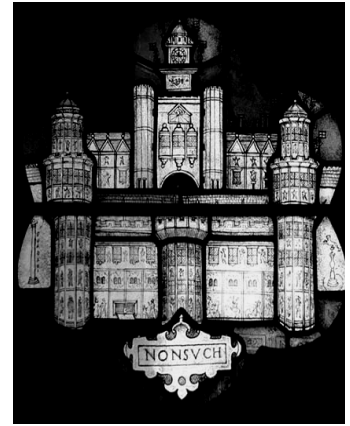




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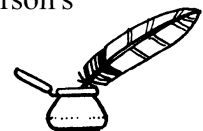
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## TEN NEW COMMANDMENTS

The following ten commandments were given by Bishop Leonard Ashton to his people in the Diocese of Cyprus and the Gulf, to study and put into practice for each New Year. They are very down-to-earth, and a shrewd assessment of contemporary psychological temptations, needing the grace of God to renounce so that we may have the quiet, peaceful mind which only trust in God can give.

1. Thou shalt not worry, for by so doing thou shalt suffer the same disaster many times.
2. Thou shalt not try to dominate or possess others, for it is the right of every person to govern their own actions.
3. Thou shalt not desire fame, for the burdens of greatness are an affliction of the spirit.
4. Thou shalt not desire great wealth, for there is no peace in the lives of the rich.
5. Thou shalt relax, for great tension is an abomination unto the flesh.
6. Thou shalt have a sense of humour, or thy years will seem much longer and painful in the land.
7. Thou shalt love the beautiful and serve the good, for this is according to the will of heaven.
8. Thou shalt harm no other person, by word, or thought, or deed, regardless of cause; for to do so is to perpetuate the sorrows of the race.
9. Thou shalt not be angry at any person for any reason, for anger injures most the one who is angry.
10. Thou shalt never blame another for thy misfortunes, for each person's destiny is in their own keeping.

Lord, have mercy on me and incline my heart to keep these laws.



# THE VICAR writes

## NO LET-UP IN OCTOBER

After a busy September, October is in some respects a low-key month at St Mary's. It was a nice September, except for the weather: the Garden Party had to be indoors, but it was still a delightful occasion, and our thanks must go to Ian and Kathie Burgess for their hospitality at their home. The Patronal Festival recalled us to fundamentals in respect of our Christian calling, and also in respect of our role as a local Christian community. We enjoyed a trip to the south coast; we had a splendid Organ Recital from Jonathan Holmes, and the month finished with *'Joseph and his Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat,'* our Harvest Festival and the Choristers' Reunion. In theory we ought to be settling down to an easy and predictable month. However, having said that, a glance at the service-lists reveals that there is something distinctive on all the four Sundays of October, and perhaps a glance at these points may be of some interest and use.

The first Sunday, 5 October, has a 'slanted' Mattins, in which the general feel of the service will concentrate on the Christian hope of resurrection life hereafter as well as on resurrection life here. Not enough preaching about this side of things takes place these days, and indeed funeral sermons have been largely replaced by funerary panegyrics, not all of which are calculated to edify. (I write after long years in the field, having heard many truly moving tributes delivered in love, as well as many tasteless and doubtful efforts justified by the excuse that 'he wouldn't want us to be sad today.')

Whilst eulogies are expected, the exposition of the Christian hope is not. Indeed someone had the nerve to ask me as recently as this year to cut out the 'religious verses' from a particular hymn the family had chosen for a funeral, because some people at the funeral might not like them. It is almost something of a treat to be able to preach a conventional sermon at a funeral these days. The funeral of a devout Christian in church can in fact be a most enriching experience for all concerned, and it is a great privilege for a priest to celebrate the funeral rites in such a context. The Easter season is the obvious time for 'resurrection preaching', and so, for that matter, is the month of November, traditionally known as the month of the holy souls. However, Eastertide is naturally more Christo-centric - and rightly so - and November has a certain seriousness about it which somewhat precludes the sort of treatment envisaged for the service on 5 October. The music and readings will all relate to this overall theme, the key-phrase being from the psalm of the day (Psalm 39), with its line, *'And now, Lord, what is my hope? Truly my hope is even in thee.'* The anthem to be sung at the service, *'Lord, let me know mine end'*, by the eighteenth-century composer Maurice Greene, is very fine.

The second Sunday, 12 October, gives us the comparative rarity of Holy Baptism at the Sung Eucharist. This is also about 'dying and rising' to new life, and when it happens at 0930 there is always the feel that a 'full' sacramental rite wraps the newly-baptized in a complete context of divine grace and love. Holy Baptism is rare enough at the Sung Eucharist for it to be a welcome change to the Sunday routine; it seldom happens more than about twice a year. One of the children to be baptized

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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 Eucharist and Mattins on Sunday mornings, and a chance for members of the congregation to meet or visitors to be welcomed to St Mary's.

### 1100 MATTINS

(Third Sunday in each month SUNG EUCHARIST to the Book of Common Prayer Rite)

### 1200 HOLY COMMUNION

(On Greater Festivals and on the last Sunday of the month except in December)

### 1830 EVENING WORSHIP

Either at St Mary's or at Ewell United Reformed Church. Details are on the Notice Board or on the Weekly Notes.

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

The Eucharist is normally celebrated at present on Tuesdays at 1000, and at other times as printed on the Weekly Notes. Most of the Weekday services take place in the Parish Room (entry through the door on the Church Street side of the Church).

### THE PARISH OFFICE

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This is in the Sacristy on the south side of the church and is open from 0930 to 1300 on Monday to Friday, (though at present it is not usually open on Thursdays). Also on Friday evening from 1830 to 2000, except in August, the office is open particularly for routine enquiries about Baptism, Banns of Marriage, Confirmation, or fixing up later appointments.

The Vicar is not usually available on Thursdays, and would be grateful not to be contacted on routine matters. Emergencies are different.

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will be my own grandson, Michael Russell Madell - an inestimable privilege for a priest to have. By an extraordinary coincidence Michael's father is due to read the Epistle that day, the list having been drawn up in 2007. A note on the Calendar draws attention to the fact that this particular Sunday has a fair amount of music by Vaughan Williams, on his birthday, fifty years after his death. Vaughan Williams greatly enriched the world of English Church music, and it is good to mark this anniversary in this way.

The third Sunday, 19 October, also gives us something distinctive at the Sung Eucharist: the Ministry of Healing and the rite of anointing. Now is not the time to go into this in detail, except to make the basic point that we all stand in need of the healing grace of God, and that there is a sacramental ministry in the Church specifically to meet this need. In one sense, all the sacraments convey healing grace, but the rite of anointing and the laying-on-of-hands particularises this aspect of it. It is a ministry which is not intended just for those who are gravely ill (this is a point which is still misunderstood by some); rather, it is to do with our growth in the life of grace. Once a year the whole congregation is made aware of this ministry, and it generally takes place on the Sunday nearest St Luke's Day (18 October), since he was - amongst other things - a doctor. There will also be the opportunity for individuals to talk to someone, if they wish, around Communion-time during the Eucharist on that day.

And finally, on the fourth Sunday, 26 October, there will be two features relating to the Holy Scriptures on 'Bible Sunday.' There will be a simplified Procession of the Scriptures at 0930, 'simplified' because it is the Choir half-term Sunday, and at Mattins there will be a lecture-sermon by the Vicar about the nature of Biblical scholarship today.

All in all, quite a busy time for what seems at first sight to be a low-key month after September before it, and certainly November after it, and even more so in the case of December. The Michaelmas Term is always a long and busy one; that lunch-time glass of bone-dry sherry on 25 December always seems to have a wonderful taste of its own.

**MOVING ON**

It is, I think, generally known that I shall be leaving Ewell early in the New Year, since I shall have got to retirement age. The timetable for this seems to be getting clearer now. This paragraph is not about the procedures for appointing a new Vicar, but just about the arrangements over Christmas and early January. Although it is still some three months away, it might be worth spelling out the basic plan in so far as it affects things at St Mary's. Some of these points have been made already on the Weekly Notes in church, but EPN has a wider circulation. Christmas services at St Mary's will be as normal, with one additional service (see page 8), and there will be the usual low-key Sunday afterwards. There is a 'Gala Dinner' on the following Saturday, 3 January, at Mercator House (the TA Centre in Ewell), and there is information about that in church. The following day - the Feast of the Epiphany - will be a normal Sunday in church, though without its usual Procession of the Three Kings. My final Sunday at St Mary's will in fact be the following week, since the special preacher at the evening service cannot be with us on 4 January. The morning of 11 January will see the Book of Common Prayer rite at 0800 (probably the last time I shall ever use it, because the Church in Wales has its own rite), and at 0930 I shall celebrate and preach for the last time at St Mary's. On the pound of flesh principle, there will be Mattins and Holy Baptism at 1100, since I shall need to get as much as possible done before I actually go. In the evening at **1800** (note the time) there will be Solemn Evensong, Sermon, Procession and Solemn Benediction, and the preacher of the sermon will be - as noted elsewhere in EPN - the Archbishop of Canterbury. Dr Williams and I have known each other since my time at Llandaff Cathedral over thirty-five years ago. At the end of the service I shall say goodbye to people at the west door. There will be informal tea before the service in the Church Hall from 1630, since some visitors will no doubt be arriving early. This information will no doubt be tweaked between now and then, but this is more or less the general picture.

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*Richard Hanford*

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## THE ARMCHAIR GARDEN PARTY

In 1815, the volcano Krakatoa exploded and sent out clouds of ashes and dust which circulated all round the globe, blanketing out the sun. The following year, 1816, is sometimes known as “the year without a summer” because of this. We haven’t had such a major explosion recently but 2008 has felt rather the same.

It was therefore not really a surprise that the day fixed for the second annual Church Garden Party started cold and wet and became colder and wetter. Fortunately our hosts this year, Kathy and Ian Burgess, apart from having a large and attractive garden, also have a pleasant and commodious house, and it was in that the Garden Party was held on 6 September.

As we sat round on the armchairs and sofas, everything was done in proper Garden Party manner. Members of the Social Committee greeted us with welcoming glasses of Pimms or fruit cup. This was followed by trays of delicately cut cucumber sandwiches, which circulated as we chatted and in comfort watched the rain falling outside. Cups of tea accompanied the traditional home-made scones, jam and cream, and we decided that a wet



day had compensations after all. Arthur Mathews had brought along his portable organ, and music sheets, and we started to sing well-known ditties from the music-hall days, including some perhaps inappropriate ones. I should add at once, lest there be any misunderstanding or misinterpretation, that some were inappropriate in the sense that a group of Sassenachs were tackling “I belong to Glasgow”. In this regard, perhaps it was as well that the gathering was indoors – the residents of Beech Walk might have been somewhat surprised by such vocal renderings had they been in the garden!

On a more serious note, Promilla Mullen recited a poem which she had recently composed about the nostalgia she feels for her homeland in Pakistan and her native tongue of Urdu. A long-term and much-loved resident of Ewell, a portion of her heart is still in her birthplace in the lofty Himalayas. The poem is worthy of a wider audience and is printed alongside.

As last year, when we had kinder weather for our gathering in Rosemarie and Mike Henson’s garden, the object of the event was simply a social occasion to enable St. Mary’s people to meet and chat informally. As the reader will see, Marion Rao has given us a photographic record of the occasion. The Vicar expressed our thanks to Kathy and Ian Burgess for their hospitality and to members of the Social Committee for their hard work on the catering front in challenging circumstances. As we walked out into the continuing drizzle we agreed that it had been a very successful and enjoyable event.

N.M.H.

## Murree of the Mountains

I left my far Himalayan home,  
And bade my town farewell;  
I came to this adopted land  
And loved its people well,  
So happy here to dwell.

Yet sometimes in the darkest hours  
When I am half-asleep,  
I see again those soaring heights,  
I see those valleys deep,  
With hill-sides falling steep.

Here such wondrous flowers bloom  
In gardens such as Kew;  
But will I ever see again  
The pine-tree avenue  
With crowded poppies blue?

Here varied perfumes one can buy  
With wrappings to admire  
Then why this sudden, painful urge,  
This longing, this desire  
To breathe a pinewood fire?

I speak another language here,  
These friendly folk among;  
But O my head bows low, so low,  
And how my heart is wrung  
To speak my native tongue.

I yearn for white, snow-covered peaks  
Magnificent and fine,  
Then must I not admire again  
The Juniper's design?  
The curving winter-line?

The little, narrow Murree roads  
Are not in map nor chart;  
And long ago on Murree roads  
With tears I did depart;  
But still the pretty Murree paths  
Go winding through my heart.

Forget the past. This land is fine,  
Share in its fears and fun.  
Have no regrets, enjoy new friends -  
Yet my desire's just one -  
That mountain stars will lead me home  
When earthly days are done.

*Promilla Mullen*



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## SUGGESTED PRAYERS

I am forced, good Father, to seek Thee daily, and Thou offerest Thyself daily to be found : whensoever I seek, I find Thee, in my house, in the fields, in the temple, and in the highway. Whatsoever I do, Thou art with me ; whether I eat or drink, whether I write or work, go to ride, read, meditate, or pray, Thou art ever with me ; wheresoever I am, or whatsoever I do, I feel some measure of Thy mercies and love. If I be oppressed, Thou defendest me ; if I be envied, Thou guardest me: if I hunger, Thou feedest me ; whatsoever I want Thou givest me. O continue this Thy loving-kindness towards me for ever, that all the world may see Thy power, Thy mercy, and Thy love, wherein Thou hast not failed me, and even my enemies shall see that Thy mercies endure forever.

*J. Norden (1548-1625)*

O God, Thou art Life, Wisdom, Truth, Bounty, and Blessedness, the Eternal, the only true Good! My God and my Lord, Thou art my hope and my heart's joy. I confess, with thanksgiving, that Thou hast made me in Thine image, that I may direct all my thoughts to Thee, and love Thee. Lord, make me to know Thee aright, that I may more and more love, and enjoy, and possess Thee. And since, in the life here below, I cannot fully attain this blessedness, let it at least grow in me day by day, until it all be fulfilled at last in the life to come. Here be the knowledge of Thee increased, and there let it be perfected. Here let my love to Thee grow, and there let it ripen; that my joy being here great in hope, may there in fruition be made perfect. Amen.

*Anselm (1033-1109).*

O Thou, my God! Do Thou, my God, stand by me, against all the world's wisdom and reason. Oh, do it! Thou must do it! Yea, Thou alone must do it! Not mine, but Thine, is the cause. For my own self, I have nothing to do with these great and earthly lords. I would prefer to have peaceful days, and to be out of this turmoil. But Thine, O Lord, is this cause; it is righteous and eternal. Stand by me, Thou true Eternal God! In no man do I trust. All that is of the flesh and savours of the flesh is here of no account. God, O God! dost Thou not hear me, O my God? Art Thou dead? No. Thou canst not die; Thou art only hiding Thyself. Hast Thou chosen me for this work? I ask Thee how I may be sure of this, if it be Thy will; for I would never have thought, in all my life, of undertaking aught against such great lords. Stand by me, O God, in the Name of Thy dear Son, Jesus Christ, who shall be my Defence and Shelter, yea, my Mighty Fortress, through the might and strength of Thy Holy Spirit. God help me. Amen.

*Martin Luther (1483-1546)*

## ☕ COFFEE MORNINGS

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

### DO COME AND JOIN US

We look forward to a visit from Adrian Davies from Nescot on Wednesday 8 October when he will be giving a talk entitled "The Diversity of Nescot".

The talk will begin at 11.00 in the Church Hall.

A Grand Bring and Buy Sale is planned for Wednesday 29 October which we hope will be well supported and worth while.

"Edibles" and unwanted gifts are always popular.

### A Victorian Festival of Christmas

A Coffee Morning Coach Outing is planned to the City of Portsmouth to celebrate "A Victorian Festival of Christmas" on Friday 28 November.

The Festival is described as a trip to Christmas past with snow covered street, a cast of Victorian Characters, Seasonal carols and a European Style shopping village.

Our visit will be centred around the Gunwharf Quays/Dockyard area where there is so much to do and see.

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The Old Dockyard invites you to visit the Museum and see the old ships, Mary Rose, HMS Victory and HMS Warrior as well as the Festival.

Portsmouth Anglican Cathedral can be reached by bus or a 10 minute walk.

Seats on the coach are priced at £10 each and bookings are now being taken. To secure yours, please give names together with the money to Joan Boulden or Lynne Yuille.

There will be a charge of £10 (Seniors) each for entrance to the Festival/Dockyard which is payable locally.

## FROM THE PARISH RECORDS

### HOLY BAPTISM

Washed, sanctified, justified (1 Corinthians: 11)

31 August James William Gale Flower  
Evie May Harley

### HOLY MATRIMONY

Till death us do part

27 August Christopher Philip Hiles and  
Hannah Louise Morgan

30 August Clive Anthony Barnes and  
Jayne Susan Wild  
Matthew David Dean and  
Sarah Ellen Benjamin  
Paul Stephen Newman and Victoria Harris

13 September Nigel Geoffrey David Bird and  
Maria Jane Harradine

## CONGRATULATIONS



Best wishes to Nigel Bird and Maria Harradine  
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AN IMPORTANT DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

Saturday, 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2009

## GALA DINNER

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## CHOOSING A NEW VICAR - WHAT'S INVOLVED



As you will have gathered by now, our current Vicar retires next January having served here for 26 years. No doubt he is looking forward to retirement and the time will come to wish him well. However, we are sure it would be useful to outline the process of preparing for an interregnum (the time when no Vicar is in post) and what has to be done to find a replacement.

In conjunction with the Rural Dean, it is our duty as Churchwardens during an interregnum to ensure the services are held as far as possible along similar lines as when the Vicar was 'in post' and at similar times. This includes 'staffing' the services (i.e. ensuring a priest or Reader is engaged to come). Given that we are both in full-time employment and have very busy lives as a result, this process has already started with the blessing of the Parochial Church Council. We have met Wendy Varney on a number of occasions and spoken to both the Rev Dr Patrick Miller and a number of other retired priests to set up a rota for 2009 after the Vicar departs. That is the easy bit!

The returned questionnaires issued to the parish in June have now been analysed. It was a useful exercise and has provided us with some vital information as the views expressed were heartfelt and people had obviously taken a lot of care over what they wrote. We feel we have a clear 'steer' in what we need to put to the Bishop both as our Patron and as our Diocesan leader. This feedback will form the basis of a document we will need to send to the Bishop outlining the 'Needs of the Parish'. We also need to draft a document outlining what the parish is currently like, including information like the location, the number of parishioners, and how we interact with the community and other local churches. We are fortunate to have a number of previously written ones to draw on and it will shorten this particular task. The PCC will need to agree the content before they go to the Bishop who will then consider them before arranging to see us (and possibly the Archdeacon) to discuss them.

The exact timetable for all this depends on certain legal matters happening but we expect to be very busy in the next couple of months. There is a clear, set schedule of when the various parties need to do particular things.

Once the Vicar's date of retirement has been agreed with the Bishop (this has already been set for 11 January 2009), the Archdeacon will notify the Diocesan Registrar that a vacancy is about to occur. There is usually a conversation between the churchwardens and the Archdeacon about the most appropriate time to do this as it affects the timing of a subsequent meeting.

Although not part of the formal process, the Archdeacon may want to hold an informal meeting with the PCC before the legal processes begin to talk through the appointment process with the PCC and work through the draft parish profile/statement of needs. The Rural Dean and the Lay Chair of the Deanery Synod will be invited to this meeting to provide a Deanery view and the Patron can also be invited.

The legal process is started by the Diocesan Registrar sending a "Notice of Vacancy" to the Patron of the parish, and to the PCC Secretary. The notice to the PCC Secretary will be accompanied by a letter from the Registry giving further advice and guidance.

The PCC then has four weeks from receiving the Notice of Vacancy to hold a meeting, or meetings. The meeting at which the Parish Profile and Statement of Needs is finally agreed is known as a Section 11 meeting. In the event of the Notice being received before the incumbent leaves the outgoing incumbent and spouse must not attend these meetings, nor may the Patron. The PCC is allowed to invite the Rural Dean to this meeting but they must take the following steps:-



- Agree a statement describing the parish's conditions, needs and traditions.
- Appoint two lay members of the PCC to represent it in the selection process.
- decide whether to ask the patron to consider advertising the vacancy.
- Decide whether to seek a joint meeting with the patron to exchange views.
- Decide whether to ask the Bishop for a Statement of the Needs of the Diocese and wider church, in relation to the benefice.
- Decide whether to pass a resolution under Section 3 (1) or (2) of the Priests (Ordination of Women) Measure 1993. If no resolution is passed it is illegal to discriminate on the grounds of gender.

Three 'bodies' are involved in filling the vacancy (though only two in our case as the Patron is the Bishop): the Patron and the Parish Representatives. Different paths are followed at this stage depending on whether or not the vacancy is advertised. Either a single candidate will be identified and put forward for acceptance (or not) or a small group of candidates will be put forward for consideration. Interviews take place much in the same way they do for any job and the Parish Representatives sit on the panel.

Once a candidate has been accepted, the Bishop has to complete the appointment process and, once the appointment has been accepted, plans can be put in place for the installation.

It is not known how long the interregnum will be though the church authorities commit not to "dawdle" in finding a new Vicar!

At this point it is worthwhile noting that the parish has to pay for all the expenses of visiting clergy during an interregnum as well as the full Parish Share.

We pray that we are blessed with a number of candidates called to service in Ewell and that the right choice is made.

*David Crick & Jonathan Gocher (Churchwardens)*

## A FESTIVAL OF NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS

It may seem a bit premature to talk about this sort of thing, but plans need to be made well in advance for our services. In the case of our Christmas services at St Mary's a clear pattern has evolved in recent years, and there are three quite different major services between tea-time on Christmas Eve and lunch-time on Christmas Day. Each of these services attracts a congregation which finds the particular service to their liking. Irrespective of Carol Services held in church for schools and other organizations, it is not actually part of the Church of England tradition to anticipate the mood of Christmas Day in its specifically liturgical services in the days (and sometimes weeks) leading up to Christmas, for Advent is a season with a devotional pattern of its own. However, the mood of Christmas Eve can in practice generally reach back devotionally to the latter part of the previous Sunday, and to some extent we have been doing this over the years at St Mary's, ever since we started our practice of the General Decoration of the Church on that Sunday a considerable number of years ago.

We have not had a Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols for quite a while, though we have sometimes had an equivalent service at Epiphany. For some years a third service on Christmas morning used to have this format, but for a variety of reasons this was eventually discontinued. From time to time there have been requests for such a service in the run-up to Christmas, and various factors have now led to this being looked at again, and a chart was placed in September in the Welcome Area to see what the interest might be. In the event a sufficient number signed up to make this service a feasible enterprise, and so it will take place on the evening of Sunday, 21 December at 1700. Since, as noted above, that is the morning when we also decorate the church, it is one more thing on what is already a fairly busy day at St Mary's. However, around Christmas we can all expect 'extra bits of church', since Christmas Day generally falls on a weekday, and the 'Nine Lessons' certainly comes under that heading. It should be a lovely service with some interesting carols and other choral music from the Choir, and plenty of hearty congregational items. Some people will be approached, of course, to read lessons. The plan is for The Bidding Prayer and the Lessons to be 'Dean Milner-White and the King James Version,' so it will be very much a traditional affair, and that will no doubt please some people. A service of this sort sometimes attracts quite a large congregation, if it is properly advertised, and we shall have to think of some specific publicity for it. There may possibly be further developments, concerning things like candlelight or refreshments, but it is early days yet. There will be more information about this in due course, but the date and time can be noted now.

### 'SURREY LIFE' CAROL SERVICE IN AID OF CHASE

The church service-lists give the basic details of this event, which is being held at St Mary's on Wednesday 10 December. This will be a fund-raising event, with all proceeds going to Chase Hospice Care for Children. We have supported CHASE in the past through our Christmas Day cash collection donation. It is one of those rare occasions at which one actually pays to go to church. Last year's service at Shere was, apparently, a wonderful success, and the service at Ewell, which has already been devised, will see some distinguished visitors, including Max Clifford, who is one of the patrons of CHASE. The Parish Choir will be in action, and there will also be a 'Barbershop'

contribution. All the signs are that this will be a magnificent occasion, and we are expecting a full church. All ticketing will be done through *Surrey Life*, and not through *St Mary's*. Any calls about this to the office at St Mary's will only result in the caller being given the telephone number below. The tickets cost £10, but there are also VIP tickets which include entry to the party afterwards at Ewell Castle School, and these are also available at £15 each. To reserve tickets and for more information please call 01903 703745. There will be some information about the event in the October edition of *Surrey Life*, and in the following two editions as well.

## THANK YOU FOR YOUR FEEDBACK & HELP!!

We were delighted to receive 93 completed questionnaires and send a very big "Thank you" to all those who took the time and trouble to put their thoughts into writing. There was much broad agreement over the way forward people would like to see, which makes things a bit easier for all concerned.

The feedback has been collated and is being used to help create the Parish Statement of Needs; one of the documents we have to produce for the diocese. The final version of the Statement will need to be approved by the PCC and we will ensure that parishioners have the opportunity of seeing this very soon after approval has been gained.

Finally, we are aware of a reasonably large number of (mainly small) jobs that will need to be done during the interregnum. We are looking to put together a team to cover all these and it will be a great opportunity for the congregation to pull together for the good of the whole and increase further our team 'ethic'. We look forward to receiving offers of assistance before we have to come and volunteer you!!!!

*David Crick & Jonathan Gocher (Churchwardens)*



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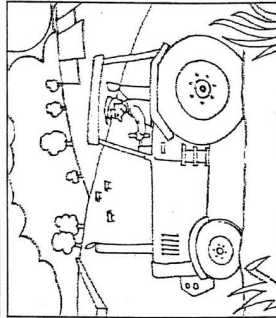
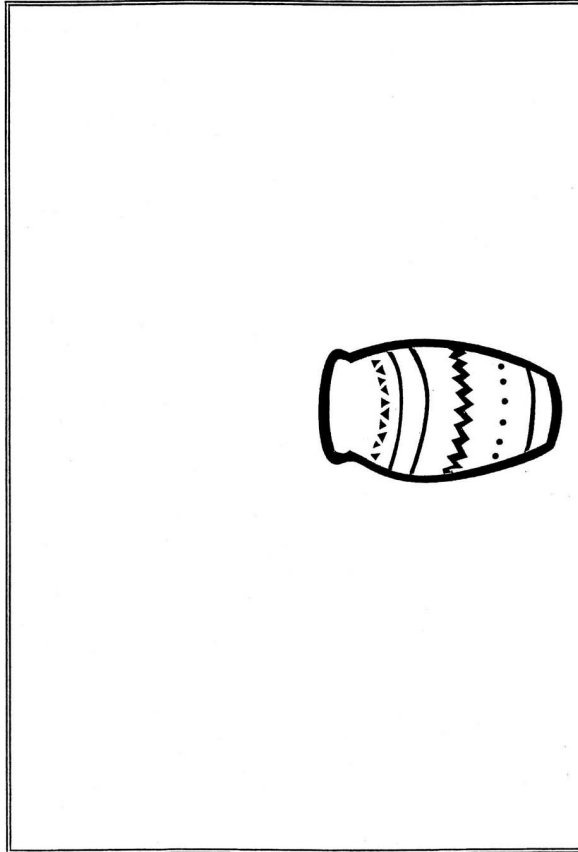
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The 29<sup>th</sup> September is called **Michaelmas** or the day we remember St Michael and All Angels.

Some of the last flowers of summer are long-stemmed purple asters with a yellow centre and these are known as Michaelmas daisies after one of the angels in the Bible who is given a name, Michael.

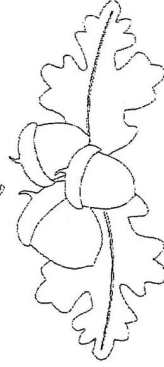
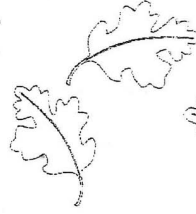
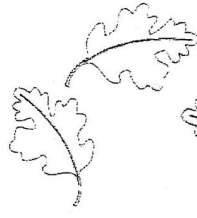
How many Michaelmas daisies can you draw in this vase? Remember to colour them purple with yellow centres.



For all the harvests of the world:  
 we give you thanks, O Lord.  
 For those who work to gather the crops:  
 we give you thanks, O Lord.  
 For those who fill our shops with food:  
 we give you thanks, O Lord.  
 For food to eat and food to share:  
 we give you thanks, O Lord.

# Young Church Mag

Harvest Festival



- Amazing apples juicy and red
- Beautiful blackcurrants which grow by the shed
- Crunchy carrots fresh from the ground
- Delicious doughnuts fat and round
- Edible eggs one, two, three
- Fantastic fish fresh from the sea
- Gorgeous grapes green and sweet
- Honey roast ham we like to eat
- Icy ice cream I'll eat it whole
- Jiggling jelly in the bowl
- Curly kale crinkly and green
- Lip licking lamb tasty and lean
- Magical milk good for your bones
- Nutritious nectarines don't eat the stones!
- Orangey oranges grown on a tree
- Popping popcorn share some with me
- Quick quiche cooked fast in a pan
- Red round radishes fit for a man
- Sizzling sausages tasting so good
- Tropical fruit for my pud
- Unique ugli fruit full of vitamin C
- Variety of vegetables so healthy
- Wonderful water melons full of pips
- Extra portions of crispy chips
- Yummy Yorkshire puddings made by mum
- Z is for zucchini in my tum

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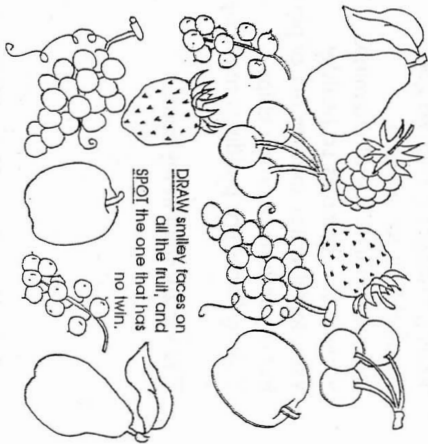
### Harvesty-y groans!

What do you get if you cross a pea with a carrot?

*A parrot that your mum tells you to eat up!*

What do you call a very old bean?

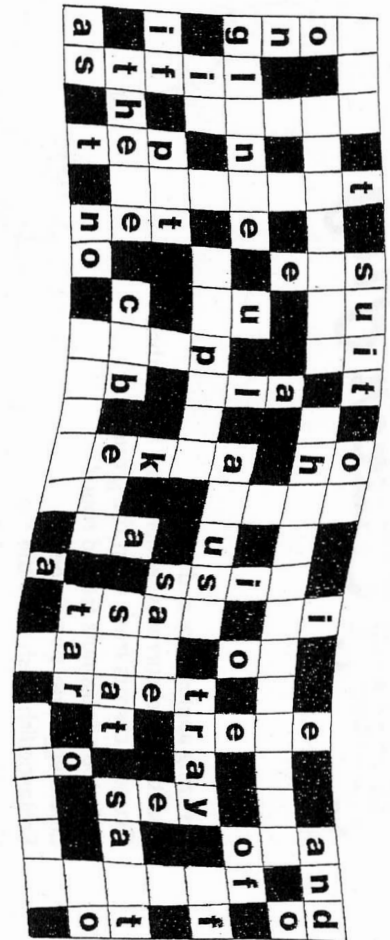
*A has-Been!*



DRAW smiley faces on all the fruit, and spot the one that has no twin.

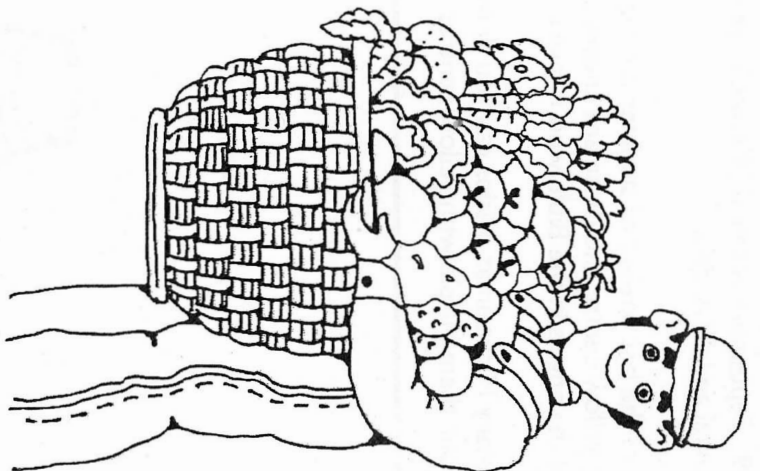
14 words—but only 13 gaps in the grid.  
Fit them in, and see which one's left over.

Harvest farm sow peas eat  
Thanksgiving tractor seeds wheat meal  
Fields grow apples crops

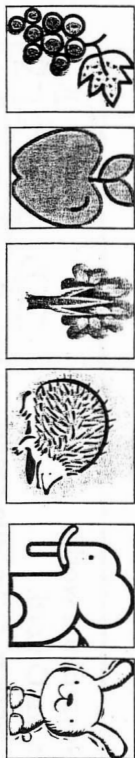


This farmer has a basket full of vegetables that have been harvested.

Write the names of as many as you can here



Do you know what **harvest** means? Write the first letter of each word to find out.



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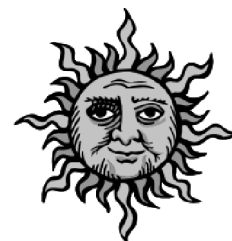
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# Calendar for October



- Sat 4 A morning of Church cleaning. Volunteers welcome.  
1000-1200 *Bellringing by Visiting Ringers*
- S 5 **TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**  
The Reverend Ray Leigh preaches at the  
Sung Eucharist.  
1100 Choral Mattins will have the theme in Scrip-  
ture and music of the Christian Hope of eter-  
nity. Preacher: The Vicar.
- W 8 1100 Speaker from NESCOLT at the Wednesday  
Coffee Morning.
- Th 9 1200 Deanery Clergy Chapter at Stoneleigh: the  
Bishop of Dorking talks about the recent Lam-  
beth Conference.
- S 12 **TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**  
Holy Baptism at the Sung Eucharist.  
On the fiftieth anniversary of the year of the  
composer Ralph Vaughan Williams' death, and  
specifically today on his birthday, there is a  
significant amount of his music at both the  
choral services this morning.
- M13-Th 16 Vicar at the annual Priests' Pilgrimage-retreat  
at the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham.
- S 19 **TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**  
Ministry of Healing and the rite of Anointing  
at the 0930 Sung Eucharist. Book of Com-  
mon Prayer Sung Eucharist at 1100.
- M 20 Holy Communion to the housebound.
- W 22 1000 Ewell Grove School Harvest Festival.
- Th 23 1800 Vicar at a meeting of the College of Canons at  
Guildford.
- F 24 2000 Meeting of the Ewell Parochial Trustees.
- S 25 1000 Vicar at a County Committee meeting of the  
Royal British Legion.
- S 26 **LAST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**  
*'Bible Sunday.'*  
Choir half-term; simple Procession of the  
Scriptures at 0930.
- T 28 1430 Meeting of the External Affairs Committee.
- W 29 1930 Meeting of the Estates Committee.

## ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY COMES TO ST MARY'S

The Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Rowan Williams, will be the preacher at the Vicar's final service at St Mary's at 1800 on Sunday, 11 January. This will be almost certainly the first time that a Primate of All England will have visited either the present St Mary's or indeed the one before it. It will be good to welcome Archbishop Rowan to St Mary's, and hopefully many members of the congregation will have the chance to meet and greet him. More information about Dr Williams' visit in due course, but it is certainly worth booking the date now.

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