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Welcome!

From The Reverend Dr Chrichton Limbert Vicar of Christ Church Southgate



Welcome to *The Spire* for October. If you are reading this on the day of publication – Happy Harvest! We are celebrating and being thankful to God for the breadth and depth of creation, which we are still exploring and still finding ever more surprising in its beauty and intricacy, and which is the most obvious sign of God’s love for us. Those of us who were lucky enough to have walked St Cuthbert’s Way a couple of weeks ago saw many aspects of the magnificence of creation. The variety of the countryside we went through included crossing the Eildon and Cheviot Hills, as well as following the River Tweed, and crossing gorse and heather moors before the final walk across the sand to Holy Island. It was a truly memorable experience – the views we saw every day were simply superb and thankfully the weather matched. In this edition you will find

many pictures of the trip and reflections from some of us who took part.

The trip was a pilgrimage, rather than just a long walk through stunning scenery, so we had a period of reflection each morning and evening where we read aloud together the story of St Cuthbert from the book *The Fire of the North* by David Adam (a former Vicar of Holy Island). It was a lovely way of matching the life of the saint to what we were finding each day. Our prayers came from *Celtic Benediction* by J Philip Newell, which gave a Celtic morning and evening prayer service for each day of the week, illustrated with designs from the Lindisfarne Gospels. The prayers were particularly relevant as Celtic spirituality is full of God’s glory fully present in all creation, human desires and physical energy.

Here in Southgate again, since we celebrated Harvest last year, we have been awarded our Silver Eco-church award. Harvest is a good time to be clear that this award is a very clear statement, both to ourselves and to the wider community, that we are serious about doing God's work of stewardship. This stewardship comes from realising that if we are serious about loving God we must love absolutely all of creation and look for him in everything.

I'll end with the opening prayer from *Celtic Benediction* by J Philip Newell (published in 2000 by Canterbury Press, Norwich) that we used on the Saturday morning before we made our final crossing to Holy Island. It was so relevant on

that morning and I commend it to you all for every day:

*In the silence of the early morning
your Spirit hovers over the brink of the day
and new light pierces the darkness of the
night.*

*In the silence of the morning
life begins to stir around me
and I listen for the day's first utterances.*

In earth, sea and sky

and in the landscape of my own soul

I listen for the utterances of your love, O God.

I listen for the utterances of your love.

Fr Chrichton

Christchurch Association News

The Christchurch Association (CCA) provides a social centre for the parish, and runs the "Top Step Bar" which serves soft and alcoholic drinks upstairs in Church House.

The CCA "Top Step Bar" opens early at 6 pm on the first Friday of each month, and on **Friday 4th October** there is the additional attraction of a **Cocktail Night** with complimentary snacks. The following month we revert to the regular pattern of complimentary **cheese and snacks** being served between 6 and 11 pm on **Friday 1st November**.

Clive will be hosting a tasting of **10 Wines from Regional France** on **Saturday 12th October** at 8 pm in the Walker Hall. Tickets are priced at £25 per person and must be reserved in advance – please contact Clive Woodhouse before 5th October.

The **Annual General Meeting** of the CCA will be held on **Wednesday 30th October** at 8:30 pm in the Reception Room (bar). This is an important meeting that is open to all CCA members and anyone else who is interested in the activities of the Association. Please contact Clive if you would like to know more or if you are interested in serving on the committee.

On **Friday 25th October** there will be a slightly delayed celebration of Trafalgar Day with a **Fish & Chips** supper in the Reception Room. The bar will be open from 8 pm and orders should be placed by 8:45 pm on the night or notified to Clive in advance. Bar facilities will also be provided for the Harvest Lunch (Sunday 6th) and the Talkies Cinema screening (Saturday 19th October).

The Top Step Bar is open on a regular basis as follows (except during August):

Sundays from 7:30 to 10:30 pm

Wednesdays and Fridays from 8 to 11 pm

Early opening at **6 pm** on the first Friday of every month

The CCA is a Registered Club with membership open to anyone who worships at Christ Church, lives in the parish or uses the church halls. Membership is £2 per year. New members are always welcome. Please contact Clive for more information or if you would like to become a member.

Clive Woodhouse (Chairman, Christchurch Association)

Don't give up on giving up!

It's almost a year since you all took part in the A Rocha survey and filled out a lifestyle questionnaire. This I used for my first LLM project but I also intended for it to give us an idea of our baseline as a congregation, to find out where we were at with our Eco practices so that we could acknowledge that and move forward. It's time to look at that again now.

The PCC have given me their blessing to form a 'Green Team'. The members of this team will vary depending on the project and anyone with Eco enthusiasm can be involved. We would also like at least one teenage member for each project. The next generation are our Eco warriors.

Our first task is to review our green practices at Christ Church to make sure we're still on track and that we're still doing all the things that we started doing when we achieved our silver award. It's very easy to give up, to slide back into old practices.

We will also choose some specific projects to work on. So, if any of you are passionate about anything Eco at all, let me know. Clare and I met with Helen Shore. She's passionate about swifts and has formed the Enfield and Barnet Swifts Group whose prime concern is the prevention of the continuing decline in the number of swifts. We're hoping that she will come to give a Sunday night bar talk.

These issues are here to stay. They're part of life now. A lot of us are of the age where we never gave such issues a thought and were totally unaware. It will never be like that again so we all have to act. God's creation is so precious and look what we've done to it!

So, stay on track, stay focused, pray for God's grace in helping you when the easiest thing is to just give up. Old habits do die hard but die they can. I'm going to sign off with a few facts on plastic:

- It's 53 years since the plastic bag was created
- 90% of seabirds have plastic in their stomachs
- It takes 450 years for a plastic bottle to break down in the ocean
- 1 rubbish truck of plastic enters the ocean every minute
- 500,000 plastic particles per square metre in a river in Manchester is thought to be the highest intensity ever discovered in one place
- Roughly a third of plastic in the ocean comes from microfibres which can be released when washing our clothes

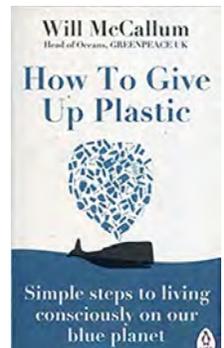
These facts are from *How To Give Up Plastic* by Will McCallum, which he describes as 'A Guide to Changing the World, One Plastic Bottle at a Time'. I recommend this book to give you inspiration. Good luck

Prayer:

*We thank you, creator God
for the goodly heritage you offer us,
from green downland
to the deep salt seas,
and for the abundant world
we share with creation.
Keep us so mindful of its needs
and those of all with whom we share,
that open to your Spirit
we may discern and practice.
all that makes for its wellbeing,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

Sandra Anderson.

Editors' note: If you would like to buy this book Sandra is recommending, it is available on Amazon at a cost of £4.40 – Will McCullum, *How to Give up Plastic. Simple steps to living consciously on our blue planet.* Penguin Books, 2018.



Reflections on the Pilgrimage



From Friday 13th until Saturday 21st September, ten pilgrims from Christ Church walked St Cuthbert's Way, a 62 mile trail from Melrose on the Scottish Borders to Lindisfarne (Holy Island), off the Northumberland coast. Their thoughts about this experience are shared below.

Abbeys

I decided to visit the ruined Abbeys of Melrose, Jedburgh and Dryburgh. They are such peaceful places with fascinating history. As I wandered around listening to the excellent audio guides I was imagining the 12C – 14C Celtic monks at their daily prayers, work, and study. The structures of the abbeys is pretty similar – church, cloisters, chapter house, dormitories, washrooms, warming rooms (the only place with a fire), and parlours (where they were allowed to speak). I immersed myself in them, thinking about the monks' lives of prayer and simplicity and how good the routine is of praying the hours, eating little, studying thoughtfully. At Dryburgh Abbey I found the tiny chapter house had a wonderful acoustic as I chanted a psalm in there for a while. Our modern world seemed so cluttered and largely unnecessary in comparison.



Rosslyn Chapel

While the walking pilgrims set off from Melrose, I was excited by the prospect of visiting Rosslyn Chapel in a small village outside Edinburgh. You may know it from the film *The Da Vinci Code*! It is a beautiful chapel founded in 1446 and was originally intended to be the chancel of a large cathedral. It was never completed but what was built is extraordinary. It features highly ornate carving on almost all stone surfaces, including fabulous pillars, angels playing bagpipes, plants, the dance of death, a beautiful ceiling. My particular favourite are the two lintels of the seven deadly sins and the seven acts of mercy; they are part of a moral lesson although it is interesting that one of the virtues has been transposed into the sins and vice versa – was it a cheeky mason or a deliberate reminder that we each have within us the capacity for good and evil? I spent a couple of happy hours in the chapel and sat in the sun marvelling that one of the high roof pinnacles includes a beehive.

Cath

An incredible journey to a place I had heard of, but never expected to visit, Holy Island. We started and ended each day with prayers and reading about the life of Cuthbert which helped our understanding of his journey.

From the start of the walk in Melrose up the Eildon Hills to the finish on Holy Island we were greeted by stunning views and peace and quiet to take it all in. Every day the terrain was different, walking along the River Tweed watching the sun sparkling on the water, then climbing up again going through forests (a lot of up and down).

On the hills you could often hear the bleating of the sheep, of which there were many, walk by the watching cattle and one day we were entertained by cavorting feral goats. There were a lot of birds – I didn't spot any grouse but others did. We came across pheasants on the paths and a tree full of rooks. It was wonderful to stand in the peaceful countryside far away from civilization. It may sound idyllic, but it was on occasion quite tough and tiring. Indeed one day, finishing some time before our transport came to pick us up, we stretched out on the grass verge of the country lane and dozed for a while.

We were fortunate to be able to celebrate communion at St. Cuthbert's Cave on a sunny morning, a very peaceful place apart from the occasional gunshot in the distance. Although it was sad to see that people were using it for barbecues and leaving all the rubbish behind.

Walking across the sands to Holy Island on our final day was an experience, following a line of poles that seemed to be endless. There were some very deep puddles of sea water that came above your ankles; by the time I reached the other side I had very squelchy feet. It was good to sit in the sun with everybody for a well-earned rest and lunch before walking on to the finish.

We had our last meal together that evening, followed by final prayers and reflections on our journey. Some of us even went and looked at the stars. It was lovely to be able to end the week at the Sunday service in the very pretty church on Holy Island.

I have many happy memories of the journey; we were blessed with good weather. Personally, I was helped on the way by care, kindness, encouragement and on several occasions by very much appreciated helping hands. What I feel most is tremendous admiration for those early pilgrims centuries ago, we travelled with food and drink in our backpacks, they travelled with their faith in God that he would provide what they needed. A journey I will remember always.

Pat



We were all well-equipped and knew where we were going. With maps, GPS and guide books in hand, we followed the sign-posted footpaths and walked without hesitation. I lost count of the number of hills we walked up, fields we crossed, and gates we entered. Narrow paths, stony slopes, and muddy patches ... We just pressed forward in faith and good spirits. We rejoiced at the first glimpse of our destination across the water. The journey was just like a miniature of our lives. We trod on till we reached our final destination.

Judith



I went on the pilgrimage because I like walking and was glad of the opportunity of a long walk, particularly finishing on Holy Island. I have walked with the Christ Church group before and enjoy the companionship of all individuals who participate. The spiritual component of the pilgrimage was well led by Revd Limbert, whose thoughtful preparation of such was truly a

blessing. I didn't know much about the Celtic tradition of worship, nor about St Cuthbert, before undertaking this Pilgrimage, and found that element informative and stimulating.

As someone who no longer worships at Christ Church, I am always made to feel a most welcome member of the group, and I enjoy exploring and explaining differences between the non conformist and Anglican ways of expressing our shared Christian faith.

The route of the pilgrimage was delightfully varied in scenery and topography, and not too challenging. I recommend it. The overall organisation by Ronald Lo was superb, nothing was left to chance and there was never need to be anxious about the logistics.

Ellen

For us the high point of the pilgrimage was the Eucharist at St Cuthbert's Cave. It seemed to us, rightly or wrongly, that this brought us right back to the early church: a small group of Christians, meeting perhaps at some risk, clad in ordinary clothes, to follow the last request of Jesus, "Do this in remembrance of me". At the same time the traditional words remind us that we are part of the universal Church.



Other highlights were the crossing to Holy Island on the sands in the same way that generations of pilgrims had done and the very special nature of the island after 5.0 pm when all the tourists had left and a deep calm settled there.

Finally for myself [John] as the oldest member of the group, struggling to get up the hills, a mixed feeling: thank God it is all over, but a certain pride that I managed it.

John and Françoise



Unfortunately, due to unforeseen circumstances, I was only able to join the last two days of the Pilgrimage, but I am so glad I was able to do that. Highlights included the Eucharist at St Cuthbert's Cave, the walk across the sands following the poles and the quiet when all the day trippers left the island. It was during that quiet time late on the Saturday afternoon, when I took myself off for a solitary walk around the castle and stumbled across the Gertrude Jekyll Garden and sat for a while just marveling at the beauty around me, that I was able to really connect with some of the Celtic readings and prayers we



had shared. The fragility of some of the plants growing in that windblown garden were in stark contrast to the solidity of the carved wooden sculpture in St Mary's church – titled *The Journey*, the sculpture depicts the body of Saint Cuthbert being carried on its journey from Lindisfarne to Durham. For me this sculpture firmly grounded all that we had read and heard about St Cuthbert and his followers in today's world.



Clare

[*"The Journey"* St Mary's church, Holy Island:
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We were incredibly lucky with the weather – it rained immediately before and after our pilgrimage walk but not during the 9 walking days. Was this divine favour? The views along the St. Cuthbert's Way through the Cheviots were glorious and awesome, with changing vistas at every turn. The terrain was kind and better than expected. It was easy to immerse in the Creation and

commune with Nature under the circumstances. One cannot but appreciate the environment for solitude and prayer that Cuthbert craved in what we experienced along the way. The Holy Communion at Cuthbert's Cave and the walk across the Beal Sands to Holy Island were highlights of the walk. We are thankful for the company of fellow pilgrims and the well-chosen contents for our devotional gatherings every day. Reflections on this journey will surely go on for a long while!



Ronald



WHAT WE SING IN CHURCH

Come ye thankful people come (New English Hymnal, No. 259)

As we are celebrating our Harvest Festival on the day this magazine comes out, I thought it would be good to look at a harvest hymn which I expect we will have sung on that occasion. We have to remember that our harvest hymns were written when many more people in the community would have been closely involved with agriculture and 'Harvest Home' was really important for them; it meant that food supplies for the coming winter were assured. So, they would have been very thankful to God for supplying their needs.

This is much less so now, of course, and our harvest festival is rather tame in comparison. We may bring to church produce from our gardens or allotments, but often we give tins or packets to charities who provide for homeless people in winter. The principle is the same, however – we are showing our gratitude for plenty.

In verse 1 of the hymn, the writer calls people to be thankful that the harvest of the fields has been brought home and relates that to the Jewish custom of the bringing of the first sheaves of corn in thankfulness to the Temple. The whole of the rest of the hymn is strongly related to Jesus' parable of the *Wheat and the Tares* (Matt 13:24-30). Jesus' listeners were like our ancestors, closely involved in the production of food from the land and Jesus' parables show us that he lived in a rural community. To really understand the hymn you

will need to read the parable and also that of the sower (Matt 13: 1-9). It might also be useful to read the explanation of the parables (Matt 13: 18-23 and 36: 43).

The field that is sown with seed is the whole world and the seeds of wheat are those who follow Jesus' teaching. The tares or weeds are people who do evil. Tares can be identified with a plant called darnel which is very like wheat when it first sprouts and is impossible to distinguish. By the time it is identifiable as a weed it has grown so entangled with the wheat that trying to pull it up would uproot the wheat as well. It is only possible to separate the two at harvest. The lines 'First the blade and then the ear, then the full corn shall appear' is a reference to a small parable found only in Mark's Gospel (Mark 4:26-29).

Verse 3 refers to the end of the parable of the wheat and tares and relates to the end of days when angels will sort out the good from bad.

In verse 4 the hymn writer prays that the good grain – those who have followed Christ's teaching – will be safely gathered in forever, to be purified and abide in 'God's garner' by which he means heaven.

He then calls on all the angels to come and raise the song of the final 'Harvest Home'.

Cathy Dallman

Social Responsibility Committee Report

As in previous years, I now have 40 **shoeboxes** and various contents gathering for the *Samaritans Purse* charity for their "Operation Christmas Child" scheme. This year they are stricter on the 'no liquids' rule and this means: NO TOOTHPASTE, NO BUBBLES, NO SWEETS and NO CHOCOLATE. Please bear this in mind when making your contribution. The last date to bring your donation in is Sunday 10th November (Remembrance Day).

At the **Lunch Fellowship** in September Judith Limbert lead a discussion about how we will celebrate VE Day next year. Several members of the congregation remember WW2 and they will be pleased to share their memories with visiting school children and with all of us. More information will follow in the coming months. If you have anything to contribute, speak either to Judith or to me.

The next Lunch Fellowship meeting is on Wednesday 9th October when Fr. Chrichton & Judith will talk about their Summer trip to Italy and show a few of their many photographs. The cost of lunch is now £5 plus optional £1 for a raffle ticket. Everyone welcome.

(Please check the regularly updated '**Lunch Box**' (formerly 'Out to Lunch') in this issue of *The Spire* for full details of forthcoming **Charity Lunches** and **Lunch Fellowship** meetings.)

We are beginning to plan our **Christmas fundraising**. We expect to have some stalls in church, probably at the beginning of December. For the past three years we have also had a gift tree, which has proved very popular. If you have a suggestion for a charity that we could give to this year please talk to one of our committee. As always please continue to pass on unwanted gifts & saleable items so that we can have some well stocked stalls. Many thanks for your continuing support.



Hilary Meur

PRAYER OF THE MONTH

This edition of *The Spire* has the threads of abuse, harvest and ecology running through many of the contributions – abuse by people like ourselves of the land, the water, the air, animals and other people... Drawing together these themes, a prayer from the Christian Ecology Link website (at <http://www.christian-ecology.org.uk/whatcel.htm>) seems appropriate.

Loving Father, we thank you for creating this beautiful earth and all the varied life forms within it. Forgive us for having recklessly exploited it, changing its weather, depleting its resources, treating animals as 'commodities' and creating divisions between rich and poor, east and west, haves and have-nots. Help us to turn away from our self-interest and greed, to protect the climate and the life which depends on it, and to begin to live in such a way that we do not rob others of the means to live, either those now living or those who will come after us.

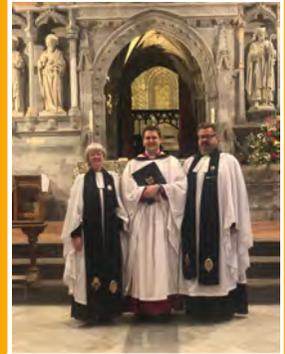
We ask this in the name of your Son, through whom all things were made.



Parish Life in Pictures *September 2019*



The Church Times
Cricket Cup Final
took place on
The Walker Ground



Chris Limbert was
installed as the
new Lay Tenor
Vicar Choral at St
David's Cathedral

Hazel led the Battle
of Britain Day
Service in the
Memorial Garden in
Broomfield Park



Baptism of Hazel's grandson Joseph Miall



We welcomed lots of visitors as part of the Open House weekend. Thank you to everyone who helped on the day.



The Choir recorded their Christmas CD, with Organists and Producers Kate & Dave. The perfect Christmas present - order forms will be available in the November *Spire*.

PSALM

Project for Seniors and Lifelong Ministry



WORKSHOP: *If it sounds too good to be true...*

The next PSALM workshop will take place on **Friday 11th October** between 11.00 am and 3 pm in St Pancras Church House, 1 Lancing Street, NW1 1NA (by Euston Station). Coffee will be available from 10.30 am. Drinks will also be provided at lunch time, but please bring your own packed lunch.

We will be thinking about safety and security as we grow older, with a focus on how to avoid being taken advantage of by unscrupulous people – but without thinking that everyone is out to get us! Sunni Parekh from **Home Instead** will give us information about current scams on the doorstep, phone and internet based on updates from the police and Age UK, and we will learn about ways to spot potential scammers and sources of help – as well as sharing our own thoughts and reflections. The workshop will be lead by Ann Wright and Revd Lizzie Baughen.

Cost £10 (£8 for PSALM members). Christ Church is eligible for two places at the discounted rate – these will be allocated on a first come first served basis. To book your place:

Either return a booking slip to PSALM, St Pancras Church, Euston Road, London, NW1 2BA (slips are available on the board at the back of church)

Or email your details to psalm@stpancraschurch.org

Or leave a message on 020 7388 1461

(If you have any queries, please contact Patricia Ashby)

Note from the Editors

The last month seems to have passed very quickly. But somewhat surprisingly, there has been time enough for all sorts of things to happen and create the news that fills these pages. It was quite a tricky month for both of us, one way and another, and with copy arriving individually as well as to the Parish Office, we both hope that nothing has gone astray or gone wrong. We have done our best!

Occasionally, we need to edit text that is submitted – reducing the length sometimes, or adding clarification. It is not always possible to contact the author, especially when that person is not on email or may be away or busy. We apologise if we have done something you don't like – do please always let us know if you are not happy.

Clare & Patricia

NEWS FROM THE COMMITTEES

Various committees met during September including Finance & Standing, Pastoral, Plant & Fabric and – of course – the PCC itself. Plant & Fabric is extremely busy at the moment, still juggling the various repairs (including the roof, ivy growing where ivy shouldn't grow, the chancel floor and the toilet facilities). SRC activities are reported in full on page 11. Discussion at Finance & Standing was routine, including updates on the MAP, finance, stewardship, etc. All these were topics then brought to the PCC for further debate.

Patricia Ashby

Diary dates



Talkies Cinema: Nosferatu

Saturday 19th October
7.30 pm

Silent film with organ
improvisation from
the amazing David Hinit

Bar supplied by
Christ Church Association

Tickets available on the
door or from
[http://talkies.org.uk/event/
nosferatu/](http://talkies.org.uk/event/nosferatu/)

Price £8

All Souls Requiem

Sunday 3rd November
6.30 pm

Join us for a Requiem Mass to
remember and celebrate our
departed loved ones



Patronal Festival Concert

Sunday 24th November
6.30 pm

Come and celebrate
our Patronal Festival of
Christ the King by hearing
our famous choir sing the
Mozart Requiem, featuring
a string quartet led by
Liz Partridge

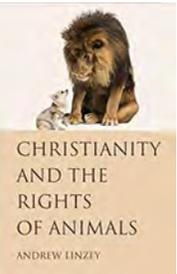
The Animal Kingdom

As you know, I really love the animal kingdom. Animals have great beauty. I love to see them happy – by enjoying themselves they are praising the Lord in their simple innocence. Can we not love them? Give them their lives and give up meat for one day a week as a beginning. This would benefit our health and Christian life as vegetarianism is prophesied in Genesis, Isaiah and Joel. God made a covenant with the animals in Joel. The Bible tells us: *Yea, the LORD will answer and say unto his people, Behold, I will send you corn, and wine, and oil, and ye shall be satisfied therewith* [Joel 2:19]. There is no mention here of eating meat. It continues, telling the animals not to be afraid – there is also food for them: *Be not afraid, ye beasts of the field: for the pastures of the wilderness do spring, for the tree beareth her fruit, the fig tree and the vine do yield their strength* [Joel 2:22].

Vegetarian agriculture can help people. More food is available with the land being cultivated for crops rather than for rearing animals for meat. This is a great boost for the poor countries and could assist in the ending of global poverty. We also need to consider animals' rights. A Christian vegetarian called Andrew Linzey wrote a book entitled *Christianity and the Rights of Animals*. (I lent this book to dear Rev. Christopher Foster who baptized me in Christ Church in 1991, Easter Sunday.)

Lovely animals darling! Most of us love pets – dogs and cats, bunny rabbits, budgies and hamsters. The Wood Green Animal Shelter protects and houses beautiful animals to be loved and cared for. Some animals are themselves vegetarian – cows, sheep, horses, elephants, pandas. (I sponsor a lovely collie dog call Molly also a dear pig called Spud and some rare leopards – like snow leopards – amur leopards.)

I pray for the endangered species in my prayer time and for all poor afflicted animals – the puppy farm to be banned, etc. I once had a beautiful black and white pussycat and loyal son called Sparky! I shall always remember him fondly. Thank you, Lord Jesus, for the beautiful animals in the world. With all the love of my heart and all the dedication of my soul to my holy Saviour and Redeemer, Jesus Christ..



Lynda Corcoran

Calling all gardeners!



Help will be needed on Saturday 19th October in the church garden. We are going to be planting a large number of spring bulbs and other plants.

Whatever time you are able to give to this task will be greatly appreciated.

I will be there from 10 in the morning and refreshments will be supplied. Thank you.

Pat Hawkins

FRIDAY MORNING CRAFT CLUB

Getting ready for Christmas! The FRIDAY MORNING CRAFT CLUB are making festive, hand-knitted light garlands and selling them to raise money for the Richard House Children's Hospice. An example is hanging up by the table at the back of the church.

If you would like one, the cost is £15.00, and we would like you to sign up on the sheet at the back of church. The deadline for signing up is December 1st, then you can be assured of your garland. Please support us. Thank you!

Sylvia and Briony





especially during the two world wars. The spaciousness of the square does nothing to redeem this. You see few tourists here.

A simple white marble plaque, high on a wall, commemorates 24 Jews who lost their lives in WW1 – *Venetian Jews who died in the war for their country with love, remembered with pride*. The names are listed in alphabetical order with no indication of status or rank, epitomizing the respect for the individual and equality within the community.

The World's First Ghetto

The Jewish ghetto in the Canareggio sestiere in Venice was the first ghetto the world ever knew. In 1516, the Venetian authorities expelled all Christians from the island site and moved Jewish citizens there from a more socially mixed and affluent area to the south. The site had previously housed a foundry, and the name 'ghetto' derives from the Venetian word *getare* meaning 'to throw, pour, cast'.

The Jews were packed into tall, small-roomed, low-ceilinged, tenement-like buildings. During the day, they went about Venice, participating in business and commerce, but at night and on Christian holidays, they were locked into the ghetto area – the tiny bridge to the north and small tunnel to the south barricaded, with guards patrolling the surrounding canals. In time, five synagogues were established, reflecting the diverse ethnicity of the population: German, French, Italian, Levantine and Spanish, practicing Ashkenazi, Sephardic and Italian rites. (The Jewish Community of Venice now arranges daily guided tours of four of these.) Their liberty was restored by Napoleon, only to be lost again when Italy became an occupied country in 1943.

The Campo de Ghetto Novo (in Italian *Campo del Ghetto Nuovo*) is the surprisingly spacious main square. It has trees, a well, buildings that once housed banks where the Jews were required to work, dwellings, shops. The walls bear testimony to the hardships suffered,

To one side of the Campo, a brick wall displaying bronze bas reliefs by the artist Arbut Blatas shows the torment suffered by the community in WW2. To the right of the images, a memorial plate reflects the horrors through the words of André Tronc:

Men women children masses for the gas chambers

Advancing toward horror beneath the whip of the executioner

Your sad holocaust is engraved in history

And nothing shall purge your deaths from our memories

For our memories are your only grave

And beneath this, we are told *The City of Venice remembers the Venetian Jews who were deported to the Nazi concentration camps on December 5th 1943 and August 17th 1944.*

Another poignant feature is the memorial to a leader – Professor Guiseppe Jona – who in 1943 refused to supply the Nazis with a list of names of the Jewish community residents, committing suicide in an attempt to protect them. Not wishing to record the manner of his death in so many words, the memorial tells us simply that he was 'unable to survive'.

There are no Tintoretos or Tiepolos here. No palaces or basilicas. No restaurants or gondolas. But the ghetto is testimony to what we are capable of doing to one another when there is no love, no compassion, no respect and no tolerance.

Patricia Ashby



Mozart Requiem

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9 October
13 November
11 December

OCTOBER 2019 CALENDAR					
OCTOBER	Day	Eucharists	Other Services	Liturgical Colour	
Tuesday	1	<i>Remigius, Bishop 53; Anthony Ashley Cooper, Earl of Shaftesbury, Social Reformer,</i>	7.30pm (said) Including Healing and Wholeness.	5.30pm (Evening Prayer)	Green
Wednesday	2		11am (said)	8.30am (Morning Prayer) 5.30pm (Evening Prayer)	Green
Thursday	3	<i>George Bell, Bishop, Ecumenist, Peacemaker, 1958</i>	12.30pm (said)	8.30am (Morning Prayer) 5.30pm (Evening Prayer)	Green
Friday	4	Francis of Assisi, Friar, Deacon, 1226		8.30am (Morning Prayer) 5.30pm (Evening Prayer)	White
Saturday	5		9am (said)	8.30am (Morning Prayer)	Green
Sunday	6	Harvest	8am (said); 10am (sung)	6.30pm Choral Evensong	Green
Monday	7				Green
Tuesday	8		7.30pm (said).	5.30pm (Evening Prayer)	Green
Wednesday	9	<i>Denys, Bishop and Companions, Martyrs, c.250; Robert Grosseteste, Bishop, Philosopher, Scientist, 1253</i>	11am (said)	8.30am (Morning Prayer) 5.30pm (Evening Prayer)	Green
Thursday	10	<i>Paulinus, Bishop, Missionary, 644; Thomas Traherne, Poet, Spiritual Writer, 1674</i>	12.30pm (said)	8.30am (Morning Prayer) 5.30pm (Evening Prayer)	White
Friday	11	<i>Ethelburga, Abbess 675; James the Deacon, companion of Paulinus, 7th century</i>		8.30am (Morning Prayer) 5.30pm (Evening Prayer)	Green
Saturday	12	<i>Wilfrid of Ripon, Bishop, Missionary, 709; Elizabeth Fry, Prison Reformer, 1845; Edith Cavell, Nurse, 1915</i>	9am (said)	8.30am (Morning Prayer)	White
Sunday	13	Trinity 17	8am (said); 10am (sung)	6.30pm Choral Evensong	Green
Monday	14				Green
Tuesday	15	Teresa of Avila, Teacher of the Faith, 1582	7.30pm (said)	5.30pm (Evening Prayer)	White
Wednesday	16	<i>Nicholas Ridley and Hugh Latimer, Bishops, Martyrs, 1555</i>	11am (said)	8.30am (Morning Prayer) 5.30pm (Evening Prayer)	Green
Thursday	17	Ignatius, Martyr, c.107	12.30pm (said)	8.30am (Morning Prayer) 5.30pm (Evening Prayer)	Red
Friday	18	Luke the Evangelist		8.30am (Morning Prayer) 5.30pm (Evening Prayer)	Red
Saturday	19	Henry Martyn, Translator, Missionary, 1812	9am (said)	8.30am (Morning Prayer)	White
Sunday	20	Trinity 18	8am (said); 10am (sung)	6.30pm Choral Evensong	Green
Monday	21				Green
Tuesday	22		7.30pm (said)	5.30pm (Evening Prayer)	Green
Wednesday	23		11am (said)	8.30am (Morning Prayer) 5.30pm (Evening Prayer)	Green
Thursday	24		12.30pm (said)	8.30am (Morning Prayer) 5.30pm (Evening Prayer)	Green
Friday	25	<i>Crispin and Crispinian, Martyrs, c.287</i>		8.30am (Morning Prayer) 5.30pm (Evening Prayer)	Green
Saturday	26	Alfred, King, Scholar, 899; <i>Cedd, Abbot, Bishop, 664</i>	9am (said)	8.30am (Morning Prayer)	White
Sunday	27	Last after Trinity	8am (said); 10am (sung)	6.30pm Choral Evensong	Green
Monday	28	Simon and Jude, Apostles			Red
Tuesday	29	James Hannington, Bishop, Martyr, 1885	7.30pm (said)	5.30pm (Evening Prayer)	Red
Wednesday	30		11am (said)	8.30am (Morning Prayer) 5.30pm (Evening Prayer)	Green
Thursday	31	<i>Martin Luther, Reformer, 1546</i>	12.30pm (said)	8.30am (Morning Prayer) 5.30pm (Evening Prayer)	Green

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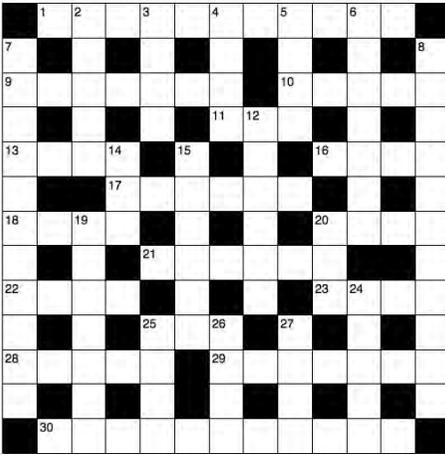
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OCTOBER CROSSWORD



Across

- 1 The sixth disciple (Matthew 10:3) (11)
- 9 'And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the — —' (Matthew 6:13) (4, 3)
- 10 Love intensely (Song of Songs 1:4) (5)
- 11 From Mt Carmel to Jezreel, Elijah — all the way (1 Kings 18:46) (3)
- 13 One of the Midianite leaders who was captured and killed after Gideon's victory in the valley near Moreh (Judges 7:25) (4)
- 16 Metallic element (2)
- 17 At line (anag.) (6)
- 18 'Cursed is everyone who is — on a tree' (Galatians 3:13) (4)
- 20 Where Samson killed a thousand Philistines with a donkey's jawbone (Judges 15:14) (4)
- 21 He succeeded Moses (Deuteronomy 34:9) (6)
- 22 'When he saw him, he took — on him' (Luke 10:33) (4)
- 23 'For — is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction' (Matthew 7:13) (4)
- 25 'The god of this — has blinded the minds of unbelievers' (2 Corinthians 4:4) (3)
- 28 Fear or terror (Psalm 31:22) (5)
- 29 'We, who are many, are one body, for we all — of the one loaf' (1 Corinthians 10:17) (7)
- 30 Assyrian ruler assassinated by his sons while worshipping his god Nisroch (2 Kings 19:37) (11)

Down

- 2 'For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made —' (1 Corinthians 15:22) (5)
- 3 'After supper he — the cup' (1 Corinthians 11:25) (4)
- 4 The request of a man of Macedonia in Paul's vision: 'Come — to Macedonia and help us' (Acts 16:9) (4)
- 5 He disobeyed his father Judah by refusing to impregnate his dead brother's wife (Genesis 38:9) (4)
- 6 I veto me (anag.) (7)
- 7 Fourth king of Judah (1 Kings 15:24) (11)
- 8 Priest of God Most High, who blessed Abram (Genesis 14:18) (11)
- 12 'I have made you — for the Gentiles' (Acts 13:47) (1, 5)
- 14 Implore (1 Samuel 15:25) (3)
- 15 'Out of the eater, something to eat; out of the —, something sweet' (Judges 14:14) (6)
- 19 'I am the most ignorant of men; I do — — a man's understanding' (Proverbs 30:2) (3,4)
- 20 'Sin shall not be your master, because you are not under —, but under grace' (Romans 6:14) (3)
- 24 Native of, say, Baghdad (5)
- 25 The last word in the Bible (Revelation 22:21) (4)
- 26 Heroic tale (4)
- 27 'Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you —' (John 8:32) (4)

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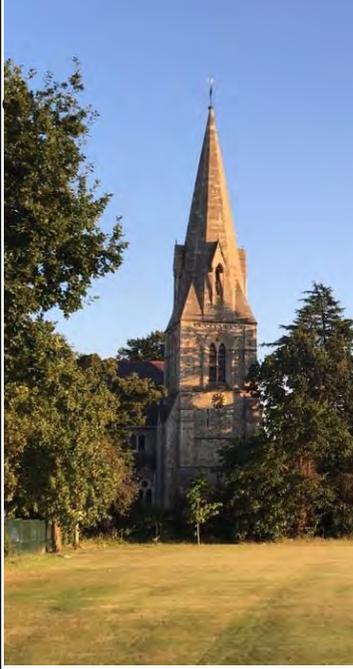
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