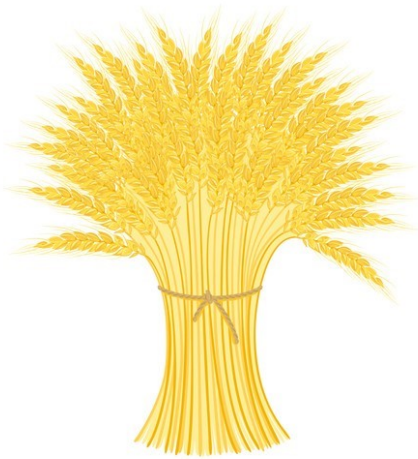




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CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR OCTOBER 2026

4 Sun	8.30 am	Holy Communion
Harvest Festival	10.00 am	Parish Communion
	6.30 pm	Holy Communion (Mellor Centre)

7 Wed	10.00 am	Holy Communion (Mellor Centre)
10 Sat	10.00 am	Wellspring Walk (Holy Spirit)
	7.30 pm	Italian Evening (Mellor Centre)

11 Sun	8.30 am	Holy Communion
19th Sunday	10.00 am	Parish Communion
after Trinity	6.30 pm	Choral Evensong with Bishop Sam

14 Wed	10.00 am	Holy Communion (Mellor Centre)
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18 Sun	8.30 am	Holy Communion
20th Sunday	10.00 am	Parish Communion (Mellor Centre)
after Trinity	6.30 pm	Evening Prayer (Mellor Centre)

21 Wed	10.00 am	Holy Communion (Parish Centre)
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25 Sun	8.30 am	Holy Communion
Bible Sunday	10.00 am	Parish Communion
	10.00 am to 3.00 pm	ARTS & CRAFT Exhibition and sale.
		Tea & Cake (Mellor Centre)
	4.00 pm	Churches Together service (venue TBC)
		Evening Prayer (Mellor Centre)

26 Mon	7.45 pm	PCC meeting (Mellor Centre)
28 Wed	10.00 am	Holy Communion (Mellor Centre)
31 Sat	7.30 pm	Buxtehude Concert

Prayer Group meets every Monday from 10.30am to 11am (Mellor Centre)
 Women's Evening Fellowship meets on the second Wednesday at 2pm (Mellor Centre)
 Toddler Group meets in term time on Thursday each week 10am-11.30am (Mellor Centre)
 Knit and Natter meets on Thursday each week 10.30am –12 noon (Mellor Centre)
 The choir practises each week on Friday at 6.30pm (church)

Vicar's Viewpoint



'Alternative Worship' in the Mellor Centre

For over ten years up to 2015 there were occasional Sundays when the main service was held not in church but in the Mellor Centre. These services, started by Peter Jenner, were called 'Alternative Worship'. People tell me that what made them feel alternative was partly the different space - the Centre is less formal than the church and has several rooms which allowed for movement and different activities. Communion felt different 'in the round' rather than coming up to the altar rail. But they were also different in that they offered an alternative style of worship. Instead of using the same service books they were 'one-off', creative acts of worship based on a theme, and inviting more congregational participation. I understand that these services attracted some people who were not regular attenders in church - drawn by the less formal setting and style.

Over the coming year, as an experiment, we will be holding four main services in the Mellor Centre. These will be similar to the previous Alternative Worship, but inevitably they will also be different - times have changed and we have changed. It would be good to find a new name for these services: do you have a suggestion?

The first of these will be on Sunday 18th October at 10 am and the theme will be the environment: celebrating God's amazing creation, bringing to God our concerns about climate change, and thinking about what we can do to help. A planning group has been meeting to prepare for this service. Please remember to come to the Mellor Centre that morning and not the church! And spread the word that something new and different is happening!

Bishop Sam's visits

Bishop Sam, the Bishop of Stockport, is coming to preach and lead our choral evensong at 6.30 pm on Sunday 11th October - please note this is a week earlier than our usual monthly choral evensong. We do not have any confirmation candidates this time, so this will be a 'normal' evensong. But Bishop Sam is a gifted preacher and so I am sure this will be far from ordinary. Bishop Sam is also coming to us on Sunday 11th April 2027 for our 10 am service. I am praying that we might have some confirmation candidates for that occasion.

New hearse house doors, new lights, repaired vestry wall

You may have noticed that the hearse house doors have been replaced? The previous doors, which were already deteriorating, blew open in strong winds last year and were damaged beyond repair. The new doors are made with tanalised wood - which both looks good and should last for a long time. The lights in the porch had not been working for several weeks. They have been replaced with new fittings and LED bulbs; so it is good to have them back now that the evenings are drawing in. We have added a new outside light to illuminate the dark patch between the porch and the east end of church; this will make it safer for anyone walking to and from the church at night. And the broken light fitting at the far end of the church car park has been replaced. Less visible but more major work has been done over the summer to repair the wall of the vestry around the outer door. The wall was cracking and bowing outwards; the builders have done a fine job straightening, pinning and re-pointing the wall. I particularly want to thank Mary Heijbroek for her help in getting these jobs done.

God bless you,

Andrew

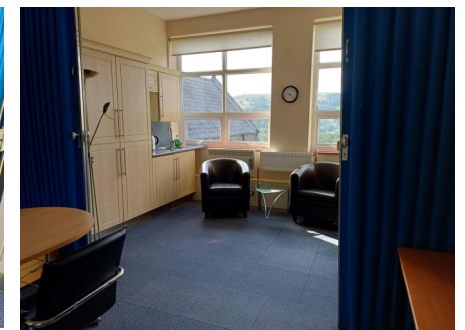
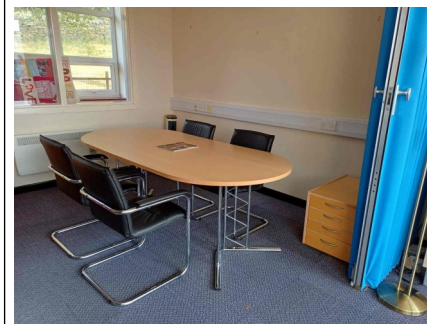
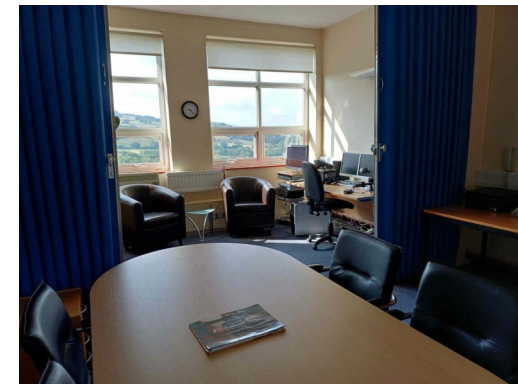


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The Mellor Centre Management Committee





Mellor Birds



Migrating geese seen over Marple Bridge last night (14th Sept) at about 6.30pm by Ian D. Several hundred high up in the usual V-shape formation. They came from the north and turned east. These will be the pink footed geese that we hear first going “wink wink” which makes you look up. They would be on their way to the Wash.

A new bird in Mellor for me. Hurray. or maybe not.

Helen K sent me an email with a PS:-

“Walking up to church yesterday I became very excited as I saw a bird of prey swooping down over the vines. However, to my disappointment it turned out to be one of several decoys Tim has installed to scare off any birds which think they might feast on his grapes!!”

Today in the Mellor Centre there were eleven eagles in the Arkwright Hall. The Iyengar Yoga class students were standing, balancing on one foot with their other leg wrapped around the balancing leg. Then they bent their knees. Next they bent their arms at the elbows wrapping them around each other and finally placing hands together in Namasti - like praying. *Hey presto* you become an eagle.— the pose is called Garudasana.

I was given a book to read called *“One Midsummer’s Day- SWIFTS AND THE STORY OF LIFE ON EARTH”* written by Mark Cocker. The book is stuffed with facts. I am very happy to pass it on to anyone.

The common swifts are now red listed and at risk of extinction in this country. Hopefully swift boxes will help. Pesticides have not helped. I think the book was saying that swifts and the human race have a common ancestor; a bacteria millions of years ago. We are related to all living things in the world.

Maggie Williams



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Harvest Festival Service

Sunday 4th October



This year our harvest festival takes place on Sunday October 4th. Please help to celebrate harvest and to give thanks for all God's goodness by bringing gifts of fruit and groceries which will be taken to The Wellspring in Stockport. We also like to remember those members of our congregation who are unable to attend the service, by taking flowers or plants to their homes, so we would appreciate gifts of plants too. In recent years there have been fewer plants brought to the service and we have had to buy more to cover the number of people we visit. Thank you.

Wellspring Walk Churches together

The Churches Together annual Wellspring Walk will take place on **Saturday October 10th at 10.00 am**. It has been decided to shorten the walk from its previous 9 miles, which took in all the churches in the group because the usual walkers are, let's say, not as young as they were! The route now will be from the Holy Spirit church in Marple up to the Ridge Methodist Church, via 3 other churches - URC Hibbert Lane, Marple Methodist Church and All Saints. From there it drops over the canal to St. Paul's Strines, and then climbs up to St. Thomas', where hot drinks will be available. Walkers can then return to Marple by bus, or walk back. So it is still quite a strenuous walk and, of course, raising money for a very deserving cause, so we hope that we can still attract plenty of sponsors. Do join the walk if you can, there's plenty of camaraderie on the way. **And if anyone is available to help serve drinks from about 11.30 in the Mellor Centre we'd be grateful.**

Helen Kennedy

FRIENDS OF THE MELLOR CENTRE

Following a summer break, the Friends fundraising committee is hosting a number of events for Autumn. Please do support them when you can, thus ensuring our fantastic Centre remains a welcoming, warm, attractive gathering place for use by everyone in our community.

Saturday 10th October 7.30pm -10.00pm

An ITALIAN NIGHT of piano music and song, with Jen Lowe and John Wilson.

Jen and John team up again with a host of classic songs, and the Friends will serve a 2-course home-made Italian meal (meat or veggie), all for £20 per head.

There will be the usual bar with Italian wines and beers, and a raffle.

Tickets are available from The Centre Office on 0161 484 5079, from Peter Lowe on 07831 366535, via the Friends Facebook page, or on Eventbrite – search 'Italian Night in Mellor'. It should be another great evening of music, food, and wine with good company.

Sunday 25th October 10.00am – 3.00pm

Our annual ARTS AND CRAFTS EXHIBITION and SALE OF WORK.

Crafters, artists and makers groups who meet in The Mellor Centre come together to display their work, and talk about their groups. There will be a wide selection of arts and crafts on display and for sale, alongside Mellor's legendary cake offerings in the all-day café. Pop in for an hour or two and enjoy the skill on show.

Entrance is free.

Saturday 14th November 7.30pm -10.00pm

Annual QUIZ NIGHT AND HOTPOT SUPPER

Mike Barley returns with another of his wonderfully eclectic Quizzes, with Meg as scorer. Come along in groups and teams, or join one when you arrive. During the evening the Friends will serve a 2-course supper, including meat or veggie hotpot – all for the price of £20 per head.

There will be a good variety of alcoholic and soft drinks at the bar, and a raffle.

Tickets will be available from the Centre Office on 0161 484 5079, from Angie on 07850 155329, or via the Friends of The Mellor Centre Facebook page.



The Friends fundraising committee are always interested in new ideas for raising funds to support the Centre. If you have an idea, big or small, please contact Angie or Peter (numbers above) and we would be delighted to think them through with you. Or if you would be interested in helping us as a committee member, please do get in touch – we are always welcoming of new members.

Thanks for your support; hope to see you at the Centre events soon.

Angie Stanton

Women's Evening Fellowship

At our September meeting we had a most interesting talk about Kindling Farm- A community Benefit Society. It is a pioneering agroforestry farm for the Northwest. It all started at Woodbank Park. Unfortunately land around Stockport was too expensive so in 2023 they bought a 78 acre farm at Knowsley near Liverpool. Eight hundred people contributed to help buy it . As it is easy to access, the volunteers from Woodbank have continued to support Kindling Farm and more volunteers have come from Liverpool too. Last year they had an irrigation system put in. They planted a herbal leys all over the farm which was ploughed back in to improve the soil. They have planted two thousand various apple trees and DEFRA come and count them to make sure they are getting right amount of grant. Manchester University has promised to buy £40,000 worth of food from them a year. Their aim is to create a fairer and more sustainable food and farming system for all.

Just to let you know our meetings at the WEF have changed to afternoons from October. This month, we have Matthew from Tiger muffin who will talk about soap and bathing habits through history, it generally lasts about an hour and also includes three demonstrations - he will make some soap, a bath bomb and some shower gel to finish off with. He will also bring some things to sell after the talk. So you are very welcome to join us at 2pm on the 14th October

See you there, *Margaret Smith, Chairman*

Laughs with Lynda

What causes dry skin?

A towel.

Why don't eggs tell jokes?

Because they crack each other up.

Why can't your nose be 12 inches long?

Because then it would be a foot.



Outlook Magazine Meeting

Sunday 4th October 11.45am

We are holding a meeting at 11.45am in the Centre (after church service) on Sunday 4th October to discuss all things **Outlook**. Along with thanking our readers, contributors and distributors we would like to know if you would like to add your ideas to how the magazine should look in the next few years.

Do join us.

Revd Andrew, Julia Mann and Maggie Williams

RNIB - Royal National Institute of the Blind

Ann Preston collects stamps for the RNIB at the Mellor Centre. They can be left either in the letter box, in the office or in the 'P' pigeon hole. Ann has received a message from the RNIB on 8th September 2026:- "Thank you for your continued support of our work. Together we are helping to create a more inclusive society, ensuring blind and partially sighted people have the support they need to live the lives they choose."

John Whibley would like to invite you to

A Mellor Afternoon Tea Concert at the Centre

Sunday 8th November 3pm

with the Pleyel Ensemble

Jonathan Rimmer *flute*, Sarah Edwins *violin*

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Music by Mozart, Dohnányi, Martinû & Villa-Lobos



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Mellor Art Society

We are a self-help group of amateur artists who meet every Wednesday from **7pm to 9 pm** at St Martin's Church Hall, Brabyns Brow, Marple Bridge. We also have speakers and workshops in many diverse and inspirational techniques.



If you would like to join us please contact our membership secretary on 07754775194 or membership membershipmellorart@gmail.com

A New School Year at Mellor Primary School

There is something rather special about the start of a new school year. After the quieter weeks of the summer holidays, Mellor Primary School is once again full of the sound of children laughing, chatting and catching up with friends, and there is a wonderful sense of excitement about all that the year ahead will bring. We have been delighted to welcome our children back to school and, of course, to welcome our new Nursery and Reception children and their families to the Mellor Primary community. Starting school is such a significant milestone, and it has been wonderful to see our newest children settling into school life, exploring their classrooms and beginning to build new friendships.



The start of term is also a time for new beginnings across the school. Children have moved into new year groups, taken on new responsibilities and are beginning to discover the opportunities and challenges that their new year will bring. We encourage our children to approach each day with our school values at the heart of everything they do: being responsible, respectful and resilient. Our school mission, 'Making People Shine', continues to be at the centre of our work. We are particularly proud of the rich learning experiences that extend beyond the traditional classroom setting. Our vibrant Forest School sessions offer hands-on outdoor adventure, while our very own school beehives provide a fascinating window into biodiversity, environmental stewardship, and the natural world.

We are also incredibly fortunate to be part of the wider Mellor community. The support and interest shown in our school by local families, community groups and residents is something we value enormously and is an important part of what makes Mellor such a special place in which to grow up and learn.

A huge thank you goes to our dedicated staff, who have worked incredibly hard to prepare for the new school year, and to our families for the support they give our children and school. Here's to a fantastic year ahead at Mellor Primary: a year of learning, laughter, friendship and Making People Shine!

Gemma Parkin, Head teacher



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SUNDAY OCTOBER 25th
10am - 4pm

A Pilgrim's Tale

'AS I WALKED OUT.....'

Mel Grocock

'As I walked out one Midsummer morning' by Laurie Lee is what I had in my head many times as I walked two Camino paths during the month of May this year with my husband Richard. The Camino de Santiago is also called the Way of St. James and is a very old network of paths that lead to the shrine of the apostle St. James the Great in the Cathedral in Santiago de Compostela in Galicia, far North West coast of Spain. I was intrigued to learn that Compostela means 'field of stars'. Luckily it was long evenings in May so I did not need the stars to guide me, but there was something nice about knowing I was heading for them!

We first walked from Bilbao to Oveido along the 'Camino del Norte' which once out of the industrial suburbs of Bilbao got us to the coast initially at Poben. The route passes through little villages and larger towns along the coast with beaches and ocean vistas aplenty. The weather in early May was good for walking with a backpack, not too hot, with a little rain which was quite welcome at times and the Norte path is only gently hilly. Once in Oveido we walked inland and from there started the 'Camino Primitivo'. This is the oldest of the caminos hence the name and was more strenuous than the Norte since it forges a route through the mountains of Asturias and Galicia. By this time we were in mid May as the weather got hotter we started earlier in the day so we could get most walking done before mid afternoon. Asturias is a very green and lush region and produces most of



the milk consumed in Spain. It is also famous for its apple orchards and 'ciderias', are very much a feature of every village and town. I'm sure Laurie Lee would have approved! One common feature along all Caminos are the number of churches, many of them closed and in ruins, but some of them open and welcoming and would have been a main feature for the early pilgrims. The bells are



a great feature in Castro-Urdiales (*opp*) which was at the start of the Norte walk. Did you know that there are officially 10 different Caminos that start within different parts of Spain, one in France, one in Portugal, one in England?! All leading to the same destination. At



times when going up a tough hill or uneven ground and especially in the rain, I would think of those people up to 1000 years ago who were carving out these paths for many different reasons, some pilgrimages of a personal and spiritual nature, others ordered by the courts as punishment! Once the travellers got to Santiago they would often go further to the coast, another 100 km or so to collect scallop shells for remembrance or evidence of their journey. These shells are the symbols today of the Camino on paths and worn by pilgrims. Pilgrims today have a 'pilgrims passport' that record the overnight stays so that you can be presented with your 'Compostela' certificate at the end! Overnight stays were varied, from beautiful refuges that popped up in the middle of nowhere to crowded city hostels. Here's one from Grandas de Salime, on the Primitivo route about halfway between two big cities of Oviedo and Lugo. The experience of walking on our own, with other people from many different countries, having time to talk and share stories and to have silence was valuable and



rewarding. The changing scenarios of the coastal path with the inland mountainous paths were really interesting and I can't say which I liked best. We were lucky to have a couple of days in Santiago so had time to explore the Cathedral, the Museum of Natural History with amazing butterfly collections, and eat and drink in the many open air places and, after 760km.....rest!

This month's things to spot around Mellor

PNFS Signposts

Frank Pleszak

Mellor is a beautiful place; we are very fortunate to live where we do. In such a small area, we have moorland, woodland, lakes, ponds, rivers, streams, and farmland - it's truly remarkable. From Cobden Edge, the highest point in Mellor, you can see north across Manchester to Winter Hill in Lancashire, east to Kinder and the Peak District, south across Derbyshire, and west over the Cheshire Plain to Snowdon in Wales. Walks around Mellor are all fantastic, some are spectacular. We're so lucky to have clearly defined footpaths which are managed by the Peak & Northern Footpaths Society (PNFS). They are the oldest existing regional footpath society in England. They monitor, protect, and improve the network of footpaths for the benefit of everyone around Mellor and in the whole of the north Midlands and north west of England.

Since 1905 PNFS have erected signposts, typically square green 'metal plate' types with some carrying dedication plaques. They are artistically designed and some have featured local artwork. They carry a reference number, the date it was erected, and details of where the path leads to. Within the parish boundary of Mellor we have 28 of these signposts: look out for them when you are next out walking and see how many you can spot.

My book 'Mellor History Maps' has a list of all the PNFS signposts around Mellor together with lots of other historic artefacts and locations in and around the parish boundary of Mellor. Copies of the book are available from books@pleszak.com.



PNFS Signpost No.502 near Greenhill Farm
Painting by Kate Millward



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Millionaire's Shortbread

Jill Baker

A bit of a hybrid, I cheat and use a jar or can of dulce de leche, I then keep it in the fridge or somewhere cold as it tends to be a little runny but it is then very easy to make. Children can make this with a little supervision at half term. (AND EAT IT)!

For the base

175g plain flour

110g diced cold butter

55g caster sugar

For the toffee

Tin of Carnation Caramel, or

Nestle dulce de leche caramel, or

Jar salted caramel

You want around 397g for a thickish layer. Some jars are less, but a thin layer would be fine.

For the chocolate topping

200g milk chocolate chopped

100g dark chocolate chopped

1 tsp vegetable oil for a glossy finish (optional)

Preheat the oven to 180°C. Line an 8 inch /20cm cake tin with baking parchment. Leave a little overhang to help lift out later. Rub the butter into the flour until it is like breadcrumbs. Add the sugar, quickly mix and then press the mixture into the tin.

Bake for 20 to 25 minutes until pale gold. Cool completely. Spread the caramel layer and chill. Melt the chocolate over simmering water with the oil if desired. Spread over the toffee layer. Let the chocolate set at room temperature to keep it glossy, then chill. For clean cuts warm the knife before cutting.



AS SEEN FROM COW CORNER

We are told that the future of the game of cricket lies with the short version and not with those matches lasting for more than a day, but it has been noticed that some of the recent county games have lasted well into the final day and indeed into the final session, resulting in nail biting conclusions. This added to the sunnier conditions experienced this summer, have encouraged more spectators to visit the county grounds. This does not necessarily apply to the local village side as those onlookers are usually being dragged round by the family pet, as an excuse to avoid any household chores. Those pets seem to enjoy their perambulations as they explore the various trees and benches around the ground and are partial to sniffing the legs of third man and fine leg fielding on the boundary. On their circuits they are likely to meet a group of players from the batting side coming the other way, amusing themselves by indulging in a game of boundary bowls. This activity entails each person bowling, underhand, an old cricket ball to hit each boundary peg, around the ground, and to see who can do it in the fewest throws. Whoever gets round in the fewest, wins a drink from his other team mates, just one drink!



There was no such distraction needed when Mellor entertained Lindow, in their next home fixture. The Mellor captain won the toss and inserted the opposition. This seemed a good decision as Lindow collapsed to twenty six for the loss of four wickets. The opening bowlers had some happy hunting as they shared six wickets. The visitors batting did rally and were eventually all out for 152 in the penultimate over. In response the Mellor batters made a steady start and with some big hitting from their middle order were on course to reach the target easily. Nothing should be taken for granted and complacency must not be considered. With twenty three runs to get and with four wickets remaining there should have been no problem, but three wickets fell in rapid succession.

The target edged ever closer and it was left to the last man in to, fortuitously, edge a ball to the boundary, thus ensuring victory for the home side.

There was no such excitement on the following week when Mellor travelled to Disley. In fact it was disastrous. Mellor were invited to bat first and were promptly shot, all out, for 50 runs in twenty three overs. Just one batsman reached double figures and the last six succumbed in twenty three balls. Disley lost just two wickets in knocking the runs off in eleven overs.

The rains returned for the next week and wiped out any possible play against Prestbury.

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Bible Sunday - 25th October 2026

In 2026 we are celebrating the 500th anniversary of William Tyndale's 1526 New Testament. It wasn't the first attempt to produce an English translation of the Bible. In the late 14th century William Wycliffe, a priest who wanted to see reform in the church, made at least a partial translation from the Latin Vulgate into Middle English, but this was before the invention of printing, so it was available only to a few.



Tyndale's was the first printed English translation and the first translation from the original Greek. Tyndale also learned Hebrew and translated part of the Old Testament but he was in danger because the government had banned all translations of the Bible into English following Wycliffe's work. Tyndale fled to the Continent and continued his work there, but was imprisoned and eventually executed in Antwerp before he was able to complete his translation.

Some of Tyndale's phrases have become part of everyday speech and are still used, such as 'my brother's keeper', 'the powers that be', 'fight the good fight' and 'salt of the earth'. The traditional version of the Lord's Prayer, which is said every Sunday by millions of people in churches across the world, is nearly identical to the one created by Tyndale. Other phrases have not survived so well. 'The congregations of naughty men' (Psalm 86.14) just sounds risible now, and certainly does not give the same sense as 'a band of ruffians' (NRSV.) Another feature of modern translations is more inclusive language. In Acts the Christian community is referred to as 'brothers' and in Paul's epistles he addresses the recipients similarly. This is what the Greek says, but modern translations have 'believers' instead of brothers, and Paul addresses 'brothers and sisters'. It's nice to be included.

Different translations and formats are needed by different groups of people which is why we continue to need updated translations. The Good News Bible and the Easy English Bible cater for those learning English or using it as a second or other language. And in 2024 the first whole Bible in a format suitable for those with dyslexia was completed, using a more accessible layout and thicker paper so that the text on the reverse of the page does not show through. It is also published in shorter volumes to make it easier for people to find their way round it. Meanwhile across the world, many people still wait to have the Bible in their own language and over 150 Bible Societies, including ours, are working together to make this possible. Do consider supporting the work of the Society – biblesociety.org.uk - or look at this website to see what else they are doing.

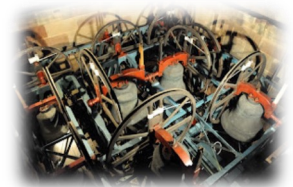
Judith Shiel



The Wandering Chorister Derby Cathedral

Derby is a pleasant country drive, or a relaxing train journey with wonderful scenery. This cathedral, established in 1927, was built on the site of a Saxon church and religious foundation. The building is an interesting mix of architectural styles.

The Tudor tower has the oldest ring of 10 bells in the world (with carillon). For those bell-ringers amongst us, the carillon operates like a giant musical box. The large cylindrical drum with pegs rotates to trip levers connected by wires to hammers which strike the outside of the bells. Two hammers are required for each bell as some tunes need the same note struck twice in quick succession. The Carillon plays at 9 am, 12 noon and 6pm. A different tune is played each day. On Saturday the tune is the Derby Ram – the regimental march of the Sherwood Foresters. The same ten bells are used for the clock, the carillon and for change ringing. The tower is also home to peregrines. A Neoclassical nave (1725), has a Tudor memorial to Bess of Hardwick, and a modern (1973) East end which includes a choir school.



Choir supporters are well supplied with cafes, restaurants and pubs, and smaller followers will enjoy nearby Markeaton Park. Church crawlers should walk the short distance to St Mary's, designed by Pugin. I enjoy singing here; the nave is light and airy, as the windows are mostly plain glass, and the flat plaster walls give good feedback. The Choir School is a decent size, though the flat roof leak has been troublesome. I understand the eighteenth century flat roof gives no trouble... I visited Derby with - who else - The RSCM Northern Cathedral Singers. The drive home may take a while, as the country pubs are excellent!

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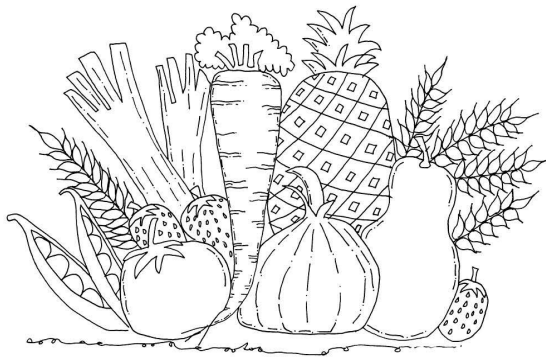
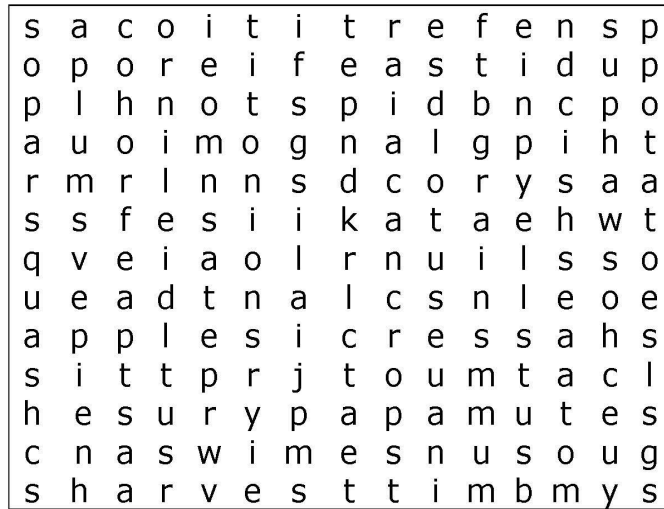


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Thought for the Month

Julia Mann

Whilst reading a book entitled "If you want to walk on water you've got to get out of the Boat" by John Ortberg, I was struck by the following paragraph on what he calls Patient Trust.

Waiting on the Lord requires patient trust. Will I trust that God has good reasons for saying "wait"? Will I remember that things look different to God because he views things from an eternal perspective? Peter wrote, "But do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day.....The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness but is patient with you....The story goes that an economist once read these words and got very excited.

"Lord – is it true that a thousand years for us is just like a minute to you?"

"Yes"

"Then a million dollars to us must just be a penny to you."

"Yes"

"Lord would you give me one of those pennies?"

"Alright. Wait here a minute...."



Prayer for the Month

Wherever we go, may the joy of God the gracious be with us.

Wherever we go, may the face of Christ the kindly be with us.

Wherever we go, may the compassing of the Spirit of grace be with us.

Wherever we go, the presence of the Trinity around us to bless us and to keep us.



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We offer our congratulations and best wishes to:-

5th Sept Luke Boardman & Ellie Griffiths

11th Sept Daniel Watson & Daisy Allen

Stewards Rota

8.30am

Oct 4 J Shiel
Oct 11 J Butterworth
Oct 18 P Cunningham
Oct 25 J Shiel
Nov 1 J Butterworth

10.00am

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Flower Rota

Oct 4	Harvest flowers	Nov 1	All Souls
Oct 11	Harvest flowers	Nov 8	Remembrance Sunday Cathie Lowe
Oct 18	Jane Piest	Nov 15	Margaret Lowe
Oct 25	Julie Elliot	Nov 22	Emma Houghton
		Nov 29	Advent no flowers

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