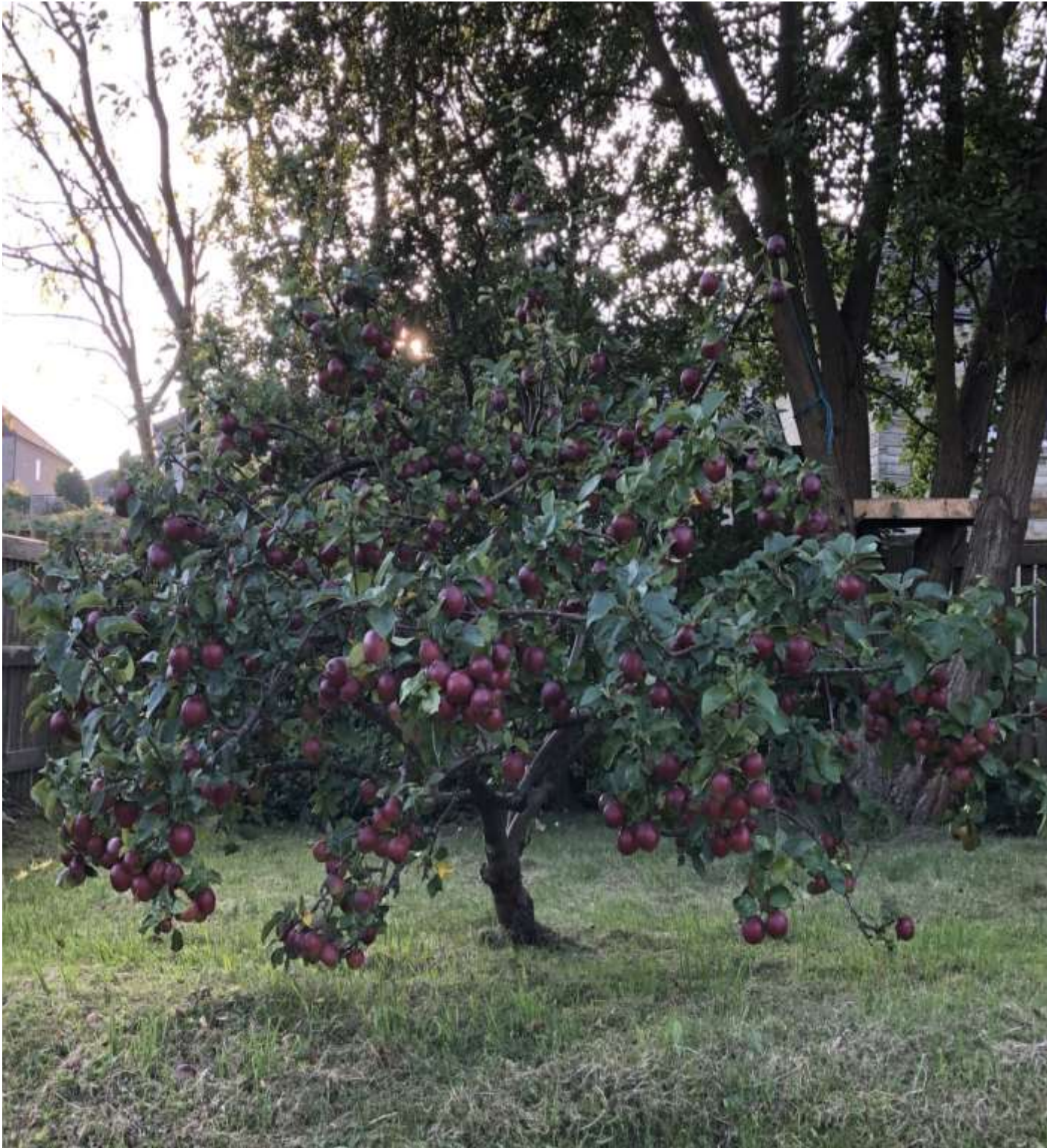




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Coronavirus Outbreak Prayer.

Keep us, good Lord,
under the shadow of
your mercy in this time
of uncertainty and
distress.

Sustain and support
the anxious and fearful,
and lift up all who are
brought low;
that we may rejoice in
your comfort knowing
that nothing can
separate us from your
love
in Christ Jesus our
Lord.
Amen.

A note from the editor ...

Hello!

Wow! Can you believe it, Autumn is already upon us? It must be time for the October edition, so pop on your comfy's, make a brew and snuggle down while you read about all that's happening, in our Meltham community.

We may still be under local/national restrictions as you read this but Meltham has been able to host a 'Pop Up' crossroads shop (pg 13) Dennis has managed the 'Wilshaw 3 peaks' find out more on page 31 and there is lots of opportunity to get yourself out in the outdoors by helping to clear some church grounds (pg 25.)

Finally I would like to say a big **THANK YOU** to all who have contributed to this issue, I considered reducing the pages but you came through & it really wouldn't be a good read without you, especially at this time.

PLEASE continue to contribute to future editions, all ideas and articles are welcomed as this is YOUR magazine. The deadline for submissions is:

Monday 19th October.

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God bless, Fiona.

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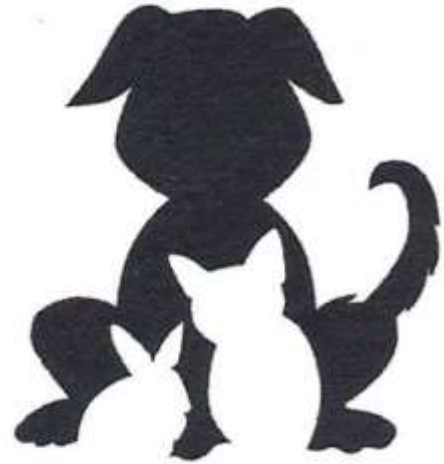
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Letter from your Vicar.



Autumn and harvest, is this a time of year that you look forward to?

Throughout history it has been a time of great celebration. In the 18th and early-19th century these celebrations could often be quite raucous affairs.

So, in response to what he thought was excessive drunkenness and gluttony the Reverend Robert Hawker introduce a more reserved Christian harvest celebration to his parish in Cornwall in the mid-19th century. This, tradition suggests, is the start of the “modern day” Church Harvest Festival.

During in my years as a farmer I experienced a variety of different ways of celebrating the harvest. All such celebrations were centred around thankfulness. Though there were always some crops that you may have wished had been more successful, people would generally be thankful for what success there had been, and we were all thankful that the harvest was finally over and we could have a rest.

These days in Church people are often a little confused by the Harvest Festival as very few are actually involved in the harvest though, all still rely on it. We may try to think a bit wider and try to include everyone involved in the whole of our food supply chain, farmers, scientists, lorry drivers, and supermarket workers. It is right to be grateful to all these people. But, for me the point of the Harvest Festival is that we should all be thankful for every good thing that we have in our lives and to thank God for providing whatever we have, whether we are farmers, vicars, or ice cream van drivers.

Whilst I am thankful to God for many things in my life, what I really like about this time of year is the change. We all enjoy Summer and look forward to Christmas, but Autumn has its own special character as well. Some may not look forward to the dark nights and none of us look forward to paying the heating bills. But the dark nights mean that the grass will not have to be cut for a while, and there is something wonderful about coming into a warm room after being outside in the cold. The birds may stop singing on a morning, but they will now return to the garden feeders.

With every change in life there are good things and things that we will miss (at least for a while). The seasons will change, and there will be times in life that are challenging. It seems to me that the question should not be, do you look forward to Autumn and harvest? In this coming season I think a better question is, will we dwell on the things we don't have, or will we enjoy, be thankful for, and celebrate the good things we do have?

Reverend John (Vicar)



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Talking to God

How do you get on talking to God? Lots of people in and out of the church pray. Some might not ever have been in a church but at some special moment they want to thank God or ask him to do something for someone.

I don't find prayer easy, so I have recently been reading and working through "**How to pray – a simple guide for normal people**" by Pete Greig. And I loved it and learnt so much from it. In the foreword Rev Nicky Gumbel writes "Prayer is the most important activity of our lives. It is the way in which we develop a relationship with our Father in heaven. Prayer brings us peace, refreshes our soul, satisfies our spiritual hunger and assures us of forgiveness. Prayer not only changes us, it also changes situations. God answers prayer. But *how* should we pray?"

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The course is in the form of a series of short videos followed by reactions , a chat and working through one or two questions. In these Covid-19 times, it's likely to be on line on a platform that suits the most people.

So if you found yourself asking any of these questions then this course maybe for you. If you may see yourself as spiritual – but not religious, you will be welcome.

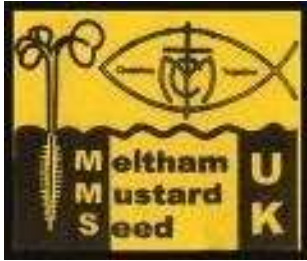
If you are interested, you can email me at:

nigel.priestley@ridleyandhall.co.uk, or text/call me on: 07885430085.

We would like to start one evening in October and see how we get on!

Nigel Priestley





MELTHAM MUSTARD SEED UPDATE

Jane Collins

The young ex mustard seed orphans, 10 of who formed KMSYA have now invested all the money promised for the self-sustainability sugar growing project. Fred Nyakana the coordinator who works tirelessly with the sugar, sends regular pictures and updates.



August 16th the Kyema Mustard Seed (original) committee visiting the 12 ha of sugar. Last week weeding started on this sugar. Jessica, (second right) John Bakanoba's sister who came to Meltham for his memorial service. Justus, Mary, Evas, Rev. Alinaitwe (former Chairperson), Rev. Joan, new Chairperson, keep their eye on things.

The other fields planted in April last year are amazing!! These will be harvested next January /February and the income money reinvested into more land hiring and planting the next crop in this same field.

Fred Muhamza, chairperson of KMSYA is getting married to the lovely Marion.



Fred a total orphan has been with MS since early childhood. Since his teens he has fundraised for KMS. He bought his own plastic tables and chairs to hire out for KMS. He took on our idea and encouraged others requesting that FE graduates might contribute some monies towards the sustainability of MS once in employment. Both Fred and Marion are midwives and Fred is also what he describes as a physician's assistant and performs minor operations.



I shared this Covid picture of Fred on Meltham at home What's app group earlier in the year and this was his comment

"This has made me so emotional, it's so humbling u and the entire Meltham Church group appreciating me and my fiancé for the work we do. I love u all so much. Thank mum Jane. God bless u all."

The success of kindred foster care cannot be underestimated. My sister is working with and supporting a young man in Liberia who as a child refugee fled to Sierra Leone where he was brought up in an orphanage. Recently he returned home and through his work was determined to build an orphanage but since hearing about kindred foster care and the success of MMS he is now totally dedicate to the same. He, Emmanuel, will be contacting Fred Nyakana our Coordinator who is so excited to share and help support our Meltham Mustard Seed Story.

MMS is committed until the end of 2024 to support the education and school requirements of all the children currently in its care. Like all charities we have not had our annual fundraising events so if you would like to help please contact Jane Collins 07731649487 or email jane@collinsemail.co.uk Thank you.



Meltham Shoe Box Team Update

The Meltham Shoe Box warehouse will be open at St. James' Church on the **2nd-7th November** to receive your donated gift filled boxes. Leaflets can be obtained from the

Crossroads shop and centre. Please contact Judith Powell for more information or access the Team 4U website. www.teams4u.com Here is a reminder of **What to put in your box**



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Meltham Food Bank What a Year!!

'Lord when did we see you hungry and feed you or thirsty and give you something to drink?.... The King replied, 'I tell you the truth whatever you did for the least of these brothers of mine you did for me'. Mathew 25 V37 and V40

My prayer is this verse will remain the guiding ethos of the foodbank as we continue on our journey. As I prepared the annual report for the trustees, it seems right to share some of it with the Meltham community through the magazine. It is the generous support of Meltham that makes the foodbank possible.

When I agreed to take over the day to day running of the foodbank last summer from Rodger. I never in my wildest dreams or nightmares anticipated the journey we would have in the next 12 months. I say Nightmares as well as dreams because there have been plenty of times when the demand has felt overwhelming.

Moving to the new centre in October was the first of many challenges and developments. The increased profile saw an immediate increase in demand. I suspect there were many reasons for this, some seasonal, but mainly more local people were coming to us that had previously been going into the Welcome Centre.

We were overwhelmed to have 33 people respond to our appeal for volunteers. With 28 attending an inaugural meeting in January. From which we formed 'a steering group'. I want to give a very big thank you to Jane Collins who has faithfully stood with me and brought her Administration and organisation skills.

Then of course no sooner than we had felt we were really getting organised. Then COVID!!!! Many of our volunteers had to shield, and others who were furloughed came forward to help.

However those early days were a nightmare, Demand had rocketed and in the early days we were equally affected by the panic buying restrictions. On one day alone I spent over 6 hours queuing!!

It is only now we begin to feel some respite as we hope some of our original volunteers can re-join us, and of course we thank those who have helped temporarily.

With Covid though has come our grant opportunity, we have received a public grant to carry out a refurbishment of the foodbank area, in the Crossroads centre to equip us to be able to meet further anticipated demand.

It feels wrong to talk with pride about the Foodbanks achievements, as surely the need for a foodbank and plans for long term future, in an affluent country, is a shame on our society. The Archbishop of Canterbury has said publicly that his ambition is that we are not needed. However, while the need is there we trust God to equip us to meet it and he has certainly met our needs this year.

As we move forward it would be foolish to lay too many plans, due to the current uncertain national and international situation. But with God's help and blessing we will continue to meet the demand. We will in conjunction with the Crossroads centre see our range of support for the community develop. We will be instrumental in showing the love of God and be part of God's transforming mission to our community.

I am so grateful for the sincere generosity of so many people that support us in lots of different ways.

Debbie on behalf of the Meltham Foodbank.

The Crossroads 'Pop Up' Shop

Crossroads opened the church hall doors for the first pop up shop on the 19th September to be greeted with a queue of customers and an excitement for the bargains to be had. The hall was filled with rails of women's, men's and children's clothes and shoes all available at the amazing Crossroads prices. An additional attraction was 'Crossroad's Couture' which focussed on occasion wear, designer labels and over 30 wedding dresses! The sale was a great success thanks to the team of volunteers and there were many happy customers - some leaving with bin bags full of goodies.

We hope to hold more pop up shops soon (Corona restrictions permitting) so keep an eye out for updates on The Crossroads Shop Facebook page (@Crossroadsshop).

Lucy Whiteley



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CROSSROADS UPDATE OCTOBER 2020

'Many hands make light work' Not biblical but so true!

Another busy month for the Crossroads Project coping with increasing amounts of stock as donations continued to arrive at the Shop and the Centre and the need for Food Parcels continued to grow.

The Centre is slowly filling up as the Food bank prepares for the refurbishment to start, and has now moved upstairs.



Alongside all this has been the preparation for the Crossroads Sale which has involved many people behind the scenes. They were preparing to get everything ready for the big reveal as the doors opened, reminiscent of the old Jumble sales where people queued around the corner, keen to see what bargains they could find!



The need for face masks has been aided by 'Remade in Meltham' who have provided us with a regular supply of beautiful home made masks for those in need and for us to purchase. Check them out on facebook #remadeinmeltham. The place where up cyclers create.

'Sorting, Lifting, Carrying, Transporting, Selling, Moving, Washing, Planning, Waiting, Thinking, Walking, Collecting, Stacking, Sewing, Transforming, Smiling, Laughing, Drinking (lots of tea and coffee) Providing, Donating, Giving and Volunteering. Everything and everyone who contributed to this months activities. Thank you, all needed and all necessary.



'For the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot should say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear should say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. ... But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many parts, yet one body.' 1 Corinthians 12 v15 - 19

Thanks as always for your prayers and support very much needed at this difficult time.

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St Mary's Report

There was a service of Holy Communion in St Mary's Church on Sunday 16th August and this was available on zoom. Rev Judy Kenworthy led the service and took the bread and wine on behalf of those not in church. People in church received bread only in line with corona virus restrictions. Elizabeth Pearson was organist, Jacqueline France read the lessons and Kim Howe led the prayers. Rev Judy reminded us that God is working His purposes out in our lives even when things go wrong and we need to trust Him and rest in His love.

Lay Reader Jacqueline France led a Morning Service on zoom the following week and this included those in church. Lucy read the lessons, Rev Judy offered prayers and Elizabeth played the organ. Jacqueline gave a talk about how God cares for all of us in all situations and that we can always trust Him.

On 30th August we enjoyed a Family Service based on "Love one another" Jacqueline again led this on zoom and 13 adults and 2 children shared this act of worship - some from their homes and some in church. We began with a game of "Follow my Leader" which was fun. Kim read the lessons, Elizabeth played the organ and we prayed for people we love and those we find difficult to love. Then we had to find a photograph, a spoon, a pencil and some soap. After each item was found we prayed for our families, those who feed us, those who teach us and those who look after us - especially in hospital. We watched a video of children explaining what they thought love is and we learnt a new song.

A Service of the Word was led by Jacqueline on 7th September at 11.15am on zoom. She continued with her theme of how we can love people we find difficult to like. Tim read the lessons, Elizabeth provided the music and Kim led our intercessions. Some people were in church and 11 people shared the worship on zoom.

Finally we would like to wish FRED HALL who lives in St Mary's Court a very HAPPY BIRTHDAY. Fred was 100 YEARS old on September 1st and celebrated with a trip out to the Yorkshire Air Museum near York with his family.

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100

BELL HOUSE

We are still unable to visit the residents due to corona virus restrictions but we would like them to know that we are thinking about them and holding them and those who care for them in our prayers.



Daily Bible Readings for the month of October

<u>Date</u>	<u>Old Testament</u>	<u>New Testament</u>
1 st	1 Kings 18:1-20	Acts 20:17-end
2 nd	1 Kings 18:21-end	Acts 21:1-16
3 rd	1 Kings 19	Acts 21:17-36
4 th (Sun)	Isaiah 5:1-7	Matthew 21:33-end
5 th	1 Kings 21	Acts 21:37-22:21
6 th	1 Kings 22:1-28	Acts 22:22-23:11
7 th	1 Kings 22:29-45	Acts 23:12-end
8 th	2 Kings 1:2-17	Acts 24:1-23
9 th	2 Kings 2:1-18	Acts 24:24-25:12
10 th	2 Kings 4:1-37	Acts 25:13-end
11 th (Sun)	Exodus 32:1-14	Matthew 22:1-14
12 th	2 Kings 5	Acts 26:1-23
13 th	2 Kings 6:1-23	Acts 26:24-end
14 th	2 Kings 9:1-18	Acts 27:1-26
15 th	2 Kings 9:17-end	Acts 27:27-end
16 th	2 Kings 12:1-19	Acts 28:1-16
17 th	2 Kings 17:1-23	Acts 28:17-end
18 th (Sun)	Exodus 32:12-end	Matthew 22:15-end
19 th	2 Kings 17:24-end	Philippians 1:1-11
20 th	2 Kings 18:1-12	Philippians 1:12-end
21 st	2 Kings 18:13-end	Philippians 2 :1-13
22 nd	2 Kings 19::1-19	Philippians 2:14-end
23 rd	2 Kings 19:20-36	Philippians 3:1-4,1
24 th	2 Kings 20	Philippians 4:2-end
25 th (Sun)	Nehemiah 8:1-12	Matthew 24:30-35
26 th	2 Kings 21:1-18	1 Timothy 1:1-17
27 th	2 Kings 22:1-23,3	1 Timothy 1:18-end of 2
28 th	2 Kings 23:4-25	1 Timothy 3
29 th	2 kings 23:36-24,17	1 Timothy 4
30 th	2 Kings 24:18-25,12	1 Timothy 5:1-16
31 st	2 Kings 25:22-end	1 Timothy 5:17-end

DAILY PRAYER

Ordinary Time

Opening Prayer of thanksgiving

Bless the Lord all you works of the Lord, sing his praise and exalt him forever.

Bless the Lord you heavens, sing his praise and exalt him forever.

Bless the Lord you angels of the Lord, sing his praise and exalt him forever.

Bless the Lord all people on earth, sing his praise and exalt him forever.

O people of God bless the Lord, sing his praise and exalt him forever.

Bless the Lord you priests of the Lord, sing his praise and exalt him forever.

Bless the Lord you servants of the Lord, sing his praise and exalt him forever.

Bless the Lord all you of upright spirit,

Bless the Lord you that are holy and humble in heart. **Amen.**

The readings for the day may be found on page 18

Prayers of intercession are offered

¶ for the day and its tasks

¶ for the world and its needs

¶ for the Church and her life

The Collect

God of glory,

by the raising of your Son you have broken the chains of death and hell:

Fill your Church with faith and hope;

For a new day has dawned and the way to life stands open

In our saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father , who art in heaven,

Hallowed be thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done,

On earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, The power and the glory,

Forever and ever. **Amen.**

Closing prayers

The Lord bless us, and preserve us from all evil, and keep us in eternal life. **Amen.**

Let us bless the lord, thanks be to God, **Amen.**

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Staying Connected

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Here are some reminders on how to keep up to date with what is available to you.

If you have access to email then why not subscribe to the parish website? You will receive an email when new things are posted to the website like the latest service from Rev John or this magazine for example. So just head over to:

www.melthamparish.co.uk find where you can enter your email address and click 'subscribe' it will send you an email immediately with a link for you to confirm. You will then start to receive all the latest news & updates (You can unsubscribe at any time) *check your spam or junk folder if you don't receive the email.*

Meltham.org

A collaboration of people from, local organisations, the Church and Town Council, coordinated through the Crossroads Centre.

It offers advice, help and support for people in isolation. For more

info go to **meltham.org**
or call

01484 799505

Daily Hope is a service from the CofE for those who may have limited or no internet.



The service is supported by the Church of England nationally as well as through the Connections group based at Holy Trinity Claygate in Surrey and the Christian charity Faith in Later Life.

"Meltham Church at Home!" is a WhatsApp group for people to share thoughts, encouragement and prayer or even photos to brighten up your day. You won't feel alone with over 60 others in the group! (You don't have to be a member of a church to join) To gain access download the app and contact the group admin Nigel Priestly on: **07885 430085** to be included.



'Zoom' is a video conferencing app been used by St Mary's, Wilshaw for weekly **Sunday morning services at 11.15**. To gain access download the app onto a device that has a microphone and a camera, such as a tablet or mobile.

If you would like to go on the mailing list to get the zoom link for our services please contact Jacqueline on 01484 663867 or email Jacqueline.france@interface.com

Note: This is video so make sure you've brushed your hair! Also be aware people can hear what you are saying and doing, so we can be altogether.



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Then you are welcome to join us on our work groups.

We aim for this to be an informal group, where friendships can grow as the weeds are subdued!!

All groups run from about 9.30 to 12.30 but don't feel you have to be there the whole time. Bring own tea/ coffee and tools. It is useful if you can drop Mike Still 07867951512 a text to let him now you are coming, although you can just turn up.



- Saturday 3/10/20 Wilshaw clearing and levelling rubbish heap
- Saturday 17/10/20 Wilshaw Clearing and levelling rubbish heap or possibly bush clearing at Calmlands
- Saturday 14/11/20 Calmlands bush hedge cutting
- Saturday 28/11/20 St James bush cutting and clearing
- New year Saturday 09/01/21 Helme ground clearing

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Note: Everything is weather dependant and venues may change. See parish Facebook page for updates.





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My Survival
- Pam Murgatroyd

I survived World War Two, I was born near the end,
I survived being hit by a bus.

I recovered from 'flu, that's the Asian kind,
Though it took me three weeks to mend.

I moved around schools more than seven times,
Which was a really tough thing to do.

These were all before I was eleven years old,
Settling down for us long overdue.

I hated my school life, this moving around,
No time for just one special friend,

But nothing was worse than what's happening now
Just not knowing when it's going to end.

I never remember being 'locked down'
And not seeing family and friends.

There's nothing much worse than being out of control

With rules that our lives just offends.

My life is spent watching re-runs on TV

As I don't always know how they end,

'Cos my memory is not what it used to be

And it's not always good to pretend.

It might soon be over, it might soon be done,
Though things might not be just back the same.

The schools back to normal and theatres full

And football a spectator game.

We can only hope we'll survive these times

With something like life as before.

Then hopefully friendships will be renewed,

With our families united for sure.

DIMPS

by Ville

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Not to be Outdone!

By Dennis A



Several years ago my son climbed Everest.

Saturday 5th September my Grandson competed in the Yorkshire 3 Peaks race, and came 1st of his group of 16 competitors. A total distance of 25 miles which took almost 9 hours to complete.

Friday 4th September, my Great Grandson, who only recently became 5 years old, was awarded his second stripe on his Ju Jitsu belt. All great achievements which made me a very proud Dad, Grandad & Great Grandad..

What could I do to make them proud of me? Having thought about it, I decided that I too would attempt the 'Wilshaw 3 Peaks', so on Sunday 6th September I stood at the bottom of the staircase and looked upwards to the landing at the top of the stairs and began to climb without using the handrails on the wall at each side of the staircase.

Quite an effort, when I reached the top I forgot why I had gone upstairs and so I descended to the bottom again. Then I remembered I was doing my own 3 peaks race. So once again I climbed the stairs and on reaching the top I remembered what I forgot on my first attempt, that was I meant to go to the bathroom. But I remembered that our bathroom was on the ground floor, so down I went again.

Knowing that I had only to climb the staircase one more time, I valiantly pursued my goal and on reaching the summit of the staircase shouted inwardly to myself "Yes! You've made it. Success in the 3 Peaks". I then thought that after all that effort I deserved a rest, so instead of going back downstairs, I turned left and wearily walked into the bedroom and climbed into bed for a well earned kip.

Job done. Ego satisfied . Next target: to reach the age of 87 next year. I'm sure God will help me, and I'll need his help in this troubled world we are living in today. Considering the achievement I have at the age of 86. I forget what they are. I had amnesia once... or, was it twice...



Just For Fun

Match the apples to the story

(Answers on the back page!)



1. Snow White (fairy tale)
2. William Tell (Swiss legend)
3. Judgement of Paris (Greek mythology)
4. 11th Labour of Heracles (Greek Mythology)
5. Norse goddess Iðunn (Norse Mythology)
6. Jonny Appleseed (folk hero)
7. The Great Divorce (C.S.Lewis)

- A. Man associated with planting apple trees in the USA.
- B. Ikey tries to take golden apples back to Hell
- C. Keeper of the apples of immortality is tricked and taken to the land of the giants
- D. Man told to shoot an apple balanced on his son's head in order to save his life
- E. Uninvited wedding guest gifts the apple of discord, starting an argument about who is the fairest
- F. Hero given task to steal golden apples from a garden (guarded by a beast with many heads)
- G. Evil queen wishes to kill stepdaughter with a poisoned apple



Fill in the fruit/vegetable blanks

1. The _____ of Wrath (John Steinbeck)
2. James and the Giant _____ (Roald Dahl)
3. A Clockwork _____ (Anthony Burgess)
4. The Guernsey Literary and _____ Peel Pie Society (Mary Ann Shaffer-)
5. The Enormous _____ (Russian folktale)
6. The _____ Orchard (Anton Chekov)
7. It's the Great _____, Charlie Brown (Charles M. Schulz)
8. _____ Wine (Joanne Harris)
9. I Will Never Not Ever Eat a _____ (Lauren Child)
10. The Lady of _____ (Alfred Tennyson)

What did the tree say to Autumn?

Leaf me alone

What is the ratio of a pumpkin's circumference to its diameter?

Pumpkin Pi

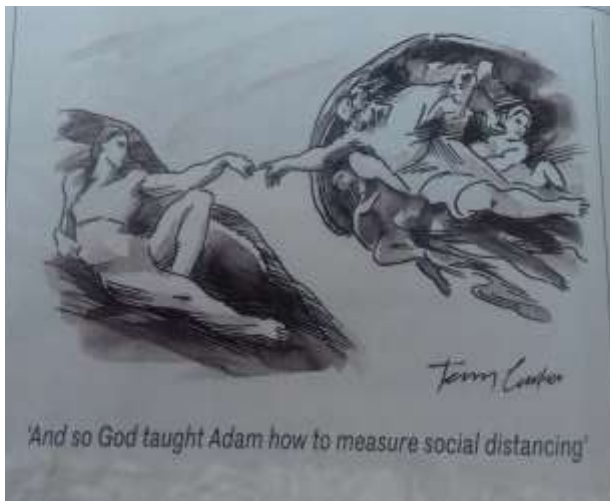
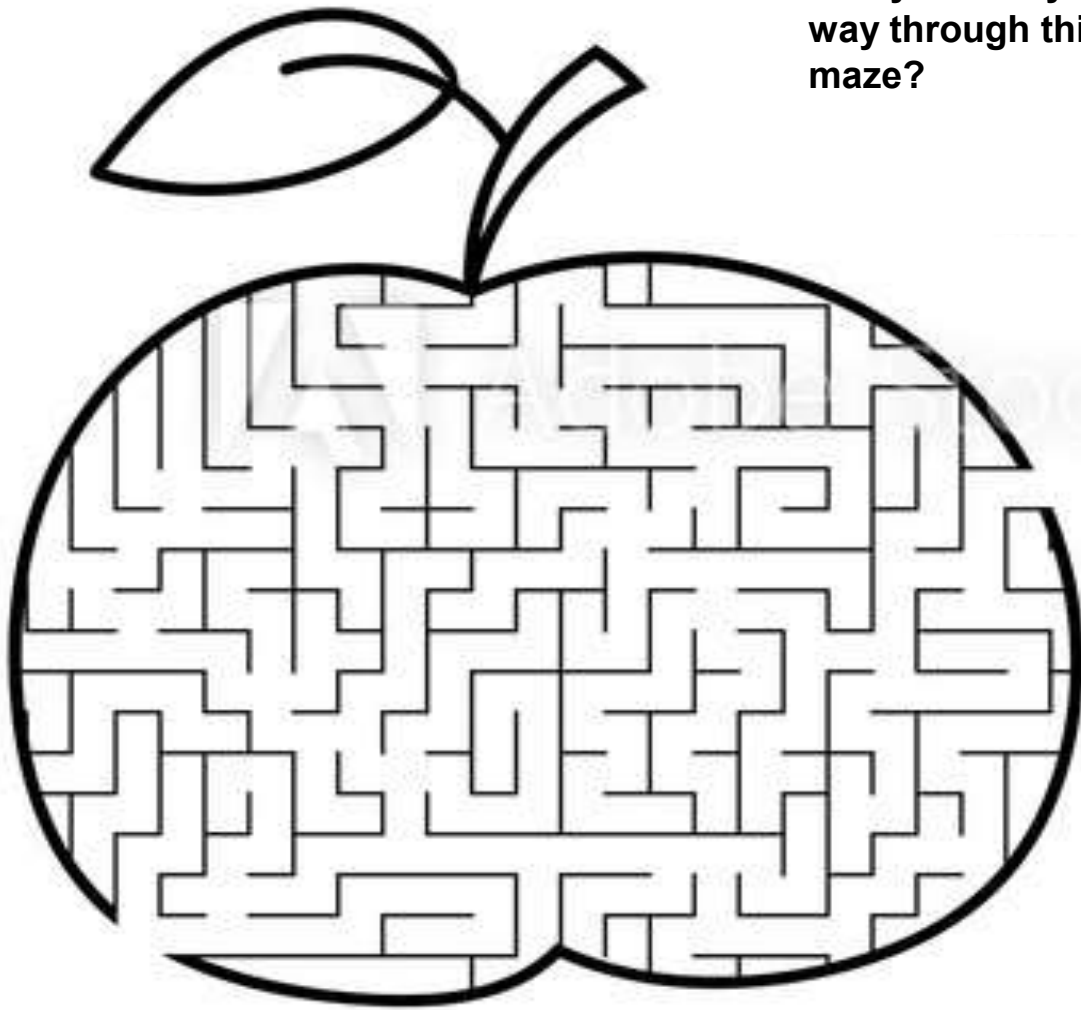
What's the problem with eating too much this time of year?

You'll get autumn'y ache.

What is the cutest season of the year?

Awwwtumn.

Can you find your way through this maze?



Don't forget to donate to Meltham Food Bank this harvest time at the Coop or Morrisons



Fiona's Family Page

HD9 Club

There have been two meetings of the HD9 Club this month both on zoom. On Friday 21st August we enjoyed a Tai Chi class led by Cecelia. We learnt about balance, breathing and quite a lot of forms and felt as if we had exercised our minds as well as our bodies when the hour was up. Our thanks go to Jax for organising this and to Cecelia who shared her knowledge with us and gave her time free. On 4th September Kim and Jax organised a quiz and we played one or two games.

During this time of year you see lots of apples on the trees (like the one on the front cover which was our apple tree when we lived in Halifax.) 21st October is Apple Day what could be better than a recipe for Crab Apple Jelly. Although the word 'crab' is used lightly as we later discovered the tree wasn't a crab apple tree at all! Our kids love this and have it with Sunday dinner or even in sandwiches!

'Crab' Apple Jelly

Ingredients

- 4 kg crab apples
- 1 kg caster sugar
- 1 lemon, juiced

Makes 6 x 500ml jars - or use these proportions.

Method

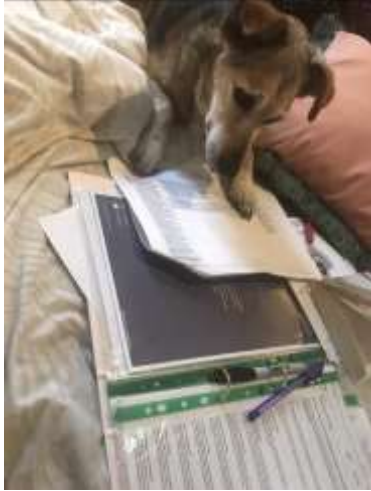
- 1 Wash the apples, removing any bruised fruit. Put in a saucepan, fill with water to just cover the apples.
- 2 Bring to the boil and simmer until the fruit is soft (about 30 minutes).
- 3 Pour the pulp into a jelly bag or layers of muslin and let drip ideally overnight into a pan. Do NOT squeeze the bag or it will make the juice cloudy.
- 4 Measure the juice, and add sugar in the ratio of 10 parts juice to 7 of sugar. Add some lemon juice, then bring to the boil, stirring to dissolve the sugar.
- 5 Keep at a rolling boil for 40 mins, skim off the froth. To test the set, chill a dessert spoon in the fridge.
- 6 When the jelly is set, it will solidify on the back of the spoon. Pour into warm, sterilised jars and tightly seal while still slightly warm. Store in a cool dark place.



Pet Pictures!

In the last issue you were asked to send in photos or pictures of your pets for us to see.

Here is 'Sasha' she likes to get up to all sorts of mischief .



Working From Home



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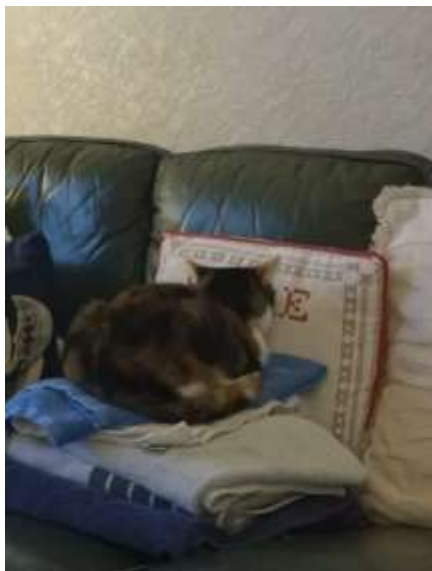
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But Sasha loves it best when she is sat in the sun... or asleep!



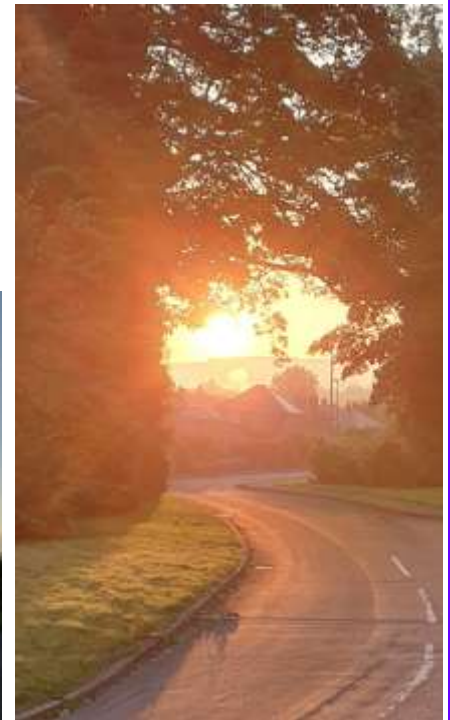
'Lily' the cat seems to be a shy cat, either that or she knows she isn't supposed to be sitting on all this clean washing!



'Chip the dog' loves to watch the Vicar at work and make sure everything is in order. Always happy to be made a fuss of and likes to bark at squirrels and birds.



Photos from around the Parish



All these photos have been taken whilst out for a walk around Meltham.



Can you guess where any of these may have been taken?



Puzzle Answers

Fill in the Blanks: 1-Grapes, 2-Peach, 3-Orange, 4-Potato, 5-Turnip, 6-Cherry, 7-Pumpkin, 8-Blackberry, 9-Tomato, 10-Shallot. **Match the Apples:** 1G, 2D, 3E, 4F, 5C, 6A, 7B.

