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**Sharing the Love of Christ, the Light of the World, with the people of Ewell**

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## I'D PREFER TO BE BAD FOR FUN THAN GOOD FOR NOTHING

Purpose. This writer remembers a conversation with an elegantly-dressed lady in the first year of her husband's retirement in their villa in one of the best climates in the world. As she poured out tea from an equally elegant silver teapot she murmured, "But one does wonder what was the point of it all, all John's hard work while he worked. What is it all about in the long run?" this in a charmed landscape with two gardeners not far away. The social round beckoned, and very pleasant it would be - but the upright Scottish mind inside this beautifully behaved lady could not see it as totally fulfilling. Maybe even a little empty.

Divine discontent is a phrase often used to cover human discontent.

A young mother with three energetic children bouncing around her has an immediate purpose. It is to maintain some sort of order in potential chaos. An experienced world leader, with other nations bouncing around his, has exactly the same purpose to maintain some sort of order in potential chaos.

Whence the potential chaos? It comes from each child having a mind of its own, and each country a mind of its own - and they just don't fit with one another.

All this is obvious. And quite painful at times.

Is there any possibility of a unifying purpose? An overarching aim? A universal togetherness?

"Seek ye first the Kingdom of God, and all these things shall be added unto you."

Much less Biblical, but down to earth, was Winston Churchill -

"If the human race wishes to have a prolonged and indefinite period of material prosperity, they have only got to behave in a peaceful and helpful way towards one another, and science will do for them all they wish and more than they can dream."

All easier said than experienced. What is the Kingdom of God in the Kitchens of suburbia?

To begin with places where people can feel welcome. Then a place of smiles. A place where reality reigns, hurts and happiness can be freely discussed where confidences can be truly kept.

In imagination we can see communities and countries transformed by such attitudes on the world stage. But without acceptance of God's inspiration, very little of the sort happens.

What happens instead?

Every sort of diversion. Fun of all kinds, good, bad and indifferent. "Bread and circuses" on a massive scale. A scramble for position, celebrity, worldly success, made even clearer than before as women join the race to be bishops. What has happened to Jesus' reply to the lady who wanted, not only herself, but her sons to be up-front? How are the mitres fallen!

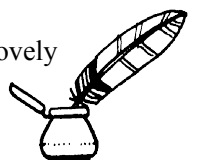
To be writing of such trivial ambitions at a time of massive natural disaster in China, Russia, Pakistan and elsewhere, is a near-affront to commonsense and dignity, but it is the human condition just at present - and has to be confronted head-on.

Double-dip recessions or not, St Mary's is absolutely clear. There is no situation which God cannot handle to the comfort and joy of His worshippers. Whether parishioners experience Him as a Father, a brother, or an indwelling spirit, each individual is unique. And uniquely loved in Heaven (which, by the way, lasts forever; no one need fear there's going to be a stop. There isn't.)

So, let's listen to Him and obey. He sees the way ahead, has the best possible purpose for each one of us. And all of us together.

The old Scottish saying, "The chief end of Man is to know God and enjoy Him forever" comes alive here.

Maybe it was echoing in a recess of that lovely Scottish lady's mind as she poured out tea forty years ago.



## The Vicar writes

### THE FAMILY OF ST MARY'S

September brings our patronal festival, when we celebrate the birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary, after whom St Mary's church takes its name.

We are, I think, very fortunate in having St Mary as our patron, because Mary as our patron helps us to come together as a church family.

When Jesus was hanging on the Cross, he spoke to the Beloved Disciple and to Mary. To the disciple he said, "Behold your mother." To Mary he said, "Behold your son." In other words he entrusted them to one another's care, to be as family to one another. All of us who are Christian disciples should look to Mary as our mother and to fellow Christians as our brothers and sisters in our church family.

I have been moved by many people telling me how much they appreciate the very real family they find at St Mary's. People have found in St Mary's family comfort and help, and support in prayer and in many other practical ways. We all benefit from the wisdom and experience of the older members, and the new perspectives of the younger members. We all gain from the many different gifts and talents that different members of the church bring.

So now as we prepare to focus on our common vision for St Mary's family, this is something we are going to do together, as with any family. Everyone has something to contribute.

No doubt one of the things we will be considering is how easily new people feel part of the family of St Mary's. Or are there those who do not feel part of the church family? What can we do to better become the family our Lord wants us to be?

When Jesus entrusted his mother and the Beloved Disciple to one another, he knew that the months and years ahead would be difficult for the very first Christians. Only together, as a Church, would they be able to carry on Jesus' work.

At St Mary's, we are a little part of that same Church. We too are called to carry on Jesus' work in our own day here in Ewell.

So at this time of our patronal festival let us join our voice with Mary as we magnify the Lord and rejoice in God our Saviour. As we seek to discern our common vision for our church, let each of us say, with Mary:

"Here am I, a servant of the Lord. Let it be to me according to your word."

## St Mary the Virgin EWELL PARISH CHURCH

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### SUNDAY AT ST MARY'S

#### 0800 HOLY COMMUNION

#### 0930 SUNG EUCHARIST

The Wayfarers and the Sunday School meet in conjunction with this service, and there is a Creche provided in church.

There is coffee in the church hall between the 9.30 and 11 o'clock services on Sunday mornings, to which all are welcome, and especially newcomers and visitors.

#### 1100 MATTINS

(Usually replaced on the third Sunday in each month by a Sung Eucharist using the Book of Common Prayer)

#### 1730 EVENING PRAYER

Usually a simple said service, but sometimes Choral Evensong.

Occasionally there are variations from this pattern; details are given in this paper, on the Notice Board or on the Weekly Notes available on Sundays.

### ON WEEKDAYS

Morning and Evening Prayer are *usually* said at 9 am and 5 pm Mondays-Thursdays, in church. See the Weekly notes or phone ahead to make sure. The Eucharist is celebrated on Tuesdays at 10 am, in the Parish Room (entry through the door on the Church Street side of the Church).

### THE PARISH OFFICE

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St Mary's Church is in London Road, Ewell, and the Parish Office is in the Sacristy on the south side of the church.

The Office hours are normally 9.30-12.00 Mon, Tues, Wed and Fri, but please check before visiting as appointments are usually needed.

The postal address is:

C/O Ewell Vicarage, Church Street, Ewell KT17 2AQ.

### CHURCHWARDEN'S SURGERIES

The churchwardens normally hold two surgeries each month.

## IN CHURCH IN SEPTEMBER

Our patronal festival celebrations begin on Saturday 11th September. The church will be open during the day for visitors, and information about the churches history and current activities will be available. In the evening, there will be an organ recital: Jonathan Holmes will play a themed programme "The Old World meets the New". This will include some of William Bolcom's jazzy "Gospel Preludes", and works by Dvorak, Dupre, Widor, Mendelssohn, Vierne, Lefebure-Wely and Naji Hakim. Then on Sunday 12th, there will be our usual three morning services, all celebrating the Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary, with a procession at 9.30am. At 5.30pm there will be choral evensong, which is also the old choristers' reunion evensong, so that promises to be a fine way to round off our weekend of celebrations.

On 18th September, all who worship at St Mary's, or who would like to become more involved, are invited to the Vicarage garden to consider our common vision for our church (11am-2pm). There will be lunch, and an opportunity to reflect on different aspects of church life and think about our priorities for the future. If possible, please let us know if you are coming. It will be really good to see you there. Do bring your ideas.

Another celebration follows on Sunday 26th September when we keep Harvest Thanksgiving. The harvest service itself will be at 11am on that day. Looking ahead to October, the parish harvest supper will be on Saturday 2nd October.

Don't forget, our weekday services also resume in September. Don't forget there is always a simple said Eucharist on Tuesdays at 10am in the parish room, so if you miss Holy Communion on Sunday, Tuesday may be possible for you. There is usually, but not always, a short and simple service of morning and evening prayer at 9am and 5pm Mondays through to Thursdays: check in the weekly notes or by phoning the office to make sure.

Your friend and Parish Priest

Russell Dewhurst

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## HOPE 2010

The third Hope Event held in Bourne Hall Grounds and presented by Churches Together in Ewell, was blessed with a beautiful sunny day. Would the long spell of good weather last until the Ewell Village Fair to be held a week later! (It did!)

The afternoon proved even more popular than last year and people were able to experience live music, craft stalls, games, Prayer Tree, and refreshments ----All Free, as is God's Love.

St. Mary's, with the Village Fair in mind, set up some simple side-shows, and with the Vicar, Russell Dewhurst, asking people to guess "How Many Sweets in the Jar?", our gazebo proved very popular. We were always busy and nearly ran out of prizes for competitive and repetitive contestants!

It was good to see so many friendly, familiar faces both from St. Mary's and the other Ewell churches all coming together to present a fun time with the people of Ewell.

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## "HANGING BY A THREAD"

*Letter from the Laundress to the Seamstress*

Dear Seamstress,

I'm afraid that that which we call the Holy Laundry (corporals, lavabo cloths and purificators) are getting worn out. Indeed much of our 'Holy Laundry' has holes in it, and is hanging by a thread. The result of this is that there is an ever decreasing pool of linen for our Sunday and weekly Eucharist services. I am often in the embarrassing situation of arriving on Sunday morning to find anxious altar servers scurrying over to me, to ask if I have brought the clean supply of linen, as there is nothing left in the vestment drawer.

One result of this is, that if I have not had the time to deliver the fresh supplies of Holy Laundry during the week, I am compelled to attend church on every single Sunday. I dare not be absent from church on any Sunday morning. I cannot let people down who are waiting for a corporal, a lavabo cloth or a purificator.

It would cost at least £100 to buy new linen items. We are not in a position to afford this at the moment. Thus I am writing to you Jenny, as you are a known and tried seamstress. I wonder if you can make some of the required items listed above.

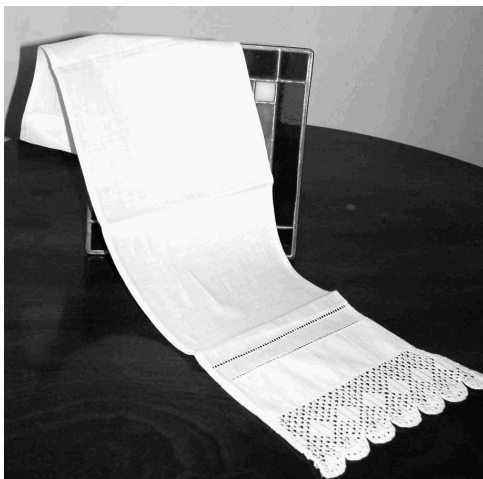
I can supply you with the worn out laundry to use as patterns for you to cut out the new ones.

As far as the actual linen for making the items is concerned, I have a very kind offer from Lucy Piercy. She is offering us a linen and lace bedspread which we may cut up according to our templates. This promises to replenish our dwindling supplies of corporals, lavabo cloths and purificators for many years to come.

Now that Jenny Dance has cut out, hemmed and embroidered with a cross in the centre, a stock of purificators, and has also managed to create a supply of lavabo cloths edged with lace from Lucy Piercy's bedspread, there are no longer worried altar servers wondering how to make do, should the linen run out.

Thank you Lucy and Jenny. This is improvisation taken to a new level of creativity.

From Marion Rao (Laundress)



## THE CHURCH WHEN WE ARE ON HOLIDAY

In the August Magazine our Vicar tells us that this the church's month of rest. Fortunately as we belong to the worldwide church we can often find a church to attend. It is generally easy in our own country to join local churchgoers, often to receive a warm welcome.

When abroad it is not so easy. On coastal Spain I have found a beautiful little church lent to us by our Roman friends for Sunday service, taken by our own priest. But in Tunisia it is quite a problem. However, when staying on the North coast a lady said she had particulars of a church in Tunis. We set out and joined a cheerful set of worshippers who had somehow come together from all parts of Africa. In Hong Kong I arrived at church just as the Mandarin service was finishing, in good time for our English service. In Singapore as it was a weekday I expected the cathedral to be quiet and empty but no, a children's service was ending, and everyone including the bishop was dancing a conga round the church.

In places like Cape Town or Canada there is usually no problem in finding a church and the Cathedral at Washington makes you feel that you are back in Canterbury. The warmest of welcomes met me in Christchurch, New Zealand. The Cathedral I recall had just had a visit from the head of our Church - HM The Queen, but I found a lovely black and white timbered church where I was asked to join for Sunday service. It was just like being at home.

Now often I have been disappointed and have been unable to find a church and though I have tried to get a small group together it is not easy.

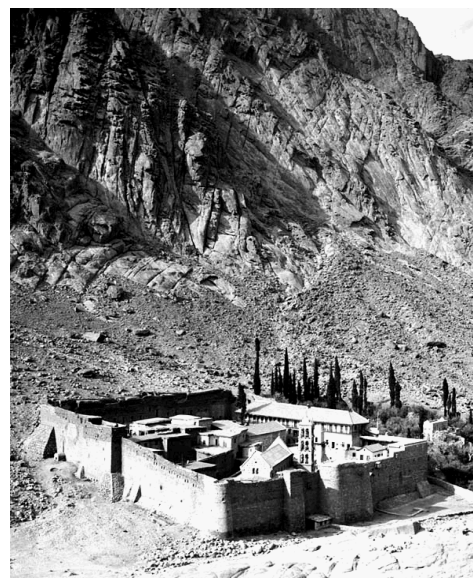
I travel less than I used to but recently though over 90 I reached the Monastery of St Catherine's in Sinai. Yes, there I found the burning bush, the mountain from which Moses descended with the tablets of the Laws.

The monastery dates from the fifth century and it is said that when the Prophet Mohammad passed by he declared

that it should not be harmed. There it stands behind its walls built by Justinian. Very close to the church is the mosque for those who serve the monks. Where else one asks has there been 1500 years of peace?

Good church searching!

John Richard.



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## FROM THE PARISH RECORDS

### HOLY BAPTISM

We welcome you into the Lord's family

18 July	Alfie James Arnold Rosie-Grace Campbell Seymour
1 August	Jaden Mckenzie Branch

### HOLY MATRIMONY

'That theirs may be the love that knows no ending,  
Whom thou for evermore dost join in one.' (AMR 463)

31 July	Alex Paul Couch and Soheila Ravanbakhsh-Azar
6 August	Stuart Richard Poccock and Roisin Aoife Duffy

### FUNERALS

I will come again and take you to myself (St. John 14:3)

23 June	Walter James Blowers, aged 88
1 July	Elizabeth Lilian Read, aged 82
22 July	Ivy Ellen Golding, aged 95
26 July	Rosella Louisa Cawley, aged 102
10 August	Selina Jane Harrison, aged 78

## SUGGESTED PRAYERS

O Christ, I want to gather with you, never to scatter, always to be helpful and never discouraging, always to be compassionate and never censorious or unconcerned or uninterested in others. O Christ, I want to be like you and know that when I am, I am like the Father, your Father and my Father.

O Christ, you call me and every disciple to follow you. You are my way to God; you are the life of my soul; you are my resurrection from the dead: you are the pattern for my life. All I have to do is to follow. You are always ahead, sometimes waiting for me to catch up, sometimes coming back lest I should be lost. Sometimes walking with your arm in mine. And because you are with the Father, you are with him in every place, with every fellow disciple as with me, O Master and Lord, O Incarnation of God the Eternal.

Lord, increase my faith, that I may embrace everything that is thy will.

Lord, increase my faith, that the mountains of difficulty may be removed.

Lord, increase my faith, that I may never be at a loss for some creative action for thee.

Lord, increase my faith, that I may never be impatient or frustrated.

Lord, increase my faith, that I may run to thee in every situation.

Lord, increase my faith, that I may trust thee in seeming failure or defeat.

Lord, increase my faith, that I may endure as seeing thee who art visible only to the eye of faith.

Lord, fill me with faith, hope and love, this day and always.

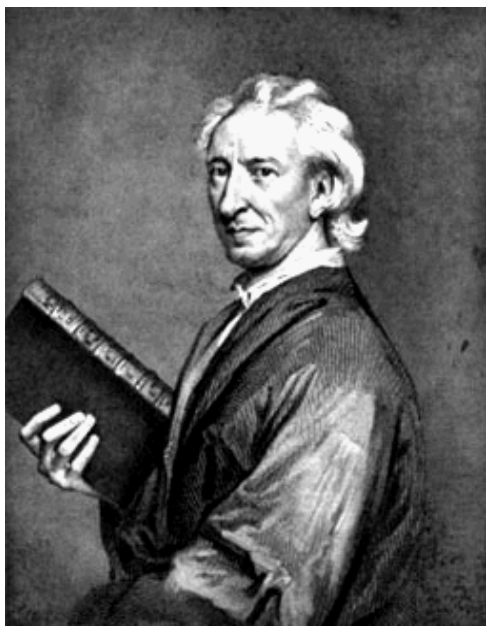
O God, I bring this situation to Thee and hold it to Thee, refusing to let it get away from thee, believing that by thy grace, in answer to my prayer, it will change, that something will turn up that was not there before, that the mountain of difficulty will be removed or thy wisdom show me the way to go round or thy grace strengthen me to climb over it or tunnel through it. Let me hold on in faith and love, O Lord my God.

## MORE CHURCHYARD TREES

In the March EPN there was an article that I wrote on the trees in the Old Churchyard. Churchyard No.3, the strip of land that joins churchyards 1 and 2, also has trees that are worthy of mention, several of which predate its use as a churchyard. The pair of stone pines that stand sentinel either side of the path about half way along its length are spectacular. The deeply fissured trunks trifurcate and spread out to form large flat canopies. The tree produces large cones and seeds which in Mediterranean countries are eaten raw or roasted or used in cakes. In Britain where it was probably introduced some time in the 16th century it is grown only for ornament. The stone pine is one of the trees that produced the resin that became the lumps of amber in which insects thousands of years old have been found.

Also in churchyard No.3 are two specimens of one of the most useful of all trees, seen at its best in the summer, the walnut. The Romans who called it 'the royal nut of Jove' are said to have brought it to this country to provide food and cooking oil. In more recent times its timber has been valued for furniture making and it was a favourite material for making the stocks of rifles for which the tough, light, easily worked wood was ideal. It was in such demand during the Peninsular War of the early 19th century that some of our finest walnuts were felled at that time.

John Evelyn, the diarist, a great tree enthusiast, tells us that the tree was extensively planted in Surrey, particularly at Leatherhead, Carshalton and Godstone. He also comments on the old doggerel adage, 'A dog and a wife and a walnut tree, the more they are beaten the better they



be' and explains that 'In Italy they arm the tops of long poles with nails and iron for the purpose (of loosening the fruit) and believe the beating improves the tree; which I no more believe than I do that the discipline would reform a shrew.' He expresses no opinion on the question of beating dogs.

In medieval times the resemblance of the peeled nut to the human brain led to the belief that it could cure mental disorders. All the juices of the tree, whether from wood, bark, leaves or green fruit, are rich in the brown pigment

to which the hue of the timber is due, and they are still today used for theatrical purposes and for dyeing fabric.

Even the shells of the fruit have a value. Ground into a powder they are extensively used as an environmentally friendly grit abrasive for cleaning metals, plastics, wood and stone. In the early days of jet engines crushed walnut shells were used to scour the compressor blades, but the practice was stopped because they tended to clog up the cooling passages on the turbine, resulting in failures due to overheating. Presumably volcanic ash was feared to have the same effect.

Another interesting tree is the cherry laurel and there is a particularly fine one near the stone pines: with its broad conical canopy of large glossy evergreen leaves it makes a splendid sight, particularly in April/May when it is lit up by numerous spikes of flowers. The cherry laurel is frequently



grown to form a hedge; in fact, when introduced to Britain in 1576 it immediately found favour as an ornamental evergreen hedge and is probably the most common of the introduced evergreen trees. It is good to see one on its own, able to adopt its natural shape. One of the graves sheltered by the canopy is that of members of the Lowther family including Anthony. He was a notable archaeologist who did much to establish the route of the Roman Stane Street through Ewell, and when I first saw his name on the grave I thought how appropriate that this man who deserved a laurel crown for his many successes in archaeology should be commemorated there. However, the tree from which ancient Greeks made garlands to crown their poets and heroes and which gave us the expression 'poet laureate' was the *Laurus nobilis*, usually known as the bay tree and not the cherry laurel which is *Prunus laurocerasus*.

Also noteworthy in churchyard No.3 is the Atlas cedar which is to the north of the cherry laurel. With its blue-green foliage and symmetry of form it is a decorative tree par excellence. In its native North Africa this cedar is confined to the Atlas mountains of Algeria and Morocco and was introduced to this country in 1841. When I try to describe it, words like exotic, elegant and graceful come to mind: of all the trees in all the churchyards, this is perhaps my favourite.

*Charles Abdy*

## THE COMING OF THE KING

Yet if His Majesty, our sovereign lord,  
Should of his own accord  
Friendly himself invite,  
And say, "I'll be your guest tomorrow night,"  
How should we stir ourselves, call and command  
All hands to work! "Let no man idle stand!"

"Set me fine Spanish tables in the hall;  
See they be fitted all;  
Let there be room to eat  
And order taken that there want no meat.  
See every scone and candlestick made bright,  
That without tapers they may give a light.

"Look to the presence. Are the carpets spread?  
The dais o'er the head?  
The cushions in the chairs,  
And all the candles lighted on the stairs?  
Perfume the chambers, and in any case  
Let each man give attendance in his place!"

Thus, if a king were coming, would we do;  
And 'twere good reason, too,  
For 'tis a duteous thing  
To show all honour to an earthly king,  
And after all our travail and our cost  
So he be pleased, to think no labour lost.

But, at the coming of the King of Heaven,  
All's set at six and seven;  
We wallow in our sin.  
Christ cannot find a chamber in the inn.  
We entertain Him always like a stranger,  
And, as at first, still lodge Him in a manger.

*Thought to be by HENRY VAUGHAN*



The profit from this year's Ewell Village Fair is £10,570, an increase of £250 over 2009, and a truly fantastic figure. So thank you to:

All our wonderful helpers and stallholders;  
Everyone who came and bought;  
& Rachel for producing another miracle.

**Thank you again!**

## THERE IS NO GOD, THE WICKED SAYETH

"There is no God," the wicked saith,  
"And truly it's a blessing,  
For what He might have done with us  
It's better only guessing."

"There is no God," a youngster thinks,  
"or really, if there may be,  
He surely did not mean a man  
Always to be a baby."

"There is no God, or if there is,"  
The tradesman thinks, "'twere funny  
If He should take it ill in me  
To make a little money."

"Whether there be," the rich man says,  
"It matters very little,  
For I and mine, thank somebody,  
Are not in want of victual."

Some others, also, to themselves,  
Who scarce so much as doubt it,  
Think there is none, when they are well,  
And do not think about it.

But country folks who live beneath  
The shadow of the steeple;  
The parson and the parson's wife,  
And mostly married people;

Youths green and happy in first love,  
So thankful for illusion;  
And men caught out in what the world  
Calls guilt, in first confusion;

And almost everyone when age,  
Disease, or sorrows strike him,  
Inclines to think there is a God,  
Or something very like Him.

*Arthur Hugh Clough*

## Congratulations



To our Vicar, The Revd. Russell Dewhurst on the award of the degree of Master of Canon Law (LLM), with distinction, from the University of Cardiff. Russell received the degree on Friday 16 July, but was back in Ewell that evening to help with the setting up for Ewell Village Fair.

## CAN YOU.....?

There are 30 books of the Bible in this piece.

Can you find them? This is a most remarkable puzzle. It was found by a gentleman on an airplane seat pocket on a flight from Los Angeles to Honolulu, keeping him occupied for hours. He enjoyed it so much he passed it on to some friends. One friend from Illinois worked on this while fishing from his boat. Another friend studied it whilst playing his banjo. Elaine Taylor, a columnist friend was so intrigued by it she mentioned it in her weekly newspaper column. Another friend judges the job of solving this puzzle so involving, she brews a cup of tea to help her nerves. There will be some names that are really easy to spot. That's a fact. Some people, however, will soon find themselves in a jam, especially since the book names are not necessarily capitalized. Truthfully from answers we get, we are forced to admit it usually takes a minister or scholar to see some of them at the worst. Research has shown that something in our genes is responsible for the difficulty we have in seeing the book in this paragraph. During a recent fund raising event, which featured this puzzle, the Alpha Delta Phi lemonade booth set a new sales record. The local paper, The Chronicle, surveyed over 200 patrons who reported that this puzzle was one of the most difficult they had ever seen. As Daniel Humana humbly puts it, the books are all right there in plain view hidden from sight. Those able to find all of them will hear lamentations from those who have to be shown. One revelation that may help is that books like Timothy and Samuel may occur without their numbers. Also, keep in mind that punctuation and spacers in the middle are normal. A chipper attitude will help you compete really well against those who claim to know the answers. Remember that is no need to a mad exodus, there really are 30 books of the Bible lurking somewhere in the piece waiting to be found.



## Song of the Prune

**Now-a-days as we often gaze**

On ladies over fifty,  
Without the slightest trace  
Of wrinkles on their face,  
The doctors go  
And take their dough  
To make them young and nifty.  
The doctors I defy  
To tell me just why  
That no matter how young a prune may be,  
He's always full of wrinkles.  
We may get them on our face,  
Prunes get them every place.  
They don't ever seem to care  
Or sit aside and moan  
For no matter how young a prune may be  
He's got a heart of stone.

## HARVEST AT ST MARY'S

Sunday 26 September 2010



**Harvest Gifts:** Once again this year our Harvest gifts are going to the Waterloo Christian Centre and Vaughan House in Guildford. Gifts of cereals, rice, baked beans, tinned foods of all kinds, tea, coffee, sugar, personal toiletries and other similar goods will be especially appreciated.

Offers to help at the sorting of the Harvest gifts on Monday 27 September at 9.30am will also be greatly appreciated.

## CAFE NESBOT

at St Mary's Church Hall

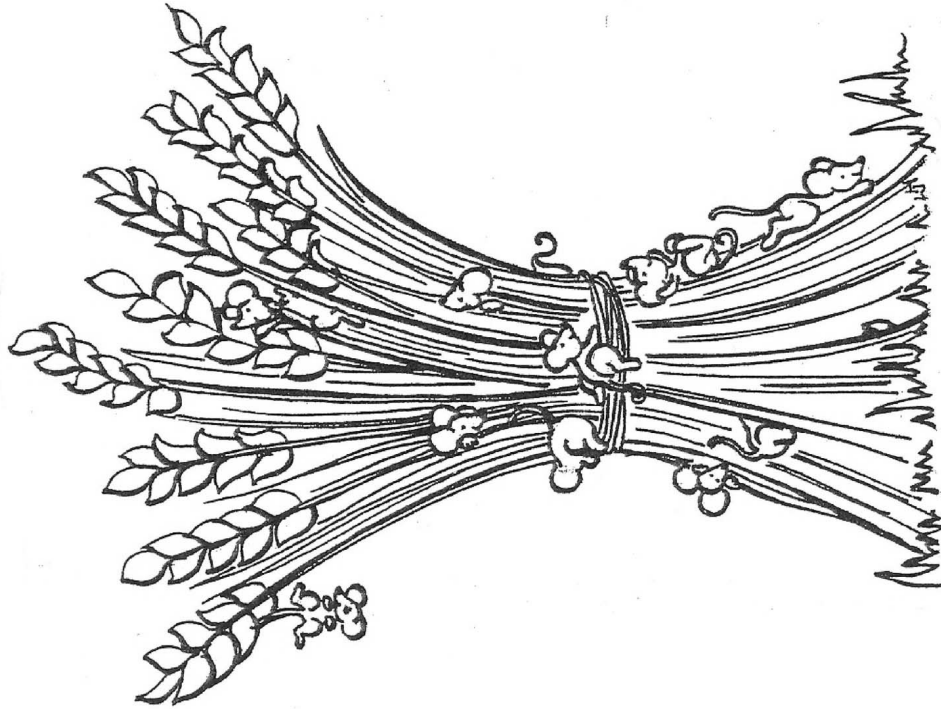
On Tuesdays in term time, students from NESBOT are serving simple lunches in our church hall (London Rd, opposite the church) between 12 and 2pm.

Soup, sandwiches, salad, and cakes, with tea, coffee, and soft drinks. Everyone welcome, do drop in.

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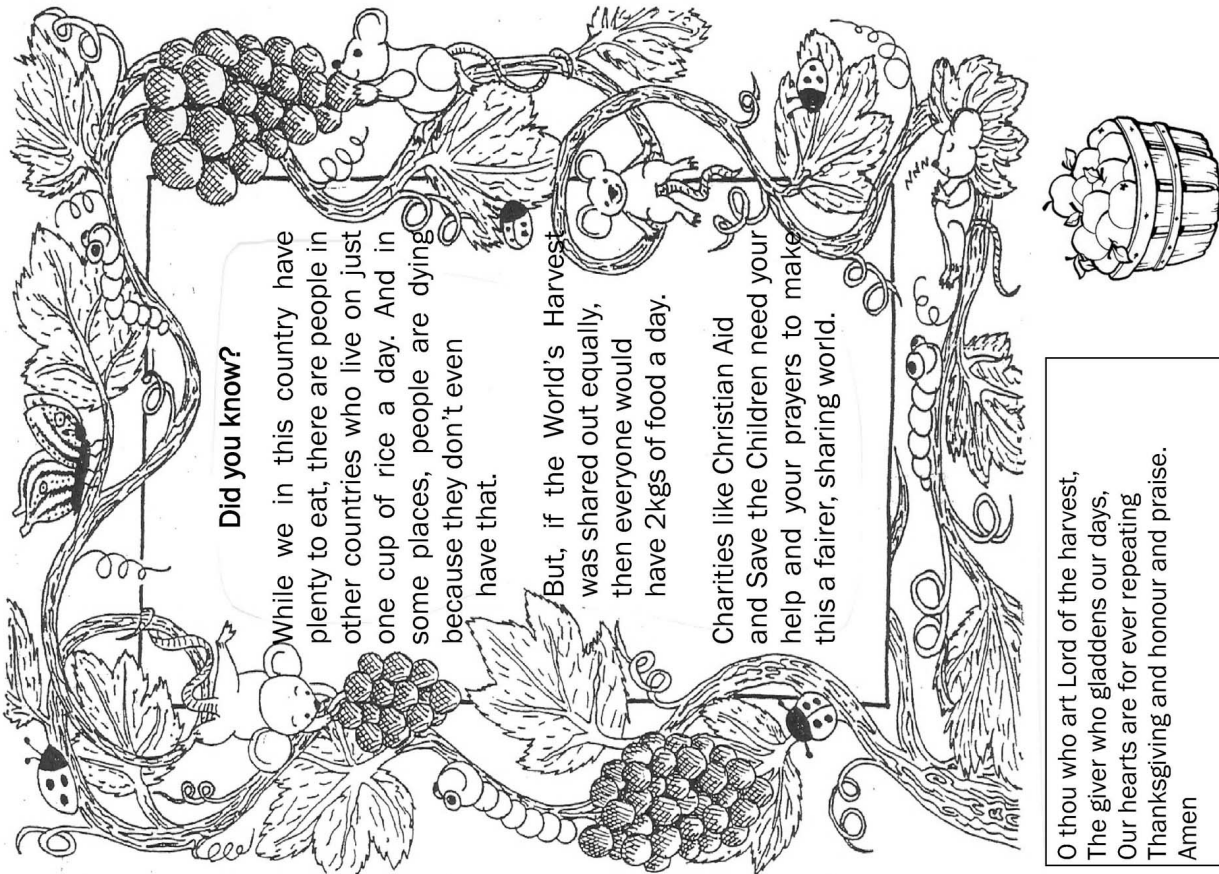
# Young Church Mag

Harvest Special



## Thank you, Lord God, for harvest

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### Did you know?

While we in this country have plenty to eat, there are people in other countries who live on just one cup of rice a day. And in some places, people are dying because they don't even have that.

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O thou who art Lord of the harvest,  
The giver who gladdens our days,  
Our hearts are for ever repeating  
Thanksgiving and honour and praise.  
Amen

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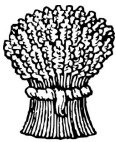
“All right! I’ll be a good boy! But Jesus was a good boy - and look what happened to him!”

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

## Harvest Supper

Saturday, 2 October 2010

St. Mary’s Church Hall  
6:30 for 7:00 pm



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# Calendar for September



- S 5 TRINITY 14**  
0800 Holy Communion  
0930 Sung Eucharist  
1100 Choral Mattins
- M 6** Communion taken to the Housebound  
2000 Meeting of the Publicity Committee
- T 7** 1000 Holy Communion (said) in the Parish Room  
Communion taken to 'The Elders'  
1430 Meeting of the External Affairs Committee  
2000 Meeting of the Social Committee
- Th 9** 0930 - 1800 Coffee Morning Outing to Arundel
- S 11** 1930 Organ Recital - Jonathan Holmes
- S 12 THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**  
0800 Holy Communion  
0930 Sung Eucharist  
1100 Mattins  
1730 Choral Evensong
- T 14** 1000 Holy Communion (said) in the Parish Room
- W 15** 2000 Meeting of the Finance Committee
- S 18** 1100 - 1400 'Vision' event at the Vicarage
- S 19 TRINITY 16**  
0800 Holy Communion  
0930 Sung Eucharist  
1100 Sung Eucharist 1662  
1730 Evening Prayer
- T 21** 1000 Holy Communion (said) in the Parish Room
- S 26 HARVEST FESTIVAL**  
0800 Holy Communion  
0930 Sung Eucharist  
1100 Christian Family Praise  
1730 Evening Prayer
- W 29** 2000 Meeting of Vicar, Churchwardens and Administrator

## C FFEE MORNINGS

**WE MEET EVERY WEDNESDAY  
FROM 10.30 am – 12 noon  
IN THE CHURCH HALL**

### **DO COME AND JOIN US**

#### **COACH OUTING TO ARUNDEL**

There are just a few seats still available at £10 each for the coach outing to Arundel on Thursday 9 September. If interested please contact Joan Boulden ASAP.

The coach will depart from outside the Church Hall at 9.15 for 9.30 SHARP and leave Arundel 16.30 for the return journey.

#### **TABLE TOP SALE**

There will be a Table Top Sale at the Coffee Morning on Wednesday 29 September for

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