

# CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

September 2023



**SERVING THE PARISHES OF**

**ALL SAINTS'**  
Baschurch

**HOLY TRINITY**  
Weston Lullingfields

**ST MARY'S**  
Hordley

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## LOCHS AND MERES



*Photo by John Weeks*

**Holy Loch - Loch Maree** in North West Scotland. **St Maol Rubha** (642 to 722) lived on an island in the Loch from where he evangelised the Picts. See the article on page 16.



*Photo by Fred and Aillen Watts*

**Derwent Water near Keswick** in Cumbria, where the **Keswick Convention** has been held each summer since 1875. See the report of the parish visit to this year's Convention on page 34.

## Editorial

Since I was a child, I have associated September with kick-starting my motivation for the next year at school, with all the new challenges that entailed. I'm reminded of Shakespeare's description of

**'the whining school-boy, with his satchel and shining morning face, creeping like a snail unwillingly to school'** *(from As You Like It)*.

Somehow I always managed to leave behind the reluctance of beginning a new year at school after the freedom of the summer holidays fairly quickly, but for some children it can be an overwhelming experience, especially starting school, going into a new class, or moving from one key stage to another. In this crucial month in the educational cycle, it is good to remember students of all ages, their teachers and the many others who help to run schools and colleges. Lynsey Jennings, who is a member of the Diocesan Education Team, writes on page 20 about the opportunities for us to be involved in the work of Church schools, especially as Foundation Governors.

This month also sees the Ride and Stride organized by Shropshire Historic Churches Trust, which all our churches are involved in. It is not too late to sign up to do it or to sponsor someone (see the pages from Hordley and Weston Lullingfields for details). All manner of modes of transport can be used - the pictures on the front cover are all from previous Rides and Strides. It is great fun, as well as raising money for the upkeep of our church buildings.

Also this month, John Weeks writes about the Scottish saint Maol Rubha, a contemporary of St Columba (page 16), Deborah Coatsworth on celebrating the harvest (page 5) and Harriet Carty about bats in churches, and how important this habitat is to so many indigenous species of bat. Finally it is good to have the report and photos from Fred and Aileen Watts about the Keswick Convention, which a group from the benefice went to over the summer. The Convention began in 1875 and is still going strong - an event to motivate us for sure.

*Roger Paul (Editor)*

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## CLERGY LETTER

Dear Friends

Traditionally, September is when we as a church turn our thoughts to harvest – harvest thanksgiving services and harvest suppers. Of course, September isn't the only month we see farmers out in their fields gathering in their crops: even as I write this letter, we have seen them out there for the past two or three months, with the roads full of tractors, combines and other huge machinery used to reap and bring in the harvest.

Our British weather hasn't been ideal for the crops however, we give thanks to our farmers who go out in all weathers to grow the food for our nation and beyond. When we see the devastation of crops in other countries, we have much to be thankful for. Our prayers go out to those countries and communities which are facing hunger and even famine because of the failure of their crops.

Sadly, we are beginning to witness crops such as fruit going to waste because farmers cannot find workers to pick the fruit; fewer people are willing to go out and put in the work needed for the produce to be harvested.

As we join together to thank God for the harvest in the services at all three churches, and then join together for the harvest lunch (dates and times are found further in the magazine), let us remember and pray for all who struggle at this time in our country as well as abroad.

In St Matthew's Gospel we find Jesus talking about the *spiritual harvest*, the harvest of souls, as he tells his friends: "*the harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore, ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into His harvest*". Jesus' concern flows from his compassion: "*because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd*."

What He said then is still so relevant today, there are so many people wandering around, searching for meaning in their lives, people who have not heard the *Good News* of Jesus Christ. There is a shortage of Christians who are willing to go out and share the Gospel with others,

and we are seeing more churches without clergy, or groups of parishes, even up to ten of them, all cared for by one clergy person.

If our churches are to survive, if we want to see our churches thriving and being salt and light to our communities, then we *all* need to play our part in bringing in God's harvest of people.

All of us can do something, and if we are not able to help physically, we can all pray. Prayer is in fact the most important thing anyone can do, as those who have just completed the Prayer Course have realised. For the health of the church, we must pray! For more encouragement and evidence that prayer is the life blood of the Church read last month's letter by the Rev. Steve Alston.

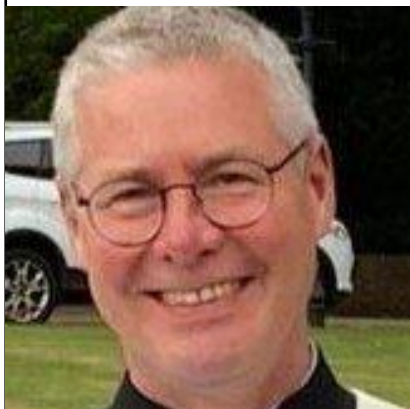
One of God's helpers I discovered only today after attending the Welsh Frankton Mothers' Union Mary Sumner Day service. I am ashamed that I did not know very much about this amazing woman of God other than she was the founder of the Mothers' Union. Her story is a tale of inspiration and courage whose actions and her deep faith in God had a remarkable impact on the world. She continuously sought to support and empower others through selfless actions which embodied Christian teachings.

This drive brought about change, and the events that her actions set in motion have led to improvements in living conditions and quality of life for many thousands of people around the world. Although she lived most of her life over a hundred years ago, her words and deeds continue to motivate women and men to lead fulfilling lives to this day. The work of the Mothers' Union continues today as they support the young, families, schools, the elderly and those in prison. They follow Mary Sumner's example of taking the Good News of Jesus and His Kingdom by actions as well as by word.

You and I may not have that kind of visionary zeal, but we can all play our part in furthering God's Kingdom. May I encourage each one of us this September as we bring our goods to the harvest thanksgiving, to offer something of ourselves also.

Deborah

## **OUR CURATE STEVE IS ON THE MOVE!**



Our Curate, the Revd Steve Alston, has completed his curacy with us and been signed off by the Bishop.

When that happens a Curate has to look for a job and Steve has successfully been appointed to his first post of responsibility in Craven Arms.

Steve will be telling you more about that himself.

**Steve's last service with us will be a United Service on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> October at 10.30am in All Saints' Church, Baschurch.**

**This will be followed by a 'Bring and Share' lunch.**

**Do come and join us for that service.**

Steve will be licensed to his new role on

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November,**

the time to be announced but likely to be the evening.

We would like to go and support Steve in that service so we are looking at the possibility of hiring a coach. If you know you would like to attend please let Linda know so we can have an idea of numbers.

*Linda Cox*

### **A Prayer for the Clergy and People**

Almighty and everlasting God, who alone workest great marvels, send down upon our bishops and curates, and all congregations committed to their charge, the healthful spirit of thy grace; and that they may truly please thee, pour upon them the continual dew of thy blessing....

# Harvest Celebrations in our Churches

Come and join us

as we give thanks to God for His goodness

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> September 9.30am**

at Holy Trinity Church, Weston Lullingfields

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> September 11am**

at All Saints' Church, Baschurch

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October 7.30pm**

at St Mary's Hordley

If you are able to give, donations this year are for the Porch Pantry at Baschurch. This provision is well used by those who are struggling financially to feed themselves or their families.

The following items are suggested:

**Longlife milk; cereals; pasta; rice; tinned vegetables; tinned meat; tea; coffee; sugar; washing powder; soap; shower gel; washing up liquid**







# BENEFICE HARVEST SUPPER

SATURDAY 23RD SEPTEMBER 6PM

Weston Lullingfields Village Hall

Bring your own drink - tea, coffee & squash provided

## Raffle

Tickets £12 an adult  
Children under 12 free

From Church Wardens  
Martyn Lake 01939290777  
Anne Roberts 01939260633  
Anne Jones 01939 270243  
by 19th September





## Let's hear it for bats

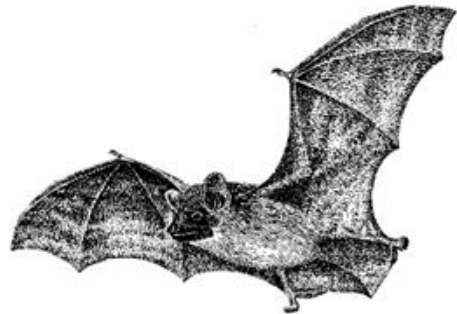
If you were looking for bats in your local churchyard, where would you expect them to be? They are not in the belfry for a start, it's too noisy! Bats often use church buildings, and a bat roost may be nearly as old as the building with around 60% of pre-16th century churches containing bat roosts.

There are seventeen species of bat native to the UK; eight of these use churches or chapels.

Bats, like most animals, have different needs throughout the year. They need nursery roosts for the young, winter roosts to hibernate and also temporary roosts to digest their food and to sleep in during the daytime. Bats roost in clean, draught free, quiet crevices where the temperature is constant. Within churches or chapels bats are found in the eaves, porch, under roof tiles, in old timber joints, behind ceilings, hangings and commemorative plaques. They also roost within chest tombs, in holes or cracks within a wall, behind ivy or in lychgates. As well as buildings, bats will use trees seeking out holes, crevices, flaking bark and gaps behind ivy. Old and veteran trees are full of possible bat roosting places, as well as being home to many other creatures.

Burial grounds tend to have a mixture of large trees, grassland, flowers, areas of long or tussocky grass, compost heaps, log piles and stonework. They are relatively free of chemicals and may have been there a long time. All of this leads to a good population of insects. Flying uses up a lot of energy so a site rich in insects is crucial for bats.

September is a great month to search for bats, as the nights are starting to draw in the bats will be flying earlier, so you don't have to stay up too late to see



and hear them. They have left their nursery roosts and both adults and young are flying, hunting to put on fat which will help them survive the winter. Watching them hunt can be great fun and with a bat detector you can also hear them echo-locate as they search for prey. Why not contact the Bat Conservation Trust and see if there is a local expert who could run a public event for you? Knowing which bats use your churchyard can help you manage for them and also avoid any damage to either bats or their habitats.

All the best, Harriet Carty

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

## NEWS FROM BASCHURCH

### **All Saints' Church, Guide for Visitors**

We are now about to reprint this booklet and I would therefore be grateful for comments regarding any alterations which need to be made, eg. mistakes, omissions etc. If there is anything which should be changed, please could you contact Angela Mayes on 01939 261047, by the end of September please. Thank you.

### **Childrens' Society**

The Children's Society Home Box Collection has this year raised £1,164.80. Thank you to all who have contributed. The funds raised are much appreciated by The Children's Society and will support the ongoing delivery of their charitable activities. For details of these activities, please visit the Childrens' Society Website at <https://www.childrenssociety.org.uk/what-we-do>

*Pauline Nelson*

### **All Saints "100 Club" winners**

**July 2023**      No 5   Katy Whittall   No 75   David Morgan

**Aug 2023**      No 91   Barbara Price   No 113   Sandie Cough

# QUIZ NIGHT



**FRIDAY 6TH  
OCTOBER**

**7.30pm  
BASCHURCH  
VILLAGE HALL**

**Licensed bar  
Raffle**

**£8/person including  
Fish(sausage) & Chips  
Teams 4-6**

**Tickets from Dawn/Martyn 01939290777  
dnmlake@gmail.com**

**In aid of All Saints' Church**

## HORDLEY NEWS

On Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> July David Hardham came to St Mary's to present us with the SHCT certificate for raising the fourth largest amount of donations in Shropshire with our participation in the Ride and Stride last year. This is now displayed in the church porch alongside our certificate for the previous year! Can we do it again? So far, sponsorship forms have been handed out to thirteen participants for this year's event on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> September. If you haven't had a form or would like to know more, please contact Mary Thomson on 01691 622198. As in previous years, participants are invited to a hot supper after the event and Roger and Jan Paul have kindly offered to host the meal at their home in Tetchill.

For many years re-decoration of St Mary's has been needed and discussed. It is at last due to take place during the week following my writing of this article, so it should be complete, or almost complete, by the time you read it. SHCT has offered us a grant towards the cost for which we are very grateful. It would have been surprising had they not done so considering all our efforts of supporting them over very many years!

Also in aid of The Shropshire Historic Churches Trust, John Willis has bravely offered to open his garden at Broome Farm next year. The proposed date is 2<sup>nd</sup> June. Tea and cake will be offered plus a possible plant stall, so nearer the time we will be asking for assistance. The church will be open for interested visitors to explore. Proceeds from the day will be split between St Mary's and the Trust.

The Benefice Harvest Supper is to be held on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> September at 6 pm in Weston Village Hall. Tickets are priced at £12 for adults and free for children under 12. Squash, tea and coffee will be provided or BYO for other drinks. Tickets are available from members of the congregation.

The winner of the Hordley Lottery in July was Sarah Manford with number 34 and in August it was Anna Stockbridge with number 2.

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*Hordley News contd.*

We are sad to report the death of **Joan Parker** who attended the congregation of St Marys, Hordley when she was living in Oswestry. She moved up to Dumfries a few years ago to be near to her niece, Ann Roberts, but kept in touch with members of the congregation. She moved into Dryfemount Care Home in Lockerbie just four weeks ago and celebrated her 99th birthday on 2nd August. She died peacefully on 13th August at Dryfemount.

## **FROM THE REGISTERS**

### **Baptisms**

Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> August 2023 at All Saints' Church, Baschurch  
Rosie Sian James

Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> August 2023 at All Saints' Church, Baschurch  
Charlie Rhys Jones

### **Marriages**

Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2023 at All Saints' Church, Baschurch  
Samuel Spencer and Helen Taylor

Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> August 2023 at All Saints' Church, Baschurch  
Jonathan Evans and Emily Madge

### **Funerals**

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> July at Holy Trinity Church, Weston Lullingfields  
Neil Williams aged 48 years

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> August at Holy Trinity Church, Weston Lullingfields  
Bessie Underwood aged 80 years

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> August at All Saints' Church, Baschurch  
Rosemary Ann Turney aged 80 years

## WESTON LULLINGFIELDS

# Open Church & Cafe



Come and have a look around on **Ride and Stride** Saturday

You don't have to be taking part although everyone is welcome to ride, cycle, drive, walk or even run to as many churches as they can  
All information can be found at [shropshirehct.org.uk](http://shropshirehct.org.uk)

**The Church is open from 10am till 6pm**

**The Café is open from 11am till 5pm**

## Saturday 9th September

at

**Holy Trinity Church,  
Weston Lullingfields**



**All donations in aid of Shropshire Historic Churches Trust  
and Holy Trinity Church**

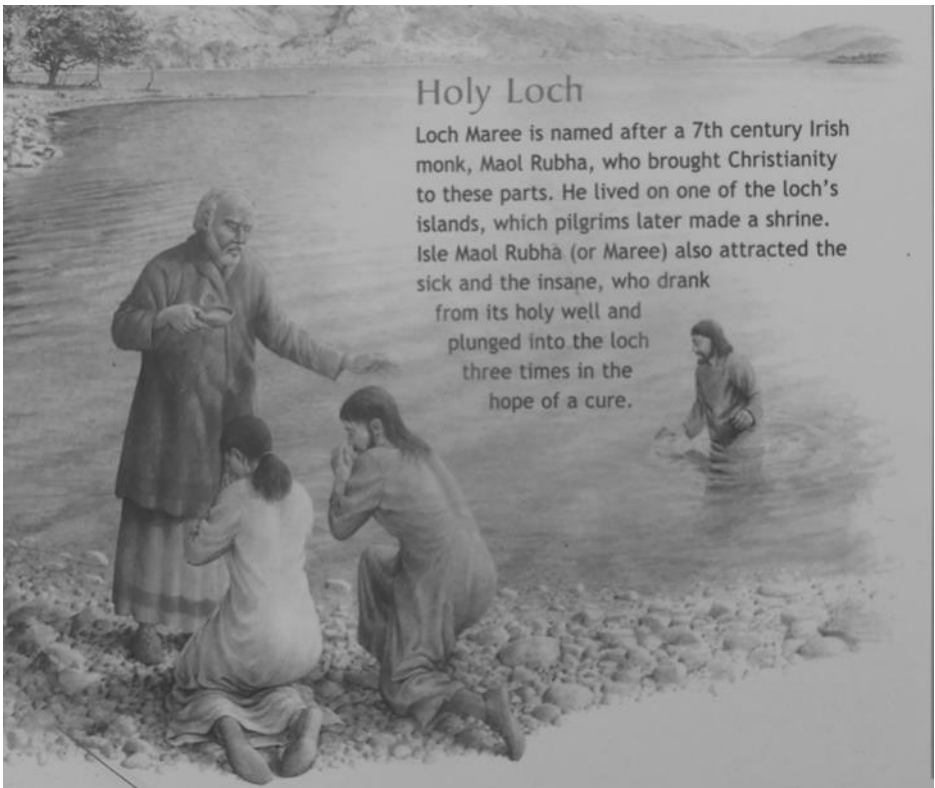
## SAINT MAOL RUBHA

The end of last month saw the Feast of St Maol Rubha (642 to 722), celebrated in Scotland on 27 August.

During the summer we visited Loch Maree in North West Scotland. The loch, 21 kilometres long, takes its name from a corruption of the Saint's Gaelic name.

Born in Bangor, County Down, Ireland Maol Rubha travelled to Scotland at the age of 30 with a group of fellow monks. He established a monastery at Applecross and lived on one of the islands in Loch Maree, where he founded a chapel.

Maol Rubha's chapel became a site of pilgrimage. It attracted in particular those with mental health problems. They believed that drinking water from the well on the island and plunging three times into





Loch Maree might alleviate their problems.

Maol Rubha today enjoys less fame than his fellow Irishman, St Columba. Legend has it that St Columba single-handedly converted the tribes of Scotland to Christianity. That seems implausible. Amongst those tribes there were two main groups – the Gaels and the Picts. The Gaels appear to have been quick to take up the new faith in response to St Columba’s missionary work. Indeed, some believe that the Gaels were themselves Irish immigrants to Scotland.

The Picts, by contrast, held onto their old beliefs with more tenacity. Maol Rubha, undertaking missionary journeys to Skye and Lewis, and across the mainland, is credited with spreading Christianity among the Picts.

We know little of the Picts. They were probably descendants of the hunter gatherers who settled in Scotland after the retreat of the ice, around 12 thousand years ago. They acquired their name, perhaps pejoratively, from the Romans, but they continued to be a force in Northern Scotland long after the Romans had departed. They may have been heterogeneous, rather than a single group of people. They were probably polytheistic in their beliefs.

Today we look back with horror at the destruction of the indigenous cultures of South America wrought by Spanish and Portuguese colonists. Reflecting on the Picts, we should perhaps remember that the erasure of peoples, their languages and their religions happened here too.

*JOHN WEEKS*



## **Services in September 2023**

### **Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> September – 13<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity**

**8.00am** Book of Common Prayer Holy Communion –  
All Saints' Baschurch

**9.30am** Worship for All – Holy Trinity, Weston Lullingfields

**11.00am** Common Worship Holy Communion – All Saints' Baschurch

**Readings:** Jeremiah 15:15-21 & Matthew 16:21-end

### **Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> September – 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity**

**9.15am** Worship for All – St Mary's Hordley

**11.00am** Common Worship Holy Communion – All Saints' Baschurch

**6.30pm** Contemporary Worship – All Saints' Baschurch

**Readings:** Ezekiel 33:7-11 & Matthew 18:15-20

### **Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> September – 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity**

**8.00am** Book of Common Prayer Holy Communion –  
All Saints' Baschurch

**9.30am** Harvest Celebration with Holy Communion –  
Holy Trinity, Weston Lullingfields

**11.00am** Worship for All – All Saints' Baschurch

**Readings:** Genesis 50:15-21 & Matthew 18:21-35

### **Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> September – 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity**

**9.15am** Common Worship Holy Communion – St Mary's Hordley

**11.00am** Harvest Celebration - Common Worship Holy Communion  
All Saints' Baschurch

**4.00pm** Forest Church – All Saints' Baschurch

**Readings:** Jonah 3:10-end of chapter 4 & Matthew 20:1-16

*Readings for Churches with a Harvest Celebration will be different to those listed.*

## NEW TESTAMENT DAILY PRAYER READINGS FOR MORNING PRAYER IN SEPTEMBER

DATE	READING	DATE	READING
<b>1</b>	Mark 7:31-end	<b>16</b>	Mark 10:46-end
<b>2</b>	Mark 8:1-10	<b>17</b>	Revelation 12:1-12
<b>3</b>	Revelation 3:14-end	<b>18</b>	Mark 11:1-11
<b>4</b>	Mark 8:11-21	<b>19</b>	Mark 11:12-26
<b>5</b>	Mark 8:22-26	<b>20</b>	Mark 11:27-end
<b>6</b>	Mark 8:27-9:1	<b>21</b>	2 Timothy 3:14-end (Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist)
<b>7</b>	Mark 9:2-13	<b>22</b>	Mark 12:13-17
<b>8</b>	Mark 9:14-29	<b>23</b>	Mark 12:18-27
<b>9</b>	Mark 9:30-37	<b>24</b>	Revelation 14:1-5
<b>10</b>	Revelation 8:1-5	<b>25</b>	Mark 12:28-34
<b>11</b>	Mark 9:38-end	<b>26</b>	Mark 12:35-end
<b>12</b>	Mark 10:1-16	<b>27</b>	Mark 13:1-13
<b>13</b>	Mark 10:17-31	<b>28</b>	Mark 13:14-23
<b>14</b>	John 12:27-36a (Holy Cross Day)	<b>29</b>	Acts 12:1-11 (Michael & All Angels)
<b>15</b>	Mark 10:35-45	<b>30</b>	Mark 13:32-end

## **CALLED TO SERVE**

### **Church of England Schools**



*Lynsay Jennings, Diocesan Education Team*

Did you know that 15 million people alive today attended a Church of England school? Today a quarter of all primary schools are Church of England schools and approximately 1 million children currently attend a Church of England School.

For hundreds of years, Church of England Schools have been at the heart of local communities. In the 1800s, a time when there were no state schools, the Church of England began a mission to set up a church school in every parish in England and Wales. At the heart of this mission, was the vision to provide an education for all, with the belief that moral and spiritual education, was as important to children as learning skills or a trade. Today this deeply Christian vision lives on, educating children to help them flourish regardless of their background or starting point, providing an education that enables 'life in all its fullness'. Could you be a part of this mission?

The Church School is an example of the Church working in the community and working for the community. Many Christians find the opportunity to serve the school in the community as a Foundation Governor extremely rewarding and gain a great deal of satisfaction from bringing their own skills and experiences to the governing body.

Church schools are driven by a distinctive Christian vision which serves the whole community, people of all faiths and none. Church schools are distinctive in their collective worship and religious education offering, their ethos, and the ways in which this distinctively Christian vision is worked into the daily life of the school.

Governors are guardians of the school vision, keeping it alive and ensuring that it is implemented. They are also responsible for ensuring that the school upholds its Trust Deed which sets out exactly what it

means to be a church school in the local parish. The expectation is that a church school will seek to offer excellence in education and will above all be concerned to develop the whole human being in a place where the Christian faith is lived daily. As a foundation governor, you will be ensuring that this is happening.

As part of the role, you will need to be involved in building relationships within the school community and finding out what happens in school. This might involve talking to leaders, meeting pupils and talking to them about school or looking at books. This will ensure you are well informed about the school. In addition, headteachers tell us the importance of foundation governors who are concerned about the staff and pupils in the school, those who 'check in' alongside the statutory role.



*Back to School*

Do you feel called to serve? To be a part of educating children to help them flourish regardless of their background or starting point? Maybe you could share your life skills and expertise as a foundation governor in a Church of England school? You do not need a background in education but will need to commit to training to help with your role as a Foundation Governor for your parish Church of England school. If you have any questions, please get in touch.

*Lynsay Jennings, Christian Distinctiveness Adviser, Governance Officer (Education Team)*

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## A VISIT TO MONTGOMERY



Mary and I recently went to Montgomery to meet a friend for lunch at a café we have been to several times over the years. Montgomery is a small town with a long history and many good reasons to visit. Despite sounding like a county town it is not much more than

a small village, with a population of 1295 in the 2011 census; this compares with 3835 for Ellesmere.

Prominent buildings include a fine church and extensive ruins of a castle, both from the 13<sup>th</sup> century. However, no visit to Montgomery would be complete without a visit to Bunners, the ironmongers. This Aladdin's cave has been run by the same family since 1892. The very helpful ladies behind the counter can direct the visitor to the location within the rabbit warren of staircases and shelves where any item can be found; these



CHANGING TIMES. In 1840 over 50 tradesmen did business in the town: 2 blacksmiths; 5 bakers; 3 bootmakers; 3 butchers; 3 carpenters; 3 coopers; 8 grocers; 2 seedsmen; 4 drapers; 4 maltsters; 2 plumbers; 2 masons; 3 saddlers; 2 tailors; 1 bricklayer; 1 brazier; 1 timber merchant; 1 tanner; 1 currier; 1 clockmaker; 1 bookseller; 1 scrivener. Today there are some 15 tradespeople.

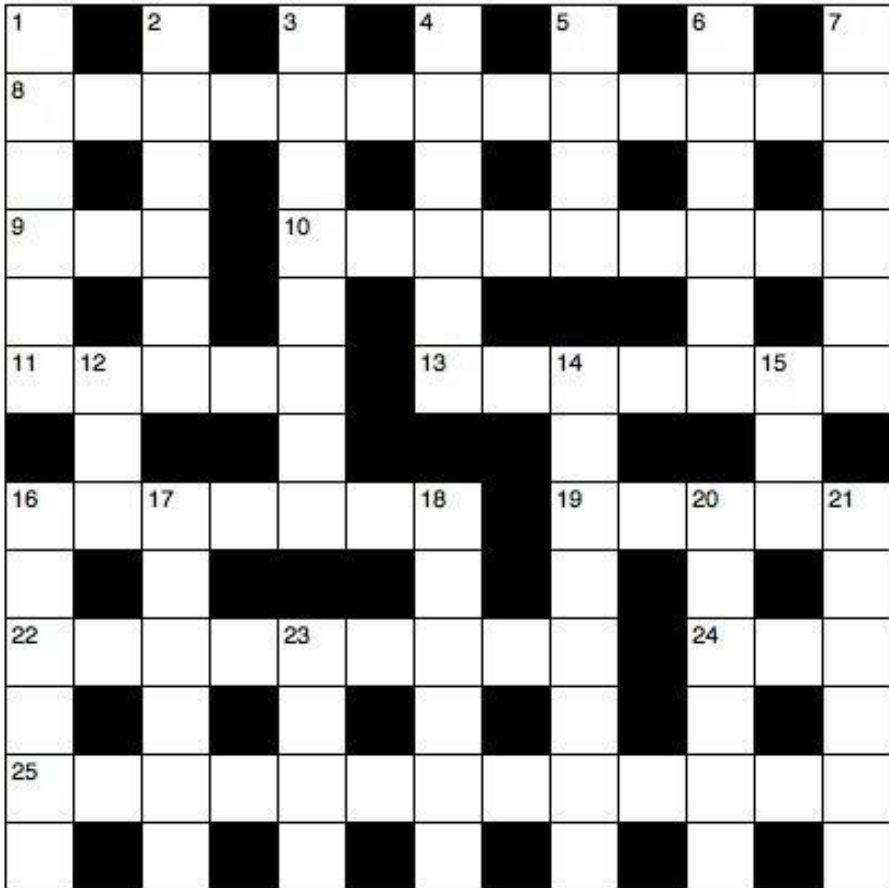
include long obsolete items of any size. As A.A.Milne wrote in his poem Jonathan Jo they "... have got it whatever the size is". They also have a very helpful guide to the heritage trail, which in-

cludes a street map and some details of the places worth visiting.

New for us were the interesting wall plaques at various locations within the town; an example may be seen in the photograph on this page.

*Andrew Thomson*

# Crossword



## CROSSWORD CLUES

### Across

- 8 Where the Ark of the Covenant was kept for 20 years (1 Samuel 7:1) (7,6)
- 9 One of the parts of the body on which blood and oil were put in the ritual cleansing from infectious skin diseases (Leviticus 14:14-17) (3)
- 10 Uncomfortable (3,2,4) 11 'Yet I have loved Jacob, but Esau I have —' (Malachi 1:3) (5)

- 13 Where Paul said farewell to the elders of the church in Ephesus (Acts 20:17) (7)
- 16 'Jesus bent down and — to write on the ground with his finger' (John 8:6) (7)
- 19 Prophet from Moresheth (Jeremiah 26:18) (5)
- 22 Comes between Exodus and Numbers (9)
- 24 and 2 Down 'Then Elkanah went home to Ramah, but the boy ministered before the Lord under — the — ' (1 Samuel 2:11) (3,6)
- 25 There was no room for them in the inn (Luke 2:7) (4,3,6)

**Down**

- 1 Rough drawing (2 Kings 16:10) (6)
- 2 See 24 Across
- 3 Underground literature (including Christian books) circulated in the Soviet Union (8)
- 4 Lo, mash (anag.) (6)
- 5 The Bible's shortest verse: 'Jesus — ' (John 11:35) (4)
- 6 'Can a mother forget the baby at her — and have no compassion on the child she has borne?' (Isaiah 49:15) (6)
- 7 Can be seen in a dying fire (Psalm 102:3) (6)
- 12 'Send me, therefore, a man... experienced in the — of engraving, to work in Judah and Jerusalem' (2 Chronicles 2:7) (3)
- 14 Second city of Cyprus (8)
- 15 United Nations Association (1,1,1)
- 16 One of the women who first heard that Jesus had risen from the dead (Mark 16:1) (6)
- 17 Braved (anag.) (6)
- 18 — of Evangelism, outreach initiative in the 1990s (6)
- 20 'Woe to those who are wise in their own eyes and — in their own sight' (Isaiah 5:21) (6)
- 21 'Neither — nor depth... will be able to separate us from the love of God' (Romans 8:39) (6)
- 23 What Jesus shed in 5 Down (4)

*Answers on page 26*



## BOOK REVIEW

### Pilgrim Journeys: pilgrimage for walkers and armchair travellers

By Sally Welch, BRF, £7.99



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**DOWN:** 1, Sketch. 2, Priest. 3, Sa-mizdat. 4, Shalom. 5, Wept. 6, Breast. 7, Embers. 12, Art. 14, Li-massol. 15, UNA. 16, Salome. 17, Adverb. 18, Decade. 20, Clever. 21, Height. 23, Tear.

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## KESWICK CONVENTION



The Keswick Convention is an annual three week Christian event held in the Lake District town of Keswick. This convention has been running for nearly 150 years and is a gathering of thousands of Christians who want to hear God's Word, become like God's Son and serve God's Mission. There is a packed programme to encourage believers in their walk with God and space in the afternoons to appreciate God's creation and all that Keswick and the surrounding areas have to offer.

So, why are we writing about the Keswick Convention? Because this year a small group from All Saints' Baschurch attended the first week of the convention from 15<sup>th</sup> July to 22<sup>nd</sup> July. Here is what individual members of the group have to say about their experience at the convention.

*"It was so lovely worshipping every evening with a congregation of over 2000 singing inspiring, contemporary songs and much loved traditional hymns. Throughout the week we listened to an array of inspirational speakers, attended daily bible reading sessions and a series of seminars based on 1 John. I learned so much in those few days. I hope to be back there next year."* Mary Cox

*There was much to enjoy at Keswick; great worship music, fantastic Jesus focused bible teaching and it was lovely to spend time getting to know other people from the benefice better. I reckon that we should all try to go next year! A real highlight for me the exploration of the first letter of John by Rev. Sam Allberry. His teaching was clear and made the Bible so relevant to everyday life."* Rev Steve Alston

*"Keswick convention was a time of excellent bible teaching, listening to some inspiring speakers, and a time of wonderful fellowship with friends. We also had time to sit and enjoy the beauty of God's creation." Sandra Birchall.*

*"Singing God's praises along with another 2,000 voices was truly wonderful and uplifting. The Bible talks took us deeper into God's Word, feeding us spiritually and building us up in our faith." Fred & Aileen Watts*

## Main Tent Church



May this be a taster that might encourage you to attend this inspiring Christian convention. Why not check out the Keswick Convention website at [keswickministries.org](http://keswickministries.org)

Through the generosity of supporters the Keswick Convention organisers are able to make the convention available to all, without the need to charge for any events. If you plan to attend the convention, early booking for somewhere to stay is an absolute must because demand is high.



*Fred & Aileen Watts*



*The venerable gnarled and twisted  
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