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St. John's Parish Church

Rufford Road, Crossens

(A member of the North Meols Team Ministry)

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Sunday (10am)

Holy Communion July 2nd, July 9th, July 30th, Aug 6th, Aug 27th

Morning Prayer July 16th, July 23rd, Aug 13th, Aug 20th

Wednesday (10am)

Holy Communion July 12th, June 28th, Aug 9th, Aug 30th

Morning Prayer July 5th, July 19th, July 26th, Aug 23rd

No service on Wednesday 16th August

A letter from Brenda Jagger

Dear friends,

September 16th is the feast day of St. Ninian. He is believed to have been born in the year 360 AD, into a Christian family, in Cumbria, where his father was a chieftain. From Bede we learn that Ninian received instruction in Rome.

Ninian is remembered as the person who brought the Gospel to the southern Picts. He did this from his base at the church in Whithorn. The church was known as the Candida Casa (White house). It was built from stone and not from mud and thatch, which were the usual building materials of the time.

Many stories and legends about Ninian survive. Although the historical accuracy of these legends may be in doubt, all aimed to show that Ninian was a holy man, who followed Christ in all he did.

One legend recounts how Ninian used to visit shepherds, flocks and herds. One night, Ninian gathered the animals together and walked in a circle around them, commanding that all within the circle should be under God's protection.

During the night, when they were sleeping, thieves came to the place and, seeing no walls, hedges or ditches, tried to steal the cattle. But they were unsuccessful. The bull of the herd attacked the leader of the thieves and killed him.

When Ninian awoke and saw what had happened, he prayed that the man might be saved. The thief was miraculously raised from death and he and his fellow thieves converted to Christianity.

For the Celtic people, God was involved in their everyday activity. His care and protection was described in very immediate and concrete terms.

In the story of Ninian's cattle, we see the idea of God's protection being like a circle, encompassing all that is to be protected. These ideas give rise to "Caim" prayers, in which Celtic Christians extended the forefinger of the right hand and drew an imaginary circle around themselves, asking for protection.

This can be a helpful image to explore with children. They cannot see God; his protection is not like a security fence or a locked door but it is there, nevertheless.

It is perhaps something that we adults might also try.

Circle me Lord;
St John's Crossens

keep protection near
and danger afar.

Circle me Lord;
keep hope within,
keep doubt without.

Circle me Lord;
keep light near
and darkness afar.

Circle me Lord;
keep peace within,
keep evil out.
David Adams (Edge of Glory)

As we begin a new season, I do pray that God's love will encircle our churches as, like St Ninian, we seek to follow Jesus in all that we do.

Yours, in His name,

Brenda

A Thank You from Jean & John Sutton

To all members of St John's, a sincere thank you to all who contributed to make our 65th wedding anniversary special.

Jean & John

Time to catch up on the Summer Events in our three Churches
by signing in to our Team's YouTube Channel
"NORTH MEOLS TEAM MINISTRY SOUTHPORT"
This September Quarterly Magazine includes:
The Croquet Match - St. Cuthbert's Summer Fair & Crowning -
Two great characters in stained glass windows - Rose Queens' Stories -
The Children's Society - Christian thoughts on judging others

ROTAS

SUNDAY COFFEE ROTA

3 rd September	Brenda & Mavis
10 th September	Chris D & Eileen
17 th September	Chris & Bill
24 th September	Kath & Jane
1 st October	Nicola & Andrew



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

Chris Jowett

WEDNESDAY COFFEE ROTA

6 th September	Chris & Janet
13 th September	Jean & Mavis
20 TH September	Brenda & June
27 th September	Chris & Janet
4 th October	Jean & Mavis

Sanctuary Flowers

September 3 rd	Mrs Y Fee
September 10 th	-----
September 17 th	Mr & Mrs Corbett
September 24 th	Mr & Mrs Johnson



Thank you to all who give to the Flower Fund. ECB.

Harvest Coffee Morning Saturday 30th September

10am - 12pm



Cakes and Raffle

PUZZLES - SUDOKU

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Medium

"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, 12th September 2023

7.30 p.m.

at Cornerstone Methodist 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]***

WORDSEARCH

For some reason, the Church gives thanks for angels in September. The 29th is the feast day of Michael and All Angels. Since the days of Genesis, these messengers of God have been sent many times to intervene for the good in human affairs. Angels guarded the Garden of Eden, they led Lot away from Gomorrah, they helped Gideon, they stopped Balaam, they closed the mouths of lions for Daniel, and, most important, the archangel Gabriel was sent to tell Mary that she would mother the Messiah. Angels sat in the empty tomb of Jesus, and told of His Resurrection. Revelation is teeming with angels, sent on all sorts of missions by God in the last times. Today, many Christians in the world's hot spots report having had angels help them when in mortal danger.

Thanks
Angels
Church
Feast
Michael

All
Genesis
Messengers
God
Sent

Intervene
Garden
Eden
Lot
Gideon

Balaam
Mouths
Lions
Daniel
Archangel

Gabriel
Mary
Mother
Teeming
Revelation

danger



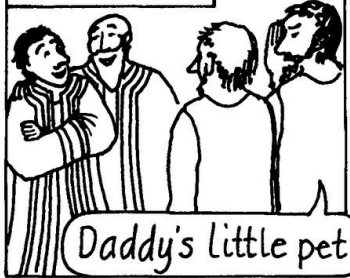
Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

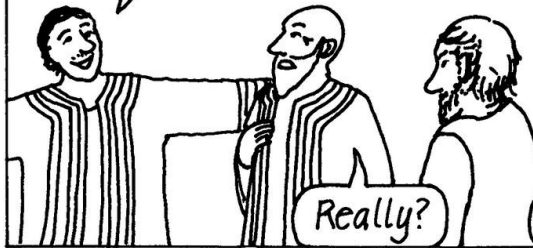
It can be read in the Bible in Genesis chs. 37:1-36, 39:1-20

Jacob had 12 sons but his favourite was Joseph, his beloved Rachel's son. He even gave him special clothes to wear...

His older brothers hated him.



I dreamed the sun, moon and eleven stars bowed down to my star



He means us, doesn't he?



Joseph visited his brothers as they looked after their flocks of sheep.



Put him down this dry well for now



Then some Ishmaelite slave traders came by

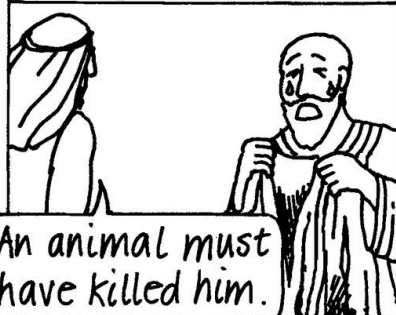


What will we tell Father?

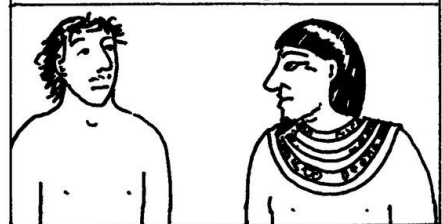


Put some goat blood on Joseph's fancy coat.

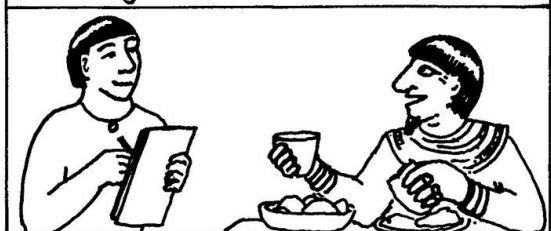
So they tricked Jacob



In Egypt, Joseph was sold to Potiphar, the captain of Pharaoh's Royal Guard

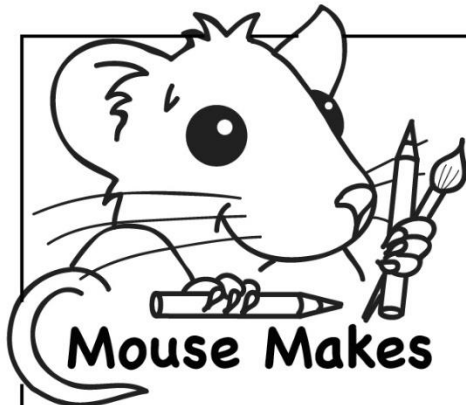


Potiphar was very pleased with Joseph's hard work and put him in charge of his household, but..



so Joseph was put in prison

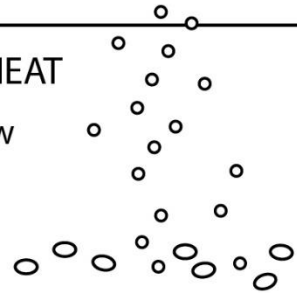




THE WEEDS AND THE WHEAT

What did the enemy sow amongst the wheat?

_____ *Matthew 13:25*



READ

the parable in

Matthew 13 v24-30, and v36-43

At harvest time the weeds are gathered, bundled then

_____ but the wheat is stored in the _____

Matthew 13:30

Who sows the good seed?

_____ *Matthew 13:37*

What does the field represent?

the _____

and who is the good seed?

The people of the _____

_____ *Matthew 13:38*

Who sows the weeds?

The _____

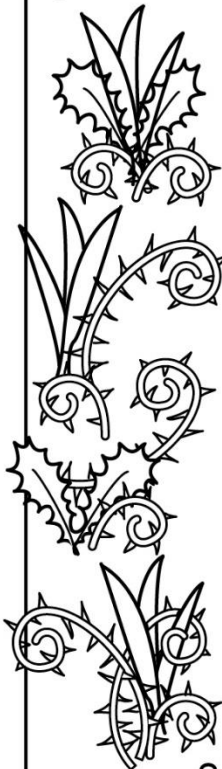
Who are the harvesters?

The _____

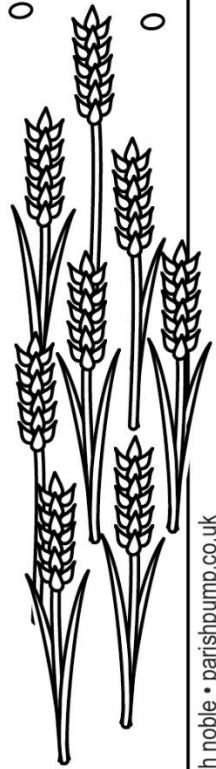
Matthew 13:39

"He who has ears, let him _____"

Matthew 13:43



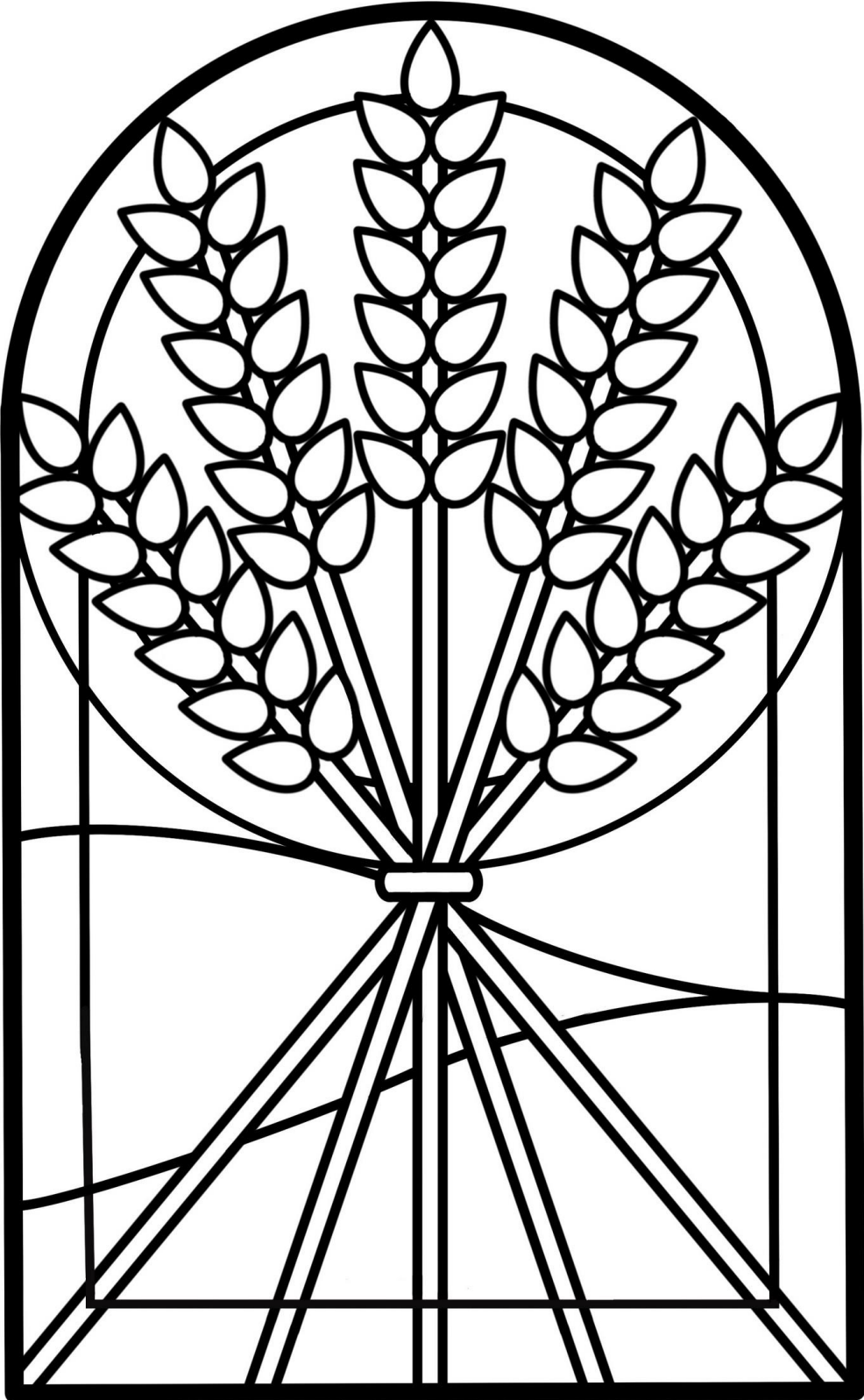
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Find the words from the questions too!

Some colouring for all ages....



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