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Per issue

Hello, Dear Readers!

This is my first month as the editor of **Church Family News** and the first thing I want to say is a great big thank you to Andrew Thomson, who edited the magazine for the last six years. He has maintained a consistently high standard of presentation and of interesting content over that time. I count myself fortunate to take the magazine over when it is in good heart and a going concern. Andrew has also been unstinting in his generous help and advice as I take up the reins so I can hit the ground running.

My primary aim in these early months is to keep up the standard that Andrew has set. I can't do this on my own because a parish magazine is a joint effort of many people who contribute news, ideas, pictures, and so on. So please, I need your, the readers', help to ensure that Church Family News relates sufficiently to what is happening in the parishes. So please keep the flow of contributions coming, using the email address on the next page.

May is a wonderful month: of growth in the natural world and of celebration in our church communities—as we continue in the season of Easter, celebrate the Ascension of Jesus (on 26th May) and look forward to Pentecost.

The days before Ascension Day are known as Rogationtide. It is a time of asking for the Creator to bless the new growth in field and flock and herd—a way of expressing the interdependency of our lives within the natural world. The custom of Beating the Bounds of the Parish used to be part of this asking for blessing and still takes place in some areas. On the back inside cover, I've begun a sort of beating of the bounds in photographs. Boundaries are interesting—they are often natural features (like the River Perry on the west side of the benefice), but may equally be to do with the social history of the area as well.

On the back cover there are two photographs—one by Lorna Thomson on her recent trip to the Holy Land, this time of the River Jordan; and also an interesting photograph by John Weeks of the mouth of a culvert under the canal at Weston Lullingfields. The only link here is that the two pictures relate to water—that is so crucial to the blessing for which we ask.

Finally, we look forward to the celebration of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee at the beginning of June. There are details in the following pages of events taking place in all three parishes.

Roger Paul (Editor)

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FRONT COVER—The Ascension Window in St Mary's Church Shrewsbury (Netherlandish 15th or 16th Century). Photograph taken by Andrew Thomson

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MINISTER'S MESSAGE

Dear friends,

It is Easter Sunday evening as I sit down to write this newsletter. Those of us who have journeyed together through this past week in church it has been a journey of pain, sadness, horror even, as we traced Jesus' footsteps from his triumphant entry into Jerusalem where he was hailed as King with shouts of 'Hosanna, hosanna' ringing through the streets of the city. However, these shouts of hosanna soon turned to jeers. Chief priests and pharisees began calling for his arrest - they feared an uprising as more people became amazed at the things Jesus proclaimed, backed up with healings and other miracles. Thursday through to Friday we followed Jesus from the upper room where he ate his last meal with his disciples, to Gethsemane where his disciples couldn't stay awake whilst Jesus prayed to his Father, asking that the cup of suffering which he knew was ahead of him might be avoided, knowing deep down that he must go through suffering and death in order to fulfil God's plan for the deliverance of humankind from their sin.

Friday, we followed Jesus on his journey to the cross, each picture depicting his suffering, humiliation and finally his execution. The last hour, we listened to his last words before he died. And there we left him, buried hurriedly in a tomb which was sealed with a stone at its entrance.

This morning some of us were up with the dawn to celebrate - to celebrate Jesus' rising from the grave. HE IS RISEN!! All the heaviness of the week lifting as we sang, *Jesus Christ is risen today* and *Thine be the Glory!*

You must be wondering why I am talking about Easter when we are now in May; most if not all our Easter eggs have been eaten and the Easter story is put away for another year. How sad for us if this is what we think. Is it because we don't 'do' pain and suffering - once a year is enough - and for some even once a year is too much, it is much easier to go from Palm Sunday to Easter Day missing out the difficult bits.

Here in the West, we have it so easy being a Christian. We come to church Sunday by Sunday without any fear of being persecuted by others. We sing our hymns with gusto, we advertise our services and we are encouraged to talk to our friends and neighbours about our faith.

But what about the 'Persecuted Church', or the 'Secret Church'? Fear, suffering, marginalization and even death is a daily threat to so many of our brothers and sisters in countries where to be a Christian is a crime. I heard only this last week about a young Muslim girl who found Jesus. She was so overjoyed, her love for Jesus was so real. A few weeks ago she posted on social media herself singing and praising Jesus. Not long after her posting this, her brother went to her house and shot her dead!

What is it that keeps the persecuted church growing that even the threat of death doesn't deter them from following their Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ? Would you and I still hold onto our faith if we were in the position of so many who live in countries where governments and cultures are so anti-Christian, anti-Christ?

If you would like to find out more about the Persecuted Church, come along to the next Deanery Synod meeting, 23rd June at Welsh Frankton Church where we will be welcoming Rebecca who works for the international charity, Open Doors, a charity which works alongside partners in countries where being Christian is dangerous. In the meantime, let us continue to celebrate the resurrection of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ daily but also remember that He suffered and died for each one of us.

Every Blessing,

Deborah

A Prayer for Ukraine

God of peace and justice,
we pray for the people of Ukraine today.
We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons.
We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow,
that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them.
We pray for those with power over war or peace,
for wisdom, discernment and compassion
to guide their decisions.
Above all, we pray for all your precious children, at risk and in fear,
that you would hold and protect them.
We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace.
Amen.



Brimstone, the original Butterfly

May is a lovely month to look for butterflies, several of our native species are on the wing at this time of year including the striking yellow brimstone. It is thought that the name but-

terfly comes from this large, yellow beauty, literally 'butter fly'! When you see one flying it is highly visible but actually it can be well camouflaged too; have a look at the shape of the brimstone's wing and you will see that it closely resembles a leaf. When at rest they can disappear amongst foliage.

Brimstones can be seen early in the year as they overwinter as adults, emerging from hibernation to lay eggs in April or May, ready to hatch as green caterpillars in July. Following pupation in August, adults are back in early autumn, feeding and finding sites to overwinter. The other spring butterflies that you see will have either overwintered as adults, such as the red admiral or small tortoiseshells, or as a chrysalis or pupa – orange tips do this as do holly blues. Some butterflies overwinter as caterpillars, the meadow brown for example.



Brimstone caterpillars feed on buckthorn and alder buckthorn so if you are planting a hedge try and include these, buckthorn favours calcareous soil and alder buckthorn more acidic conditions. Church-

yards are great for butterflies as they contain such a rich array of plants. If you have an area which is managed as a meadow you may have many species of caterpillar chomping away at the plants within it. Look out for orange tips laying eggs on cuckoo flower, garlic and hedge mustard, or the speckled wood, also flying in May, which lays eggs on native grasses such as Yorkshire fog and couch grass. This butterfly prefers long grass so may use a tussocky area at the back of your churchyard, perhaps near to shade trees.

We'd love to know what butterflies you see as well as any other wildlife that you spot. Why not while away a sunny hour or two looking for butterflies in this beautiful place.

All the best, Harriet Carty

Diocesan Churchyard Environmental Advisor, harriet@cfga.org.uk,

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Notes and Observations

The first swallow was seen on 6th April and the first house martin a week later.

A black and white blackbird is in residence in Tetchill.

A white hare has been seen gamboling on Baggly Moor.



This photo of a **brambling** was taken by John Weeks in Weston Lullington fields.

Welcome Home

Dementia Action Week

Dementia Action Week runs from 16-22 May this year. It is focusing on diagnosis, encouraging people who might be living with undiagnosed dementia to seek guidance and support. Someone living with dementia has said to me, “Diagnosis is like a bereavement”. He went on to explain, however, “It’s not an end. There’s a life to live.” Both statements are true – and they don’t cancel each other out. These comments about a diagnosis of dementia hold together both the loss and the life, the lamenting and the celebrating.

As we name and face dementia and memory loss in our churches, we can open up important conversations and connections. A good starting point could be our Diocese of Lichfield Dementia Action Week Prayer.

In moments of confusion, God keep us safe.

In moments of clarity, God grant us joy.

In moments of frustration, God give us peace.

In moments of sorrow, God bring us comfort.

**May God who sees into the secret places of our mind,
beyond anything which limits us,
to the person that is us,
has always been and will always be us,
encircle us in his arms,
until that day when all is made new
in his eternal home.**

Amen



This prayer holds together both the reality of current challenges and the persistent hope that leads us forwards. So it goes to the heart of our faith, recognising that the cross and resurrection of Jesus shows us a path through death to life: the toughest place is real, but it does not have the last word.

It may be a helpful prayer to include at the funeral of someone who has lived with dementia. In preparing for a funeral, a family may be keen to focus on the whole lifespan, not just the final chapter with dementia – and this might suggest that dementia shouldn't be mentioned. Nevertheless, it is strong to acknowledge the reality of the path, without giving dementia the final word. So this may be a helpful prayer to pray, perhaps introduced like this: "Remembering the last chapter of [the person]'s life and all who are affected by dementia, we pray..."

It's also a prayer we can use in Dementia Action Week across our churches, as we pray for people affected by dementia. And it's a prayer we can pray at home, day by day, alongside all who are affected by dementia. We recognise the challenge and the loss – and we still have the courage to trust in the life and love that is deeper.

For more stories and information on how churches are supporting families living with dementia, visit www.lichfield.anglican.org/dementia-friendly-church/ or contact Sarah Thorpe, the Dementia-friendly Church Enabler for Lichfield Diocese on 07982 248949 or [sa-rah.thorpe@lichfield.anglican.org](mailto:sarah.thorpe@lichfield.anglican.org)

From the Registers

Funeral in Baschurch

Margaret Dean died on 22nd March 2022 aged 77.

From **St John's Gospel ch 7 vv 37-39**

On the last day of the festival, the great day, while Jesus was standing there, he cried out, 'Let anyone who is thirsty come to me, and let the one who believes in me drink. As the scripture has said, "Out of the believer's heart shall flow rivers of living water."' Now he said this about the Spirit, which believers in him were to receive; for as yet there was no Spirit, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

Hordley News

Thank you, all the generous friends who have already sponsored Team Thomson for their walk in Snowdonia in May. Many people have expressed previous knowledge of Mary Jones and her historic barefoot walk of 28 miles in 1800 to buy a bible, including one or two friends who have walked parts of the route.

We are gratified by the interest shown in our exploits and in particular in our son Jamie's attempt to cover the route barefoot. So far as we know this has not been attempted recently!

We shall include in the next issue the amount raised by the time of the start of the walk; it will be divided equally between St Mary's and Severn Hospice whose staff have provided wonderful care to many in our community.

For more information go to <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/andrew-thomson28>

A Tea Party in aid of St Mary's is planned for Saturday 16th July at Sycamore House by the kind invitation of Mr and Mrs Edward Jones.

Winners of the lottery draw in April were Meirion and Jan with number 20.



THE QUEENS PLATINUM JUBILEE 2022 CELEBRATIONS STREET PARTY & GAMES

SUNDAY 5th JUNE at 12.30

HORDLEY AND BAGLEY VILLAGE HALL

**BBQ will be served but everyone welcome to
bring their own lunches and drinks and join in.**

HOLY TRINITY WESTON LULLINGFIELDS

Jane Ing has been taking some of us (Church and WI) for some very interesting walks around Weston Lullingfields and Stanwardine. Some were on public footpaths to do repairs and tidying up stiles. In early April Jane met us at the War Memorial and walked us down to the wharf pointing out the older houses and giving a history of the people who had lived in them. What is now a property was once a public house. A GP used to hold surgeries there twice a week for the village. We followed the line of a ditch along the lane. It runs across the fields and meets the canal. It was necessary to dig a culvert right under the canal to enable it to cross the fields on the far side. It was most interesting to hear and see some of the history of the canal. Where the canal passed under a hump back bridge, stonework has been exposed showing some of the bank-side mechanism which was in place there. Behind houses are the remains of lime kilns. Canal boats transported not only farm produce but also lime for building and for fertiliser. We also met some of Jane's Southdown sheep and their new lambs as well as looking at the spring flowers on the way. On one of the old canal banks there was a huge patch of primroses in flower. A very enjoyable morning finished with morning coffee and cakes at Jane's house.

QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE.

On 4th & 5th June 2022 Holy Trinity Church, Weston Lullingfields, will be hosting a Flower Festival within the Church to celebrate Her Majesty the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. Everyone in the community is invited to attend.

Over the two days refreshments will be served in the Jubilee Café in

Weston Village Hall from 10.30am-4.30pm on Saturday and 11am – 4.30pm on Sunday. Contributions of cakes, scones, cheese scones etc. as well as helpers on the day for the kitchen would be appreciated. We would also be grateful for raffle prizes. Thank you.

The flower arrangers would also appreciate offers of additional flowers from peoples' gardens or donations etc. Flowers will need to be freshly cut on Friday 3rd June.

If you can provide any flowers from your garden (any colours) or wish to donate any flowers then please give Jackie Jones a call on 01939 260946. Jackie will be very pleased to speak to you.

BARN DANCE SATURDAY 18 JUNE

There will also be a Barn Dance at Stanwardine Hall (**please note correction to the venue**) on Saturday 18th June at 7.30.



"It comes to something when the state of the pound is such that we *hope* to find lots of foreign coins!"

This is a repeat from last month and I make no apology for repeating it. Can you spare the time to help with fundraising for the church? Some of our regular social committee members have stood down after many years and we would be happy to welcome new people. The money raised from social events is much needed for the upkeep of the fabric of the church and the payment of our Parish Share.

Anita Weeks

Holy Trinity Church
Weston Lullingfields, SY4 2AF
Flower Festival
To Celebrate HM The Queen's
Platinum Jubilee



Free Entry into the Church

Jubilee Café (Licensed) at Weston
Lullingfields Village Hall

Opening times (Church & Village Hall)

Sat 4th June 10:30am – 4:30pm

Sun 5th June 11:00am – 4.30pm

Parking at the Village Hall together with
Light Lunches, Afternoon Tea, Cakes and
Drinks

Also family BBQ on Sunday 5th

From 12:30pm - 5:00pm

Craft & Produce Stalls in the Village Hall

Come and join in the fun with family, friends and neighbours

ALL SAINTS BASCHURCH

Celebrate the Queen's
Diamond Jubilee
with a
Cream Tea
at All Saints' Church
Baschurch
Saturday 4th June
2pm - 4pm

All Saints "100 Club" Winners

April 2022 No 52 Dean Robinson No 73 Anne Samples
No 88 Linda Slater

Pat Davies

ST JAMES THE LEAST OF ALL

On the perils of the church picnic

The Rectory

St James the Least

My dear Nephew Darren



A Spring parish picnic is always a good idea – although you must bear some details in mind. First, whatever date you choose will turn out be the wettest of the year. English picnics are invariably eaten under umbrellas while wearing Wellingtons and the sort of determinedly cheerful look that defies anyone to admit they would rather be home in front of the fire.

Second, no matter how early in the year, wasps will emerge from hibernation in huge numbers, and terrorise Mrs Hornby with the picnic baskets. And thirdly, someone will bring along their (hungry) dog. Last time Colonel Psmith's spaniel outdid herself: she leapt up, head butted a piece of Madeira cake out of Mrs Horngirdle's hand - and ate the lot – before even a crumb could touch the ground. A good piece of field work, that.

Half-way through the afternoon, some over-excited member of the party will decide to arrange a game of rounders. (Mr Poppinjay tried this one year, as in his youth he had been athletic. Fortunately, the ambulance got there quickly, and the ankle healed well.) Then the mothers who join in will completely ignore the ball sailing past them, while they discuss some burning topic of Mother's Union gossip.

In the meantime, the young choir members, who were the reason for arranging the game in the first place, will have drifted off to the lake to throw stones at the ducks while no one is looking.

For our annual picnic, I use my own car, making sure it is so full of clerical robes and church magazines that no one else can fit in. Throughout the day, I keep returning to it to make sure no one has broken in to steal the Communion wine – and taking the opportunity to catch up on the cricket scores. By the middle of the afternoon, I

usually remember that some urgent duty, such as blessing a traction engine, demands my departure.

The rest of the party, by now soaked, cold and knowing the coach to take them home is still several hours off, only wish they had such demanding work to tear them away.

Your loving uncle,

Eustace

Saint of the Month

Mother Julian of Norwich (8th May in the Anglican Calendar)

In May 1373, a woman took to her bed, believing that she was shortly going to die. She was 30 years old. During her illness she experienced a series of 16 extraordinary visions.

Julian of Norwich wrote the first work in the English language—*Revelations of Divine Love* - which we can be sure was authored by a woman. For this fact alone she is remarkable, but she was also one of the most sophisticated and unusual theologians of her era.

From Revelations of Divine Love

"And in this, he showed a little thing the quantity of a hazelnut, lying in the palm of my hand as it seemed to me, and it was as round as any ball. I looked therein with the eye of my understanding, and thought: "What may this be?" And it was answered generally thus: "It is all that is made." I marvelled how it might last, for it seemed to me it might suddenly have fallen into nought for its littleness. And I was answered in my understanding: "It lasteth and ever shall, because God loveth it. And so hath all things being by the love of God." *Short Text ch iv*

"It is true that sin is cause of all this suffering, but all shall be well, and all shall be well, and all manner of things shall be well. These words were said very tenderly, indicating no kind of blame." *Long Text ch xxvii*

In Aid of Holy Trinity Church
Weston Lullingfields

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CEILIDH BAND

Hog Roast
By Piggin Delicious

BARN DANCE

AT

STANWARDINE HALL

on Saturday 18th June 2022

from 7pm

+ RAFFLE

Tickets
£20

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with enquiries/to purchase tickets

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SERVICES FOR MAY

Sunday 1st May

Bible readings: Acts 9:1-6 and John 21:1-19

8am BCP Communion – All Saints' Baschurch

9.30am Worship for All – Holy Trinity Weston Lullingfields

11am Holy Communion (CW) – All Saints' Baschurch

1.30pm Baptism – All Saints' Baschurch

6.30pm Contemporary Worship – All Saints' Baschurch

Thursday 5th May

11.30am Holy Communion - Shortened service – All Saints' Baschurch

Sunday 8th May

Bible readings: Acts 9:36-end and John 10:22-30

9.15am Worship for All – St Mary's Hordley

11am Holy Communion (CW) – All Saints' Baschurch

Thursday 12th May

11.30am Holy Communion - Shortened service – All Saints' Baschurch

Sunday 15th May

Bible readings: Acts 11:1-18 and John 13:31-35

8am BCP Communion – All Saints' Baschurch

9.30am Holy Communion (CW) – Holy Trinity Weston Lullingfields

11am Worship for All – All Saints' Baschurch

Thursday 19th May

11.30am Holy Communion - Shortened service – All Saints' Baschurch

Sunday 22nd May

Bible readings: Acts 16:9-15 and John 14:23-29

9.15am Holy Communion (CW) – St Mary's Hordley

11am Holy Communion (CW) – All Saints' Baschurch

4pm Forest Church – All Saints' Baschurch

THURSDAY 26TH MAY – ASCENSION DAY

11.30am Holy Communion - Shortened service – All Saints' Baschurch

Ellesmere Deanery Ascension Day Eucharist

7pm at St. John the Evangelist

Lyneal with Colemere

Sunday 29th May (5th Sunday)

10.30am Holy Communion (CW) – **Holy Trinity Weston Lullingfields**

Bible readings: Acts 16:16-34 and John 17:20-end

SPECIAL SERVICES COMING UP

Pentecost – 5th June

A weekend of celebrations with the Platinum Jubilee of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, Pentecost and Thy Kingdom Come, which begins on Ascension day.

There will be the usual services in Baschurch and Weston Lullingfields on Sunday 5th June; which will include acts of commemoration and celebration.

Archdeacon's Visitation for the swearing in of Church Wardens

7pm on Tuesday 7th June

At St Mary's Ellesmere

New Testament Daily Prayer Readings for Morning Prayer in May

DATE	READING	DATE	READING
1	John 10:1-19	17	Luke 5:1-11
2	Luke 1:1-25	18	Luke 5:12-26
3	Luke 1:26-38	19	Luke 5:27-end
4	Luke 1:39-56	20	Luke 6:1-11
5	Luke 1:57-end	21	Luke 6:12-26
6	Luke 2:1-20	22	Colossians 3:1-11
7	Luke 2:21-40	23	Luke 6:27-38
8	Luke 7:11-23	24	Luke 6:39-end
9	Luke 2:41-end	25	Luke 7:1-10
10	Luke 3:1-14	26	Hebrews 7:26-end
11	Luke 3:15-22	27	Luke 7:11-17
12	Luke 4:1-13	28	Luke 7:18-35
13	Luke 4:14-30	29	Luke 24:44-end
14	Luke 4:31-37	30	Luke 7:36-end
15	Acts 2:14a, 22-32	31	Luke 8:1-15
16	Luke 4:38-end		

Thy Kingdom Come—26th May to 6th June

At the beginning of Acts of the Apostles, between the Ascension of Jesus and the Day of Pentecost—11 days—the followers of Jesus spent time praying for the Holy Spirit.

Thy Kingdom Come is a global prayer movement that invites Christians around the world, like the first Christians, to pray between Ascension and Pentecost for more people to come to know Jesus.

In 2016 the Archbishops of Canterbury and York invited the parishes and dioceses of the Church of England to join together in this wave of prayer. The response to that invitation was quite overwhelming—not only that so many parishes and individuals took part, but that Christians of many other denominations wanted to join in. They were asking, 'Why weren't we invited as well?'

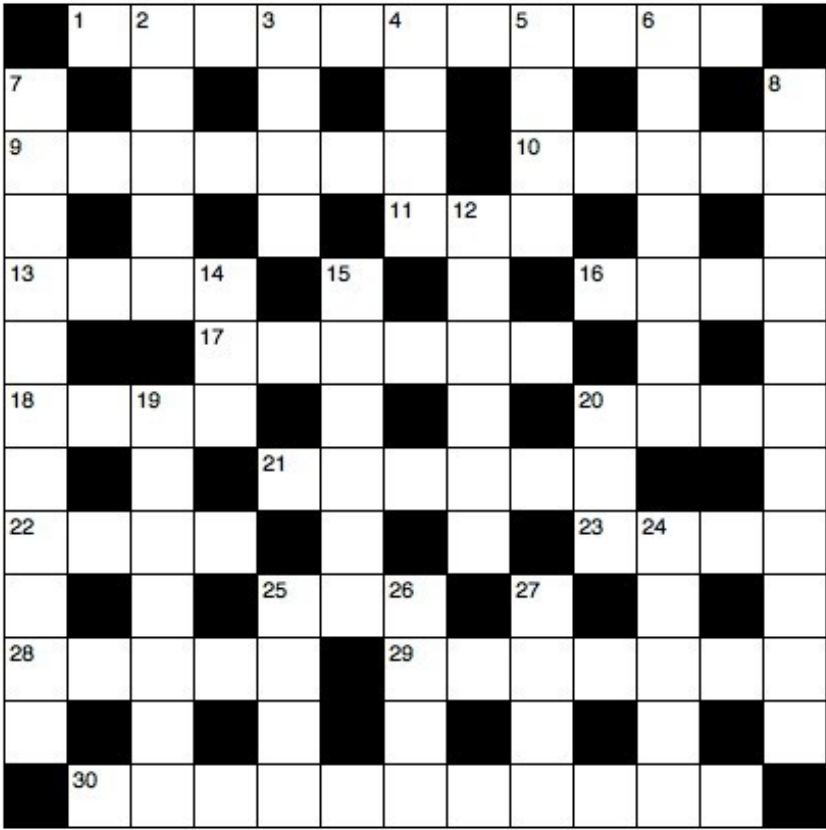
The following year churches of other denominations in the UK were involved in the planning and preparation, and others across the world began also to get involved. The movement soon also included churches of all the main Christian traditions. Now, in its seventh year, **Thy Kingdom Come** has indeed become an international and ecumenical call to prayer., with Christians from 172 nations and 80 denominations taking part.

The basis of it is very simple:

- We are invited to pray in our own way—it is not prescriptive, and rejoices in the diversity of prayer across the many Christian traditions.
- We are invited to pray for five other people—whatever their needs are, asking that they and we will come to faith and deepen our relationship with Jesus Christ.
- We are invited to pray that the Holy Spirit will empower us and our Christian communities to be more effective in our witness to the Gospel.

If you feel able to, do join in, prayer resources will be available in the parish churches of the benefice, or visit the **Thy Kingdom Come** website at www.thykingdomcome.global - it is for individuals, households and congregations/communities to be involved in their own ways and in their own traditions or styles.

(Editor)



Across

- 1 Overpowered (Deuteronomy 11:4) (11)
- 9 'The — are mantled with corn' (Psalm 65:13) (7)
- 10 'Each man—a sword to his side' (Exodus 32:27) (5)
- 11 On the death of Jesus the curtain in the temple was torn from— to bot-
tom (Matthew 27:51) (3)
- 13 Stagger (Isaiah 28:7) (4)
- 16 'Anyone, then, who knows the good he ought — — and doesn't do it,
sins' (James 4:17) (2,2)
- 17 Stir up or provoke (Acts 13:50) (6)
- 18 Burden (Luke 11:46) (4)
- 20 'As far as the east is from the —, so far has he removed our transgres-
sions from us' (Psalm 103:12) (4)

21 Sign (Luke 23:38) (6)

22 'After that, Jesus poured water into a basin and began to — his disciples' feet' (John 13:5) (4)

23 The nature of the seven ears of corn which swallowed up the good ears in Pharaoh's dream (Genesis 41:23) (4)

25 Has (anag.) (3)

28 'This is the account of Shem, Ham and Japheth,— sons' (Genesis 10:1)(5)

29 'I will...make them drunk, so that they...sleep for — and — awake' (Jeremiah 51:39) (4,3)

30 Paul said of him, 'he often refreshes me and is not ashamed of my chains' (2 Timothy 1:16) (11)

Down

2 Worth (Matthew 13:46) (5)

3 'A bruised — he will not break' (Matthew 12:20) (4)

4 'Suddenly a great company of the heavenly — appeared with the angel' (Luke 2:13) (4)

5 Slip (anag.) (4)

6 'Take an awl and push it through his — — into the door, and he will become your servant for life' (Deuteronomy 15:17) (3,4)

7 Bountiful (2 Corinthians 8:2) (11)

8 'Therefore, as we have —, let us do good to all people' (Galatians 6:10) (11)

12 Acquire (2 Timothy 2:10) (6)

14 Container cover (Numbers 19:15) (3)

15 'He...became obedient to death, even death on — — !' (Philippians 2:8) (1,5)

19 Refrain (1 Peter 2:11) (7)

20 'She began to — his feet with her tears' (Luke 7:38) (3)

24 One who worships Brahma, Vishnu or Shiva (5)

25 'Give to everyone who — you' (Luke 6:30) (4)

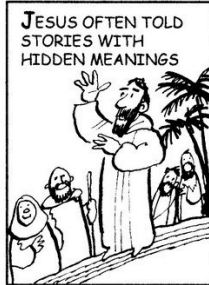
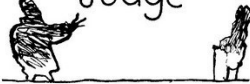
26 'I lift up my eyes to the hills; where does my — come from?' (Psalm 121:1) (4)

27 One of those whom the Lord said would be taken from Jerusalem and Judah as judgment on them (Isaiah 3:2) (4)

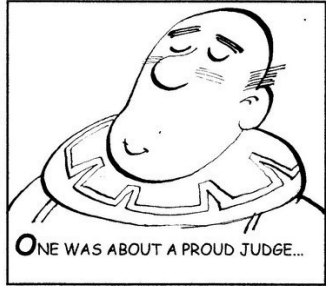
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PICTURE PARABLE

The Tale of the The Widow and the Judge



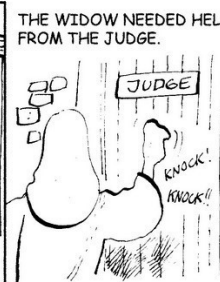
JESUS OFTEN TOLD
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HIDDEN MEANINGS



ONE WAS ABOUT A PROUD JUDGE...



...AND A POOR WIDOW



THE WIDOW NEEDED HELP
FROM THE JUDGE.



BUT HE WAS FAR TOO PROUD
AND BUSY TO LISTEN

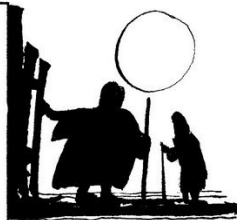


BUT THE WIDOW
WOULD NOT GIVE UP

BANG!
BANG!!
KNOCK!
KNOCK!



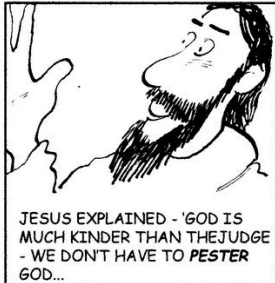
PLEASE COME AND SORT OUT
MY LEGAL PROBLEMS



AT LAST THE JUDGE
GAVE IN - AND WENT
TO HELP THE WOMAN



I'M ONLY DOING THIS BECAUSE
YOU KEPT PESTERING ME!



JESUS EXPLAINED - 'GOD IS
MUCH KINDER THAN THE JUDGE
- WE DON'T HAVE TO PESTER
GOD...



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ACROSS: 1, Overwhelmed. 9, Valleys. 10, Strap. 11, Top. 13, Reel. 16, To do.
17, Incite. 18, Load. 20, West. 21, Notice. 22, Wash. 23, Thin. 25, Ash. 28, No-
ah's. 29, Ever not. 30, Onesiphorus.

DOWN: 2, Value. 3, Reed. 4, Host. 5, Lisp. 6, Ear lobe. 7, Overflowing. 8, Op-
portunity. 12, Obtain. 14, Lid. 15, A cross. 19, Abstain. 20, Wet. 24, Hindu. 25,
Asks. 26, Help. 27, Hero.

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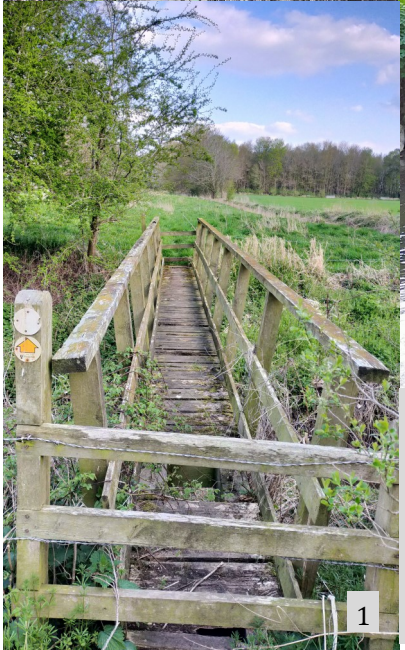
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2. The Tetchill Brook flowing into the parish.
3. The old cut from the Montgomery Canal to Hordley.
4. The River Perry at Rednal Mill.

The River Jordan (*Lorna Thomson*)



A culvert under the Weston Canal (*John Weeks*)