

# Parish Magazine

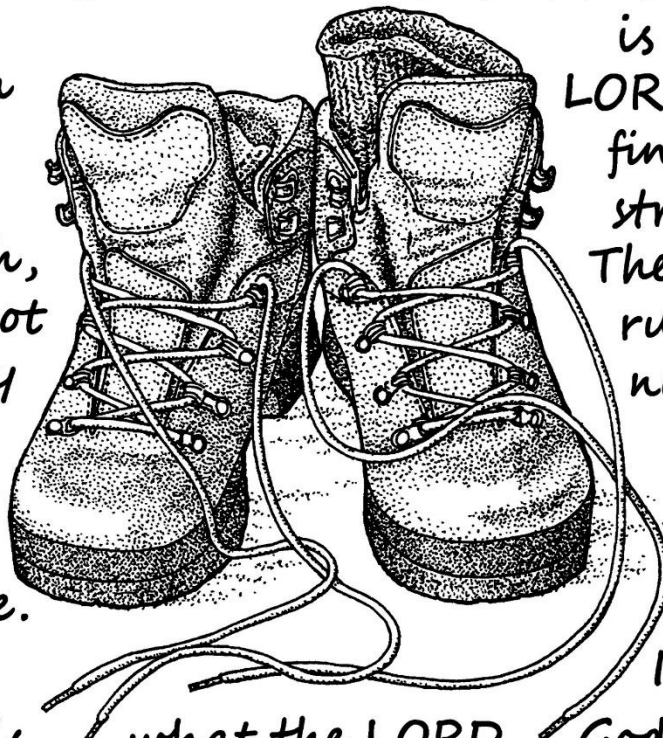
September 2022

30p

What does the LORD God want from you? To respect Him, walk in all His ways, and love and serve Him. Deut 10:12-13

Even though

I walk through valleys as dark as death, I will not fear any danger, because You are with me. Ps 23:4



Those whose hope

is in the LORD will find new strength. They will run and not tire, walk and not faint. Is 40:31

This is what the LORD God says, "Stand at the crossroads and look. Ask for the old paths, the good roads. Walk in them and you will find rest for your souls." Jeremiah 6:16

## St. John's Parish Church

Rufford Road, Crossens

(A member of the North Meols Team Ministry)

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<b>Sunday:</b>	<b>10am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>10am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>



**Messy Church returns!**

**Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> September**

**4:00 – 5:30pm**

**The Good Shepherd**

**All welcome!**

*A letter from Rev Brenda Jagger...*

Dear friends,

September is a time for mixed feelings: the summer is coming to an end and the nights are drawing in. It is also a time of new beginnings. Our church organisations begin to meet again after the summer break and as members of the Body of Christ we seek to find ways to engage with the communities we serve.

Whenever I go away on holiday, in addition to the "light reading" I select a couple of books from my extensive library of Christian books. This year one of my choices was; *"Footprints of the Northern Saints."* written by Cardinal Basil Hume, former Archbishop of Westminster.

In his book, Cardinal Hume reflects on the lives of early northern saints, in particular Paulinus, Aidan, Cuthbert, Hilda and Wilfred.

In the preface he writes,

*"Saints from all ages have something to say to us – their lives speak eloquently of God. We can be more touched by contact with holy people than by any number of sermons. Another's strong faith and dedicated service of God, at the same time, rebukes us for our sluggishness and inspires us to change our ways."*

These monk bishops, who lived in the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> centuries, were holy people, totally dedicated to the service of God and his people. They lived at a time of trouble, danger and conflict.

We read many stories of successful and dramatic conversions to Christianity. We are given the impression that these people became Christian by divine inspiration and we tend to forget that this divine inspiration was mediated by the tireless work of Paulinus, Aidan and others.

They seized the circumstances of their time and place, persuasively using them in the service of the Gospel. Their faith was so strong and so deep that it flowed out into their teaching and actions.

Cardinal Hume observes that in every age there are stumbling blocks to receiving the Gospel but that there are many people, who are still searching. Sometimes it takes a crisis in their lives before they realise this: perhaps a bereavement or change of circumstances.

I believe that, today, many people have a sense of compassion, of wanting to help those they see suffering. Many people experience shock and horror when they witness outrages on their television screens. An emergency appeal will always receive an excellent response. There is a strong sense of justice, especially among younger people.

These areas of spiritual searching, of compassion and justice are areas on which the church can build. Can we take inspiration from the saints of Anglo-Saxon England and attempt to do in our day what they did in theirs?

Yours in Christ,  
Brenda Jagger

# HARVEST COFFEE MORNING

St John's Church

Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> October

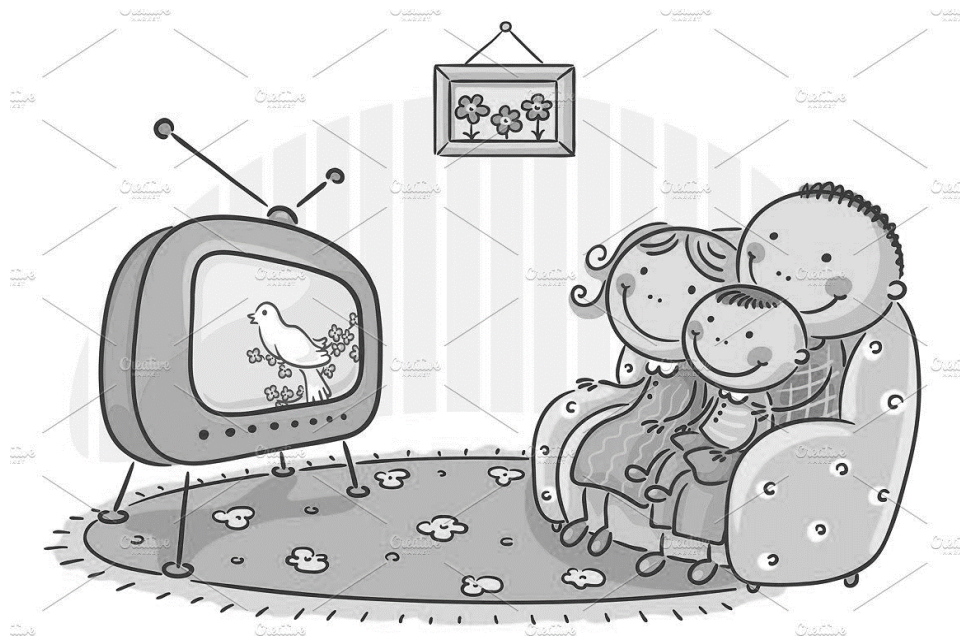


10am – noon



## Cakes & Raffle

Our Team  
Ministry's  
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Topical and Local Interest Items  
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# ROTAS

## SUNDAY COFFEE ROTA

11 <sup>th</sup> September	Chris & Eileen
18 <sup>th</sup> September	Heather & Jenny
25 <sup>th</sup> September	Chris/Bill
2 <sup>nd</sup> October	Kath & Jane



## WEDNESDAY COFFEE ROTA

7 <sup>th</sup> September	Chris & Janet
14 <sup>th</sup> September	Brenda & June
21 <sup>st</sup> September	Jean & Mavis
28 <sup>th</sup> September	Chris & Janet
5 <sup>th</sup> October	Brenda & June

Help is urgently needed to maintain a weekly rota. If you are willing to volunteer, please see me. Chris Jowett

## Sanctuary Flowers

September 4 <sup>th</sup>	Mrs Yvonne Fee
September 11 <sup>th</sup>	-----
September 18 <sup>th</sup>	Mr & Mrs R Corbett
September 25 <sup>th</sup>	Mr & Mrs Johnson



Thank you to all who have contributed to our flower fund via our collecting box. ECB.

# PUZZLES - SUDOKU

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## "SCHOOL - RESCUE ME!"

As part of their work to support charities, school are supporting an animal rescue centre called "Rescue Me". The children have been asked to collect postage stamps from envelopes, unwanted foreign currency and any pre-decimal or pre-euro currency people may have hidden in old socks!!!

If you have any such items, please can you pass them to Karen Corbett and she will take them into school.

# **Churches Together**

*(in North Meols)*

***Tuesday, 13<sup>th</sup> September 2022***

***7.30 p.m.***

***at St Cuthbert's C of E Church***

**Everyone is very  
welcome!**

***The meeting will be led by:***

***Cornerstone Methodist Church***

***"Be completely united, with only one thought and one purpose."***

***[1 Corinthians 1: 106]***

## CONFIRMATIONS 2022

There will be a Confirmation Service on Wednesday 12th October here at St John's at 7.00pm. This will be a Service where churches from across Southport will be attending.

The Bishop will lead the Confirmation Service in October and all those from St John's will receive their first Holy Communion on the following Sunday.

If anyone is interested in taking their next step in their Faith Journey, to renew the vows made by your Parents and Godparents, then please have a word with me. Confirmation is where children or adults confirm their personal acceptance of the Christian life.

There will be a short five-week course beginning in September on Sunday after the Service in the morning.

Please give it some thought and get back to me whenever you wish.

Every Blessing

*Chris*



# WORDSEARCH

## Wordsearch – The Parable of the Weeds (Matthew 13.24-30)

Ever wonder why there is both good and evil allowed in this world? Jesus told a parable that touched on this subject – it is called the Parable of the Weeds. It runs like this: Consider the world as if it were a field where a Farmer has sown good seed. But then an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat. So, when the wheat came up, so did the weeds. What to do? Instead of destroying the weeds, and thereby risking the wheat, the Farmer tells his reapers to wait and let both wheat and weeds grow together until the harvest. At the harvest he will instruct the reapers to gather up the wheat, but to discard the weeds. So do not despair when evil seems to thrive in this world – there is a reckoning still to come, and justice will be done.

Kingdom  
Heaven  
Good  
Seed  
Field

Sleeping  
Grain  
Weeds  
Enemy  
Servants

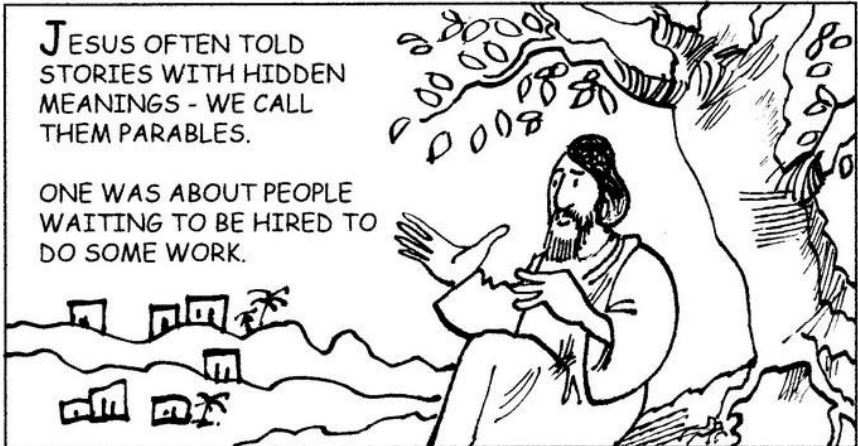
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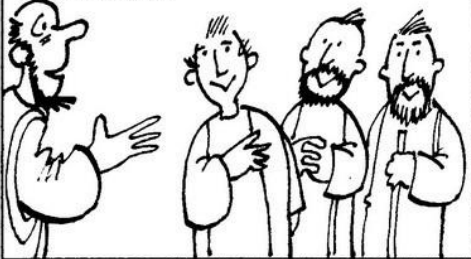
# The Hired Workers



JESUS OFTEN TOLD STORIES WITH HIDDEN MEANINGS - WE CALL THEM PARABLES.

ONE WAS ABOUT PEOPLE WAITING TO BE HIRED TO DO SOME WORK.

A HOUSEHOLDER HIRED A GROUP OF WORKERS FROM THE MARKET PLACE, FIRST THING IN THE MORNING. HE AGREED UPON A FAIR WAGE.



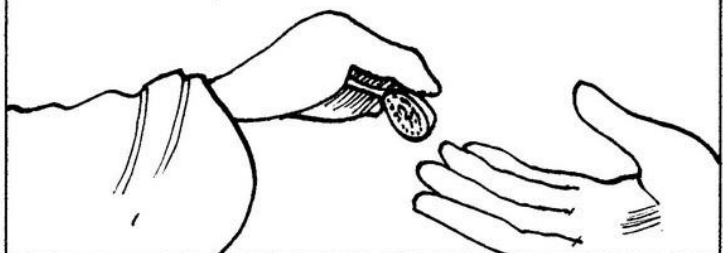
A BIT LATER ON THE HOUSEHOLDER RETURNED TO THE MARKET PLACE AND HIRED SOME MORE WORKERS.



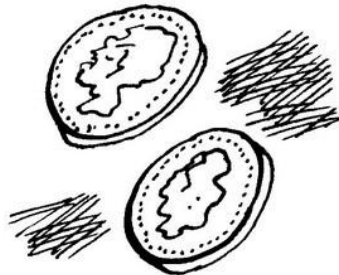
HE RETURNED SEVERAL TIMES DURING THE DAY, EACH TIME HIRING MORE WORKERS. HE EVEN HIRED SOME PEOPLE JUST AS THE SUN WAS SETTING!



WHEN THE DAY WAS OVER THE HOUSEHOLDER BEGAN TO PAY THE WORKERS, STARTING WITH THOSE WHO HAD ONLY JUST ARRIVED. HE PAID EVERYONE THE SAME.

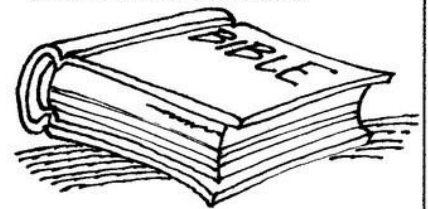


THIS UPSET THOSE WHO HAD WORKED ALL DAY. THEY THOUGHT THEY SHOULD GET MORE.



BUT THEY WERE BEING PAID WHAT THEY HAD AGREED AT THE START OF THE DAY.

JESUS CONCLUDED "SO THOSE WHO ARE LAST WILL BE FIRST, AND THOSE WHO ARE FIRST WILL BE LAST" - IT'S A HARD PARABLE!



see Matthew 20:1-16

# Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in  
Mt. 13: 3-8, Mk 4: 1-9, Lk 8: 4-8

Crowds of people now came to hear Jesus, so he used stories to teach them; those who really wanted to learn would work out the meaning.

A farmer went out to sow a field of corn.



Some seed fell on the path

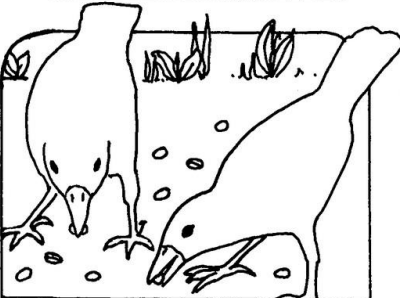


and some on to rocks.

Some fell among thorn plants and

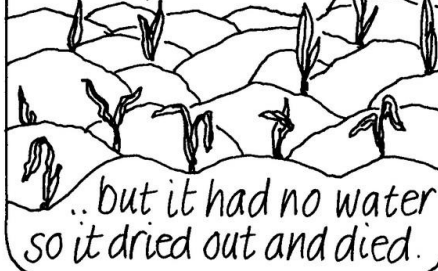


some fell on good soil.



The seed on the path was eaten by birds

The seed that fell on the rocks sprouted...



...but it had no water so it dried out and died.

The seed that fell among the thorns grew well to start with,



then it was outgrown by the thorn plants.



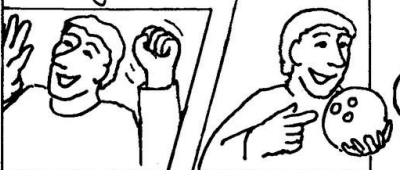
But in the good soil the seed grew well and gave a fantastic harvest!

Jesus explained to his disciples what it meant.



Some people don't even listen to what he says.

For some it is the best thing ever!



But soon they move onto another 'best thing.'

Some listen gladly...

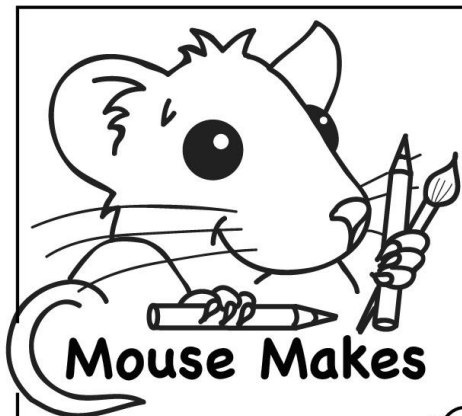


but then worries and busyness take over.

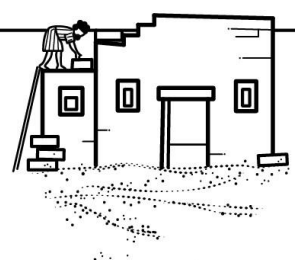
But some hear what Jesus says and learn from it,



and that makes all the difference!



Everyone who hears Jesus' words and **does** them will be like a




Everyone who hears Jesus' words and does **not** do them will be like a

The \_\_\_\_\_ fell,  
The floods came and the \_\_\_\_\_ blew.  
Matthew 7:25


\_\_\_\_\_ man.  
On what did he build his house?  
Matthew 7:24

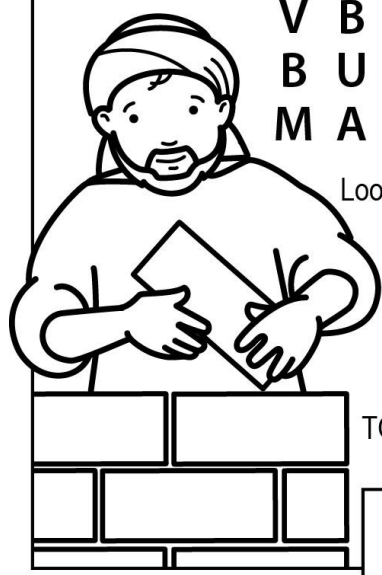
\_\_\_\_\_ man.  
On what did he build his house?  
Matthew 7:26

  
Matthew 7:24-27  
and  
Luke 6:46-49

What happened to the houses?  
Read  
Matthew 7:25 and 27

R J E S U S W I N D S D  
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M A N H S A N D W S J I

  
What was the reaction of the crowd to Jesus' teaching?  
Read  
Matthew 7:28-29



Look up the Bible references to find the missing words then look for them and the words below in the word search

- JESUS • HEAR • LISTEN • WORDS
- DOES • BUILT • FOUNDATION • MAN
- DUG • DEEP • SOLID • GROUND
- STREAM • RIVER • BURST • FLOODS
- TORRENT • HOUSE • FELL • COLLAPSED
- RUIN • DESTROYED

How many other words can you make from the word  
**FOUNDATIONS**



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