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# Dedication of our new Memorial Garden

Last Sunday was a very special day for St. Andrew's. Undeterred by the rain a large proportion of our congregation gathered to celebrate the dedication of our new memorial garden. Our Churchyard, which has been closed for nearly 200 years, will now have place of remembrance and thankfulness, where cremated remains can be interred.



We've built a stone wall to which bronze plaques can be attached. The wording on the wall is "In thanksgiving to God for the lives of those whose ashes are interred in this place" with the text "God has called you by name and made you his own".

The 6" leaf shaped plaques will include the words "In loving memory of" and the year of birth and death. These simple plaques are both a symbol of new life and an attractive enhancement to our churchyard. We hope that many people facing the painful journey of bereavement will find this to be a place of peace and comfort.

Best wishes,  
Rod



## DIOCESAN SYNOD REPORT

9 June 2018

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### Growth, Impact and Setting God's People Free

The Diocesan Synod met for its final meeting of the three year term. It discussed issues that reflected the full range of the life and mission of the Diocese.

Starting with the work that supports the life of the Church (governance, financial planning) and how we keep the Diocese safe (through the Safeguarding Annual report and Policy), it moved on to how the church grows and multiplies (church planting) and impacts our communities (social transformation), and to the call of all Christians to be fully alive in their vocation to follow Christ and finding ways to encourage and affirm that (Setting God's People Free).

It was heartening to see a good number of visitors, many interested in standing for election during the next triennium, attending the meeting and getting involved during group discussions at their tables.

#### **Resourcing Churches**

Rt Revd Ric Thorpe, Bishop of Islington, was invited to lead a

discussion about church planting and resourcing churches.

Bishop Ric explained how church planting is a key way of growing the church and transforming society, reaching more people and releasing new leaders.

He emphasised that every church has experience of planting: *"Every one of our churches is a result of church planting: it had to be planted by somebody at some time."*

He gave the background to resourcing churches, telling members that they are part of a national initiative and need to be part of a diocesan strategy to evangelise a city or town and transform society.

Resourcing Churches are intentionally resourced to plant and revitalise churches, and develop a pipeline of leaders for further planting, as well as providing other resources for mission across a city or town.

# **Wiltshire & Bath Organists’ Association**

## **An Illustrated Presentation:**

### ***“Hauptwerk – A different kind of digital organ”***

Kenneth Spencer, author of the book “*All about Hauptwerk*”, will explain some of the aspects of the *Hauptwerk* virtual pipe organ system. Kenneth has worked extensively with *Hauptwerk* since 2007 and has built several consoles, including two for his own use.

***“Hauptwerk is a software product available as a paid-for system, and under limited free-of-charge and evaluation licences. It enables anyone to play a highly-realistic implementation of any of more than one hundred real pipe organs from all over the world, using anything from just a MIDI keyboard and a laptop with headphones to a fully featured multi-manual console with up to 512 audio channels.”***

To illustrate aspects of *Hauptwerk*, Kenneth has implemented some of its features using the organ console in John's church. He will be assisted by Chris Totney, St. John’s organist, who will play illustrative snippets during the presentation. The sample set used will be that of Hereford Cathedral. After the presentation, members will be invited to play the *Hauptwerk* organ in an "Open Console" session.

## **St. John's Church - Devizes**

Long Street, Devizes, SN10 1NP

**Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2018 at 2:00pm**

This presentation will be of interest to all organists, clergy and congregations. Come along and learn about, hear and experience this exciting technology.

***Admission £2.00 per head to cover our expenses.***



## **Canon David Winter: The Way I See It : What is ‘health’?**

This summer we’ve been celebrating the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the National Health Service. I can recall, years ago, my GP pointing out that it was the National *Health* Service, not the National Illness Service. This was when our local practice changed its name from ‘Medical Centre’ to ‘Health Centre’. It seems a pedantic point, but in fact it touches on a huge issue. What is ‘health’?

In the Gospels the healing miracles of Jesus are sometimes called ‘cures’ and sometimes ‘making well or whole’. These are attempts by the translators to convey a difference in the nature of what had happened. People who had ‘conditions’ (blind, lame, infirm) were ‘cured’. Those with serious illness were often said to be ‘made whole’. When Jesus was faced with ten people with leprosy, nine were described as ‘cured’ and one – the Samaritan who came back in gratitude, was ‘made whole’ (Luke 17:19). So was the woman with a long-term haemorrhage, who touched the hem of the Lord’s garment: ‘your faith has made you whole (well)’ (Luke 8:45).

This suggests that ‘health’ is more than being free of sickness. Indeed, it seems to imply that health relates to *our whole life experience* – to be truly healthy, we are ‘well’ mentally, physically and spiritually. I think I would go further: I have ministered to people who were desperately ill but in the deepest sense of the word radiantly ‘healthy’. That may sound odd, but just as ‘peace’ is not simply the absence of war, so ‘health’ is not just the absence of illness. I suspect many of those working in the NHS know the truth of that.

## **Old leaf?**

A little boy opened the big family Bible. He was fascinated as he fingered through the old pages. Suddenly something fell out of the Bible. He picked up the object and looked at it. What he saw was an old leaf that had been pressed in between the pages.

‘Mum, look what I found!’ the boy called out with astonishment in his voice. He turned the leaf over and over. ‘I think it’s Adam’s underwear.’



# What did we do before Google?



Google, the internet search company, was founded 20 years ago this month, on 4<sup>th</sup> September 1998, by Larry Page and Sergey Brin, both students at Stanford University in California. The company was initially based in a friend's garage. The friend – Susan Wojcicki – is now CEO of YouTube.

The company developed from an idea for an innovative search engine originally called Backrub, which outshone early competitors. Eventually its use became so ubiquitous that the word “google” is now often used to mean search on a computer.

From the outset Google has included “Don’t be evil” in its code of conduct, and this has been reiterated as recently as this year. The company says: ‘We believe strongly that in the long term, we will be better served – as shareholders and in all other ways – by a company that does good things for the world even if we forgo some short-term gains.’

The name Google is a play on the mathematical expression for the number 1 followed by 100 zeros. It reflects the founders’ mission ‘to organise the world’s information and make it universally accessible and useful.’

The company’s huge campus, Googleplex is a tourist destination in the San Francisco Bay Area. It is regarded as an ideal employee-friendly workplace. The company employs over 60,000 people.

## St. Andrew's Coffee Shop



*Wednesday Mornings  
from 9.30 a.m. in Church*

*Talk, Friendship, Refreshment*



## Harvest time and Sugar

It's coming up to harvest time now. We usually think of harvesting wheat and corn but have you ever thought about sugar? It comes from sugar-beet which is also harvested at this time of year. The roots are taken to factories where they are washed, sliced and crushed. The juice is carefully heated in a large container and at exactly the right moment a tiny spoonful of powdered sugar is added to the boiling liquid. This tiny amount turns a whole batch into sugar crystals. The right thing and the right time coming together to make a complete change.

Moses told God that he wasn't very good at anything; others were much better, more cleverer than him. He said 'please send someone else' (Exodus, chapter 4) but God's reply was 'I will be with you'.

## Andy's @ 4

### Annual Pet service September 9th

at St Andrews church, Chippenham  
Stories - songs- prayers - refreshments

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With God everything is possible God helps the impossible change into the possible just like sugar - and God uses the most unlikely people and things to do it.

## Sweet things

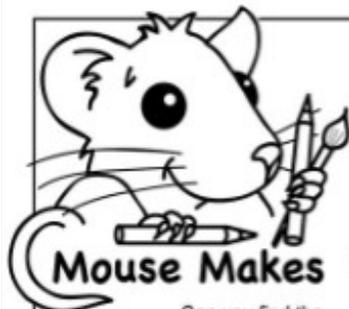
Can you rearrange the letters to find the sweet things?

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2. DUGEF
3. CEIRQULIO
4. ETFOEF
5. CLOTACHEO
6. LYJEL ABBY
7. ATREES GEG
8. MIPPETPENR
9. EIC MAREC
10. HALARMSLOWM

*Answers on Page 25*

## Sunday Club Diary

Next meeting  
9<sup>th</sup> September



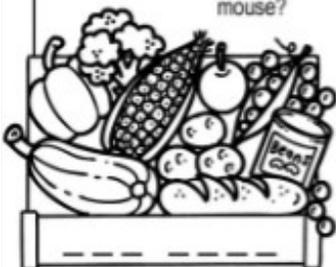
Can you find the mouse?

### A HARVEST PUZZLE

Change each letter to the letter **before** it in the alphabet to see how QSPWF SCT 3:9 says we can give thanks to God.



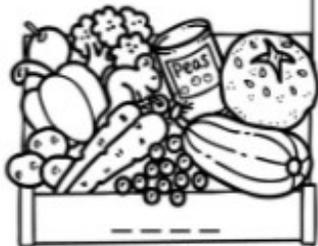
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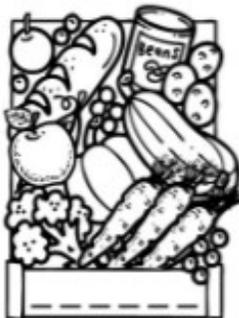
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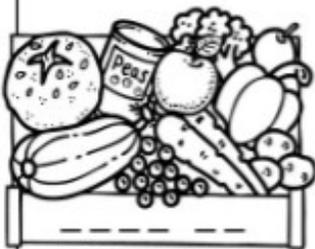
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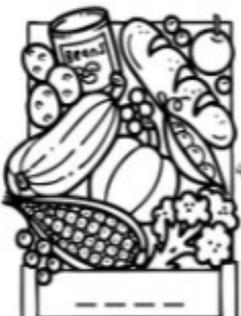
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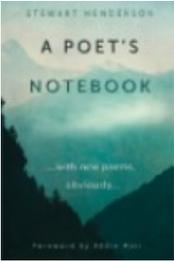
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Which two boxes have the same harvest food?

# BOOK CORNER



## **A Poet's Notebook - with new poems, obviously** **by Stewart Henderson, Lion, £8.99**



Liverpool-born Stewart Henderson is a bestselling poet, broadcaster, and songwriter. This book is made up of 21 of his poems, preceded by a commentary on the sources and development of each.

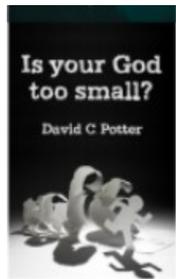
The book is a sort of poetic journal, travelogue and cultural almanac complete with the poet's trademark humour.



## **The One Hour Bible – From Adam to Apocalypse in Sixty Minutes** **By Phili Law, SPCK, £4.99**

According to a recent Bible Society survey, around 30% of parents in the UK don't know that Adam and Eve, or the Good Samaritan are in the Bible, and 27% think Superman is or might be a biblical story!

The one-hour Bible is a taster for anyone wanting to explore well-known parts of the Bible on the go. Maybe a good book to loan to someone interested in knowing more about Christianity.



## **Is Your God Too Small?** **David Potter, BRF, £8.99**

Job struggled, as we do, with huge questions - his own and the world's. He and his friends looked for an answer in the past, but discovered that the answer lay elsewhere - in God Himself, and in the divine presence in his life.

In this book David Potter opens up fresh insight into the book of Job, with a different perspective on our sufferings and perhaps on God.

The poster features a decorative border with various autumn-themed illustrations. At the top, there are several leaves in shades of brown, orange, and yellow, along with a cluster of green leaves and a red acorn. On the right side, there are more leaves and a red acorn. At the bottom, there are several pumpkins and gourds in orange and green. The background is a light green with a subtle grid pattern.

# AUTUMN FAYRE

Sat 13<sup>th</sup> October 2018

10 am - 2 pm

at

**St Andrew's Church**

Market Place, Chippenham

To be opened at 10 am  
by the Mayor of Chippenham

Stalls include: Cakes, Books,  
Handicrafts, Gifts, White Elephant,  
Plants, Jams & Pickles,  
Sweets, Flower Baskets,  
Greetings Cards, Games,  
Tombola, Traidcraft, etc.

## GRAND DRAW

(Winners announced at 1.30 pm)

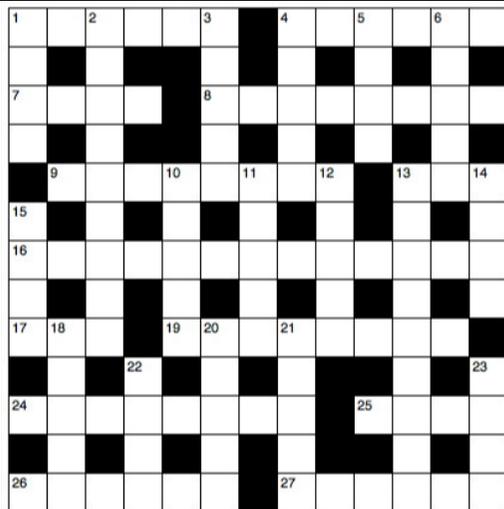
Refreshments

& Lunches in Church

Entrance free - proceeds to  
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## September Crossword



27 Mean (Numbers 35:23)(6)

### Down

- 1 'Whoever finds his life will — it' (Matthew 10:39) (4)
- 2 'My lord the king, let the — — on me and on my father's family, and let the king and his throne be without guilt' (2 Samuel 14:9) (5,4)
- 3 O raid (anag.) (5)
- 4 'If two of you on earth — about anything you ask for, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven' (Matthew 18:19) (5)
- 5 Take care of (1 Samuel 17:15) (4)
- 6 What the older son heard as he came near the house the day his prodigal brother came home (Luke 15:25) (5)

### Across

- 1 'Unless the Lord builds the house, its builders — in vain' (Psalm 127:1) (6)
- 4 Season of the year (Psalm 84:6) (6)
- 7 'My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death. — here and keep watch with me' (Matthew 26:38) (4)
- 8 It came over the whole land from the sixth to the ninth hour on the first Good Friday (Luke 23:44) (8)
- 9 Paul invariably did this in the synagogues he visited on his missionary journeys (Acts 17:2) (8)
- 13 'It is God who works in you to will and to — according to his good purpose' (Philippians 2:13) (3)
- 16 Members of the Church of Scotland (13)
- 17 'Now when he saw the crowds, he went up on a mountain side and — down' (Matthew 5:1) (3)
- 19 Mock (Luke 14:29) (8)
- 24 Disgrace (Psalm 44:13) (8)
- 25 First month of the Hebrew calendar (Exodus 13:4) (4)
- 26 Christianity of the Britons before Augustine arrived from Rome (6)

- 10 'Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with — judgment' (Romans 12:3) (5)
- 11 Do ten (anag.) (5)
- 12 Architectural style first used in Greek temples in the sixth century BC (5)
- 13 Capable of being used (1 Kings 7:36) (9)
- 14 'Each one should — his own actions' (Galatians 6:4) (4)
- 15 Among the items imported by Solomon's fleet of trading ships (1 Kings 10:22) (4)
- 18 'But I am afraid that just — was deceived by the serpent's cunning, your minds may somehow be led astray' (2 Corinthians 11:3) (2,3)
- 20 Outstanding 18th-century hymn writer, — Watts (5)
- 21 One of the four sons of Asher (Genesis 46:17) (5)
- 22 Be distressed (Proverbs 24:19) (4)
- 23 He was the father of Gaal, who threatened rebellion against Abimelech (Judges 9:28) (4)

**Answers on Page 25**

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## From the Registers



### *Holy Baptism*

29<sup>th</sup> July

Oliver Ernest Ryan Pomfrey  
Jacob Harry Pomfrey

*'Welcome one another, just as Christ has welcomed you'*

Romans 15.7

### *Holy Matrimony*

28<sup>th</sup> July

Simon Peter Shapcott and Rowena Emily Sefton

*'God is love and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them'*

1 John 4.16

### *Christian Burial and Cremation*

17<sup>th</sup> July

Michael John Burgess

26<sup>th</sup> July

Gertie Poole

*'I am the resurrection and the life'*

St John 11.25



*Mrs O'Hara told the vicar  
all about her operation.*

## Reflections on being a Christian

The humble knowledge of thyself is a surer way to God than a deep search after learning.

Thomas a Kempis

The kingdom of God is not for the well-meaning, but for the desperate.

J Denney

Confessing your sins is no substitute for forsaking them.

Anon

## Diary for September

Sunday 2	<i>Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity</i>
	8.00 am Said Eucharist, traditional language, St. Andrew's Church
	10.00 am All Age Eucharist, St. Andrew's Church
	3.00 pm Civic Service, St. Andrew's Church
Monday 3	1.30 pm Art Group, St. Andrew's Church
Tuesday 4	1.30 pm Andy's Tots, St. Andrew's Church
Thursday 6	2.30pm Mother's Union, Lady Chapel, St. Andrew's Church
Saturday 8	10.00 am Wiltshire Historic Churches Cycle Ride
Sunday 9	<i>Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity</i>
	8.00 am Said Eucharist, traditional language, St. Andrew's Church
	10.00 am Parish Eucharist, St. Andrew's Church
	4.00 pm Andy's at 4, Annual Pet Service, St. Andrew's Church
Monday 10	1.30 pm Art Group, St. Andrew's Church
Tuesday 11	1.30 pm Andy's Tots, St. Andrew's Church
Saturday 15	10.30 am Heritage Day, St. Andrew's Church
Sunday 16	<i>Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity</i>
	8.00 am Said Eucharist, traditional language, St. Andrew's Church
	10.00 am Family Worship, St. Andrew's Church
	11.15 am Holy Communion, St Andrew's Church
	6.30 pm Ministry of Healing, St. Andrew's Church
Monday 17	1.30 pm Art Group, St. Andrew's Church
Tuesday 18	1.30 pm Andy's Tots, St. Andrew's Church
Thursday 20	7.30 pm Cressida Nash Cello Concert, St. Andrew's Church
Sunday 23	<i>Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity</i>
	8.00 am Said Eucharist, traditional language, St. Andrew's Church
	10.00 am Parish Eucharist, St. Andrew's Church
Monday 24	1.30 pm Art Group, St. Andrew's Church
Tuesday 25	1.30 pm Andy's Tots, St. Andrew's Church
Sunday 30	<i>Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity</i>
	8.00 am Said Eucharist, traditional language, St. Andrew's Church
	10.00 am Harvest Festival, St. Andrew's Church



THE GREAT WAR  
1914 - 1918

## Diary of a Momentous Year: September 1918: Surviving - and singing - in the trenches

Modern people, distraught if deprived of ‘all mod con’, must be baffled how men survived year after year of living much of the time in the trenches of the Western Front. For month after month everything was ankle deep in

mud. These were their living quarters, complete with primitive toilet arrangements, permanent damp, rats and trench foot – and that’s before one mentions the enemy’s constant shelling.

There were, of course, moments of respite at rest centres behind the lines – and there was always the coveted hope of a ‘blighty’, a wound that was not too serious but would mean treatment back in the UK. ‘Blighty’ was an Urdu word passed on by soldiers who had served in India – it means ‘European’, or in this case ‘home’.

Some men, it’s true, succumbed to what was called ‘shell shock - traumatic stress syndrome. But the amazing fact is that most not only survived the trench conditions and the ever-present danger, but even looked back on it as a significant experience to be proud of. How on earth did they do it?

My answer, largely based on things I heard from my father and his war-time colleagues, centred on two experiences: songs, and camaraderie. When they marched and sang ‘Pack up your troubles in your old kit bag’ and called on each other to ‘smile, boys, smile’, they were celebrating being part of a strange and exhilarating brotherhood. Humour was rife in the trenches, much of it about the sheer awfulness of their situation. The ‘Wiper’s Times’, a newspaper produced by soldiers in Ypres, can still make us laugh, as its recent revival on stage has proved.

It was the camaraderie - the sense of belonging to an exclusive ‘club’ - which made the humour possible and authenticated the songs. It was a profound feeling of belonging which made the impossible bearable. There was, one must add, a third element in trench survival: the chaplains and the Salvation Army. I never heard a single veteran discount

their value, right there in the heart of things, offering a prayer, yes, but also tea and cakes and understanding. Of course the soldiers hated the war, the loss of comrades, the relentless months of deadly danger. But their songs and memories also told another story, which we should not forget.

*Canon David Winter*

## AUTUMN FAYRE

### SATURDAY 13<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2018



Please keep the date in mind and save good saleable items for the various stalls. MU Stall are collecting dry goods grocery items (see Margaret Gubbins or Maureen Ragbourne).

We shall be pleased to have any **“Good Quality Items”** “for the “Bric-a-Brac”; Books, toiletries, bottle tombola stalls etc.

We are also looking for special prizes to supplement the Grand Draw; see Ros Harford ([01249-812190](tel:01249-812190): [rosharf31@btinternet.com](mailto:rosharf31@btinternet.com) ) if you have anything you would like to contribute.

## What an apple might do for you

Here's some good news: an apple a day could help keep diabetes at bay, according to new health guidelines.

Yoghurt, cheese and regular cups of tea or coffee are among other food and drinks that could also help ward off the condition. But keep an eye on the meat and potatoes – they may actually increase your likelihood of diagnosis.

The dietary advice comes from Oxford University and Diabetes UK. It also suggests eating more wholegrains and fruit and vegetables.



# St. Andrew's Visit to Romsey Abbey



Members of St Andrews enjoyed a most successful summer outing to Romsey Abbey in Hampshire, on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> August. Some 37 of us joined the coach at Morrisons and set off on the journey at 9.30.am We stopped for a coffee and a brief look at the shops at Wilton Outlet Village before going on to Romsey town.

After lunch our tour of the Abbey began at 2.30pm. Our two expert guides explained the history of the Abbey from Saxon times to the present day. Starting as a nunnery the site has evolved into the parish church for the town of Romsey. It is regarded today as one of the finest examples of Norman architecture in England.

Amongst the treasures of the Abbey is a legal document signed by King Henry VIII for the sale of the church to the parish which secured the church's future after the Reformation. It may well have been destroyed but for some wealthy supporters finding the necessary cash.

Another feature is the grave of Lord Mountbatten, a former Admiral of the Fleet and member of the Royal Family. Mountbatten's home was at Broadlands near Romsey, which passed to him through his wife's family. She was a descendant of Lord Palmerston who has a prominent statue in the town centre and was



Prime Minister in Victorian times at the height of Britain's power. Mountbatten's grave is unusually arranged so that it points out to sea where his wife's ashes were scattered.

At the end of our trip we thanked Ros for organising the day so well (and raising a useful sum for Church funds in the process!)



## SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY NOTICE BOARD

### Archbishop of Canterbury calls for action on climate change

The Archbishop of Canterbury, The Most Revd and Rt Hon. Justin Welby, called for bold global leadership regarding climate change when he addressed delegates at the recent *Transition Pathway Initiative – Asset Owners State of Transition Climate Summit in London*.



The summit, attended by representatives of some of the world’s largest asset owners, reviewed the state of transition to a low-carbon economy, and discussed the role that asset owners can play in enabling and accelerating this transition.

As part of his remarks, the Archbishop said:

‘As investors, the Church is aware of its responsibility to make sure that we manage things in a manner that is aligned with Christian values, witness and mission. We recognise, however, that we cannot do this alone. And that is why the TPI is an example of how the church, in partnership with others, can play a leading role.

‘In the past empires have risen and fallen, and civilisations have themselves risen and fallen, as a result of movements of people. What we are seeing in climate change is something that will move people on a scale that we have never dreamt of in the history of human kind.

‘You are the people who can drive the transition. It is still not quite too late. Though it is too late already to avoid significant disruption. But it is not yet too late to avoid the uncontrolled, unchangeable and dramatic disruption that would mean that thing which we hope – that our children and grandchildren have better lives than we do – would become a fading dream.

## Don't fight 'book block'

Don't feel guilty about giving up on a novel. If you don't enjoy it, simply abandon it.

That's the advice of the Reading Agency, a literary charity which recently surveyed our novel reading habits. It found that more than 20 per cent of us refuse to give up on a book once we have started – even though it is hard work. Some of us struggle for weeks, or even months, before acknowledging defeat.

The Reading Agency suggests instead that anyone who hits 'book block' should simply let the book go. 'You should never force yourself to read something you're not enjoying.'



## Don't let Love Fade

High hopes of love and gladness  
As wedding vows were made  
Faint faded in the sadness  
Of each forlorn decade.

Love's lost neglected traces  
Indifferently quenched  
Turned smiles to stress-torn faces;  
Saw fists with fury clenched.

O Stranger, if you're grasping  
To come and learn from me,  
The lover's hand you're clasping  
Grip with fidelity!

Sit not in tome-filled study  
Spend not your time apart,  
While breath's within your body  
Give freely of your heart.

*By Nigel Beeton*

## Some musings on daily life

- ◆ I don't do drugs or alcohol, because I find I get the same effect just standing up really fast.
- ◆ Children seldom misquote you. In fact, they usually repeat word for word what you shouldn't have said.
- ◆ I don't approve of political jokes...I've seen too many of them get elected.
- ◆ The next time you feel like complaining .....remember: Your rubbish bin probably has better food in it than 30 percent of the people in this world.

# A Letter from Uncle Eustace

## **On how to make the most of that ‘diocesan residential course’**

The Rectory  
St. James the Least

My dear Nephew Darren,

Your enthusiasm for attending training courses has, until now, baffled me. Why should you want to become a better preacher, when congregations only use the sermon for catching up on lost sleep? What more do you need to learn about time management than being able to recognise those fixed points of 12.30pm for the pre-luncheon sherry and 6pm for a stiff gin? And what is the point of learning about how to lead Bible study groups when all you will end up discussing is who failed to provide flowers for the altar last Sunday?

But after this last week, dear boy, I take it all back. The bishop sent me on a week’s pre-retirement course. Of course, he was dropping hints, but until I reach my century, I have little intention of relinquishing a vocation to annoying parishioners and frustrating the plans of bishops. What else, after all, is parish ministry about?

The first move is to arrive early, receive your room allocation and then discard it. Tour the whole establishment, find the best room and then unpack and make sure your dog is nicely settled in the centre of the bed, just in time for the arrival of the intended occupant. I naturally apologise effusively for my innocent mistake, begin to remove possessions and dog while hoping that he will excuse all the hairs on his bed. This ensures that he magnanimously offers to take your original room.

At the first session, you need to establish the ground rules – and with a course leader, who in my opinion, should still have been wearing short trousers, it was all too easy. You make it clear that you are extremely deaf and so all the lectures will, sadly, be wasted on you. You also add that you will need some time alone to prepare for a surfeit of funerals which inexplicably all came in the day before you left and that you also will need time out to exercise your dog.

By the end of that first session, you will have accounted for your absence for the rest of the week. In my case, it passed delightfully with gentle strolls in the grounds, visits to the local second-hand bookshops and much silent meditation in one's room. I attended the final session in order to congratulate the leader for his magnificent course, was effusive in my comments on those wretched evaluation forms and on my return wrote a letter of thanks to the bishop for having thought I was worthy of receiving pre-retirement training – while also noting that I was sure it would be of use when I begin to make plans for that happy event in a few decades time.

Your loving uncle,  
Eustace

## Best way to clean your house

The most efficient way to clean your house is to tackle it chore by chore, not room by room.

Dusting, vacuuming, and tidying room by room

wastes time, according to the Good Housekeeping Institute (GHI). Instead, once the duster is out, go over the whole house with it. Follow the same procedure with the vacuum cleaner, mop, dustpan and brush, window cleaning gear and other cleaners.

Other good tips: keep a running list of 'groceries to get', put a damp sock on your hand to wipe the dust off of blinds, add dishwasher rinse to water to clean windows and leave them streak free.



## Hearing is not believing

A wise schoolteacher sent this note to all parents on the first day of school: 'If you promise not to believe everything your child says happens at school, I'll promise not to believe everything he or she says happens at home.'

## Bishop's Bill calls on MPs to add mothers to marriage certificates

The House of Lords has passed a bill from the Bishop of St Albans to end the historic inequality of excluding mothers' names from marriage certificates.



The Registration of Marriage Bill, which would also introduce electronic marriage registers, now moves to the House of Commons to be considered by MPs.

It is the first time a Bishop's Private Member's Bill has proceeded to the House of Commons in more than 20 years.

Speaking after the Lords passed the Bill, the Bishop of St Albans, Dr Alan Smith, said: 'As someone who has performed hundreds of marriages, it has always seemed shocking to me that mothers are systematically overlooked.

'This injustice dates to 1837 when children were viewed as a father's property and little consideration was given to women. In this centenary year of women's suffrage it is time to make this long overdue change.

'I am pleased to have had the backing not only of Peers and many in the Church, but a huge number of others, including tens of thousands who have signed public petitions, campaigners for women's equality, and even genealogists.

'MPs from all parties support the aims of this Bill. I hope and expect the Government to treat it as a legislative priority when it comes to the Commons this autumn, and urge MPs to give it their approval.'

# St Nicholas' Church

Tytherton Lucas



## Service Times at St Nicholas'

Care of the Church

2 <sup>nd</sup>	Sept 10.00 am	Morning Service	Canon B. Pettifer	Petrina Drewitt
9 <sup>th</sup>	Sept 8.30 am	Holy Communion	Rev. R. Key	Petrina Drewitt
16 <sup>th</sup>	Sept 10.00 am	Matins	Mrs. M. Gubbins	
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Sept 10.00 am	Harvest Festival	Rev. D. Copeland	All together to
30 <sup>th</sup>	Sept 6.30pm	Evening Prayer	Rev. R. Key	decorate the Church

1. Lolly 2. Fudge 3. Liquorice  
 4. Toffee 5. Chocolate 6. Jelly Baby  
 7. Easter Egg 8. Peppermint 9. Ice  
 Cream 10. Marshmallow

### Andy and Nic's Page Answers

1. Lose, 2. Blamarest, 3. Radio, 4. Agree,  
 5. Tend, 6. Music, 10. Sober, 11. Not-  
 ed, 12. Doric, 13. Available, 14,  
 Test, 15. Apes, 18, As Eve, 20,  
 Isaac, 21, Ishvi, 22, Fret, 23, Ebed.

### DOWN:

1, Labour, 4, Autumn, 7, Stay, 8,  
 Darkness, 9, Reasoned, 13, Act, 16,  
 Presbyterians, 17, Sat, 19, Ridicule,  
 24, Reproach, 25, Abib, 26, Celtic,  
 27, Intend

### ACROSS:

**(Based on NIV)**  
**Crossword Answers**

## Forthcoming Events

**Thursday September 6<sup>th</sup>, 2.30pm**

*Lady Chapel, St. Andrew's Church*

Wave of Prayer Service

**Thursday October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2.30pm**

*Lady Chapel, St. Andrew's Church*

Melissa Barnett,  
 Curator of Chippenham Museum

Will speak about their recent  
 projects

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Choir Practice	Friday, 7.30 pm	
Bell ringing	Practice night: Wednesdays 7.30 - 9.00 pm in the Tower	
Mothers' Union	First Thursday in month, 2.30 pm in St. Andrew's Lady Chapel	
Coffee Shop	Wednesdays 9.30 am - 12.00 noon in St Andrew's Church	
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# Church Services

## at St Andrew's Parish Church

### Sundays

- 8.00 am Holy Eucharist
- 10.00 am 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday All Age Eucharist (*with baptisms*)  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Parish Eucharist  
3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Family Worship (*followed by a shortened Eucharist in the chancel at 11.15*)  
4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays Parish Eucharist  
(*Sunday Club - see Andy's & Nic's page*)
- 4.00 pm Andys@4 (*A Service for All the Family, followed by refreshments - 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday*)
- 6.30 pm Sung Evensong, Ministry of Healing and Celtic Service  
(*3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month, in 3 month rotation - see Diary page*)

### Monday, Tuesday, Friday, Saturday

- 8.30 am Morning Prayer

### Wednesday

- 8.00 am Morning Prayer

### Thursday

- 8.30 am Holy Eucharist

## at St Nicholas' Church, Tytherton Lucas

### Sundays

- 8.30 am Holy Communion (*2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays*)  
10.00 am Morning Service (*1<sup>st</sup> Sundays*)  
10.00 am Matins (*3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays*)  
3.00 pm Evensong (*5<sup>th</sup> Sunday – Winter months*)  
6.30 pm Evensong (*5<sup>th</sup> Sunday – Summer months*)

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