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From the Vicarage

Dear Friends,

An unexpected benefit of the Covid restrictions has been the Chelsea Flower Show moving to September, creating an ideal opportunity to glory in the colours, shapes and textures of the autumn season.

I wonder how you feel about autumn? Is it a season you enjoy? We may think nostalgically of agricultural rhythms past, when autumn was about completion, a break from the hard work in the fields, with the harvest safely gathered in, a time to celebrate mellow weather and fruitfulness. For some of us autumn feels too busy with the start of the academic year, it's the season of tired children and early starts in the growing dark. Perhaps in autumn we mourn the departure of swallows as they fly south into warmth, while we know the earth for us is turning to winter. Or we may love the autumn, the fun of kicking through fallen leaves, watching squirrels burying nuts, picking the last of the blackberries, sinking our teeth into freshly ripe apples.

Autumn is about change, and change tends to be something we have strong feelings about: change can be longed for or dreaded, welcomed or resented, planned for or sprung on us when we feel unprepared. I wonder how trees feel about the changes of their leaves, the colour altering, the letting go? Does a tree feel wistful, or is it glad that its fallen leaves are a playground for children and dogs, a hiding place for small creatures, a source of nutrients for the soil? I wonder is a tree wise, is there a remembrance in its branches that even the coldest winter too shall pass, and a knowledge that meanwhile there is a solace in giving shelter to smaller things?

Trees, so often there before us and living after us, steady in the storm, yielding in the wind, hospitable and hopeful, can be our soulful companions through the seasons. Spend some time sitting under their shelter, and let their stability remind you of the sustaining love of the Creator. As the hymn sings:

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

Beneath the shadow of thy throne
thy saints have dwelt secure;
sufficient is thine arm alone,
and our defence is sure.

With my blessing, Revd Rosy

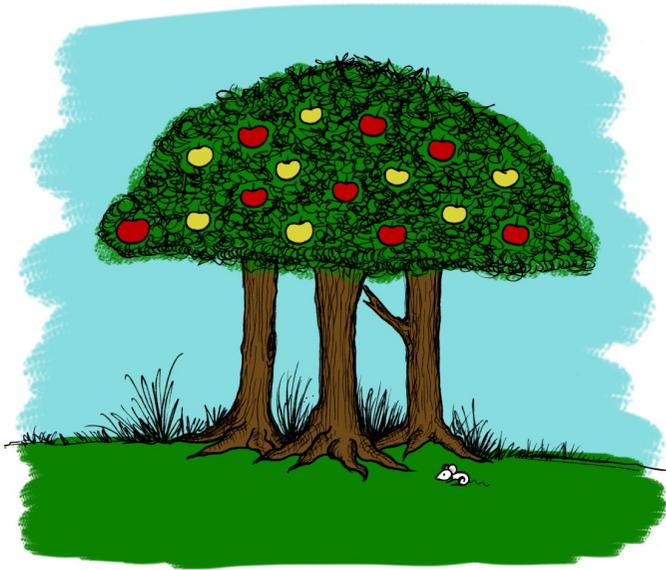
St Martin's Parish Church, West Drayton

HARVEST FESTIVAL

Celebrating Creation

Thanking God for our Food

SUNDAY 3 OCT. 10.15AM



Our worship will be followed by coffee and a
FAMILY HARVEST TREASURE TRAIL
in the churchyard (from 11am -12pm) Come and
enjoy nature and see what you can discover!

Gifts may be brought for our local Food Bank.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Harvest Festival – Sun. 3 Oct at 10.15am
followed by coffee and a family Harvest Treasure trail in
the churchyard.

All Saints' Day – Sun 31 Oct at 10.15am.

All Souls' Day – Tues 2 Nov Holy Eucharist at 6.30pm.
*This is the traditional day when we remember our
departed loved ones, names may be read out and a
candle lit (for each family group).*
Please email (or write very clearly) names to Revd Rosy.

Patronal Festival – Sun 7 Nov 10.15am.
We celebrate our patron saint, Martin of Tours.

Armistice Day – Thurs 11 Nov at 11am
Silence and Prayers,
Year 6 from Laurel Lane and St Martin's School will be
joining us.

Remembrance Sunday – 14 Nov at 10.15am

Advent Sunday – 28 Nov at 10.15am



Poppy Poppy



Poppy poppy what do you say?
Wear me on Remembrance Day.

Poppy poppy what do you tell?
Many soldiers in battle fell.

Poppy poppy what should we
know?

That peace on earth should
grow, grow, grow.

Harvest Festival – Sunday 3rd October 2021

St Martin's will be supporting Yiewsley and West Drayton Foodbank at Harvest. Please donate one of the following items to help people from the UB7 area. Donations can be placed in the collecting box at St Martin's at any time or brought to this service.

Jam

Sugar

Tinned Custard

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COFFEE MORNING

**Come and Join us for a Coffee and
a Chat in the Church Hall**

**Friday 29 October 2021
10 to 12 noon**

PRAYER PAGE

Thank you God for the sky so blue,
thank you for the good earth too.
Thank you for the strong fruit trees,
thank you for the birds and bees.
Thank you for flowers, smelling sweet,
thank you for all the food we eat.



God of all creation

help us to see this world, our common home,
not as a resource to dominate and exploit,
but as a precious gift to be cherished
and shared with all generations. Amen.

A Celtic Prayer for the Dying

O God, this is a sinful woman,
in a body failing fast.
Tonight she cannot name her sins.
Keep her in your care.
Jesus Christ, you bought her soul.
When the time shall come
for the final reckoning,
hold her in your hand.
May Michael, king of angels
come to meet her soul.
Michael, come and lead it home
to the heaven of Christ above.



Holy Father we thank you for the gift of prayer.
May we pray when we are suffering,
and when we are cheerful.

Let us pray always, for ourselves, for others, and for the world. 7



Editor's Autumn Quiz

1. Which poet composed 'To Autumn', the 1819 poem which begins 'Season of mists and mellow fruitfulness'?
2. This season sees swifts migrating to Africa. Three swifts monitored in 2016 broke the world record for continuous time spent in the air. How long did they go without touching land? Ten days, ten weeks or ten months?
3. What is the missing subject in the old saying: 'Dry your . . . in October, or you'll always be sober?'
4. Name the pigment which trees stop producing, thus causing leaves to lose their green colour?
5. Which autumnal farming practice has been banned in England and Wales since 1993?
6. Which world championship takes place every year in Northamptonshire on the second Sunday in October? Something that occurs naturally every autumn is a crucial part of the sport.
7. What is a cribbar, which appears in Cornwall once or twice a year — often in autumn — for a couple of hours at a time?
8. A reminder about which event, which happens every October, is provided by an alternative word for autumn?
9. Bonfire Night takes place every November. How did Guy Fawkes reduce the pain of his execution following the Gunpowder Treason Plot of 1605?
10. Why should you wait for the first frost of autumn before picking your sloe berries to make sloe gin?
11. Why is autumn particularly important to the Queen's first grandchild?
12. On September 5, 1958, Britain's heaviest ever what was recorded in Horsham? It weighed 6.5 ounces.
13. A storm of October 1859 (which sank the ship the Royal Charter off the coast of Wales) prompted Vice-Admiral Robert Fitzroy to create what?
14. Why do Daubenton's and Brandt's bats gather to sing at the entrances to caves in the autumn?

15. Maple, ash and sycamore trees produce seeds with which nickname, due to the way they fly through the air?

16. Squirrels are starting to bury acorns. What is the bird that does the same

17. This bright red berry gets its name from an old German word meaning 'to redden' — not to be confused with the Mr Bean actor. Which berry?

18. This mushroom got its name because its tubes coming from the ground look like devices to allow the dead and buried to hear. Its name?



19. This bird (below) migrates to the UK. Is it a twine, string or knot?



20. Hedgehogs begin hibernating. What is a baby hedgehog called — a hedgenipper, a hoglet or an ickle-prickle?

21. The pheasant shooting season starts on October 1. The record number shot in a single day was set on December 18, 1913, when George V, his son the Prince of Wales and six other men dispatched how many birds — 843, 1,402 or 3,937?

22. Spiders mate in October. This breed of spider shares its name with which ecclesiastical rank — parson, cardinal or bishop?



Thank you to everyone who holds a Society collecting box in their home. The boxes were opened recently and a payment has been made to the Society of £344.54.

'Thank you for enabling vulnerable children's voices to be heard.'

Hall Activities

Monday

Tae Kwondo 17:45 - 19:15

Tuesday

Zumba Gold 10:00 - 11:00
Drama Group 16:00 - 18:30
History Society 19:00 - 21:00
(Last Tuesday of the Month)
Craft Group 19:00 - 21:00

Wednesday

Irish Dance 19:00 - 21:00

Thursday

Little Soldiers 10:00 - 11:15
0-3 year olds + carers
(not in school holidays)

WI 14:15 - 16:15
(3rd Thursday of the Month)

AA 7-10pm

Friday

Tae Kwondo 17:30 - 20:30

Saturday

Zumba Gold 10:00 - 11:00



Items for inclusion in the August/September issue of Challenge must be with the Editor by Sunday 21st November 2021. Items not received by this date will, if appropriate, be included in the next issue.

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FROM THE CHURCH REGISTERS

Baptisms

We welcome into the worldwide Church of
Christ

Ariella Leah Asare, 29 August

Olivia Emily Morgan Petford, 19 September

May we with them grow in faith and love
as we follow Jesus together

Holy Matrimony

Leanne Carpenter & Luke Bosdet, 28 August

May God bless and guide their married life

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Editor's Autumn Quiz Answers

1. John Keats. He wrote it after a walk along the River Itchen near Winchester — as he tried to escape the sound of his landlady's daughter practising the violin.
2. Ten months. They spent their entire migration — UK to Africa and back again, which is more than 10,000 miles — without landing at all.
3. Barley. Otherwise you won't have any to make beer with.
4. Chlorophyll. The reduced sunlight means photosynthesis loses its benefits — it costs a tree more energy to support a leaf than the leaf gives back. Autumnal colours then result from other chemicals in the leaves, like beta-carotenes (red — also found in carrots) and luteins (yellow — also found in egg yolks).
5. Stubble burning.
6. Conkers. men's winner was Chelsea pensioner John Riley, who at 85 was possibly the oldest world champion on the planet.
7. A huge wave, beloved of surfers. It can be up to 35ft high — just under half the size of the 2004 Asian tsunami. It takes its name from the Cribbar reef at Newquay, though is also known chillingly as the 'widow maker'.
8. Fall. The end of British Summer Time. 'March forward, fall back' reminds you which way the clocks move. Incidentally, BST was the idea of William Willett — one of whose great-great-grandsons is Coldplay's Chris Martin.
9. He jumped from the scaffold, broke his neck and died. This saved him the pain of drawing and quartering, normally carried out while the condemned man was still alive after partial hanging.
10. So the skins will break, thereby allowing the flavour out. Folklore also suggests using a silver needle.
11. Because she's his wife. Peter Phillips (Princess Anne's son) married the Canadian, Autumn Kelly, in 2008.
12. Hailstone. It was one ounce heavier than a cricket ball.
13. The Shipping Forecast.
14. They're seeking the attention of females inside the cave, in order to mate.
15. Helicopter seeds.
16. Jay.
17. Rowan berry. (Not named after Rowan Atkinson.)
18. Trompette, from 'trompette de la mort', or 'hearing trumpet of death'.
19. Knot. It derives from King Canute (Cnut in Danish), who went to the shore and got his feet wet to prove his powers to control the tides were nothing compared with God's. The wading bird is thought to have inherited the name through its inability to control the tides.
20. Hoglet.
21. 3,937. On the way back to London, George V said to his son: 'I shouldn't say anything about this if I were you. I think we may have overdone it today.'
22. Cardinal. It's named after Cardinal Thomas Wolsey, who was once scared by a spider at Hampton Court.

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