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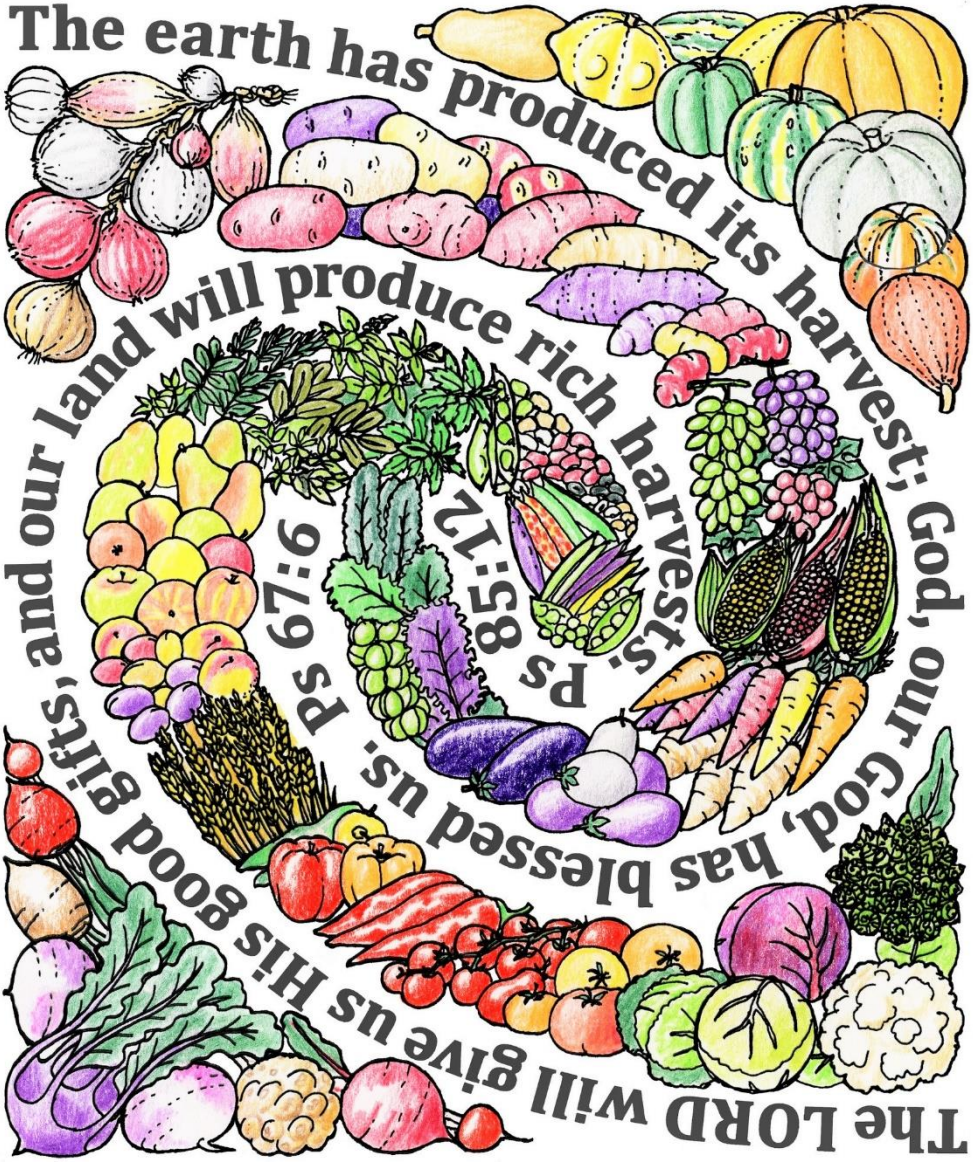

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From the Editor

Although I never met the late Queen Elizabeth personally, I did have the privilege of being fairly close to her on three occasions. The first, when ten children from the school at which I was deputy head, were selected to stand in the grounds of Warrington Town Hall. The Queen had come on a visit to the area. The second in 2014 when Pauline and I had tickets to attend Trooping the Colour, and the third when she appeared on the balcony of Buckingham Palace on the same day. On each of those occasions the overwhelming love for her by everyone present was palpable, and testament to the constant devotion she had for all the people she served. In 1947 when not even queen, she stated, *"I declare before you all that my whole life, whether it be long or short, shall be devoted to your service and the service of our great imperial family to which we all belong."* How true that has been, and how proud I am to not only have glimpsed her, but to have been part of that family to which we all belong.

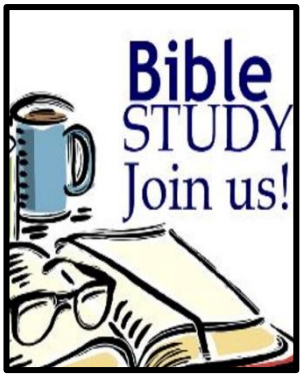
To devote one's life to the service of others is a huge commitment and there is no doubt that she achieved this. I might be old fashioned, and maybe somewhat odd, but I was taught to admire the royal family and give it the credit it deserves, so much so that whenever the Royal Anthem is sung, or played, I stand up and put my arms by my side, in respect for the Queen, and for her unstinting service to the United Kingdom and the Commonwealth. Not only is she going to be missed by her own family, but by everyone who has followed her through 70 years of service.

There are many others who have modelled themselves, perhaps unwittingly, using the Queen as their example. They don't deliberately set out to do this, but their selfless actions in serving others makes them stand out. They are the people who don't ask for appreciation but are nevertheless happy enough to continue in the same vain throughout their lives. People like this deserve recognition, and whilst they might not want it, should at least receive the thanks they deserve.

Our parish has someone like that. A person who will do anything for anyone; will go the extra mile to make sure that everyone has what they need; is prepared to ensure that the preparation for services is complete; will visit, or at least contact, those who are housebound because of illness or an inability to venture out; ensures that service sheets and 'Rushen News' are printed and distributed to each of our four churches; banks the collections and ensures that payments are made when required; liaises with contractors carrying out their duties; is constantly looking out for any defects in our church buildings; and above all is devoted to God and to the church. By now you will know to whom I refer.

Gerry Callister works tirelessly for God, and for us in the Parish of Rushen. Occasionally he receives recognition for this, but in my opinion, not enough. The death of the Queen and the service she has given to her people is rightfully being recognised as I write this. I am sure that our new King will continue to serve as she did. Let's take this opportunity in thanking Gerry for all that he does and for his service to our parish which is unequalled. His work is God given and testament to the love that he gives Him.

David



Bible Sunday 30th October: How many translations by now?

Ever wonder how many Bible translations there are in the world? And how many more are still needed? Wycliffe Bible Translators reports the following, as of 2021: There are now 3,495 languages, which have some Scripture available to 7.04 billion people.

This figure of 3,495 breaks down into:

717 languages with a complete Bible – 5.75 billion people

1,582 languages with a complete New Testament
(some also have Old Testament portions) – 830 million people

1,196 languages with some translated Bible portions – 457 million people

Meanwhile, there are a further 828 languages which have work in progress – 67.6 million people.

Also, there are 1,892 languages still waiting for translation (or preparatory work) to begin – 145 million people.

As for the remaining need for Bible translation:

1.51 billion people, speaking 6,661 languages, do not have a *full Bible* in their first language.

145 million people, speaking 1,892 languages, still need translation work to begin:

Africa – 558 languages, 16 million people

Americas – 119 languages, 2.4 million people

Asia – 751 languages, 124 million people

Europe – 59 languages, 2.3 million people

Pacific – 405 languages, 0.43 million people

Parish Pump

Ladies Working Party – St Mary's

It was good to meet up again on 13th September after our summer break, and to welcome Ginny Viner. We were all coming to terms with the death of the Queen and once again were grateful to Margaret for her leadership. Margaret read passages which she had carefully chosen from the book The Servant Queen and the King she serves, a tribute for Her Majesty's 90th birthday, including some from the late Queen Elizabeth's Christmas addresses of 2002, 2012 and 2015, and Peta read a prayer in tribute to the late Queen from the Diocese of Toronto. We shared thoughts of the recently held celebration in St Mary's Church of her Platinum Jubilee and all were pleased that we had been able to mark together such an amazing achievement of a much- loved Monarch.

There were business matters to discuss too, including the successful coffee morning in July having raised £620, of which £500 was donated to the Southern Foodbank. In August, a dear friend and supporter of the LWP, Mary Maycox, died after an illness bravely born with courage and great faith, and in memory of her, it was agreed to make a donation of £150 to Hospice where towards the end, she had received such tender care.

With Harvest rapidly approaching on 2nd October, we began plans for the decoration of St Mary's Church, and a Harvest Faith Lunch in the hall at 12.30 in which all the congregations are invited to share: just bring a plate of food. It was decided to buy small chrysanthemums once again for the window ledges, and flowers for the pulpit. The list of recipients of harvest presents was updated.

As I write this, preparations are taking place for the Queen's funeral on 19th September when the TV coverage will be extensive and the grief of many apparent. The ladies extend love and prayers to everyone at this very sad time.

Pat Thomson

Four worms

A minister decided that a visual demonstration would add emphasis to his Sunday sermon on temperance. So four worms were placed into four separate jars. The first worm was put into a container of alcohol. The second was put into a container of cigarette smoke. The third was put into a container of chocolate syrup, and the fourth worm was put into a container of good clean soil. At the conclusion of the sermon, the Minister reported the following results: The first worm in alcohol . . . dead. The second worm in cigarette smoke . . .dead. Third worm in chocolate syrup . . . dead. The fourth worm in good clean soil . . . alive. So, the minister asked his congregation, "What did you learn from this demonstration?" There was silence, until one farmer at the back shouted: "That as long as you drink, smoke and eat chocolate, you won't have worms?"

THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND

Reflecting Faith: the Cross in our churches

*The **Revd Dr Jo White** continues her series on aspects of Christianity.*

I recently read a web article which was wondering if Christians actually need a 'cross' in our church buildings; or indeed if they were unhelpful in our worship. The major argument against having one, it seems, was that it could become the focus of our worship, and it is not okay to worship idols.

To me this argument is nonsensical. The cross is a graphic reminder of what Jesus Christ has done for us in His death. No one in their senses would dream of worshipping a cross itself, as it was the most humiliating and debasing form of capital punishment – it was a means of gruesome execution.

Christians use crosses in churches to remind people of just how far Jesus was prepared to go to rescue us from what St Paul called 'the dominion of darkness'.

So this Sunday, why not have a look around your local church building, and count how many crosses there are?

I would expect there to be 'hidden' crosses where the building was consecrated, and also under the altar itself. There will also be various paperwork, service books, sheets and hymnals which all have the sign of the cross on their covers.

Perhaps you have candle holders with crosses sculptured into them. And in most Protestant churches you will see a cross on or above the altar table itself.

Many processions of choir and clergy will be led by a raised cross bearer. And In churches where the Bible is processed into the nave for reading during a service, a cross is also carried. People turn to face these processions as they travel without necessarily understanding which part they are facing: the Cross, the Bible, or the Person?

The answer is – we follow the Word of God – the Bible - *not* the cross.

The same is true in any procession. We stand to honour the clergy in their role as Christ's servants, not the cross which may be held aloft before them.

This month

Have a look around your church building – both inside and outside for crosses. What materials are they made from? How extravagant or glamorous are they? Are they Crosses (an 'empty' cross) or Crucifixes (this has a representation of Christ hanging on the cross)?

How do they aid you in your worship and how much do they reflect your faith?

Samuel Taylor Coleridge

Remembering Coleridge

Samuel Taylor Coleridge was born 250 years ago, on 21st October 1772. He co-founded (with William Wordsworth) the Romantic Movement of poetry, but he was also a philosopher, theologian and literary critic. He is best known for the long, compelling ballad, *The Rime of the Ancient Mariner*, and the mystical *Kubla Khan.*

Born in Ottery St Mary, Devon, Coleridge was a prodigious reader as a child; his father John was vicar and head of the local grammar school, and Samuel's school friends there remembered him for his unusual memory and willingness to express coherently his opinions and beliefs. He was however – especially during his adult life – subject to anxiety and depression and may have been bipolar. He was treated with laudanum and became dependent on it.

He did however have a strong belief in the existence of a powerful "life consciousness" in all created beings, and this idea prompted Wordsworth's creative approach to nature. Coleridge also worked as a Unitarian preacher between 1796 and 1797, though he eventually returned to the Church of England.

Kubla Khan was composed in a lonely Somerset farmhouse when the poet by his own admission was under the influence of laudanum. It is a remarkable and spiritual poetic fragment. Much easier to understand (but also much longer), *The Rime of the Ancient Mariner* is an imaginative and complex exposition of his belief that all life is sacred.

Coleridge is remembered largely for the work of his brilliant youth, and he later became disillusioned by the failure of both his marriage and the French Revolution, lapsing often into obscure argument and confusion – something his addiction clearly did nothing to alleviate.

Tim Lenton

Did you mean what you just said?

The following are genuine notes left for milkmen.

I've just had a baby, please leave another one.
Cancel one pint after the day after today.
Please don't leave any more milk. All they do is drink it.
Please close the gate behind you because the birds keep pecking the tops of the milk.
Please cancel the milk. I have nothing coming into the house except two sons on the dole
Please bring me a form about cheap milk, as my boyfriend has made me stagnant.
Please do not leave milk at no. 14 as he is dead until further notice.

News from St Catherine's & Kirk Christ

Kirk Christ was the venue for the wedding of Tegan Megan Louise Hilton and Thomas George Brian Kewley on 17th September. We wish them both every happiness as they start their wedding journey together. During the summer months the visitor's book at both churches has shown that there have been many visitors. The next main event will be the harvest services taking place at each of the four churches in the parish on 2nd October. A baptism was held on 18th September at Kirk Christ when we welcomed Cooper Edward Brotherton Lewis into the Christian family.

St Catherine's Church hosted the last four of the summer concerts during September. Attendances and the retiring collections have been good throughout. Fortunately the weather during the summer has been good which has helped. As with Kirk Christ the harvest service is being held on 2nd October. The Rushen Heritage Trust Exhibition held during September in the church hall seems to have done very well. The exhibition itself was very interesting with lots of useful historical information on display.

With Best Wishes
Gerry Callister

Jesus

If I could package faith into one parcel
And collect all hope into a single can –
If I could roll all love into one heart-ball
And commoditise it in a living man
I'd already have a fully detailed label
Prepared before the world itself began
And it would have one name -
And that name – JESUS -
At the centre of God's universal plan
To take the world along the course
God's surge of love provoked
Till wholeness flows through everything
With God's Spirit of life unyoked.

Sam Doubtfire

"Never mind, let's just be happy that Baz came to church in the first place."

Sudoku October 2022

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ENTURY

See if you can solve these two dingbats. You might find some more in our next quiz

Dr. Cri__en

September Sudoku Solution

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September Crossword Solution

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George Cadbury the Chocolate Man with a heart for welfare

One hundred years ago, on 24th October 1922, George Cadbury died. He had transformed his father's failing chocolate and cocoa business into one of the world's most successful companies and provided low-cost housing and improved working conditions for his employees.

George was the third son of John Cadbury, a Quaker who founded Cadbury's cocoa and chocolate company. With his brother Richard, George took over the family business in 1861 and founded the chocolate producer Cadbury Brothers. But his consuming interest was in the welfare of his employees and others: having taught in an adult school he was aware that poor housing was a major problem.

One of his first moves was to relocate his factory to a greenfield site south-west of Birmingham with access to canals and the new railways. It was here that he later founded a Quaker higher educational institution – now the Woodbrooke Quaker Study Centre.

But apart from his chocolate he is best known for his creation of a rural factory village (designed by architect William Alexander Harvey), called Bournville after the nearby river Bourn. The houses – not exclusively for factory employees – were never privately owned, and they remain attractive and affordable to the present day: a huge change from the poor living conditions in town.

Cadbury was a keen proponent of Quaker values. In 1901 he bought the *Daily News (*later the *News Chronicle)*, where he campaigned for improved working conditions and social security. He was prominent in setting up the Birmingham Civic Society in 1918, and he gave a country park to the people of Birmingham, as well as a large house to the Crippled Children's Union to use as a hospital. It is now the Royal Orthopaedic Hospital.

Tim Lenton

Prayer for October 2022

Loving, Creator God, thank you for your wonderful creation. In these days of concern about climate change and the damage caused by modern lifestyles and choices, help us to be more aware. Help us to make good choices. Help us to be good stewards of Your creation. You are so generous Lord. You provide for us – more than enough to meet the needs of all people. Help us to play our part in making sure there is fair distribution of all Your provision. Help us to reflect Your generosity, Your compassion, Your justice. Help us to care for Your world and Your precious children.

Amen

Agatha Christie's Mousetrap

It was 70 years ago, on 6th October 1952, that the world premiere of Agatha Christie's play, *The Mousetrap*, opened in Nottingham. It then opened in London on 25th November, and is still going, making it the world's longest-running play.

Originally a short radio play written as a birthday present for Queen Mary, it was broadcast in May 1947. The stage play, a murder mystery, has been performed more than 28,000 times – the only break being, because of the Covid pandemic, between 16th March 2020 and 17th May 2021

The play also made theatrical history by having an original "cast member" survive all the changes since its opening night. The late Deryck Guyler can still be heard, on a recording, reading the radio news bulletin in the play. There have been many physical alterations, with the set being changed in 1965 and 1999, but one original prop survives – the clock above the fireplace in the main hall.

Christie regarded detective fiction as a distinctively moral genre because it deals with questions of guilt and justice that are at times almost theological. The society and milieu of her stories are distinctively Christian. She was baptised into the Church of England and kept her mother's copy of *The Imitation of Christ* – a spiritual handbook – by her bedside. Its flyleaf carried a quotation from Romans, beginning "Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?"

At her memorial service in 1976, her publisher William Collins described her as having a "gentle Christian spirit".

Tim Lenton

Reaping and harvesting

Sometimes a law of nature is very similar to a law of the spirit. Take the process of harvest, or 'sowing and reaping'. The Bible tells us: 'A farmer who plants just a few seeds will get only a small crop, but if he plants much, he will reap much.' (2 Cor 9:6)

It has been said that probably the most sensitive nerve on our body is the one that runs to our cheque book! Money represents our time, our security and our hard work. It gives us independence and power. So, when God begins to talk to us about giving more of our money to Him – sowing it in His service – we can feel very alarmed.

The seed a farmer sows in a field may sometimes be lost, but not the seed that we give to God. What we sow with regards to our time, gifts and money in service to others God will make sure we one day reap – in a harvest of spiritual riches that we can never lose.

Elizabeth Fry, prison reformer

Elizabeth Fry had endless compassion and endless energy – and together with a steadfast determination to do God's work, this outstanding philanthropist became one of the foremost promoters of prison reform – not just in Britain, but in all of Europe.

Elizabeth was born in 1780, far from any prison. The family lived in Norwich, where her father was a wealthy Quaker banker and merchant. In 1800 she married a London merchant, Joseph Fry.

Elizabeth could have spent her life safely at home, raising her many children. But instead, she felt compelled to help the desperate social needs of the time.

There was a good reason for this. Back in 1798, when she had been attending a Quaker meeting in Norwich, someone had spoken what Elizabeth felt was a prophetic word for her life. As she noted in her diary at the time:

'Deborah Darby then spoke… she addressed part of it to me; I only fear she says too much of what I am to be. A light to the blind; speech to the dumb; and feet to the lame; can it be? She seems as if she thought I was to be a minister of Christ. Can I ever be one? If I am obedient I believe I shall.'

And she was.

Elizabeth was accepted as a Quaker 'minister', and her good works in London began. But it was not until one day in 1813, when she visited Newgate Prison in London, that Elizabeth's life changed forever. That day she witnessed such horrors of the circumstances in which women and children were kept, that she knew she had found the focus for her life's work.

Soon her daily visits to the prison, where she read the Bible and taught the women to sew, grew into a campaign to achieve basic rights for the women prisoners. She fought for the classification of criminals, the segregation of the sexes, female supervision of women, and some provision for education.

In 1817 she created the Association for the Improvement of Female Prisoners, and then lobbied Parliament. By 1818 Elizabeth had raised such a storm that she was called to give evidence to a Parliamentary Select Committee who was examining conditions in prison. They accepted many of her proposed reforms.

In 1820 Elizabeth tackled the huge problem of destitution in London. She opened a 'Nightly

Shelter for the Homeless in London', which became the first of many. She founded a society to help released prisoners with rehabilitation. And she was certainly a 'hands-on' sort of lady; it was said that for the next 20 years she personally inspected every single ship containing women convicts before it sailed to Australia.

Between 1838 and 1842 Elizabeth visited all the prisons in France, reporting to the Interior Minister. She then inspected prisons in Belgium, Holland, Switzerland, Germany, Denmark, Scotland and Ireland.

Elizabeth also founded schools for poor girls, soup kitchens for the hungry, better housing for the poor, and also investigated mental asylums. She even established a nursing school, which influenced her distant relative, Florence Nightingale.

By the time Elizabeth died in 1845, she had helped tens of thousands of helpless people to find some relief from their suffering. She had indeed lived her life as a 'minister of Christ'.

Parish Pump

Collecting firewood

It was April and the Aboriginals in a remote part of Northern Australia asked the new minister at their small church to ask God if the coming winter was going to be cold or mild. The minister did not want to lose their confidence, as he had only just arrived, but when he prayed and looked at the sky, he had frankly no idea what the winter ahead would be like.

To be on the safe side, he told his congregation that the winter was indeed going to be cold and that the members of the tribe should collect firewood to be prepared. But after several days he had an idea. He called the Bureau of Meteorology and asked if the coming winter in his area was going to be cold. The meteorologist responded, "Yes, it looks like this winter is going to be cold."

So, the minister went back to his people and told them to collect even more wood in order to be prepared. A week later he called the Bureau of Meteorology again, to ask if it still looked like it was going to be a very cold winter. The meteorologist again replied, 'Yes, it's going to be a very cold winter.'

So, the minister went back to his community and ordered them to collect every scrap of firewood they could find. Two weeks later, and still concerned, the minister called the Bureau again. "Are you absolutely sure that the winter is going to be very cold?" he asked.

"Absolutely," the man replied. "In fact, it's looking more and more like it is going to be one of the coldest winters ever."

"How can you be so sure?" the minister asked. The sky didn't look any different to him.

The weatherman replied, "Our satellites have reported that the Aboriginals in the north are collecting firewood like crazy, and that's always a sure sign."

All in the month of October

250 years ago, on 21st October 1772, Samuel Taylor Coleridge was born. He co-founded (with William Wordsworth) the Romantic Movement of poetry. Best known for *The Rime of the Ancient Mariner* and *Kubla Khan.*

200 years ago, on 20th October 1822, the Sunday Times newspaper was first published in the UK.

175 years ago, on 6th October 1847, Charlotte Bronte's novel *Jane Eyre* was first published, under the penname of Currer Bell.

150 years ago, on 11th October 1872, Emily Davison, British suffragette, was born. A militant fighter for her cause, she died after being hit by the King's horse at the 1913 Derby. **Also on**

12th October 1872, Ralph Vaughan Williams, British composer, was born.

100 years ago, on 18th October 1922, the BBC was officially founded as the British Broadcasting Company (now the British Broadcasting Corporation.) **Also on 24th October 1922,** George Cadbury died. He had transformed his father's chocolate and cocoa business into one of the world's most successful companies. He also provided low-cost housing and improved working conditions for his employees.

90 years ago, on 1st October 1932, the British Union of Fascists was founded by Oswald Mosley. It was banned by the British Government in 1940 and dissolved.

80 years ago, from 23rd October to 5th November 1942 the Second Battle of El-Alamein in Egypt took place. This important Allied victory marked the beginning of the end for the Axis in North Africa.

70 years ago, on 6th October 1952, the world premiere of Agatha Christie's play, *The Mousetrap* opened in Nottingham. It then opened in London on 25th November, and is still running, making it the world's longest-running play. It has been performed more than 28,000

60 years ago, on 15th October 1962, British weather forecasts switched from the Fahrenheit scale to Celsius.

40 years ago, on 11th October 1982, Henry VIII's flagship the *Mary Rose* was raised from the bottom of the Solent, off the coast of southern England, 437 years after it sank.

30 years ago, on 13th October 1992 the British Government announced that 31 of the country's 50 remaining deep coal mines would close by March 1993, putting 31,000 miners out of work. Six mines were closed immediately.

10 years ago, on 22nd October 2012, the American cyclist Lance Armstrong was banned from competitive cycling for life and stripped of all his titles including his seven Tour de France titles, for using illicit performance-enhancing drugs. After first denying the charges, he admitted he had used drugs throughout most of his career.

One hundred years of the BBC

One hundred years ago, on 18th October 1922, the BBC was officially founded as the British Broadcasting Company (now the British Broadcasting Corporation).

It was originally a private company, in which only British manufacturers were permitted to hold shares. But three years later it was liquidated and in 1927 replaced by a public corporation – the British Broadcasting Corporation - which had almost complete independence and, until the passing of the Television Act of 1954, a monopoly of the television service in Britain.

That year saw the birth of commercial television. The BBC's monopoly of radio ended when the Government permitted local commercial broadcasts, starting in the 1970s.

The BBC is not allowed to advertise or broadcast sponsored programmes. It should also not broadcast any opinion of its own on current affairs and matters of public policy, and be impartial on controversial issues. In recent years the BBC has been criticised for not keeping to these rules, but they were foremost in the mind of Lord Reith, the BBC's first Director General – a Scottish Presbyterian with strong Christian convictions whose influence lingered for many years.

The BBC has a public service broadcasting requirement to produce 115 hours of religious content on TV and 370 hours on radio each year. This of course leaves open the definition of religious content: atheists have complained that there is too much religion on the BBC, while Christians might point to the overtly secular assumptions made in the vast majority of its output.

Tim Lenton

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From the Registers

Funerals August 2022:

4th August	Jane Pemberton	Burial	RBG
4th August	Joanna Goldman	Ashes Burial	RBG
8th August	John Corlett	Ashes Burial	RBG
8th August	John Lewis	Ashes Burial	RBG
10th August	Judith Roberts	Service	St Mary's & Crematorium
10th August	John Kennish		Crematorium only
11th August	Robert Karran	Service & Burial	Kirk Christ & RBG
23rd August	Albert Lester	Ashes Burial	RBG
24th August	Mary Maycox		Crematorium only
24th August	Derek Collard		Crematorium only
28th August	Ivy Quayle	Service & Burial	Kirk Christ & RBG

(RBG – Rushen Burial Ground)

Weddings August 2022:

6th August	Joseph S Kelly & Alison K Gill	1pm	Kirk Christ
13th August	Jonathan D Wells & Kira F Longshaw	1pm	St Mary's
20th August	Aaron H Kneale & Alice Teare	1pm	Kirk Christ

Baptism August 2022:

21st August	Jaxson Knipe	11am	St Catherine's

Safeguarding

The Parish of Rushen is committed to the safeguarding, nurture and care of **everyone** within our church community. If you, or someone you know, are concerned that a child or vulnerable adult is at risk or has been harmed, or are concerned about the behaviour of someone towards children or vulnerable adults, please contact:

Rushen Parish Safeguarding Officer, Voirrey Baugh (Tel. 832275)

The **Diocesan Safeguarding Adviser** has now been appointed. For more details contact the diocese.

A copy of the Diocesan Safeguarding Policy is available on the Diocesan website: http://www.sodorandman.im/safeguarding_inclusion

Apologies

In September's magazine I inadvertently spelt the name of one of the deceased incorrectly. The entry should have read:

Date of Funeral:	6th July 2022
Name of Deceased:	Roma Ware
Details of Funeral:	Cremation
Venue of Service:	St Catherine's

I am extremely sorry for this error and for any distress caused to Roma's family, relatives and friends. Normally I take great care when communicating such sensitive information, but on this occasion I failed. I would like to offer my sincere condolences to the family as they grieve their loss.

David Bowman - Editor

Rushen Mothers' Union

Three representatives from Rushen Branch attended the South & West JMP Corporate Communion at the Cathedral on 7th September. MU chaplain Rev Ruth Walker led the service and thereafter we all enjoyed warm fellowship.

Our own Branch Opening Communion was held in Kirk Christ on 12th September, at a heartfelt service led by Rev Ginny Viner, during which we fondly remembered our Patron, our late Majesty, Queen Elizabeth, Lord of Mann, with Jane Gunn reading the tribute from our MU Worldwide President, Mrs Sheran Harper. Two new members were enrolled by Ginny, Gerry Callister and David Bowman, and our new Branch Coordinator, Lesley Scott, presented them with membership certificates and badges. All members were invited to affirm their commitment to the aims of Mothers' Union. A photograph of the occasion can be found on page 15.

This was a very special service, beautifully prepared and conducted by Ginny, incorporating readings given by Sally Lewis and Pat Thomson, Ginny's thoughtful and meaningful sermon on family, in its many forms, beautiful hymns, and two lovely prayers written by members Margaret Couper and Jane. Ginny finished the service with closing prayers for the Royal Family and the singing of The National Anthem. After the Blessing and Dismissal, we all joined in a sincere "God Save the King!"

We extend our most appreciative thanks to Ginny, to Gerry for his support, and to Mike Porter for his lovely playing.

While enjoying refreshments from Iris Mitchell and Jane after the service, we paid our subscriptions to Jude Sille our treasurer and had a short discussion on plans for our Branch Coffee Morning on Friday 7th October, from 10 till 11.30am. (£1 admission to include coffee and biscuits, and we shall have a general/cake stall and a raffle.) We extend a warm invitation to everyone to join us.

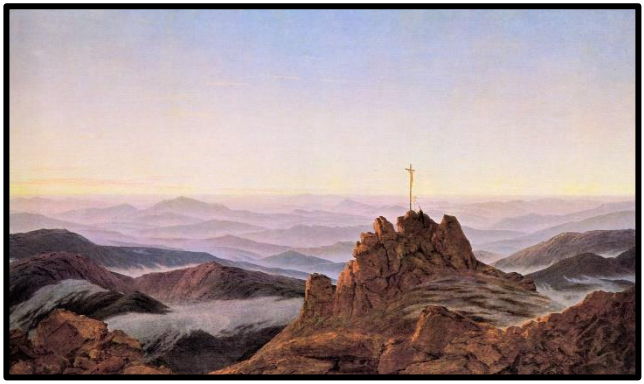
Our next Branch meeting will be on Monday 10th October, at 2pm in St Catherine's Hall when Pat will be in the chair and Gerry will give us a talk on "THE COOP". As always, guests are very welcome.

To close, from Sheran Harper, I include "a heartfelt prayer for the peaceful resting of Her Majesty's soul with the sure hope of her rising in glory".

With love and very best wishes to everyone,

Pat Thomson

God in the Arts



I Will Lift Up Mine Eyes Unto The Hills

*The **Rev Michael Burgess** continues his series with a look at '*Morning in the Riesengebirge'. *It now hangs in the* Schloß Charlottenburg, Berlin.

"The artist should not only paint what he sees before him, but also what he sees within him." These are the words of a German romantic painter, Caspar David Friedrich, who lived from 1774-1840.

The inspiration for most of his paintings was the countryside and the world of nature around. As he looked at its beauty and grandeur, it awoke in him feelings of wonder and awe, which he expressed through his art.

At the age of 34 he painted a cross in the mountains as an altarpiece for a church in Dresden: the first time a pure landscape had been used for an altar. Later in 1811 he painted a similar, but more profound and more moving work: 'Morning in the Riesengebirge.'

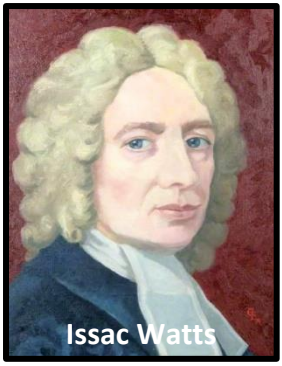
Friedrich was a great walker and climber, and he loved the mountains of East Saxony depicted here. The first rays of the sun are coming over the horizon to illuminate both the beauty of the hills, and the tall crucifix placed on the mountain top. Friedrich looked at the glory of nature at sunrise and saw there a sign of God the Creator, and God the one who sent His Son to redeem that Creation.

Like Caspar David Friedrich, and like the psalmist, we can look to the hills and see the glory and greatness of God. This will be the theme for many of us this month with Harvest celebrations. But we give thanks for creation and the bounty of the world at a time when we hear reports of glaciers melting, water levels rising, greenhouse gases warming up our planet, and resources of food and fuel wasted and depleted. It is too easy to take this world for granted and imagine it is here solely for us.

Caspar David Friedrich invites us to look at the world, its beauty and greatness, as a gift to cherish, not to manipulate and exploit for our own use. As we look at this earth with eyes of wonder and gratitude, then we shall find the God who created and redeemed it and ask what service and stewardship we can offer Him in the world.

Children's Page

The Story Behind the Hymn



O God, our help in ages past

O God, our help in ages past
Our hope for years to come
Our shelter from the stormy blast
And our eternal home

Under the shadow of thy throne
Thy saints have dwelt secure
Sufficient is thy arm alone
And our defence is sure

Before the hills in order stood
Or earth received her frame
From everlasting thou art God
To endless years the same

A thousand ages in thy sight
Are like an evening gone
Short as the watch that ends the night
Before the rising sun

O God, our help in ages past
Our hope for years to come
Be thou our guard while troubles last
And our eternal home

Isaac Watts (1674 – 1748) is often called the 'Father of English hymnody'. Certainly, before his hymns came along, congregational singing was a tedious business.

Watts was born in July 1674 in Southampton. (At the time of his birth, his father, an educated deacon in a dissenting Congregational church, was briefly in prison for his non-conformist beliefs.) As a boy, Watts showed outstanding ability with language (learning Greek, Hebrew, Latin and French). He also had an unusual ability for easy rhyming in English. (At the age of five, when scolded for giggling in family prayers, it was because he had seen a mouse on the bell-rope, and instantly composed the line: *'There was a mouse, for want of stairs, ran up a rope to say his prayers!'*)

Watts' literary ability, combined with his interest in theology, made him very unhappy with the congregational singing of the day, which focused almost entirely on strict metrical versions of the psalms. One Sunday after church, Isaac complained to his father about this. His father challenged him to write something better. Though only 18, Watts accepted the challenge, and produced his first hymn – which was duly sung the following Sunday.

It was such a success that he wrote new hymn texts every Sunday for the next two years. In all, he went on to write more than 600 hymns. Some of them are still well-loved today: from this one, 'O God, Our Help in Ages Past', which is a paraphrase of Psalm 90, to 'When I Survey the Wondrous Cross', and the Christmas carol 'Joy to the World'.

Rushen Parish Prayer Diary

Lord Jesus Christ, draw our hearts to yours with a love that is irresistible; unite our hearts to yours with a love that is immeasurable; and bind our hearts to yours with a love that is inseparable; now and for ever. Amen

October 2022

This is your invitation to pray day by day for:

1st	King Charles 111 as he begins his reign as Lord of Mann
2nd	The Rev. Joe Heaton, and those who minister to us in the Parish of Rushen
3rd	Those who are housebound who would love to attend a church service today
4th	The children who are affected when families break up
5th	Those throughout the world still affected by the coronavirus pandemic
6th	William Tyndale who translated the scriptures into English
7th	Children attending Castle Rushen High School
8th	Farmers and agricultural workers preparing for the winter ahead
9th	Those people weighed down with debt who see no solution to their problems
10th	Our local shops and businesses, and for those who work in them
11th	The residents and staff of all the care homes in the Isle of Man
12th	The ministry of healing for the sick and disabled
13th	King Edward the Confessor and those who brought Christianity to our shores
14th	All Saints, known or unknown, now in heaven
15th	The many people who anxiously wait for news of sick relatives
16th	Fishermen who work tirelessly to provide us with fish to eat
17th	The work of all charities both at home and overseas
18th	Luke the Evangelist, remembered for his healing, and whose day is celebrated today
19th	Older people who need warmth as winter approaches
20th	Employees throughout our country striving to meet their targets
21st	People in prison seeking to improve their lives
22nd	Christians around the world
23rd	Preparations for Christmas in shops and other retail outlets.
24th	The work of the Southern Mission Partnership
25th	PCC committees and the valuable work they do for the parish behind the scenes
26th	King Alfred the Great, whose day it is, and those baking cakes today!
27th	Babies born today and the families into which they are born
28th	Those who are persecuted for their faith
29th	Artists, poets and musicians
30th	Those who look after our churches and arrange the flowers week by week
31st	Those who work in the hospitality industry

Services November/December 2022

2nd October	9.30am	Kirk Christ **Harvest** Morning Prayer (CW
(Trinity 16)	11am	St Mary's All-Age **Harvest** Service (CW)
	11am	St Catherine's **Harvest** Morning Prayer CW)
	3.15pm	St Peter's **Harvest** Evening Prayer (BCP)
5th October	2.15pm	**Play & Praise** (St Catherine's Hall)
9th October	9.30am	Kirk Christ Holy Communion (CW)
(Trinity 17)	11am	St Mary's Morning Prayer (CW)
	11am	St Catherine's Holy Communion CW)
	3.15pm	St Peter's Evening Prayer **+ Baptism** (BCP)
16th October	9.30am	Kirk Christ Morning Prayer (CW)
(Trinity 18)	11am	St Mary's Holy Communion (CW)
	11am	St Catherine's All-Age Service (CW)
	3.15pm	St Peter's Holy Communion (BCP)
23rd October	**11am**	**Kirk Christ Joint Holy Communion (CW)**
(Trinity 19)		
30th October	9.30am	Kirk Christ Holy Communion (CW)
(4 before Advent)	11am	St Mary's Morning Prayer (CW)
	11am	St Catherine's Holy Communion CW)
	3.15pm	St Peter's Evening Prayer (BCP)
2nd November	2.15pm	**Play & Praise** (St Catherine's Hall)
6th November	9.30am	Kirk Christ Morning Prayer (CW)
(3 before Advent)	11am	St Mary's Holy Communion (CW)
	11am	St Catherine's Morning Prayer CW)
	3.15pm	St Peter's Evening Prayer (BCP)
13th November	10.50am	Kirk Christ Remembrance Service
(Remembrance)	10.55am	St Catherine's Remembrance (*)
	3.15pm	St Peter's Evening Prayer (BCP)
20th November	9.30am	Kirk Christ Morning Prayer (CW)
(Christ the King)	11am	St Mary's Holy Communion (CW)
	11am	St Catherine's All-Age Service (CW)
	3.15pm	St Peter's Holy Communion (BCP)

Dates and times of services/activities subject to alteration/or cancelled

(CW) Common Worship (BCP) Book of Common Prayer (*) With St Mary's

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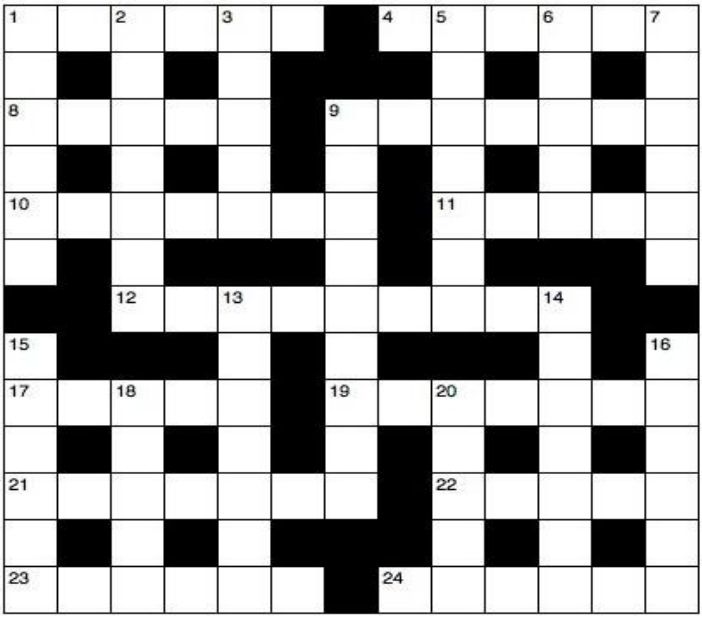

Across

1 Tertullus, who presented the high priest's case against Paul in his trial before Felix, was one (Acts 24:1) (6)

4 As balm (anag.) (6)

8 Having explored Canaan, he and Joshua urged the Israelites to take possession of it (Numbers 13:30) (5)

9 On becoming king of Judah, he had all six of his brothers killed (2 Chronicles 21:4) (7)

10 'Even the — has found a home, and the swallow a nest for herself' (Psalm 84:3) (7)

11 Banishment(Jeremiah29:1)(5)

12 'And now I will show you the most — way'(1Corinthians12:31) (9)

17 'Titus did not exploit you, did he? Did we not —— the same spirit and follow the same course?' (2 Corinthians 12:18) (3,2)

19 Mice den(anag.)(7)

21 How Egypt is often described in the Old Testament: 'the land of — ' (Exodus 13:3) (7)

22 One of the first Levites to resettle in Jerusalem after the exile in Babylon (1 Chronicles 9:15) (5)

23 'As a sheep before her shearers is —,so he did not open his mouth' (Isaiah 53:7) (6)

24 Paul's birthplace(Acts22:3)(6)

Down

1 Ravenous insect inflicted on Egypt in vast numbers as the eighth plague (Exodus 10:14) (6)

2 Well-being (Philippians 2:20) (7)

3 Small piece of live coal or wood in a dying fire (Psalm 102:3) (5)

5 Sportsman or woman (2 Timothy 2:5) (7)

6 The original name of Abraham's wife (Genesis 17:15) (5)

7 'So in Christ we who are many form one body, and each — belongs to all the others' (Romans 12:5) (6)

9 According to Peter, a wife's beauty should not come from wearing this (1 Peter 3:3) (9)

13 'For God did not send his Son into the world to — the world' (John 3:17) (7)

14 'The Lord of heaven and earth...does not live in — built by hands' (Acts 17:24) (7)

15 'If your hand — you to sin, cut it off'(Mark9:43)(6)

16 Something like these fell from Saul's eyes as soon as Ananias placed his hands on him (Acts 9:18) (6)

18 Track(Job41:30)(5)

20 Religious doctrine(5)