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*Front cover: Alison Peters and Angela Price tossing pancakes at the All Saints' Fête.*

**Photograph by Eleanor Edwards.**

# THE CURATE'S MESSAGE

## Harvest and the Bread of Life

Harvest time is upon us and so we plan special services to thank God for his provision for our physical needs. We especially focus on the food we eat and the farmers who work so hard to provide it. Meeting physical needs is important and being a people who care and respond to needs in the community around us is what God calls us to be, but there is also a bigger picture. In chapter six of the book of John Jesus notes that even when we get '*manna*' (i.e. when our physical needs are met) we will still die in the end. Physical things are good and we should be grateful for them, but they will not ultimately give us life and satisfaction.

Others have noticed this as well. Pascal said this about humanity '*There is a God-shaped vacuum in the heart of each man which cannot be satisfied by any created thing but only by God the Creator...*' St. Augustine commented that people are '*restless until find rest in God*', and famously Freddie Mercury admitted, in an interview shortly before his death in 1991, '*You can have everything in the world and still be the loneliest man, and that is the most bitter type of loneliness. Success has brought me world idolisation and millions of pounds, but it's prevented me from having the one thing we all need – a loving, ongoing relationship.*'

In John Chapter 6 Jesus comments that there is a bread that will give an eternal life and total satisfaction. He makes this strange statement:

*'I am the bread of life; he who comes to me will not hunger, and he who believes in me will never thirst.'*

So, what does '*I am the bread of life*' mean? It is to do with being totally satisfied so that the deepest needs in a human being are met. The people around Jesus were impressed with the signs he did – they had seen him turn water into wine, miraculously feed thousands of people and walk on water. These amazing signs showed that he was Lord of the physical world, that he could do

things that only God could do. However, most of the people around him didn't understand that God was walking among them and wanting to have a relationship with them. They thought Jesus was just human like their prophets of old or political leaders and they were only focussing on their physical needs.

Physical things, like food, drink, a lovely home, caring friends, mountain walks and England winning the Ashes (please God!) are all good, but as Jesus makes very clear, they will not ultimately fill the 'hole' or calm the 'restless soul'. If all our efforts go into finding physical fulfilment, we will ultimately not find satisfaction, we were designed for something more. The '*bread of life*' is a person. It is God incarnate. It is the God who loves you and with whom you were designed to be in relationship. The '*bread of life*' is the connection with the person who is the unconditional love of God personified – Jesus.

So perhaps this harvest time, as we show gratitude for the physical things around us, we should also remember that we were designed for relationship with the person behind the physical world. We should join the multitudes of people who have found that opening their lives to Jesus brings a peace and joy that was missing and that he truly is '*the bread of life*'.

Rev. Steve Alston (Curate –  
Baschurch, Weston Lullingfields  
and Hordley) (Sept 2021)



After his induction, Harry met the  
leaders of the other denominations

(Reminder: Hallowe'en is approaching.)

## **Where's God in the unchosen challenges of life?**

I wonder if you know anyone living with dementia – perhaps someone from your family, perhaps someone from your church or your local community, perhaps you yourself. Over 700,000 people across the country are living with dementia, many supported by family carers. Many people affected by dementia are part of our local churches – and the pandemic has had a heightened impact on many of them.

People affected by dementia live through unchosen challenges. Within our Diocese of Lichfield dementia-friendly churches network, we are focussing this autumn on three pictures that help us to see the bigger picture, noticing God's presence as dementia progresses. Perhaps these three pictures can help us all, in journeying together through the changes and challenges of the pandemic and of life.

If I look through a kaleidoscope and see a lovely pattern, I may want to show you. But if my hand jogs as I pass it across to you, it's gone – the pattern's changed. Rather than focussing on the old pattern that's gone, can we together see the light shining through in a different pattern?

With dementia, we could spend all our time focussing only on the old pattern that used to be good but has gone; or we can acknowledge that the pattern's changing and look for the light within the new pattern that is emerging.

How have patterns changed for you and others recently? Can you use the picture of the kaleidoscope to help you to notice the light shining through, in a new pattern?

In Hebrews 13:1-3 the writer says "Imagine what it's like to be a prisoner. Imagine what it's like to be mistreated." It's all about entering wholeheartedly into another person's world.

In dementia, it's important to go with the feelings rather than the facts, not to contradict or challenge, but to cross over the bridge. When we cross the bridge, we enter another person's world, meeting them where they are.



God always meets us where we are – but never leaves us there! Can you use the picture of the bridge to meet someone else where they are, journeying to be alongside them, seeing things from their point of view?

Have you ever wondered about why wild geese fly in a “V” formation? Scientists have discovered that the geese work together, taking it in turns to take the lead. Flying in formation, they can fly 70% further than any one bird could fly alone.



We’ve found it’s the same with dementia. When we can work together, we work as a team and we are able to help people live well with dementia for longer.

Through the pandemic, we’re rediscovering the need to work as a community – both locally and globally. None of us can go it alone. Can the picture of the geese flying in formation encourage us to work across our churches and communities, journeying together in new ways?

*To know more about the Diocese of Lichfield dementia-friendly churches network, contact Sarah Thorpe, Dementia-Friendly Church Enabler, on [sarah.thorpe@lichfield.anglican.org](mailto:sarah.thorpe@lichfield.anglican.org) or 0798 224 8949*



*...er Vicar, it's about that flower Mrs Brindle's brought back from her foreign holiday...*

## Services in October

All Services are now back plus some additional ones.

### **Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> October**

Harvest Festival – at Holy Trinity Weston Lullingfields 5pm

### **Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> October**

8am BCP Communion at Baschurch

### **No service at Weston Lullingfields this Sunday**

11am Holy Communion at Baschurch

**6.30pm Contemporary service** (this is a new service which will be more informal and have modern music & videos – refreshments will be served from 6pm)

### **Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> October**

9.15am Worship for All at Hordley

11am Holy Communion at Baschurch

6pm Evensong at Baschurch

### **Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> October**

Harvest Festival at Red House Farm Grain Store Hordley 7pm

### **Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> October**

8am BCP Communion at Baschurch

9.30am Holy Communion at Weston Lullingfields

11am Worship for All at Baschurch

### **Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> October**

9.15am Holy Communion at Hordley

11am Holy Communion at Baschurch

**4pm Forest Church** – at new outdoor service for families lasts around 30 minutes. Refreshments at the end.



**Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> October**

11am Holy Communion at Baschurch

**6pm Lights of Love** – Annual Service of Remembering those who have died

Our online service will continue each week at 4pm



# Harvest

Come and enjoy Harvest in our communities.

**On Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> October at 5pm**

in

**Holy Trinity Church, Weston Lullingfields,**

followed by an Oktoberfest in the Village Hall

with BBQ and bar.

All are welcome.

Or

**On Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> October at 7pm**

in

Red House Farm Grain Store Hordley

Refreshments will be served

Come and enjoy harvest amongst the crops that have been gathered in.

All are welcome



All Saints' Church, Baschurch  
**LIGHTS OF LOVE**

**Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2021**

**6pm**



**A Service of Thanksgiving and Remembrance  
for all those we have known and loved who  
have died.**

**All are Welcome**

**You are warmly invited to stay for  
refreshments after the service.**



## **What's the best gift God could give you?**

We all want to be happy.

Why is lasting happiness so hard to find?

**Life Explored** is an exciting new way to share the gospel in today's highly visual culture. The seven interactive sessions are based on stunning films shot all over the globe.

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This course is informal and all questions are valid.

It allows space for everyone, new, mature Christians or those who are simply not sure what they believe.

It will run for 7 sessions

**Course begins: Monday 4<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30pm (Zoom)**

**Or Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> October at 2pm (in Church)**

For more information get in touch with

Revd. Linda Cox on 01939 260305 or [linda@allsaintsbaschurch.com](mailto:linda@allsaintsbaschurch.com)

## Sunday Bible Readings for October

### Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> October

Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12

Mark 10:2-16

### Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> October

Hebrews 4:12-end

Mark 10:17-31

6pm – Joshua 5:13-6:20

Matthew 11:20-30

### Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> October

Hebrews 5:1-10

Mark 10:35-45

### Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> October- Bible Sunday

Isaiah 55:1-11

John 5:36b-end

### Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> October – All Saints'

Isaiah 25:6-9

John 11:32-44

If you have a Harvest Festival the readings are as follows: Joel 2:21-27 and Matthew 6:25-33

## From the Registers

### Baschurch

Baptism:

Isabella Parkinson Guy at All Saints' on 22nd August

Emilia Copnall at All Saints' on 5th September

Marriage:

Andrew Ashton and Elizabeth Willis at All Saints' on Saturday 28th August

### Hordley

Baptism:

Roly Beynon-Brown at St Mary's on 29th August.

## Hordley News

We would like to send congratulations to Mrs Elsie Sinker on reaching her hundredth birthday in September. She was a regular attender at our services in St Mary's up until the pandemic.

Ride and Stride Day on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> September was a busy one in Hordley. Thirteen people and one dog participated in the event, either by walking or by car, going to churches both near and far. In the evening ten of those people enjoyed a meal together. See the photographs on page 36. As a result of enormous sponsorship support, particularly of one of our churchwardens, we will have raised £945, half of which goes to St Mary's and half to the Shropshire Historic Churches Trust (SHCT), from whom we have received grants in the past. I feel sure that this is the most we have ever raised at this event, which we have joined in for very many years. We would like to thank all those amazingly generous supporters.

Following the success of last year's Harvest Service held in the grain store at Red House Farm, a repeat is planned for this autumn. The date is Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> October at 7 pm and we hope to be able to sing without masks and this time refreshments will be served afterwards. So do come to that if you can. There will be no harvest service in church this year, but the usual ones on the 10<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> October.

The next PCC meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30 pm. Venue to be announced.

The winner of the lottery draw in September was Sarah Manford with number 34.

### **Mary Thomson**

#### **DOMESTIC HELP REQUIRED**

Lady, pleasant and reliable, required for domestic cleaning and ironing at a Baschurch residence. Approx 4 hours per week. Pay, duties and attendance negotiable. Phone 01939 260854 or 07773 322660 at any time.

## WESTON LULLINGFIELDS

After a miserable August weather-wise, while schools were on holiday, September has recently given us some glorious sunny days (when I was writing this!). Oh - it has just started pouring with rain! August can be a flat month for spotting birds. On some of our local walks in Weston and at National Trust properties, we have seen little but Woodpigeons and Carrion Crows. Many birds are able to find food easily and some keep out of sight, being vulnerable during their late summer moult. But recently we have logged a chiffchaff in the garden. We saw Meadow Saffron (looks a bit like a crocus) and a Peregrine Falcon at Earls Hill, near Pontesbury. While we were on holiday in Scotland we saw a White-tailed Sea Eagle and a Golden Plover.

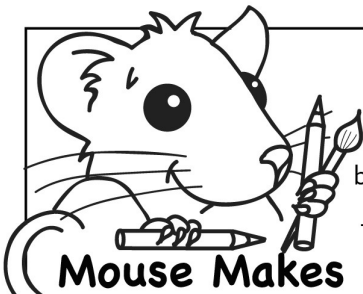
We were also excited to see a female Redstart during one of our Attingham visits. She will have been making ready to leave at the end of August, flying south through France and Spain en route to her wintering grounds in West Africa.

The climate scientists tell us that climate change is likely to have a disruptive impact on bird migrations, but, on a more positive note, it has recently been reported that the warming of Britain has been beneficial to dragonflies and damselflies. Researchers have logged six new species which have colonised Britain in the last 25 years, a general increase in numbers of both residents and migrants, and a spread northwards into regions previously too cold for them. In Weston we were able to photograph a Southern Hawker and a Ruddy Darter, while back in June we snapped Banded Demoiselles in the Hay meadow along the bank of the River Tern.

Weston would still love to hear from anyone who could spare some time, please, to help out with cleaning the church or tidying the churchyard. We are delighted that we have volunteers to add to rotas for reading at church services. Contact Jane Ing 260100 or Anne Roberts 260633.

There are discussions about the way forward for resuming social events and fund raising, but while many of us are still cautiously keeping distances and wearing masks, others are comfortable resuming going to church, shopping and attending social events and activities.

**Anita Weeks**



# Mouse Makes

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Read the story  
in Mark 4: 35-41



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# ALL SAINTS' CHURCH FÊTE

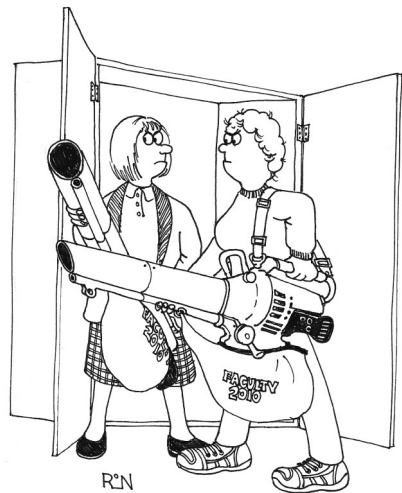
All Saints' Church Fete took place on the village green on September 4<sup>th</sup> this year and was splendidly opened by Robert from The Wheatlands.

The weather was good and the sun shone brightly. It was well supported by the village and there was entertainment for children and the young at heart. Together with the Church Tent with activities for children, usual favourites included tea and cakes, bar and BBQ, tombola, coconut shy, book stall, cake and craft stall, bouncy castle, pancakes, ice cream, bowling, football and tennis games. Lovely for the children to see goats, and having a try at guessing their names. Special thanks to PGL, and the fire brigade for supporting us and assisting with the erection of tents.

It was encouraging to welcome new stall holders, The Allotment Society, Sweets Treats and Hampers and the police together with the parish council promoting Smart Water.

Attractions in the Arena included our usual Tug of War and the opportunity for children to dress up as their favourite Disney character. Revd. Linda Cox welcomed owners and pets to take part in a short service, giving thanks to pets that have been a comfort during these difficult times.

The afternoon was brought to a close by the announcement of the winners of both the Summer Trail and Raffle. Proceeds raised were in excess of £3,000. Thanks to all who helped in any way to make it such a success.



*Shifting the cobwebs in the North aisle  
required a faculty*

**Martyn Lake**



Many thanks to Rebecca Lane for these lovely photographs taken at the Fête.











## Helping Hedgehogs

*Hedgehogs need our help; numbers have declined in the last few decades, and churchyards can really help them, providing a place to nest, feed or hibernate.*

Nocturnal in their habits, hedgehogs will travel 1 or 2 miles every night with a home range of about 40 acres. They cover this foraging for food, looking for invertebrates such as slugs, snails, worms, beetles and also carrion and fallen fruit. Hedgehogs breed between May until as late as September with 2 to 6 hoglets in a litter. The young stay in the nest for about 4 weeks, then they begin to go on night-time foraging trips with their mother. Shortly after this the young become independent and are often seen on their own in late summer and early autumn as a result.

Hedgehogs hibernate from late autumn onwards in a nest made from old dry leaves, grass and other vegetation. This looks a bit like a leaf football and may be at the base of a hedge, in a compost heap, amongst tree roots or under piles of logs.

### You can help hedgehogs in many ways:

Make it easy for them to move through your churchyard. Trying to shut them in to keep them safe usually results in shutting them out or causing them to spend time and energy climbing barriers. Make it easy for them to move around too, put ramps out of drains or other steep sided drops too.

Long grass, dead wood, the base of stone walls, compost heaps and leaf litter are all excellent hedgehog larders, full of invertebrates. Don't be too tidy in these areas and pile up any deadwood in a shady spot.

Be aware of hibernating hedgehogs looking like a leaf football! Be careful with sharp tools particularly brush cutters and never leave a bonfire pile over night before lighting it, in case a hedgehog crawls into it.

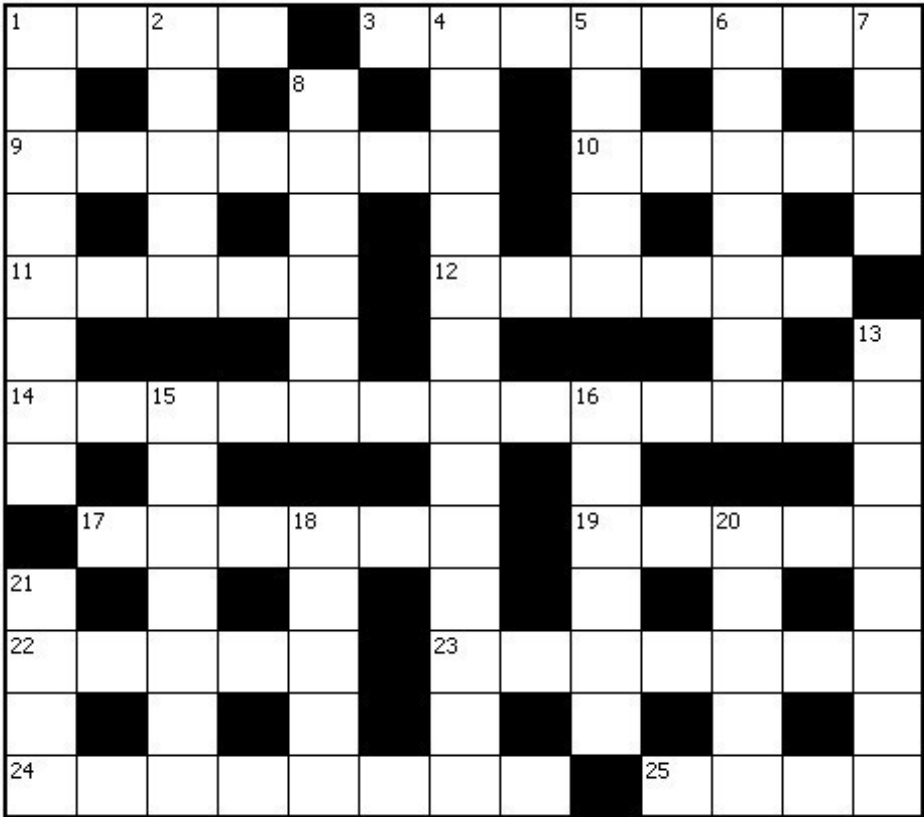
Avoid chemicals such as slug pellets and wood preservers unless known to be non-toxic to mammals.

You are unlikely to see a hedgehog in the churchyard but look out for their droppings which are almost black in colour and can contain shiny beetle parts.

All the best, Harriet Carty

*Diocesan Churchyard Environmental Advisor, [harriet@cfga.org.uk](mailto:harriet@cfga.org.uk)*

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**Clues Across**

1 ‘Those who were standing near Paul said, “You — to insult God’s high priest?”’ (Acts 23:4) (4)

3 They were assigned to guard the tree of life (Genesis 3:24) (8)

9 ‘Elkanah son of Jeroham, the son of Elihu, the — of — , the son of Zuph, an Ephraimite’ (1 Samuel 1:1) (3,4)

10 Surrender (Joshua 24:23) (5)

11 Where American livestock can be reared (5)

12 Listen (anag.) (6)

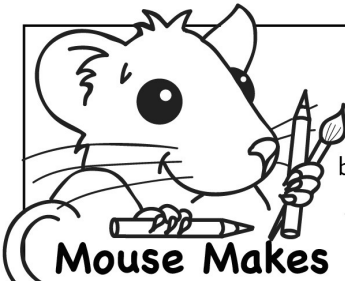
14 Alternative name for Kiriath Jearim (2 Samuel 6:2) (6,2,5)

17 He founded Westminster Abbey, — the Confessor (6)

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

### **Clues Down**

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



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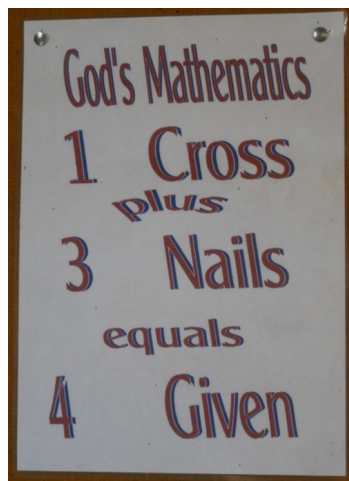
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