

# Parish Magazine

October 2023

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**You designed and made the  
earth,**



**Ps 74:17  
and winter.**

**You made summer...**

## St. John's Parish Church

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

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#### Sunday (10am)

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

#### Wednesday (10am)

Holy Communion 4<sup>th</sup> Oct, 15<sup>th</sup> Oct  
Morning Prayer 11<sup>th</sup> Oct, 1<sup>st</sup> Nov

**NO SERVICE ON 18<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER**

Letter from Reader, Anne Wallbank...

**Finding the Way!**

Dear Friends,

On writing this, I have just returned from one of my opera jaunts to London, in what can only be described as sweltering conditions!

As I strolled around Covent Garden in the glorious autumnal sunshine, I was stopped by a lady who asked me if we were in New Street. "No" I said, "this is King Street" (I knew that because I was looking directly at the street sign bearing its name! ). Unfortunately, I had no idea where to find the street she was looking for!

That afternoon, I was asked for directions to London Bridge and, on my way back from the theatre that night, someone asked me if I knew where Charing Cross station was!

How remarkable, I thought. Three times this day I've been asked for directions - I must look like someone who knows where they're going!

And that is something well worth considering, for in a world of confusion and delusion, of conflict, uncertainty and fears for the future, a world lacking in strong leadership be it morally, spiritually or politically – do we look like people who know where they are going? I sincerely pray that we do.

Jesus famously declared in John 14:6 that, "I am the way." Not *a* way, but *the* way - a message that surely sits uncomfortably with the all-inclusive, everyone-wins-everyone-gets-a-prize mind-set that prevails in our society. But it's good news for us, because it means that if we are following Jesus, we are going in the right direction. When we follow Jesus, we are never lost.

We might be confused, lonely or fearful, but lost – never!

We are not lost because we are following the only way that can navigate us safely through this life and beyond.

When I went to Krakow with my friend, everything was strange and unfamiliar, but not to my friend because it was her hometown, and she knew it well. So I was blessed to travel with a guide who knew all the ins and outs, spoke the language and showed me the very best of the place.

Jesus has been this way before, and He is the best, the only guide we can choose on our journey through this life. Jesus knows the way we are going, and He will make sure we get there safely.

He is the Way, the only Way that leads to the Father, all others are counterfeit.

We can trust Jesus, the way, the truth and the life to bring us through life and death and into everlasting life – we really are the people who know where they're going!

*Wherever He may guide me no want shall turn me back.*

*My shepherd is beside me and nothing can I lack.*

*His wisdom ever waketh, His sight is never dim.*

*He knows the way He taketh.*

*And I will walk with Him.*

*(from the hymn by Anna Letitia Waring)*

*Anne*

# ROTAS

## SUNDAY COFFEE ROTA

1 <sup>st</sup> October	Nicola & Andrew
8 <sup>th</sup> October	Brenda & Mavis
15 <sup>th</sup> October	Chris D & Eileen
22 <sup>nd</sup> October	Chris & Bill
29 <sup>th</sup> October	Kath & Jane
5 <sup>th</sup> November	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

4 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>SCHOOL</b>
11 <sup>th</sup> October	Jean & Mavis
18 <sup>th</sup> October	Brenda & June
25 <sup>th</sup> October	Chris & Janet
1 <sup>st</sup> November	Eileen & Trish

## Sanctuary Flowers

October 1 <sup>st</sup>	In memory of Mrs Yvonne Sandiford
October 8 <sup>th</sup>	In memory of Mrs G Boden
October 15 <sup>th</sup>	In memory of Mrs B Empson
October 22 <sup>nd</sup>	In memory of Mrs S Harding
October 29 <sup>th</sup>	All Saints



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

# PUZZLES - SUDOKU

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*Easy*

*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, 10<sup>th</sup> October 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

To St Luke, whose feast-day is 18<sup>th</sup> 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  
physician  
companion  
house  
arrest

Paul  
compassion  
parables  
Good  
Samaritan

Prodigal  
Son  
women  
Virgin  
Birth

poor  
lepers  
sacred  
profane  
pagan

early  
Christians  
Jerusalem  
Rome



# Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in Genesis chapters 39:20-41:44

Joseph's brothers had sold him as a slave and he had ended up in Egypt. Then he was wrongly accused and was sent to prison.



Joseph was trusted to look after the other prisoners.

Then Pharaoh's butler and baker were sent to the prison. One night they had strange dreams.



.. I made juice from the grapes and gave it to Pharaoh..

.. all the bread in my baskets was eaten by birds.

God knows what your dreams mean - you will be pardoned . . . but you won't.



The two men left the prison.



Don't forget me!

But they did

Two years later Pharaoh had a dream



None of his advisors could explain it...



.. then his butler remembered Joseph.

So Joseph was cleaned up and sent to Pharaoh



and then the seven thin cows ate the seven fat cows but they were still thin.

God says there will be seven bumper years, then seven years of famine.



You must choose someone trustworthy to store the spare food in the good years

Pharaoh was so impressed he gave Joseph the job!



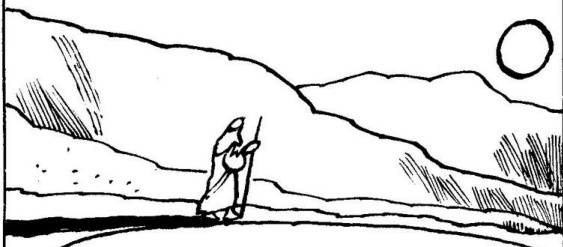
# The Good Samaritan

JERICO

ONCE, A LAWYER TRIED TO TRICK JESUS WITH A CLEVER QUESTION.



JESUS REPLIED BY TELLING THE LAWYER A STORY.



A MAN WENT FROM JERUSALEM TO JERICO. ON THE WAY...

HE WAS ATTACKED BY ROBBERS!!



THEY TOOK EVERYTHING HE HAD AND LEFT HIM FOR DEAD!



LATER A PRIEST PASSED BY, BUT DID NOTHING TO HELP - NOR DID THE RELIGIOUS MAN FROM A TEMPLE!

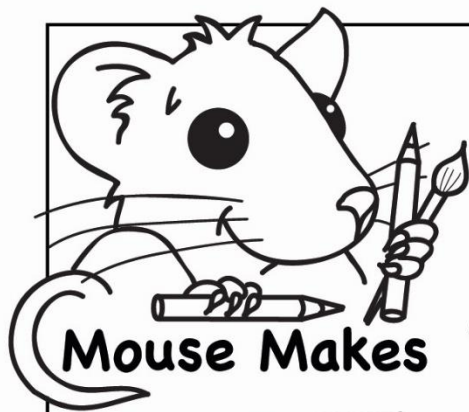
BUT A MAN FROM A FOREIGN COUNTRY STOPPED TO HELP THE INJURED MAN. HE DRESSED THE MAN'S WOUNDS AND EVEN PAID FOR HIM TO STAY AT AN INN.



JESUS THEN ASKED "WHO WAS THE NEIGHBOUR?"

- PRIEST
- TEMPLE MAN
- FOREIGN MAN

WHICH DO YOU THINK WAS THE ONE THE LAWYER CHOSE?



**CONNECT THE BIBLE FOOD PAIRS**

- |         |       |
|---------|-------|
| MANNA   | HONEY |
| OIL     | WINE  |
| WATER   | FISH  |
| LOCUSTS | QUAIL |
| LOAVES  | FLOUR |

What drink ran out at the wedding?

and what did Jesus use to make more?

John 2:3 and 7

What food did God supply for his people in the wilderness?

\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

Numbers 11:7-9 and 31

After Elijah came to visit, what never ran out?

\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

1 Kings 17:14

What food did the ravens feed Elijah?

\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

1 Kings 17:6

What food did John the Baptist eat in the wilderness?

\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

Matthew 3:4

What did the boy give Jesus to feed 5,000 people?

Five \_\_\_\_\_

and two \_\_\_\_\_

John 6:9

**FIND THE BIBLE VERSE**

Change each letter in this bible verse to the letter **before** it in the alphabet.

NBO TIBMM OPU  
MJWF PO CSFBE  
BMPOF, CVU PO  
FWFSZ XPSE UIBU  
DPNFT GSPN UIF  
NPVUI PG HPE.

NBUUIFX 4:4

**DID YOU KNOW?**

As Lot escaped Sodom with his family an angel told him not to stop or look back, but Lot's wife did look back and became a pillar of salt.

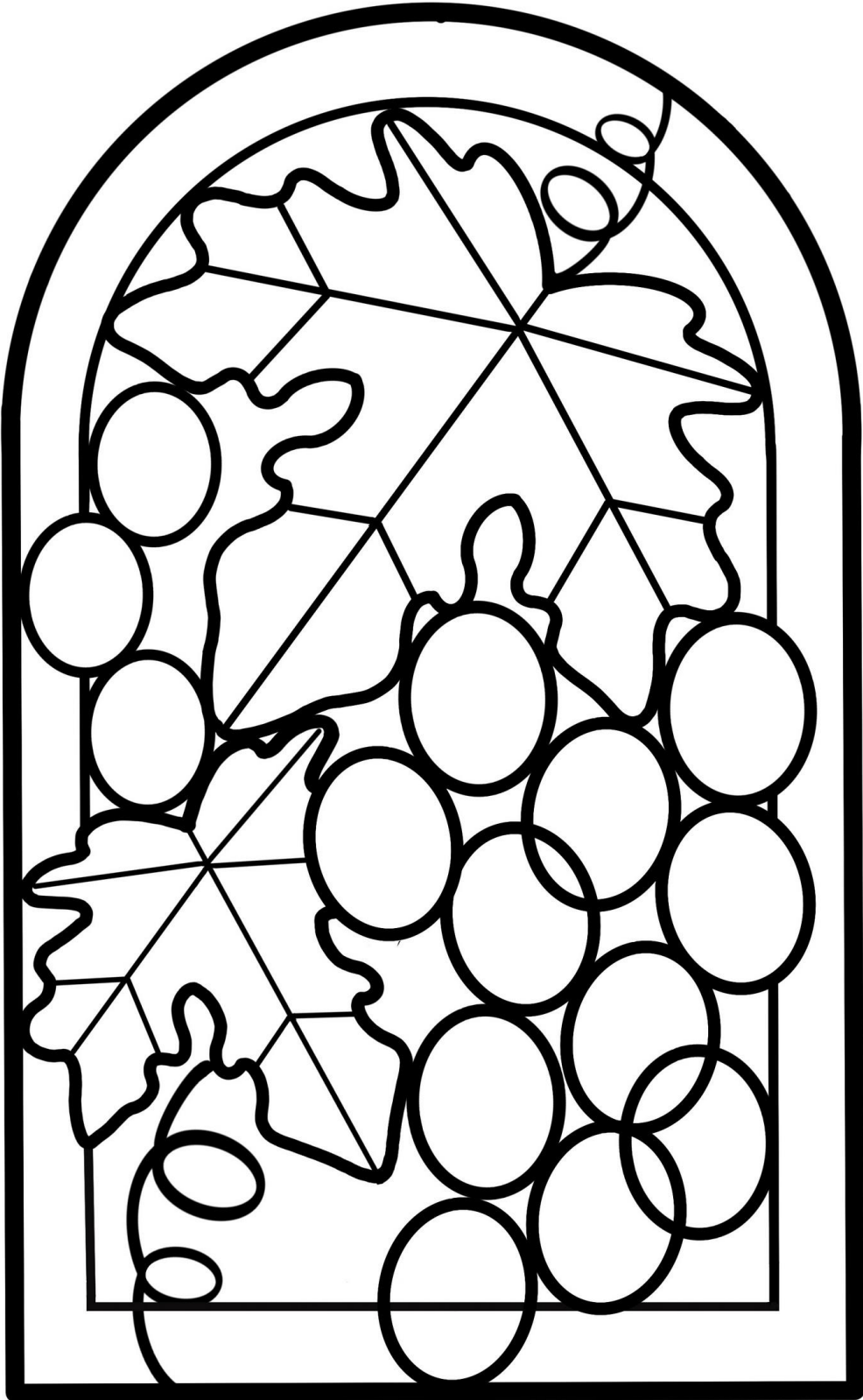
READ Genesis 19 v15-26

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M U S T A R D E I H D A T E S  
E V E G E T A B L E S A L T H

Find the words below and the answers to the questions all in the word search

- OLIVES • CHEESE
- FIGS • DATES
- MUSTARD
- RAISINS • WHEAT
- SALT • GRAIN
- FRUIT • GRAPES
- VEGETABLES

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