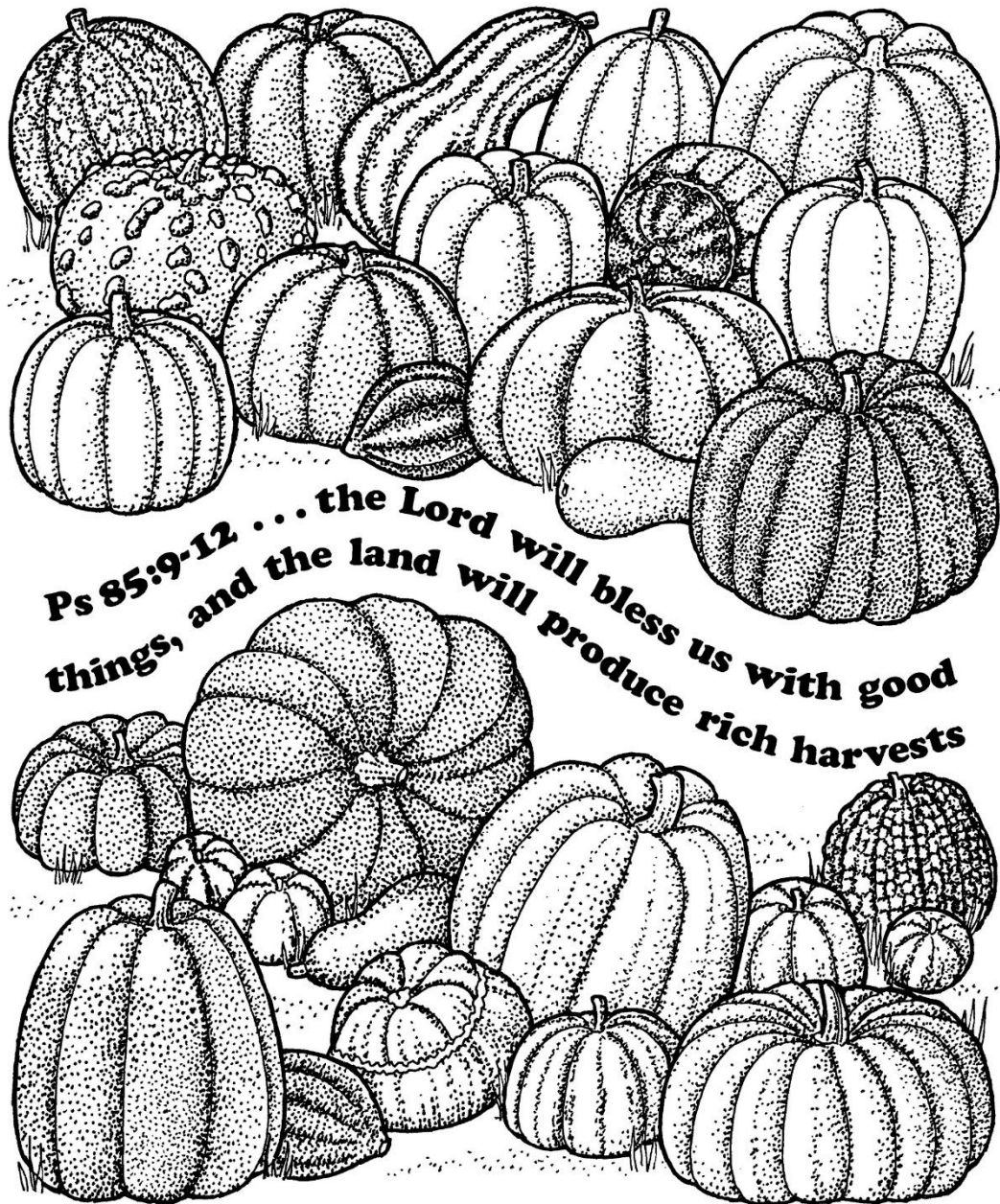


# Parish Magazine

October 2025

30p



*Ps 85:9-12 ... the Lord will bless us with good things, and the land will produce rich harvests*

## St. John's Parish Church

Rufford Road, Crossens, Southport  
(A member of the North Meols Team Ministry)

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### Sunday (10am)

Holy Communion 26<sup>th</sup> October, 2<sup>nd</sup> November  
Morning Prayer 5<sup>th</sup> October (Harvest), 12<sup>th</sup> October, 19<sup>th</sup> October

### Wednesday (10am, unless otherwise stated)

Holy Communion 1<sup>st</sup> October, 15<sup>th</sup> October, 29<sup>th</sup> October  
Morning Prayer 8<sup>th</sup> October, 22<sup>nd</sup> October, 5<sup>th</sup> November

For later dates, please check the website: [www.stjohncrossens.co.uk](http://www.stjohncrossens.co.uk)

*Brenda Jaggger writes...*

Dear friends,

October is the month in which we celebrate Harvest Festival in our churches. There are many traditions associated with this festival.

An early harvest used to be celebrated on August 1st and was called, "Lammas", meaning, "Loaf Mass." Farmers baked loaves of bread from the fresh wheat crop. These were given to the local church to be used as the Communion bread, during a special service of thanksgiving to God for the harvest.

By the 16th century, several customs seem to have become firmly established around the gathering of the final harvest. They include the reapers accompanying a fully laden, horse drawn cart, shouting, "Hooky, hooky."

The horse was decorated with ribbons. The foremost of the reapers dressed extravagantly as, "Lord of the Harvest". He usually asked for money from onlookers.

Farm workers celebrated the end of the harvest with a large meal, called the "Harvest Supper", to which all, who had helped in the harvest, were invited. This was often accompanied by games. It was also known as, "The Mell Supper", after the last patch of corn or wheat, known as, "the mell", had been cut.

The modern tradition of celebrating the Harvest Festival in church began in 1838, when the Rev. Robert Hawke invited parishioners to a special thanksgiving service at his church in Morwenstow, Cornwall.

In more recent times, people brought produce from their gardens, allotments or farms. Typically, this was given away to local charities, hospitals and children's homes.

As British people have come to rely less heavily on home-grown produce, there has been a shift in the emphasis of our Harvest Festivals. Increasingly churches recognise the difficulties of people in poorer countries, whose harvests have failed, for various reasons. This year we have seen the impact of low rainfall and searing temperatures on the crops produced in this country, with farmers predicting decreased yields and consequently higher prices.

At our Harvest Festival we come together to thank God for the work of farmers, fishermen and all those who work to bring us our food. It is a time to appreciate our many blessings and to spare a thought for the millions around the world who do not share them.

Jesus frequently used references from agriculture and fishing in his teaching.

The disciples were called to become fishers of men.

In John 4:35 Jesus says,  
“Four months more and then the harvest. I tell you, open your eyes and look at the fields. They are ripe for harvest.”

In Matthew 9:37-38 Jesus says,  
“The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the Harvest to send out workers into his harvest field.”

It is important that we bring of our bounty to our Harvest festivals, but in these verses, we are being asked to offer ourselves, as workers in the kingdom, to reach out to those who have not yet heard the good news of Jesus Christ.

However you choose to celebrate Harvest in your church, I hope that it will be a very joyous occasion.

With best wishes,

Brenda

The Quarter's Team Magazine is now available to watch

on our  **YouTube** Channel

***NORTH MEOLS TEAM MINISTRY SOUTHPORT***

*Items include:*

*Something special at Hesketh Park / Hearing the 'Hookers' Story / 'Threads Through the Cross - Cathedral Exhibition /*

*It's a Scam / Opening Doors / Some Very Surprising Statistics*

### **Shining Brass**

Once a month, if you would ever have the need to go into our vestry, then you would have found Brenda and Mavis rubbing and cleaning our brass and silver furnishings. They have regularly kept this work going for several years and we thank them most sincerely for it!

They now feel that it is time to stop, and they would be grateful to hand over to someone else.

If you feel that you would like to continue this work, then they would be very grateful. Please contact Chris Jowett if you would like to help in keeping our church well cared for.



# ROTAS

## Sunday Coffee Rota

5<sup>th</sup> Oct Kath & Jane  
12<sup>th</sup> Oct Nicola & Andrew  
19<sup>th</sup> Oct Brenda & Chris  
26<sup>th</sup> Oct Louise J & Heather  
2<sup>nd</sup> Nov Kath & Jane



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

## Wednesday Coffee Rota

1<sup>st</sup> Oct Eileen & Trish  
8<sup>th</sup> Oct Brenda & June  
15<sup>th</sup> Oct Jean & Mavis  
22<sup>nd</sup> Oct Chris & Janet  
29<sup>th</sup> Oct Eileen & Trish  
5<sup>th</sup> Nov Brenda & June

## Readings Rota

<b>5-Oct-2025</b>	Nicola	16th after Trinity	2 Timothy 1.1-14
<b>12-Oct-2025</b>	Simon	17th after Trinity	2 Timothy 2.8-15
<b>19-Oct-2025</b>	Chris J	18th after Trinity	2 Timothy 3-14 - 4.5
<b>26-Oct-2025</b>	Maggie	Bible Sunday	Romans 15.1-6
<b>2-Nov-2025</b>	Louise J	All Saints Day	Hebrews 12.18-24
<b>9-Nov-2025</b>	Joey	Remembrance Sunday	2 Thessalonians 2.1-5,13-end
<b>16-Nov-2025</b>	Sylvia	2nd before Advent	2 Thessalonians 3.6-13
<b>23-Nov-2025</b>	Joan	Christ the King	Colossians 1.11-20

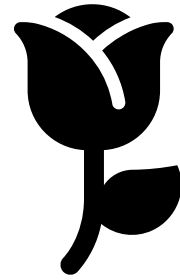
## Flowers for September

October 5<sup>th</sup> In memory of Yvonne Sandiford

October 12<sup>th</sup> \_\_\_\_\_

October 19<sup>th</sup> In memory of B Empson

October 26<sup>th</sup> In memory S Harding



Thank you to all who support our Flower Fund. ECB.

### Remembrance Coffee Morning

If anyone has articles, photos or other mementos about Crossens during WWII, please can you let me have them by the end of October.

Thank you

Chris Jowett

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### ***Are you a native of Crossens? Were you or your family here in 1940's?***

*Remembrance Sunday is on November 9<sup>th</sup>. As this year is the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the end of World War II, we will be having a coffee morning on November 8<sup>th</sup>, and hopefully a display of WWII memorabilia..*

*If you were brought up in Crossens and hopefully attended St. John's School between 1939 and 1945, we would like to have your memories of that time. Have you any photos of the V.E. Day street parties that we could borrow? What did you parents, grandparents or older siblings do?*

*Written accounts of your memories, photos, ration cards etc. would be very welcome. If you lend us photos, please write your name on the back, so that they can be returned.*

*All funds raised will be going to the British Legion.*

*Thank you*

*Chris Jowett*

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# Puzzles – Sudoku

EASY

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	3	9		8				
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9		1				3		2
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MEDIUM

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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.

Nexus

# Churches Together

*(in North Meols)*

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> October  
At St Patrick's RC Church  
7:30pm

**Everyone is very welcome!**

*"A new commandment I give unto you. Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another"*

*John 13:34-35*

# HARVEST



## ***COFFEE MORNING***

**Saturday 4th October**

**10am-12.00**



**Cakes, Raffle, Games!**

# COFFEE MORNING

SATURDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER

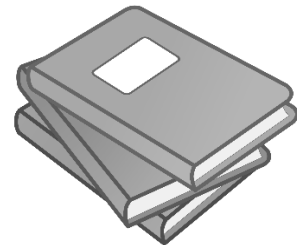
TEA, COFFEE



CAKE STALL



RAFFLE



DISPLAY OF  
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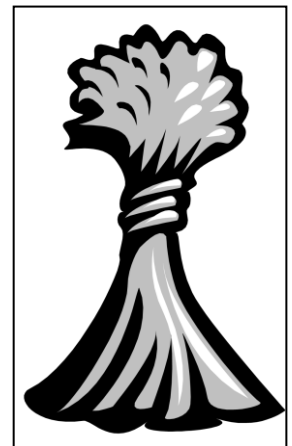
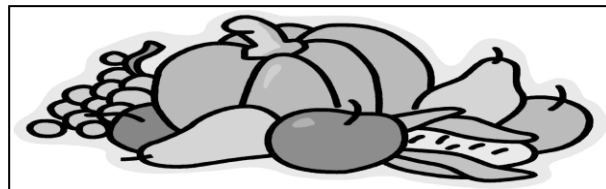
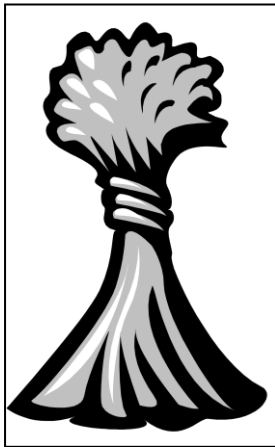
BOOKS & JIGSAWS



ALL FUNDS FOR THE BRITISH LEGION POPPY APPEAL

# HARVEST SERVICE

*Everyone welcome*



**Sunday 5th October**  
**10.00 am**  
**Family Service**

# WORDSEARCH

To St Luke, whose feast-day is 18th October, we owe a beautifully written gospel as well as the Book of Acts. He was a Greek physician and faithful travelling companion to St Paul. Under house arrest near the end of his life Paul noted, 'only Luke is with me'. Luke's gospel focuses on the compassion of Christ, and offers us moving parables, such as the Good Samaritan and Prodigal Son. Women figure more prominently in Luke's gospel than in any other: look out for the extended story of the Virgin Birth, and stories of Mary, Elizabeth, and the woman who was a sinner. His gospel also features more poor people, more lepers, more 'sinners', who are all shown to be 'inside' the love of Christ. In Acts, Luke skilfully links sacred and profane history, as subsequent archaeology has shown. He tells of how the early Christians moved away from Jerusalem into the pagan world, and especially on to Rome.

Luke  
 Feast  
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 Gospel

Acts  
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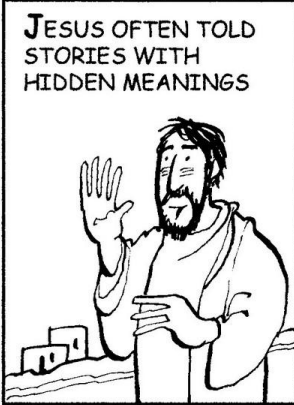
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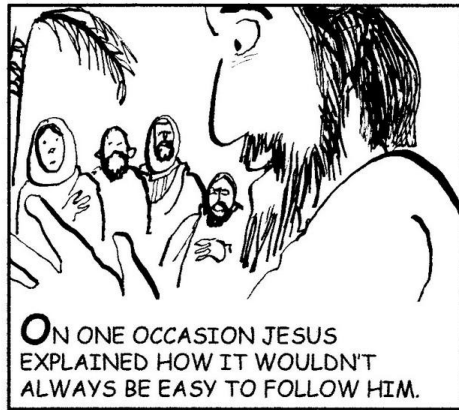
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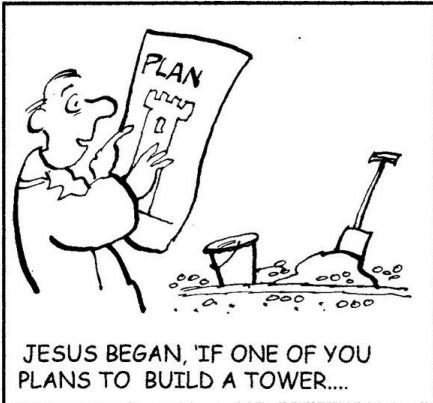
# The tale of the Tower Builder



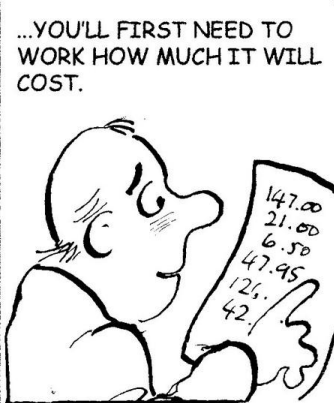
JESUS OFTEN TOLD STORIES WITH HIDDEN MEANINGS



ON ONE OCCASION JESUS EXPLAINED HOW IT WOULDN'T ALWAYS BE EASY TO FOLLOW HIM.



JESUS BEGAN, 'IF ONE OF YOU PLANS TO BUILD A TOWER....'



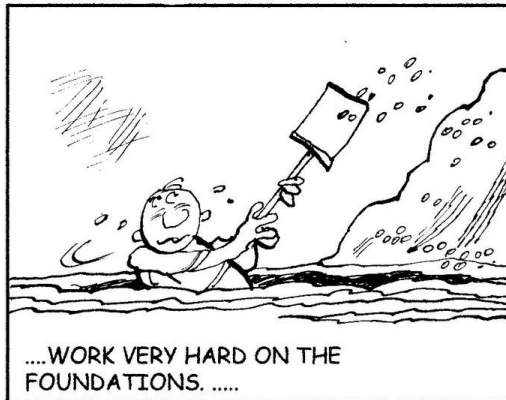
...YOU'LL FIRST NEED TO WORK HOW MUCH IT WILL COST.



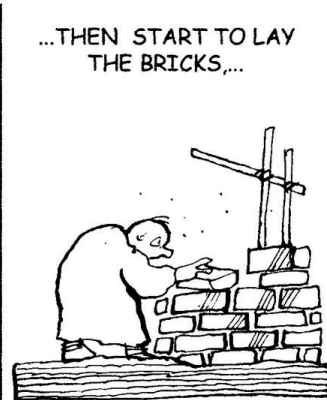
IF YOU DON'T DO THE SUMS....



...YOU MIGHT MAKE A START, ....



...WORK VERY HARD ON THE FOUNDATIONS. ....



...THEN START TO LAY THE BRICKS,...



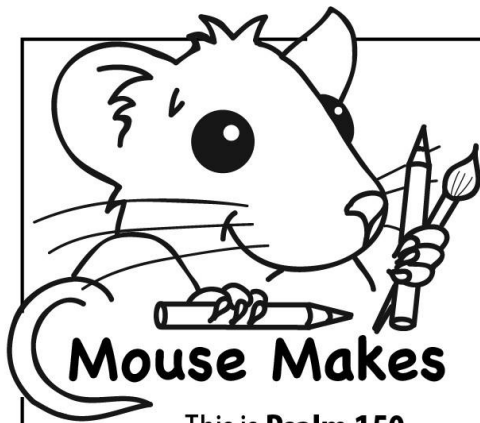
...BUT SUDDENLY RUN OUT OF MONEY!!



THEN PEOPLE WILL LAUGH AT YOU!

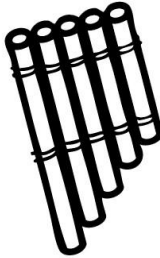


WE NEED TO REALISE THAT ALTHOUGH FOLLOWING JESUS IS THE RIGHT THING TO DO, IT'S ALSO A GREAT CHALLENGE.



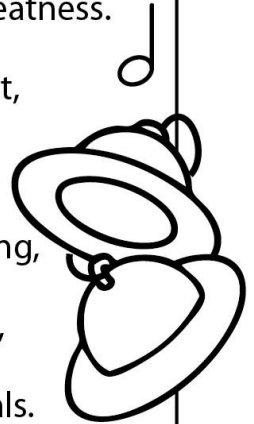
## Mouse Makes

This is **Psalm 150**,  
a song of praise to God,  
it tells us why and how  
to worship God.  
*How do you praise and  
worship God?*

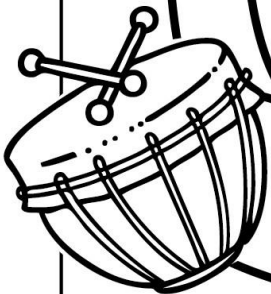


**Praise** God in His Temple,  
**Praise** Him in His mighty heavens.  
**Praise** Him for His acts of power,  
**Praise** Him for his surpassing greatness.

**Praise Him**  
with the sounding trumpet,  
**Praise Him**  
with the harp and lyre,  
**Praise Him**  
with tambourine and dancing,  
**Praise Him**  
with the clash of cymbals,  
**Praise Him**  
with the resounding cymbals.  
Let everything that has breath  
**PRAISE THE LORD!**

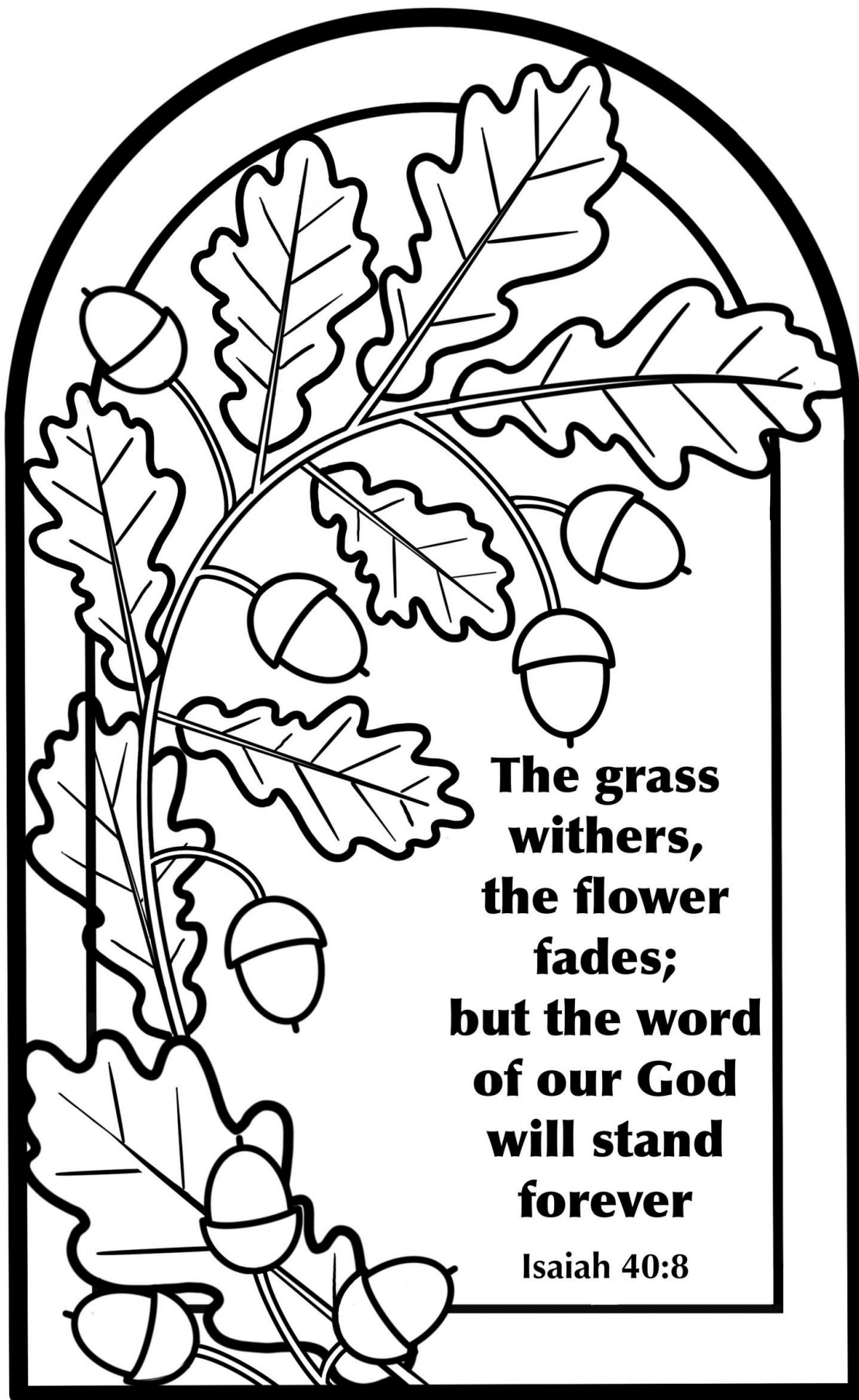


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**The grass  
wITHERS,  
the flower  
fades;  
but the word  
of our God  
will stand  
forever**

Isaiah 40:8

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