finds that it is LED lights which are the problem. "This presents a real irony – the brighter and better your vehicle's headlights are, the clearer your night-time view of the road ahead is, but often, it seems, at the expense of anyone coming towards you."



Source The Parish Pump

Dates for your Diary October 2022

Sun 2nd Feast of St Francis of Assisi

8.00 am Eucharist at All Saints (weekly for trial period)
9.15 am Eucharist St Johns
9.45 am Service of The Word St Thomas
10.30 am Harvest Service All Saints
3.00pm Blessing of the Animals All Saints

Mon 3rd 10.30 am Acapella Concert in Chapter House

2.00 pm Julian Meeting in Chapter House
7.00 pm Pie & Pea Supper Burnhope Community Ctr

Tues 4th 11.00 am Meditation and Mindfulness Chapter House

7.00 pm Zoom Compline with M and A Armstrong

Wed 5th 9.45 am Eucharist at All Saints

Thur 6th 9.00 am Morning Prayer St Thomas

Fri 7th 3.30 pm Visiting Ringers at All Saints

Sat 8th 3.30 pm Visiting Ringers at All Saints

Sun 9th 8.00 am Eucharist at All Saints

9.45 am Service of The Word at St Thomas
10.30 am Eucharist at All Saints (Joint Service)
6.00 pm Monthly Evensong at All Saints

Tues 11th 11.00 am Meditation and Mindfulness Chapter House

2.00 pm Mothers' Union Chapter House
Scripture Union
6.00 pm Café Church at Burnhope Community Centre
7.00 pm Zoom Compline with M and A Armstrong

Wed 12th 9.45 am Eucharist at All Saints

Thur 13th 9.00 am Morning Prayer St Thomas

7.30 pm Church Wives Chapter House
Sign Language—Dennis Watson

Sun 16th 8.00am Eucharist at All Saints

9.15 am Eucharist at St Johns
9.45 am Service of the Word St Thomas
10.30am Eucharist at All Saints

Tues 18th 9.00 am Morning Prayer at St Thomas

11.00am Meditation and Mindfulness Chapter House
7.00 pm Zoom Compline with M and A Armstrong

Wed 19th 9.45 am Eucharist at All Saints

Thurs 20th 9.00 am Morning Prayer St Thomas

Sun 23rd 8.00 am Eucharist at All Saints
9.15 am Service of the Word St John's
9.45 am Eucharist at St Thomas
10.30 am Service of the Word at All Saints
3.00 pm Messy Church at All Saints

Tues 25th 11.00 am Meditation and Mindfulness Chapter House

7.00 pm Zoom Compline with M and A Armstrong

Wed 26th 9.45 am Eucharist at All Saints

12—2.00 pm Soup Lunch at All Saints
12.00 noon Bible and Bait St Thomas Community
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Thur 27th 9.00 am Morning Prayer St Thomas

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Forgive the wasps - and learn to understand them

Chances are that you were irritated by wasps this summer – there were a lot of them about. But did you know what they were really looking for?



According to Prof Seirian Sumner, a behavioural ecologist and entomologist at University College London, we should try to “understand what wasps want, and what they’re doing at certain times of the year.” In early and mid-summer “they’re not that interested in sugar, they want meat. The adults are vegetarian, but they hunt prey to feed to the larvae, who give them a sugary reward,” she says.

“Then, when the larvae pupate [in late summer and early autumn], there’s fewer that need feeding, and they don’t need to hunt, so wasps are sort of furloughed. And then they go in search of sugar, usually in flowers. But your prosecco, or beer, or jam sandwich is just as appealing.”

Her advice, then, is to distract wasps from yourself by offering them meat in early to mid-summer, and a saucer of cider or some jam on a lid in late summer and early autumn.

Sumner stresses that the world would be much worse off without wasps: they are excellent at pest control and are also fine pollinators.

More on wasps in her book: *Endless Forms: The Secret World of Wasps* (HarperCollins)

Love letter

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Mothers' Union Harelaw



At the September meeting at St Thomas' our Diocesan Chaplain, Norma Clee, spoke to us about her work. It was a pleasure to get to know her better. Our guest speaker next month is Ann Harrison, our Durham Diocesan Vice President and we are looking forward to her visit.

Anne Whiteley

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A prayer for morning... and for evening

O God, who divides the day from the night, separate our deeds from the darkness of sin, and let us continually live in Your light, reflecting in all that we do Your eternal beauty.

O God, who gives the day for work and the night for sleep, refresh our bodies and our minds through the quiet hours of night, and let our inward eyes be directed towards You, dreaming of Your eternal glory.



From the Leonine Sacramentary

Book Reviews



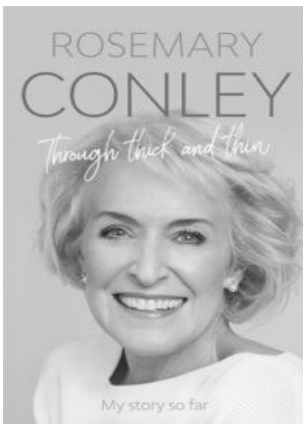
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Through Thick and Thin –My Story So Far
By Rosemary Conley
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This is the autobiography of one of the nation's favourite TV diet and fitness experts of the past 50 years. Rosemary had nearly died as a child. Years later, having defied the odds and become a teenager, she discovered a medical report that said she was overweight. That was the moment the young Rosemary Conley decided to change her life.

After leaving school at 15, training as a secretary and working as a Tupperware dealer, Rosemary started her own slimming classes in 1972 with an investment of just £8. In 1983 she published the first of 36 books that were to sell in their millions around the world, alongside millions more of her fitness videos, while also starring in her own TV shows on BBC and ITV. She became, in short, one of the most popular and successful diet and fitness experts the world has seen. But Rosemary's life was not to be one of unbounded achievement and success. As well as the good times there were dark and distressing times, and here she tells of the sorrows and setbacks that were to come – as well as the joy she found, and still finds, in helping people live healthier and happier lives.

Prayer Tip for the Month

Imagine that Christ is walking towards you. He reaches out his hand and you take it. As you walk tell him all your fears and dreams then listen to him.



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