Heart of Eden The News Magazine of the Benefice

September 2021

St. Lawrence, Appleby and St. John, Murton-cum-Hilton; St. James, Ormside; St. Peter, Great Asby;, St. Cuthbert, Dufton; St. Margaret & St. James, Long Marton; St. Cuthbert, Milburn; St. Columba, Warcop & St. Theobald, Musgrave; St. James, Temple Sowerby; St. Michael, Kirkby Thore & St. Edmund Newbiggin.

Also with additional information from Methodist Churches at The Sands, Appleby, Great Asby, Warcop and Dufton with Knock & The Roman Catholic Church of Our Lady of Appleby

We also bring information from the council, local voluntary organisations, clubs and associations, buses and trains, events at the villages of the Mid-Eden Valley, and we are partly supported by the firms whose advertisements follow the news items.

What's on this month in the Heart of Eden?

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Date	Time	Where??	What??
28th (Aug)	11 – 4	St. Peter, Asby	Welcome back coffee & cake
29th (Aug)	2 – 4:30	Long Marton Village Hall	Welcome back "Cuppa, cake and crack"
1st		Ravenstonedale	Westmorland Dales walk, see article
2nd	11:30 – 1pm	Warcop Village Hall	Soup and Pud
7th	07:30	Ormside Village Hall	Ormside Girls
8th	07:30	Appleby Public Hall	An Evening of Opera
8th	07:30	Dufton Village Hall	Dufton Open Circle
8th	10:30 to 12	Ormside Village Hall	Coffee Morning
11th	10:30 – 4	St. Cuthbert, Dufton	Open Day
11th	9:30 – 11:30	Appleby Public Hall Supper Room	Coffee Morning in aid of Arthritis Research
14th	07:30	Asby Village Hall	Asby WI: "The Owl Sanctuary"
15th	07:30	Ormside Village Hall	Craft Night
18th	9:30 – 11:30	Appleby Public Hall Supper Room	Coffee Morning in aid of Appleby Gardeners
18th	10 to 4	Appleby Public Hall (Main Hall)	Northern Crafts Market
18th	10 – 12	Warcop Village Hall	Coffee morning in aid of Macmillan
19th	3 pm	St. Lawrence, Appleby	Brampton Consort concert
21st	07:30	(from) St. Peter, Asby	Asby MU Sponsored Walk
22nd	10:30 to 12	Ormside Village Hall	Coffee Morning
23rd	07:30	Warcop Village Hall	Quiz + Pie & Pea Supper
25th	9:30 – 11:30	Appleby Public Hall Supper Room	Coffee Morning in aid of Ladies' Friendship

The Parable of the Sower

This month we are looking at the Parable of the Sower (Mark 4:1-20). It's the story of a farmer who sowed his seed in different type of soils. These represent the different responses of the heart to God's Word (v15-20):

1) The hard heart: 'like seed along the path…as soon as they hear it, Satan comes and takes away the word that was sown in them.' (15). Some people, when they hear the message, get distracted eg social media, work or relationships. Personal priorities prevent them from hearing God.

2) The shallow heart: 'like seed sown on rocky places…since they have no root, they last only a short time. When trouble or persecution comes because of the word, they quickly fall away.' (16,17). These are the people whose heart isn't open to the message. When things become uncomfortable or discouraging, they are ready to quit.

3) The crowded heart: 'like seed sown among thorns…but the worries of this life, the deceitfulness of wealth and the desires for other things come in and choke the word, making it unfruitful.' (18,19). This soil is most relevant for us today. People crave status, comfort, security and personal desires alongside the things of God. It's a heart that is worried about life getting out of control!

4) The open heart: 'like seed sown on good soil, hear the word, accept it, and produce a crop - some thirty, some sixty, some a hundred times what was sown.' (20). This represents the open heart that listens and accepts Jesus's word, and is ready to follow Him however difficult things become.

What kind of soil is our heart? Are we hard, shallow, crowded or open? Do we have a heart of faith to follow Jesus in every aspect of our lives?

Canon Paul Hardingham

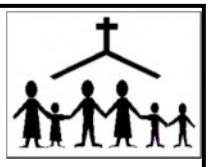
Church Registers August

Weddings…*We congratulate:*

6th	Adam Pinder & Ellen Creegan	Musgrave
7th	Oliver Hewlett and Hope Kilmurry	Appleby
14th	Douglas Newbury & Zoe Head	Temple Sowerby
19th	Robin Campbell & Rachel Mounsey	Long Marton
21st	Dan Livingstone and Melissa Manson	Musgrave
21st	Chris Deighton and Kirsty Allan	Dufton
22nd	Alex Shilton & Lucy Devine	Warcop

Funerals…*May they rest in peace and rise in glory:*

19th (July)	Brian Waites	Appleby
3rd	Theo Morgan	Appleby
11th	Jonathan Wilson	Musgrave
13th	June Jefferson	Appleby
17th	Joan Johnston	Warcop (burial Ormside)



Church of England:

Rector: Rev. Dr. Clive Hicks ☎ 017683 62436

Associate Priest: Revd Peter Boyles ☎ 017683 54161

Retired Priest: Rev. Roger Collinson ☎ 017683.52886

For (C of E) wedding bookings contact Joyce Keetley, Office Manager, email: applebymc@carlislediocese.org.uk and for baptism bookings contact the Revd Peter Boyles email: peterboyles@hotmail.co.uk

Methodist Minister: Rev. Andrew Sterling: ☎ 017683 51244

Roman Catholic Parish Priest (Our Lady of Appleby)Church Fr. Peter Houghton ☎ 017683 51474

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As on-line delivery of this newsletter is strictly by the editor's list of email addresses, and as a link from "A Church Near You" (https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/12199/), if you or anyone wishes to read it, please get in touch with the editor for a copy, or follow the link.

St. Lawrence, Appleby

Churchwardens: Jean Hutchison
Jo Ayres (☎52017)

Secretary: Jo Ayres

Sunday 19th September at 3 pm St Lawrence's Church, Appleby. An afternoon recital of talks and period music, celebrating the life of Lady Anne Clifford. The five singers who make up the Brampton Consort are joined by historian Max Loth-Hill to tell the story of Lady Anne's life and times, with music from the 16th and 17th centuries. The recital will last just over an hour, entry £8 (cash please) on the door.

Further information from Helen on ☎07780 682373.

or info@bramptonchamberchoir.org.uk

St. Peter, Asby

Churchwarden: vacant

PCC lay chair: Peter Miller ☎51707

Secretary: Karen Royle
☎ 07966.371044

St. Cuthbert, Dufton

Churchwardens:
Mrs. Gillian Bryan ☎ 51414
Mrs. Pam Day

Secretary: Mrs. Louise Stewart

OPEN DAY, Saturday, 11th September, 10.30 to 4 pm, exhibition - part of the national Heritage Open Days weekend.

The exhibition will also be open on Sunday from 10.30 till the service of Evening Prayer at 3.00pm.

A chance to learn a bit about the history of the development of the building over the centuries in Rebuilding St Cuthbert's and about the lives of the two saints associated with it; St Cuthbert and St John Boste, who was a Catholic martyr in the reign of Elizabeth I and born in Dufton (see also Gavin Young's article on page 10). Lots to see for young and not-so-young! Teas, coffees and biscuits will be available.

St. Michael, Kirkby Thore

Churchwardens:

Margaret Davidson ☎ 017683.61699
Maeve Moore ☎ 017683.62005

Secretary:

Liz Higginbottom ☎ 017683.62910

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Churchwardens:

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(Acting) Mr. Lutaf Greenshaw ☎ 07802254982

St. Cuthbert, Milburn

Churchwardens:
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Mr. Leigh Harding ☎ 0333.014.3944

Secretary: Christine Braithwaite

St. John, Murton cum Hilton

Churchwarden: Jean Hutchison)

Secretary: Jo Ayres ☎ 52017

St. Edmund, Newbiggin

Churchwardens:

Mrs. M P. Sawrey-Cookson ☎ 61574

Tim Whittaker

St. James the Less, Ormside

Churchwarden: Margaret Parry

Secretary: Richard Parry

both ☎51043

Our church needs money spending on it to keep it standing for another thousand years, and to make it a more welcoming place for regular and occasional visitors. Richard is going to run the Great North Run in aid of this - please help. To assist you, here is the link to JustGiving.

https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/ormsidechurch

St. James , Temple Sowerby

Churchwardens:
Anne Farmer, Angela Cleasby

Secretary: Helen Morgan

St. Theobald, Musgrave

Churchwarden: Hannah Fox
Hannah.Fox17@outlook.com

St. Columba, Warcop

Churchwarden: Joyce Keetley
keetleyjd@sky.com

Our Sister Churches

Methodist Church

Rev. Andrew Sterling ☎51244

General Enquiries Linda Taylor (53448)

Roman Catholic Church of Our Lady of Appleby,

Gartheads Road, Appleby

Fr. Peter Houghton ☎51474

Mass Sundays at 11am

…and last but not least
St. Anne's Hospital (Boroughgate Almshouses)

The regular Tuesday morning services are not reinstated yet, but … St Anne's Hospital (aka Lady Anne's Almshouses) reopened to the general public on 19th July and is now open daily from 10 am to 5 pm. We are no longer a closed order! The Trustees ask that anyone wishing to look around the Chapel wears a mask.

Stop press: the Tuesday morning services will start in September. Ed.

News from the Area

Age UK - Carlisle and Eden

For information just ring Pat Mchugh on 07958936694.

Heart of Westmorland Bereavement Support Group

For more information please contact: Kevin Robinson – 017683 51569 or Revd Sandy Pearl – 01931 714564

Cancer Information and Support in Eden

Regrettably, in view of the Coronavirus/lockdown situation, meetings are currently cancelled, but if anyone needs support and advice, they are available from Rosie on ☎ 017683 52263

Citizens Advice Carlisle and Eden

Volunteers needed

Coronavirus has made life hard for many people. Citizens Advice Carlisle and Eden (CACE) is here to help. In the last year CACE has provided free, confidential, independent advice and support on matters including employment, debt, benefits, housing, energy and consumer affairs to around 5,000 people.

Locally, we rely on a team of committed volunteers in a number of roles. To support our work we now want to recruit:

Trustees who ensure the organisation satisfies its legal and contractual obligations and help to shape its future direction; Are you able to devote some spare time, typically 5-8 hours a month, to help us make decisions about our work?

We need a range of skills, and your background is less important than your commitment to our aims and principles. You will need the ability to communicate well, work effectively as a team member and exercise sound judgement. A full induction will be provided.

Digital Advisers: to work with clients by email and on the phone to provide advice across a wide range of issues. You will need to undertake a rigorous training programme, have good IT skills and commit to one day a week of volunteering

If you are interested in either role, full details and how to apply can be found at: http://www.ca-ce.org.uk/ or email volunteer-recruitment@ca-ce.org.uk with a daytime phone number so we can call you for a chat

…. or if you need to consult your MP…
these are the details:

Christian Hilton / Office of Dr Neil Hudson
MP / Penrith and The Border
01768 484114
or email: Mail: christianb.hilton@parliament.uk
or website: URL: www.neilhudson.org.uk

Eden Carers

Do you care? If so Eden Carers may be able to help you. We are a charity providing free support to unpaid Carers; throughout Eden, who look after a family member, relative, friend or neighbour who could not manage without their help. We support over 850 individuals (170 of whom are young Carers aged 5 to 18 years). We provide statutory carers' assessments: information and signposting; 1 to 1 support; benefit information; newsletters, support groups including after school clubs for Young Carers; social events; training and activities. Contact us on 01768 890280 or enquiries@edencarers.co.uk Let us help you care.

Inner Wheel

We have two manual wheelchairs for temporary use by local people. They are kept at my house, 15 Boroughgate, and can be borrowed for a nominal deposit of £10. If the borrower cares to make a donation to Inner Wheel Charities after the loan, that would, of course, be welcomed.

My contact phone number is 017683 53324. Gillian Whiting, Secretary, Appleby Inner Wheel

Upper Eden Food Bank

With the situation as it is, Citizens Advice are now asking that if you know of anyone, or you yourself are now finding you can't afford food, you can call 0808 2082138 for free (open Mon to Fri 9am to 5pm). If needed, they would issue a reference number. This would all be treated in strict confidence of course.

All details can be found on the UEFB website…. upperedenfoodbank.org.uk or by calling 07596 690902

Other UEFB contacts:

website URL: www.ksaandtcircuit.org.uk

Facebook upperedenfoodbank

Email upperedenfoodbank@gmail.com

☎07596 690 902

Tourist Information Centre

Presently located in the West Cloisters, and opening hours are Monday to Saturday, 10am to 3pm.

Or can be contacted on ☎017683.51177

Penrith and District Red Squirrel Group

Your native red squirrels need you! Become a member of Penrith and District Red Squirrel Group for £20 a year. If you see a grey or sickly red please ring Gary Murphy on 07974788434 Visit our website at www.penrithredsquirrels.org.uk to donate If you would like a talk for your club/group we can arrange them. Coffee mornings and other fundraising events would also help. Find us on Facebook.

Coffee Mornings

Appleby Public Hall, Supper Room Saturdays - 9 am to noon

Date	in aid of
11th	Arthritis Research
18th	Appleby Gardners
25th	Ladies' Friendship

Also, on the 18th from 10 till 4 in the main hall:
Northern Crafts Market

Town Council

High and Low Crosses and Moot Hall

Both of the town's late 17th Century columns are currently under scaffolding because paintwork applied to them lasty year proved unsatisfactory and is being renewed. Work on the Moot Hall, notified last month, is still expected to begin in late August, also entailing scaffolding on the building and the closure to traffic of the branch of Boroughgate between the Post Office and the Crown & Cushion.

Highways

Work to make Pembroke Street one-way east to west is still planned for the week commencing 23 August. Work on the by-pass is now complete. Preparation for the dualling of the entire A66 is till at the consultation stage, with alternative routes at Kirkby Thore, Crackenthorpe and Warcop still under discussion.

Local Government Reorganisation

The Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government issued his decision on unitarization in respect of Cumbria, Somerset and North Yorkshire on 21 July. He decided that although North Yorkshire, which is larger in area and population than Cumbria, should be a single authority, Cumbria should be divided into two, provisionally designated 'East' (including Barrow) and 'West' (including Longtown). The leader of Cumbria County Council has indicated his intention of seeking judicial review of the Secretary of State's announcement. In the meantime, the chief executive officers of the seven existing county and district authorities have commenced preparatory work.

Post-Fair Meeting

The regular public meeting to review the 2021 Appleby Fair, exceptionally held in August, is scheduled for 2 September at 7pm in the Public Hall. Among the speakers will be the Police Gold Commander and the chairman of the Multi-Agency Strategic Co-ordinating Group.

Project Edenside

The Oaklea Trust is expected shortly to submit formal application for the demolition of the former residential care home, which has stood empty since Storm Desmond in December 2015, and the redevelopment of the site as extra care housing apartments with communal facilities.

Appleby Castle

The Town Council is delighted to see the re-opening of the keep ('Caesar's Tower') as a Norman Centre. Mrs Nightingale's generous offer of free admission to local residents on Wednesday 18 August was much appreciated.

Bus Talk

From Friends of Eden Valley Public Transport, using information from Cumbria County Council

Please continue to support any requests from bus operators relating to protection from coronavirus.

563 Appleby to Penrith (Mon - Fri) service (Stagecoach)

The improved 563 timetable introduced on 4th January by Stagecoach continues, including the service running throughout school holidays. From Monday to Friday, the first departure of the 563, departing from Appleby at 9.51 to Penrith, now goes via Brampton, Long Marton, Kirkby Thore Cherry Tree Garage and Temple Sowerby. The last departure of the 563 from Penrith at 13.30 and Bus Station at 13.40 follows the same route in reverse. The other 563 journeys follow the A66 route with a detour to Temple Sowerby as previously. All journeys now start and finish at Appleby Scattergate.For details of the 563 timetable, go to www.cumbria.gov.uk/buses

S6 Kirkby Stephen to Brough to Penrith (Tues) service

The S6 service, operated by Western Dales Bus started on Tuesday 13 April. This service provides 3 return trips from Kirkby Stephen to Penrith calling at Brough and Warcop; it will not pick up passengers from Appleby Sands to Penrith on outward trips to Penrith or drop off passengers in the same section of the route on return trips. For details of the S6 timetable go to www.cumbria.gov.uk/buses

Community Transport

The Community Wheels service into/out of Appleby on Fridays is operating, including connecting with the 563 bus to Penrith as normal, although capacity on the Community Wheels minibus is limited due to social distancing requirements. To join the Community Wheels scheme or book a journey on the minibus, phone Cumbria County Council on 01228 226428. The Voluntary Social Car Scheme covering Appleby, Bolton, Temple Sowerby and Milburn is operating - if you would like to use this service, including to get to a Covid 19 vaccination appointment, please contact Valerie Kendal Scheme Coordinator on 017683 53159. For general information about Community Transport, phone Cumbria County Council on 01228 226428 or go to www.cumbria.gov.uk/communitytransport

Appleby Edibles

The Licence from Eden District Council for allotments and a community garden at the Heritage Centre is now confirmed and skip gone, so the designing and improvement of the space continues apace.

We are still open 10am-12 on Tuesdays for casual socially distanced drop in, or other times by arrangement.

Contact Lucy 07710405357, , or applebyedibles1@gmail.com

Appleby Clubs, etc.

Bowling Club

Appleby Bowling Club is open for anyone wishing to come along and have a try at bowls. All you need is a flat pair of shoes, if you are interested please contact the club secretary Peter Metcalfe 01768352306 for more information.

Brownies

If you are interested in joining Brownies

in Appleby, please contact Alison

Taylor (Brown Owl) on 017683 61241

squidgums@hotmail.com

1st Appleby-in-Westmorland Scout Group are recruiting new members

Beavers (6-8yrs), Cubs (8-10.5yrs) & Scouts (10-14yrs)

We create stronger communities and inspire positive futures, by providing fun, friendship and adventure.

Join as a young person or volunteer and help young people gain skills to succeed.

Contact:

https://edenscouts.org.uk

1stappleby@edenscouts.org.uk

☎ 0845 094 6059

Appleby Gardeners

Thursday 16th Lake District Tour

K&B coach departs Appleby 9:30/T. Sowerby 9:45/Penrith 10am

18th Public Hall Supper Room Coffee Morning (see p.6

Lights…Camera…Appleby!

We look forward to bringing you Appleby Remote Cinema's autumn programme in ~~September~~ **October**! By then we should have a sparkling new hearing loop in in place, fit for the size and scale of our impressive hall.

In the interim, our team is supporting other exciting initiatives … **Oh, yes we are …** well, not a pantomine, but… at 7:30pm on Wednesday 8th September in the public hall, Cumbria Opera Group present…. An Evening of Opera!

The best bits of Opera come to Appleby

Opera is an art form known for drama, adventure and spectacle and this evening will demonstrate why. Two star soloists present highlights from the opera repertory: from the 'Queen of the Night' aria to 'Nessun Dorma', from Carmen to Candide, this evening will have it all!

Tickets: £15 adult, £12 concessions (Over 60, retired, or key worker) or £5 Young Person's Ticket (Under 21 or in full time education) can be booked on-line: https://www.cumbriaoperagroup.com/festival or in person through Appleby Tourist Information Centre, or by telephone: 07860807183.

An Evening of Opera in Appleby is part of the 2021 Cumbria Opera Festival, the first event of its kind with a week of music, theatre, and education from the 4-11th September, with events in South Lakeland, the Eden Valley to Carlisle. www.cumbriaoperagroup.com for full festival listings.

Westmorland Dales Walks and Activities

WESTMORLAND DALES

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Westmorland Walks

The Westmorland Dales Landscape Partnership Scheme team is leading a number of walks exploring Orton Scar's cultural and natural heritage as well as the fascinating geology, history and wildlife of Great Asby

1st September: Digging the Past

An overview of the forthcoming Digging the Past Westmorland Dales Landscape Partnership project getting volunteers supported by professional archaeologists to excavate up to thirty small test pits around the village of Ravenstonedale in Cumbria.

The walks and talks are popular so you'll need to reserve your place/s early via the events section of the Westmorland Dales Scheme website: www.thewestmorlanddales.org.uk

Villages

Whether or not our government is correct in throwing all caution to the winds (whilst recommending that we go carefully) your editor assumes that life will now be very slowly and carefully moving back to something recognisable as normal, and therefore there would be intimations again of coming events.

Asby

Sat	28th (Aug)	11 – 4	St. Peter's Church	'Welcome Back' Coffee & cake, tea & scones
Tues	14th	7:30pm	Asby Village Hall	Asby WI: Nic Dawes 'The Owl Sanctuary'
Tues	21st	7:30pm	St. Peter's Church	Asby MU: Service (Rev. Clive Hicks)
Sat	25th	11 – 5	from St. Peter's	Asby MU sponsored walk in aid of the lychgate restoration. All welcome to take part.

Dufton

Dufton Open Circle meets on the second Wednesday of each month at 7.30pm in Dufton Village Hall for a Speaker event and social gathering with brews and raffle. 1/2 year Membership is £5 till December 2021 and £2 for guests on the night. Come and join us for a good evening out. We also have outings and coach trips. Contact Ges Quarmby, Dufton Open Circle Co-ordinator, on Ges789@gmail.com, or ☎017683 52628.

Long Marton

It appears that things are beginning to return to the way they were pre March 2020.

LMVI are holding yoga classes on a regular basis now and the committee are putting on a "welcome back" event on Aug 29th for free.

Still to be confirmed is the monthly coffee morning returning to its usual spot of the 2nd Tuesday morning, and the Carpet Bowling re-starting. Keep watching for further updates or have a look at the village web site and village hall Facebook page.

Times, they are a-changing….

Ormside

Tuesday 7th	7:30pm	Ormside Girls
Wednesdays 8th and 22nd	10:30 - 12	Coffee morning
Wednesday 15th	7:30pm	Craft Night

Temple Sowerby

Temple Sowerby Gardening Club

Please email templesowerbygardeners@gmail.com or ☎ 62969 to go on the mailing list as the club makes plans for garden visits and talks for autumn 2021. Also see website page https://templesowerby.org.uk/gardeningclub/

And if you live in the vicinity, have a look at Gavin Young's article on page 10

Warcop

We are delighted to announce that many of our regular events will be restarting this Autumn

Welcome Back - Saturday Coffee Morning

The regular monthly Coffee Morning in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support will restart on Saturday 18th September, 10am - noon (but subsequently on the **second** Saturday).Donations of cakes and raffle prizes greatly appreciated

Soup and Pud

This monthly event restarts on Thursday 2nd September, 11.30am - 1pm

Quiz with Pie and Pea Supper

Friday 23rd September, 7.30pm

£7 to include pie, peas and pudding; up to 6 per team

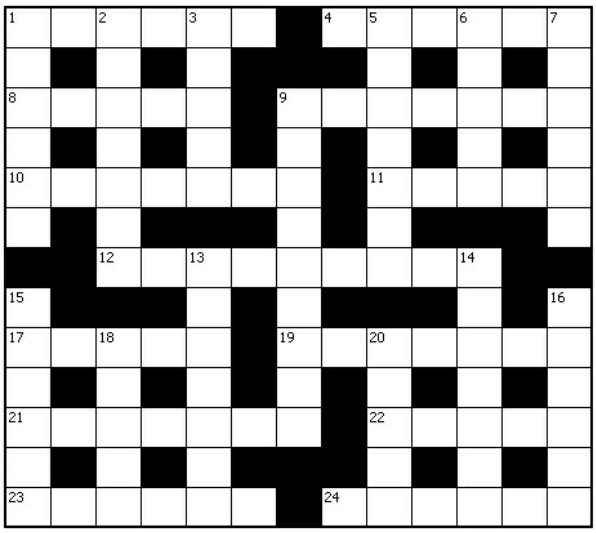
Entry with pre-booked tickets only

Call Caroline ☎42900 or Pat ☎42188 to book

Looking ahead, Remote Cinema will be on the 3rd Thursday of each month, starting on 21st October

September Crossword

(solution page 15)



Clues Across

1 'Through [Christ] we have gained …. by faith into this grace' (Romans 5:2) (6)
4 Deprives of sight (Deuteronomy 16:19) (6)
8 The words of a hymn do this (mostly) (5)
9 Faithful allegiance (1 Chronicles 12:33) (7)
10 Belgium's chief port (7)
11 Where John was baptizing 'because there was plenty of water' (John 3:23) (5)
12 Imposing height (Psalm 48:2) (9)
17 Jesus' tempter in the wilderness (Mark 1:13) (5)
19 Comes between Amos and Jonah (7)
21 'Your will be done' … as it is in heaven' (Matthew 6:10) (2,5)
22 Gale (Matthew 8:24) (5)
23 Axle, eh? (anag.) (6)
24 'Out of the… I cry to you, O Lord' (Psalm 130:1) (6)

Clues Down

1 Popular Christian author and humorist, Plass (6)
2 Transparent ice-like mineral (Revelation 4:6) (7)
3 Method of compelling surrender by surrounding target of attack (2 Chronicles 32:1) (5)
5 Expose (Isaiah 52:10) (3,4)
6 Lonny (anag.) (5)
7 Utterance (1 Timothy 1:15) (6)
9 Husband of Deborah, the prophetess (Judges 4:4) (9)
13 Burial service (Jeremiah 34:5) (7)
14 What Christ threatened to do to the lukewarm church in Laodicea (Revelation 3:16) (4,3)
15 Simon Peter climbed aboard and dragged the net (John 21:11) (6)
16 His response to Jesus' decision to return to Judea was 'Let us also go, that we may die with him' (John 11:16) (6)
18 There will be weeping and gnashing of … (Matthew 8:12) (5)
20 Walkway between rows of pews in a church (5)

3rd Sept St Gregory the Great - the man who saved the 'angels'

Pope Gregory never called himself 'the Great', but instead 'the Servant of the Servants of God'. Nevertheless, Gregory was one of the most important popes and influential writers of the Middle Ages. The son of a very rich Roman senator, he left the service of the State upon his conversion as a young man. Gregory then sold off his tremendous estates to found six monasteries in Sicily and a seventh in Rome, and gave generously to the poor. He became a monk and adopted an austere lifestyle. But he was destined to be a frustrated monk, because successive popes kept appointing him to jobs with major public responsibilities.

Christians in England owe him a great deal. When Gregory came across some English slaves for sale in Rome, he asked who they were, and was told, 'They are Angles.' Moved with compassion for these humiliated and despised men, he replied, 'They are not Angles, but angels!' He wanted to lead a band of missionaries to England to evangelise the Angles, but then plague broke out in Italy, and during this time he was elected Pope.

Reluctantly he accepted, and then sent to work to deal with the crises facing Christendom: plague, floods, famine, and a Lombard invasion. But busy though Gregory was, he did not forget the Angles. He sent Augustine to England, and so indirectly became the apostle of the English.

Female clergy

In 1992 the Church of England voted to allow the ordination of women. Since 2014 they have also been able to become Bishops. The percentage of female clergy across all denominations in the UK in 1992, the first year it was counted, was 7% (of which 5% was Church of England).

By the year 2000 it was 10% for all denominations, by 2008 19%, by 2016 21% and in 2019, the latest year available, it is 24% (but 29% for Church of England and 23% for their senior clergy).

The Salvation Army has the largest proportion of female officers - an estimated 49% in 2020. The United Reformed Church has also had a high percentage – 36% in 2020.

Likewise in 2020, the Methodist Church of Great Britain had 36%, and the Church of Scotland had 28%. In 2020 the Baptists had 15%, New Churches (especially Vineyard, Newfrontiers and Pioneer) 16%, and Pentecostals 15%. The Roman Catholics and the Orthodox have no women priests at all.

How do these percentages compare with female leadership generally? Globally there are 21 women serving as the head of state or government in 193 countries, which is 11%. In the UK, of the top FTSE 100 companies only 5% of the CEOs are women. Of the MPs returned in the 2019 general election, 34% were women. In the UK regular Armed Forces, 11% are women.

One can always make other comparisons, but by these few examples, the percentage of female ministers is at least comparable to, if not better than, other sections of British society.

Dead Sea Scrolls – brought to light 30 years ago

Thirty years ago, on 22nd September 1991, photographs and transcripts of the Dead Sea Scrolls were made available to scholars generally for the first time.

The Scrolls – ancient, mostly Hebrew or Aramaic manuscripts of leather, papyrus, and copper – were first found in 1947 near the shore of the Dead Sea. They come from various sites and date from the third century BC to the second century AD.

The decision by the Huntington Library, which is in San Marino, California, to make the Scrolls public was hailed by its director, Dr William A Moffett, as a bold move "equivalent to breaking down the Berlin Wall". Up to that time access to the scrolls had been restricted to a fairly small group of 'authorised' scholars.

The Huntington photograph collection was created by philanthropist Elizabeth Hay Bechtel in 1980, with Robert Schlosser taking the actual pictures. After her death in 1987 they became the property of the library, with no agreed restrictions on their use – unlike the official collections, which certain experts reserved for their own use "to ensure scholarly accuracy".

Last year the Museum of the Bible, in Washington DC, confirmed that all 16 of the fragments it owns are modern forgeries.

Children and tea-drinking

Put the kettle on. Children should begin to drink tea from the age of four, in order to combat later stress, obesity and heart disease.

So says the results of a recent study which appeared in the Nutrition and Food Technology journal. It says that green tea and the more traditional black tea contain compounds which can aid concentration and cognitive function.

As one doctor said, "Including three cups of black tea daily as a part of a healthy lifestyle could help to preserve physical and mental health in childhood… and into old age."

Parents could offer tea as a substitute for sweet and sugary drinks for children.

[I was brought up on tea, with two sugars, but in the days of rationing, one sugar and one saccharin (ugh!) Ed.]

John Bradburne- Cumbria's 2nd saint?

John Bradburne was born in Skirwith on 14.6.1921-.

This is my personal view of his life and why I consider John Bradburne so important for us today and hope for his beatification.

His father was the Anglican vicar of Skirwith. John loved Cumbria very much and was very sad to leave when his father was appointed to a parish in Norfolk- he missed the hills. Having moved in the opposite direction in my case from Norfolk to Cumbria I can well understand his feelings!

At the outbreak of war John joined up, sailed out to India with his brother . He joined the 2/9th Gurkhas and had a horrendous escape when the Japanese overtook Malaya. He then spent much of the war behind Japanese lines as one of Wingate's " Chindits". He very nearly died of cerebral malaria and this close proximity to death had a profound effect on his religious development.

On return to England at the end of the war he had no clear idea what to do but whilst in Devon spent time at Buckfast Abbey and was received into the church on 26.10.47.

I do not intend to give much more detail of his life. There is a very good entry for him in Wikipedia.

After many failed attempts at monastic life he decided to become a lay member of the third order of St Francis. He spent time in Italy and in the Holy Land but never felt settled until he discovered Africa.

Here he was introduced by Fr John Dove SJ to a leper colony at Mutemwa in what was then Rhodesia- now Zimbabwe. John spent the next 10 years caring for the lepers and becoming a friend to these poor abandoned people.

Life became very difficult in the civil war which led to Rhodesia's overthrow of white rule and John was the only white person left at the colony. He was advised to leave as his life was considered in danger but he refused to leave behind the lepers who needed him. Despite local people speaking up on his behalf he was murdered by young nationalist fighters on 5.9.1979. I have no doubt that he was martyred as a result of his faith which would not let him abandon the lepers he loved so much.

He had a great capacity for friendship and for humour and an extraordinary ability to write poetry – indeed that is almost all he wrote for the last 10 years of his life –more poetry than any other Englishman by a very long way. You can find his poems which have been collected after a mammoth effort by David Crystal at : johnbradburnepoems.com. and many are now on Youtube

He loved music ,bees and climbing trees and I hope that has aroused your interest to read more about him. There are two good biographies:

Fr John Dove "Strange Vagabond of God" and and Didier Rance (also a lay Franciscan) "John Bradburne- The vagabond of God"

I hope you will then want to support the cause of his beatification. Visit the John Bradburne Memorial Society website run by his great niece-Kate MacPherson.

On September 11th this year we will have a pilgrimage climb up Cross Fell setting off from Kirkland at 11 AM (further details will be available nearer the time). John climbed it several times . On this pilgrimage we will be joined by our own bishop Paul who will say prayers at the summit (and by coincidence is the Bishop in England and Wales appointed to look after African matters).

We already have one fellside saint for Cumbria – St John Boste from near Dufton. Would it not be wonderful to have a second Saint JB for Cumbria?

Gavin Young

God in the Sciences

This series is written by Dr Ruth M Bancewicz, who is Church Engagement Director at The Faraday Institute for Science and Religion in Cambridge. Ruth writes on the positive relationship between Science and Christian faith.

Faithful to Scripture, Faithful to Science: Alister McGrath on science and Christian faith

Alister McGrath is well-known as a theologian, but he started out as a scientist. After becoming a Christian as a student, he wanted to learn about his new faith so he studied theology at the same time as completing his PhD in molecular biophysics. He has not lost touch with science, but has continued to write and speak about how science and Christian faith work together. In this extract from a recently released interview, he shares his experience of being a scientist and a Christian.

"I think my most vivid experience of wonder took place in the 1970's when I was on vacation in Iran. We were travelling on a bus in the middle of the night because it wasn't hot then, and the bus broke down. We found ourselves in the middle of this solemn black desert, and the night sky shone with a brilliance like I had never seen before. That just overwhelmed me, it made me think there is something really wonderful here.

"Now, I was a Christian by that time and I knew how Christianity could answer that but it just struck me, that sense of wonder has two possible outcomes. One is science - this universe is wonderful, what's it all about? But of course, it is also about religion, the deeper levels of things that science can't really engage. I think one of the things I have discovered over time is that maybe this sense of wonder both opens the gateway to science and to faith, and that those two together are able to answer questions which on their own they simply couldn't.

"I think science is wonderful at asking questions. Some of those questions can be answered, but very often when you do answer them, they simply open up yet more questions. But of course, there are some more fundamental questions I think science simply cannot answer - they transcend its capacities to answer, and you might think of non-empirical questions like, 'Why am I here? What is the meaning of life? What is good and how do I live a good life?'

"These are real questions and they're good questions but they're not scientific questions. And the psychologists tell us that we really need answers to those questions if we are to lead a fulfilled human existence. You find some scientists who say, 'Well because science can't answer them there are no answers to be given', but actually most realise that there are answers waiting to be discovered - it's just that science can't deliver them.

"Science fills in part of a big picture but there are parts of the picture you have to fill in from somewhere else. Science is part of the answer but only part, and faith supplements it, giving us a vision of life that is exciting and reliable, and also something that we can inhabit meaningfully."

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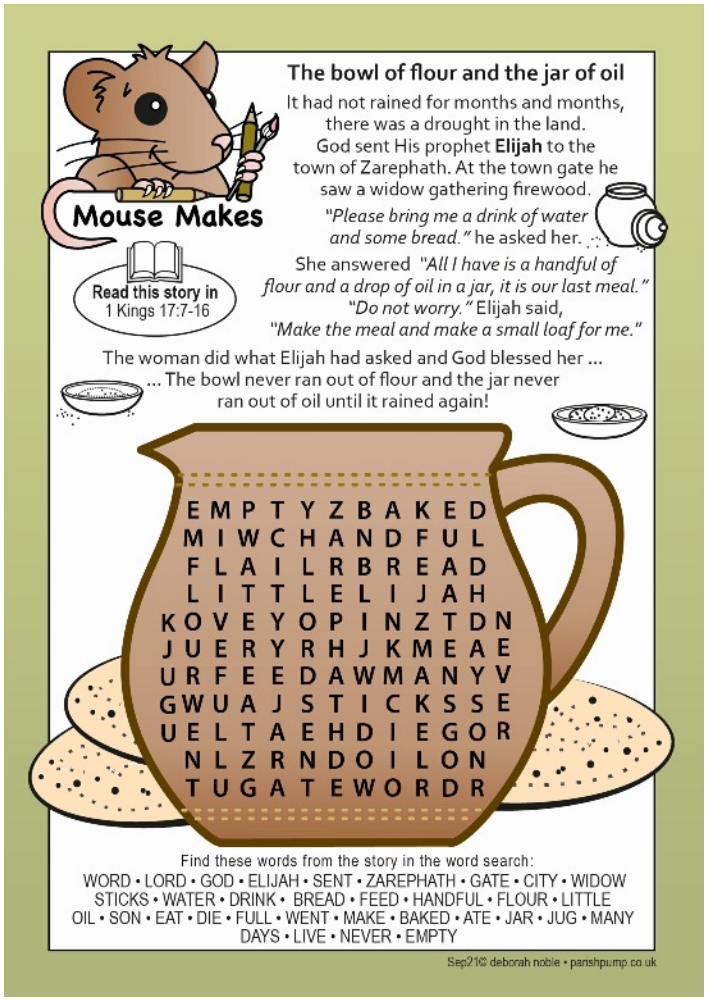
Mouse Makes
The bowl of flour and the jar of oil
It had not rained for months and months, there was a drought in the land. God sent His prophet Elijah to the town of Zarephath. At the town gate he saw a widow gathering firewood.
"Please bring me a drink of water and some bread." he asked her.
She answered "All I have is a handful of flour and a drop of oil in a jar, it is our last meal."
"Do not worry." Elijah said, "Make the meal and make a small loaf for me."
Read this story in 1 Kings 17:7-16
The woman did what Elijah had asked and God blessed her ... ... The bowl never ran out of flour and the jar never ran out of oil until it rained again!
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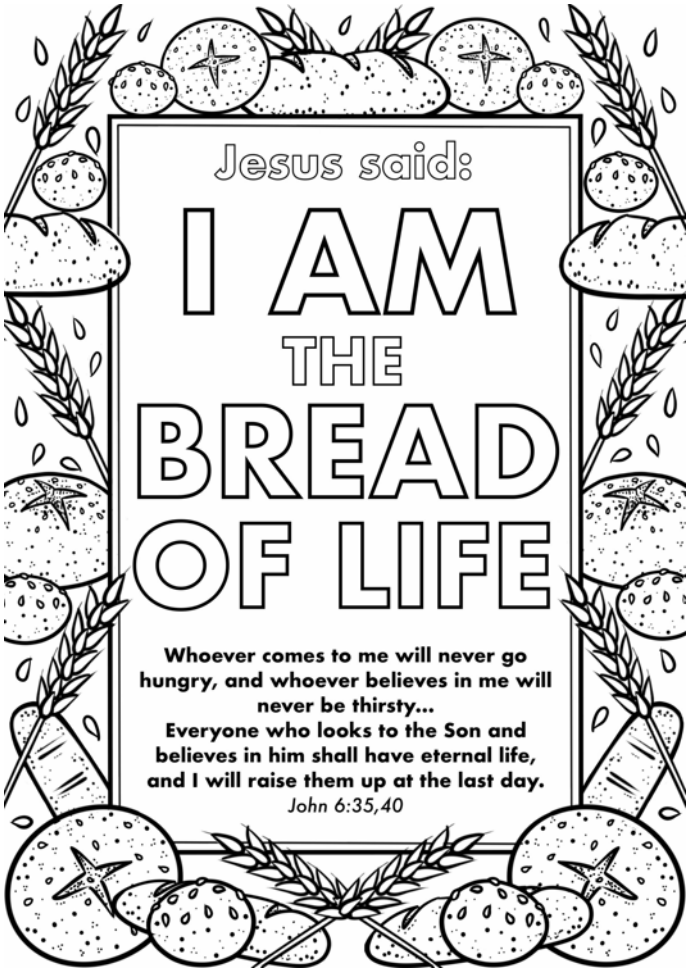
Bible Bite
A short story from the Bible
It can be read in the Bible in 1 Kings 1:5-53
King David was now very old, but he had still not said which son would be king. Adonijah decided to make himself king.
Adonijah had a big party at Rogel Spring for all his friends, including Joab and Abiathar, to tell them he was the king. His brother Solomon and Nathan and Zadok were not invited.
Nathan told Solomon's mother
You must tell King David. If Adonijah is king, he will kill you and your son.
You promised our son Solomon would be king, but Adonijah says he is now king.
Nathan told David
He's having a big party to celebrate right now!
I will keep my promise! Solomon will be the next king. Zadok and Nathan, take him to Gihon Spring, annoint him and tell everyone!
So they went to Gihon with Solomon riding King David's own mule.
He was annointed king and a trumpet was blown.
Long live King Solomon!
At Adonijah's party they heard the noise.
What's going on?
David has just announced that your brother Solomon is now king.
Solomon was annointed and everyone is cheering.
Everyone ran away. Adonijah was so scared he ran to the sacred tent for sanctuary.
King Solomon sent for Adonijah.
If you don't cause me any trouble, I will not hurt you.


Jesus said:
I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE
Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty...
Everyone who looks to the Son and believes in him shall have eternal life, and I will raise them up at the last day.
John 6:35,40

The tale of the Two Sons
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...BUT THEN HE CHANGED HIS MIND AND WENT AND HELPED.
THE FATHER THEN WENT TO HIS YOUNGER SON AND ASKED HIM TO HELP IN THE VINEYARD TOO.
'OF COURSE I WILL!' SAID THE YOUNGER SON. BUT HE PROMPTLY FORGOT ALL ABOUT IT....
...AND DIDN'T DO A STROKE OF WORK!
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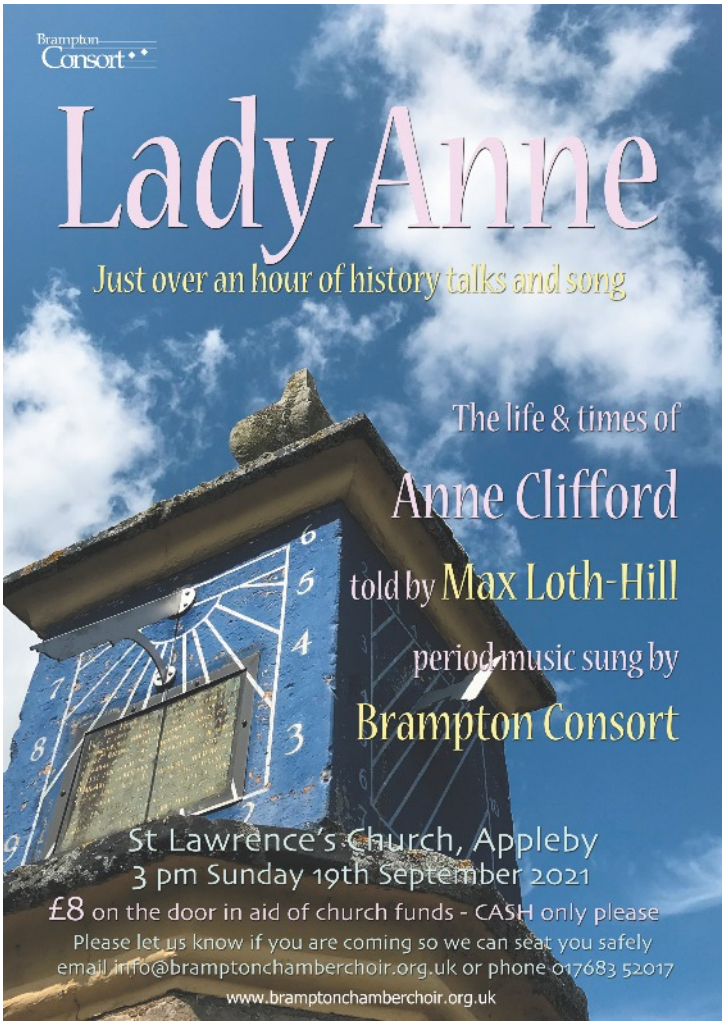
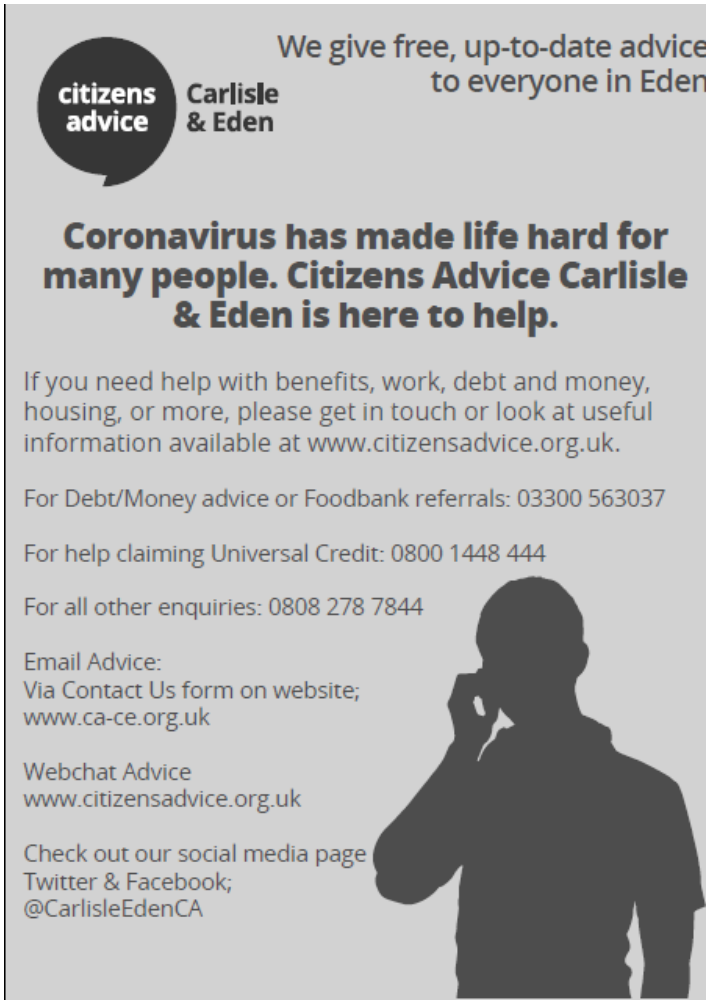
'WHICH ONE DID WHAT HIS FATHER WANTED?' ASKED JESUS...
'WHICH DO YOU THINK IT WAS?





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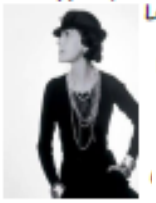

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Sun.12th Trinity 15	10:45 HC		11:00 United led by Methodi sts	9.15 HC	10.30 Churches together songs of praise in Warcop VH		15.00 evening prayer			10.30 MP		10:30
Sun.19th Trinity 16	10:45 MP lay led	18.30 Evensong	18.30 tbc	10.00 DIY service	10:45 HC Warcop,	15:00 HC		10.30 HC inc. baptism	10.30 MP			10:30 Harvest
Sun.26th Trinity 17	10:45 HC		11.00 Morning Prayer	18.00 EP	10.00 HC Musgrave		15.00 HC			10.30 Harvest	18:30 Harvest	10:30

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