



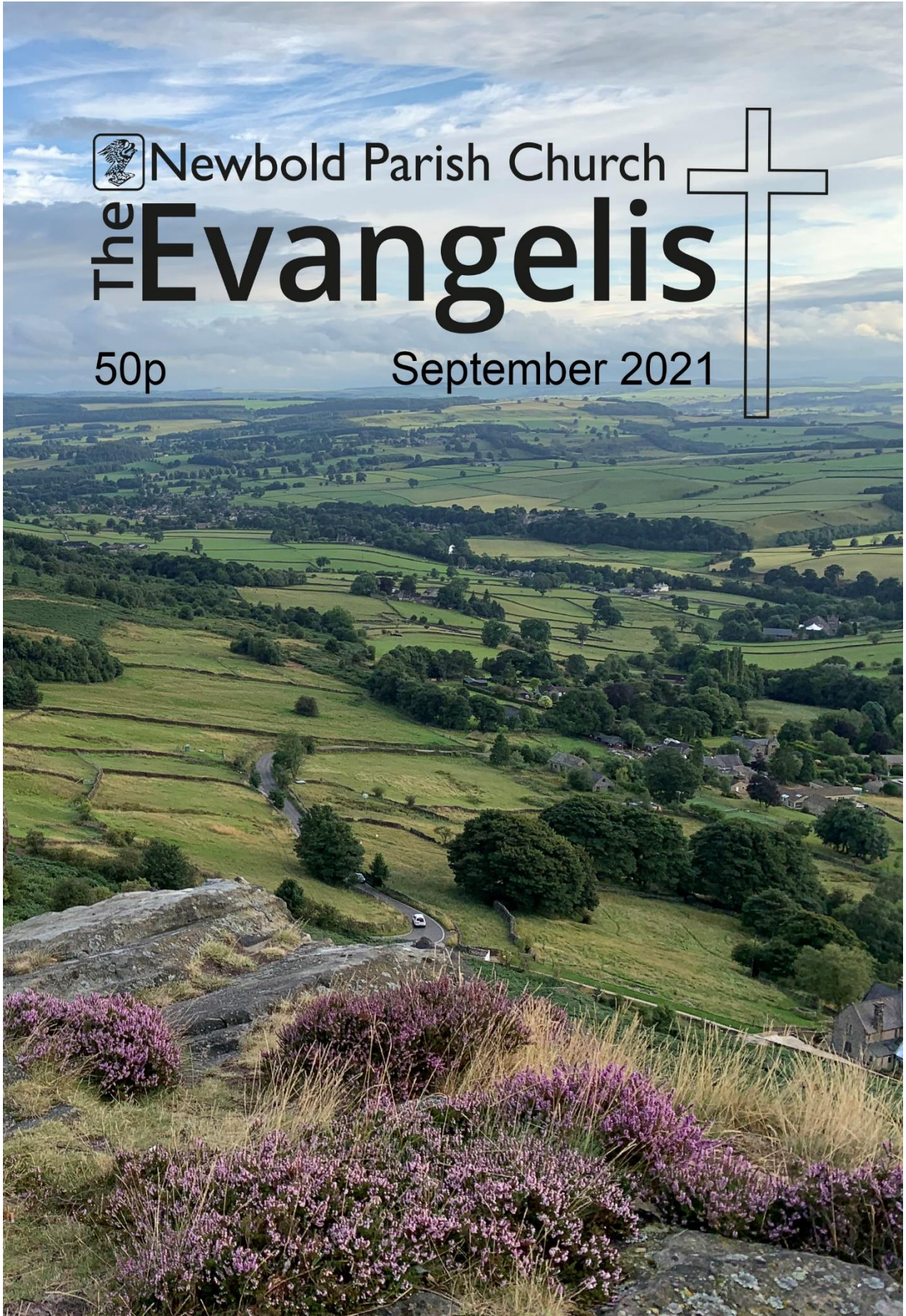
Newbold Parish Church

# The Evangelis



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# Public Worship

In church unless otherwise stated

## **Sunday 10am Mass**

Just a reminder that covid restrictions will still apply when you attend church. You will need to:

- Wear a face covering
- Use hand gel on arriving and leaving the building
- Keep 2m distance from others not in your household or bubble

Please do not attend if you feel unwell.

Those in the extremely clinically vulnerable group are still advised to consider their risk.

## **NEW!!!! Sunday 4pm All Age Family worship**

Formerly the 11am service, with a contemporary feel.

COVID advice as above

## **Wednesday 10am Mid-week Communion**

A service of mid-week Holy Communion in the church building.

COVID advice as above

## **Tuesday 9.50am Morning Prayer**

continues on Zoom

## From the Rector

Dear all,

This is my penultimate Rector's letter. In many ways it seems like five minutes since I wrote my first Rector's letter, back in September 2016, however, in other ways it feels a lot longer. The past five years have certainly been eventful!

I write to you as I am in the middle of packing, trying to tie up some loose ends, and gradually getting used to the concept of leaving parish ministry for a very different kind of challenge. I will save the reminiscing for next month's magazine, but for the moment I feel in a kind of limbo land; not yet ready to let go of Newbold, but also not really ready for my move to Church House, Derby just yet.

Despite this, there is still reason to be joyful!

Although we are still working with a risk assessment that includes mask wearing and hand sanitiser, predominantly to help those who are most vulnerable feel safe, the gradual return to something like 'normal' has begun in earnest and it feels like there is hope for the future.

This is particularly true of our Sunday morning worship.

It has been an absolute joy to lead the church into a new season, where singing is allowed (and aloud!), albeit with masks on, and an air of freedom is beginning to grow. Singing hymns, and parts of the liturgy, again has made a real difference to Sunday mornings, but there is still a way to go.



September will see the start of our new **'family friendly' service at 4pm each Sunday**. This marks the return of an all-age informal interactive service and will replace the 11 o'clock service.



On Sunday 4th July we had a picnic outside the parish room with six families in attendance, as well as leaders Chris, Hilary, Gill and myself.

Thankfully the rain held off and we had a wonderful time talking about the future and how the new service might work.

There was a real consensus that an afternoon service would work really well, and there was a real feeling of excitement at getting back to this type of service. It is hoped that some members of the families will be up for helping out with readings, dramas, music, and IT, as well as attending.

It was great to see so many people at the picnic, with the young people staying on for youth group afterwards. The planned crafting of 'bug hotels' had to be abandoned due to the rain eventually arriving, but the indoor bowling, and other games, went down a storm (pun intended)!

It is hoped that this format might also be something that happens from time to time in the future i.e., that families attending the service could eat together afterwards and then the young people would stay on for youth group. Again, like the singing at the 10am service, there were signs of a return to 'normal', and a real sense of hope for the future.

There is also scope for inviting families from our three local primary schools to attend the 4pm service and also to take part (as has happened in the past). There has been a really positive reception to our school assembly videos over lockdown and beyond, with

Chris and Hilary gaining local celebrity status among the families that have watched them, Rhoda and myself, each week.

Once this service is up and running, the plan is to introduce a monthly eucharist on the first Sunday of the month. This would build on the work we have done, particularly with the church school, around introducing children to Holy Communion.

With such a lot beginning to happen again I am filled with hope and joy that I shall be leaving the church in good hands and with good plans. Please continue to pray for Rhoda who is making a great recovery after her planned operation. She hopes to make a steady return to work at the beginning of September. Please also pray for Gill as she works out, with the diocese, how her curacy will progress in my absence.

*O gracious and holy Father,  
give us wisdom to perceive you,  
diligence to seek you,  
patience to wait for you,  
eyes to behold you,  
a heart to meditate upon you,  
and a life to proclaim you,  
through the power of the spirit  
of Jesus Christ our Lord.*

St Benedict

Every blessing

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Revd Ben Griffiths, Rector

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# Hope House Chesterfield

## TRUSTEES WANTED

Now that Hope House Chesterfield is up and running, the Board of Trustees is looking for people with a passion for helping the homeless to join them as new trustees to take the charity forward.

Hope House Chesterfield is a registered charity with a Christian ethos which runs a 13-bedroom property on Derby Road in Chesterfield which offers a home and support to vulnerable men who are homeless or at risk of homelessness in the Chesterfield and NE Derbyshire area to turn their lives around and move on to successful long term independent living.

We are looking for practising Christians, particularly those with experience of finance, fundraising, governance and management, who are able to commit the time to be actively involved in the running of the charity.

If you think this could be for you, please contact Karen Riley, Chair of Trustees at [contact@hopehousechesterfield.co.uk](mailto:contact@hopehousechesterfield.co.uk) for more information.

You can also find us at [www.hopehousechesterfield.co.uk](http://www.hopehousechesterfield.co.uk) and on Facebook: [@hopehousechesterfield](https://www.facebook.com/hopehousechesterfield)

## URGENT APPEAL - PLEASE HELP

We are immensely grateful to those people who contributed to the building work at Hope House and who are giving each month towards our running costs. Without them we wouldn't have been able to open our doors at the end of March.

**BUT WE URGENTLY NEED YOUR HELP!**

Like many charities, we have been hit hard financially by the Covid pandemic. The first lockdown started just as we were getting the project off the ground, and we opened our doors in the third lockdown, all of which has seriously hindered opportunities for fundraising.

We are confident that if we can get through this next twelve months we will be grounded enough to continue for the long term – but in the meantime we need to increase our monthly income URGENTLY.

We need to raise £3500 a month to keep Hope House going. We have already made appeals through social media, but we still only have a third of the money we need each month.

If 350 people give £10, or 100 people give £35 by standing order every month this will keep Hope House in operation. If we are able to claim Gift Aid on top, this is even better (you can ask for a form by emailing [contact@hopehousechesterfield.co.uk](mailto:contact@hopehousechesterfield.co.uk))

We are seeing positive changes in our residents who are engaging with the project, lives beginning to change, and without Hope House they would be back on the street, or living elsewhere without the support they need.

Please help by setting up a standing order today, please don't wait.

Our bank details are -

Account name: Hope House (Chesterfield) Ltd

Sort code: 05-03-68

Account number: 28970363

And please spread the word to everyone you know who you think may be able to help.

Many thanks Hope House Trustees

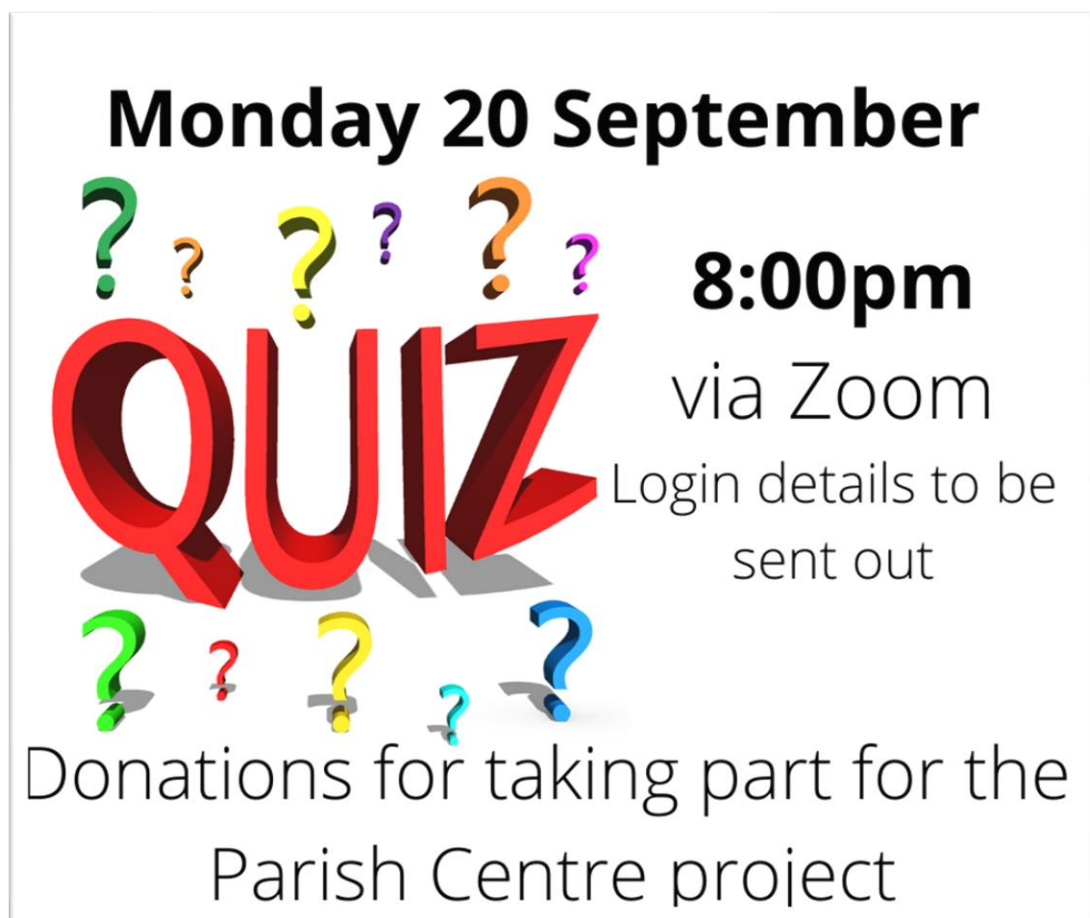
## **Newbold Women's Group**

### ***From Trish Law***

After the summer break, with no meeting in August, our next opportunity to meet is on **Wednesday 1st September, at 7pm**, when David Brocklehurst will be giving an illustrated talk on Medical Detection Dogs, a very interesting subject. At present, the Parish Room is not available, so we are holding the meeting in church, where we are asked to continue to follow the Covid related rules.

Please contact me if you have any queries or suggestions.

Trish Law Committee Member      Tel: 450407



**Monday 20 September**

**8:00pm**  
via Zoom  
Login details to be sent out

**QUIZ**

Donations for taking part for the Parish Centre project

The poster features the word 'QUIZ' in large, 3D red letters. Above and below the letters are several colorful question marks in green, yellow, purple, orange, and blue. The text is arranged in a clear, bold layout.

# **COP 26 in Chesterfield**

## ***From Anne Peacey***

COP stands for Conference of the Parties and will be attended by those countries that signed the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) - a treaty agreed in 1994.

The 26th meeting of the Conference of the Parties will take place in **Glasgow in November 2021** – hence the title COP26

You may have heard of the 'Relay to COP26' by members of the Young Christian Climate Network (YCCN) who are walking from Cornwall to Glasgow. They believe that now is the opportunity to make a stand and "Rise to the Moment"

The walkers will be passing through the Chesterfield area on the weekend of **4-5 September** and preparations are under way to welcome and host the walkers. Look out for more information from your part of the diocese as the planning process develops.

Preparations are taking place for meeting, greeting, and accompanying the walkers as they reach the Chesterfield boundary in Hasland at around 5 pm on Saturday 4

September. The plans are not fine-tuned yet, but more details will follow the next meeting in 2 weeks' time. The plan is for a tea break on arrival in Hasland, the group will be accompanied to Chesterfield town centre when it is hoped there will be a civic reception and a local welcome event by the Crooked Spire Church. There are plans for banners, flags, as well as the XR drummers who attract a lot of attention in the town.

The walkers will then walk to Newbold and stay overnight at St. Andrew's URC. On the Sunday morning the walkers will go to Dronfield and then on to Sheffield, but I am not sure which route they will be taking.

Also:

**Saturday 18 – 26 September:** Great Big Green Week, organised by Chesterfield Climate Alliance. Look out for further details

**Wednesday 3 October:** There are also plans to meet and greet the walkers on the Camino walk who will be passing through but not staying in Chesterfield

**Saturday 6 November:** Global Day of Action Planned activities to mobilise local support for climate justice

Here are some useful links

<https://www.yccn.uk/>

<https://ukcop26.org/>

<https://ukcop26.org/uk>

<https://ukcop26.org/cop26-goals/>

<https://2nsbq1gn1rl23zol93eyrccj-wpengine.netdna-ssl.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/COP26-Explained.pdf>

<https://sites.google.com/view/chesterfieldclimatealliance/home?fbclid=IwAR3Nz6xqW1Qc5Ct0MULAvTv-XdT1pmM1Or9FMUZVqRfrurLnbHi0ST2AYg4>

<http://www.facebook.com/ChesterfieldClimateAlliance>

# Monday Club Return September 2021

*From Richard Peet*

I have been in discussion with Margaret Beasley, the leader of the MONDAY CLUB, with regards to re-opening in September.

We are aware that covid is still with us and is here for who knows how long, and we do not know what will happen in the coming months with this pandemic. There is also the possibility of a vaccine booster in the autumn.

Having said this, we have decided to meet for the first time in EIGHTEEN months on **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> September** in church at 1.45pm, where Stuart our organist has kindly offered to play for us. We welcome non-members to come and listen to Stuart on this Monday.

We are not sure what we are able to do with regards to refreshments as the Parish Room is not available, but we will look into this further before the meeting.

We have decided to meet fortnightly to begin with, so the next meeting will also take place in church on **Monday 27<sup>th</sup> September** at 1.45pm, where we will discuss what we might do or are able to do depending on the situation with the pandemic.

If you wish to speak to someone about the club, please ring Margaret or Richard whose telephone numbers are in the magazine.

We look forward to seeing you on

**MONDAY 13TH SEPTEMBER 2021 at 1.45 PM.**

Best Wishes, Margaret and Richard.



## **6th – 10th September 2021**

Zero Waste Week is an award-winning week-long campaign, raising awareness about the environmental impact of waste.

Whether you're an individual, business or organisation, we welcome you to join in and reduce the amount of waste you send to landfill.

Launched in 2008, the campaign is conducted almost exclusively online via this website, e-newsletters and social media; although various groups run 'on the ground' events across the world.

## **Shall we join in?**

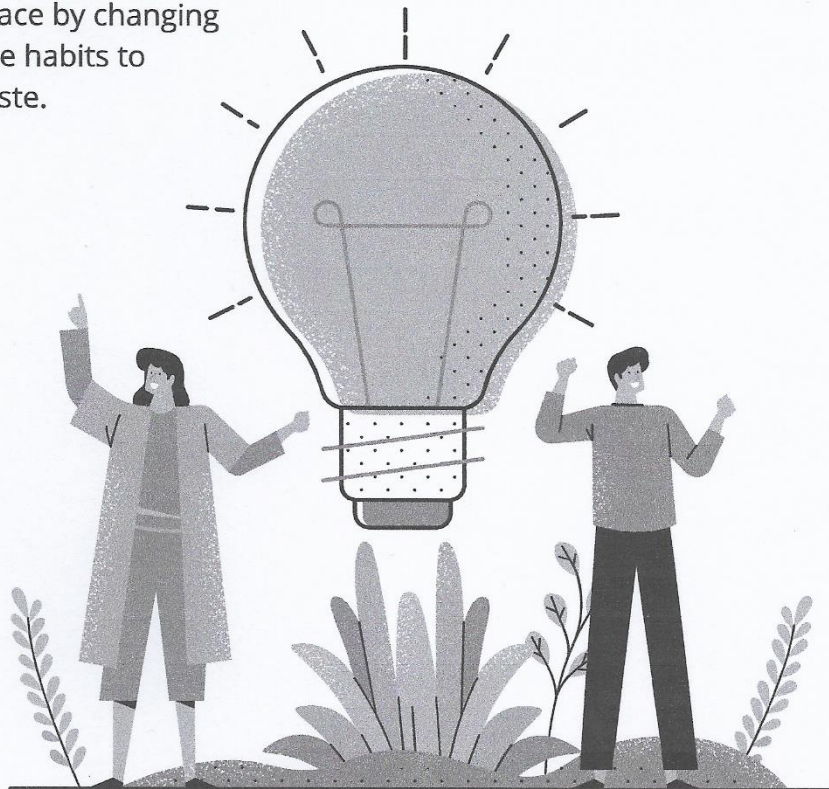
For ideas of small steps we can all take see poster on following page and visit

**<https://www.zerowasteweek.co.uk>**

# Simple ways to join in with Zero Waste Week

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Let's help make the world a better place by changing our lifestyle habits to reduce waste.



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- 01** Remember your reusable bags and refillable water bottle whenever you leave your home.
  - 02** Reduce food waste - you'll save money and resources.
  - 03** What disposable item could you swap for a reusable one?
  - 04** Reduce the use of single-use plastics.
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## Manage your waste!

- Reuse any items that can be repurposed in other ways.
  - Reduce the items you use. What can you do away with?
  - Recycle items properly.
  - Repair items when possible instead of buying new ones.
  - Resell items you don't need but are still in good condition.
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# **Monkwood Community Food Hut Update**

## ***From John Drake***

Since writing an article for the magazine in May of this year there have been a few changes to the way the Food Hut operates and so I thought it was time for an update.

I would say first of all that there appears to be a strong demand for food not only for our regular customers, but also from the local residents who personally visit each week and their number keeps growing with new faces week after week.

If you remember Janice Marriott (local councillor for Dunston) was the manager assisted ably by her husband Steve. Janice now spends more time away from the Hut fund raising and has passed the day-to-day management to her assistant, Jo. Janice felt that we were not getting enough regular donations from the various supermarkets such as Aldi, Lidl, Marks and Spencer and Morrisons together with Fairshare and so we needed to find other resources. Fairshare in particular often provides fresh vegetables and we have been enjoying seasonal fruits such as strawberries. The only downside to fresh produce is that it won't keep and so much of it has to be frozen. Funding has enabled us to purchase a fortnightly collection from a greengrocer in Dronfield and so we can guarantee that there is a fresh supply of fruit and vegetables available that week.

In addition to the standard food parcel we also provide bread and bakery products together with cakes, desserts, and frozen meals which are produced weekly by Audrey and another Jo and also sometimes from our amateur chefs at Holy Trinity.

We have also been able to produce our own fresh vegetables this year from the tomatoes grown in the greenhouse and the onions, carrots and courgettes which have been grown in our raised beds. Both the greenhouse and the 3 planters (raised beds) were sourced and put together by some of the

volunteers. These are located in the back garden of the Hut. It was envisaged using the back garden as a community space for relaxation and social gathering, especially during the summer months, but this has not worked in practice because of the pandemic. This space has also provided an area where some of our clients can discuss their needs in private.



Our opening times have changed such that it no longer opens to the public on a Monday, but the Wednesday and Friday opening times have remained the same i.e. 10am until

2pm (please bear in mind that these times may not be strictly adhered to depending on local circumstances). Phone number for the Hut is 07784932115.

I recently bumped into Pat Evans, manager of the Chesterfield Foodbank, and he informed me that they still operate 5 centres so that there is one open each day of the week. Since lockdown they have changed the way in which the centres operate so as to minimise the risk of infection. They have not been greeting their clients inside the centres and only provide them with the basic food parcel as they queue outside. Some of their volunteers who used to help at the centres are now based at their offices fulfilling different roles. As a result of this new procedure there has been an increase in pack building at the warehouse and increased logistics of getting the food to the centres. The warehouse last year received and processed over 45 tonnes of food during the pandemic, far higher than previously.

So please keep donating to the Food Hut and the Foodbank as there is still a great need for support in our local communities.

# Walsingham 2022

## *From Richard Peet*

I am beginning to think about going to the shrine at Walsingham in 2022 from **FRIDAY 10TH JUNE TO SUNDAY 12TH JUNE.**

As many of you will be aware due to covid regulations we had to cancel the pilgrimage in 2020, and the proposed pilgrimage in 2021.

I have thought deeply and prayed about this matter, and I would like to take a group once again in 2022.

There may be some people who may be considering joining us for the first time after the very difficult and testing times we have been through since March 2020.

The last visit to Walsingham in 2019 was a great success, and I would like to think we could build on that pilgrimage.

With regards to the pandemic, we don't know what is going to happen in the future, it could be with us like other viruses, and we will have to live with this for the foreseeable future.

If you wish to consider going next year, please let me know so I can see what support we may have for visiting again. You can contact me verbally in church, or by telephone using the number in the magazine.

### **PILGRIM PRAYER**

*May God the Father who created you, guide your footsteps,  
May God the Son who redeemed you, share your journey,  
May God the Holy Spirit who sanctifies you, lead you on  
life's pilgrimage,  
and the blessing of God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit  
be with you wherever you may go Amen.*

# Churchyard bird spotting

*From Christine Wieloch*

Birds seen this month were:

Blackbird, Blue Tit, Carrion Crow, Chaffinch, Chiff Chaff, Dunnock, Feral Pigeon, Goldcrest, Gold Finch, Great Tit, Herring Gull, House Martin, House Sparrow, Jackdaw, Magpie, Nuthatch, Robin, Swallow, Swift, Wood Pigeon.

## And introducing .....

**The Wren** is one of our smallest birds but it has a surprisingly loud song. It can be difficult to see as it often prefers to hide itself in thick undergrowth.

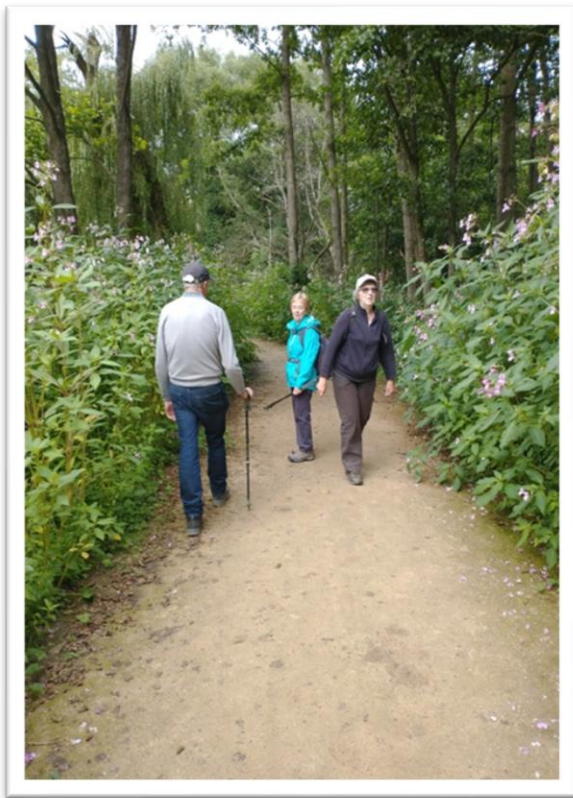


**The Nuthatch** is a small bird with a long straight bill. It is grey on top but is a rusty orange below. It can climb trees looking for grubs.

# The Walking Group

## *From Evelyn Lowe & Julie Franks*

After many months of lockdown the St. John's Church group finally ventured out on the first walk. We welcomed back Eric and Helen and as a decision had been made to not share cars, we began our journey by walking through the churchyard, along Kendal Road, down to Coniston Road and up to Silverdale Close where we picked up Wendy and Trish. Being late Sunday afternoon, Sheepbridge Trading Estate was devoid of traffic and workers, the only sounds being our boots on the ground and our tongues chattering. We travelled on a broad, man-made path, bordered for much of the way by Himalayan Balsam, an invasive plant loved by bees. We



came across a couple who seemed to be examining the blossom unaware of the name and growing habit of the species. Hopefully they didn't take a cutting for their garden.

As well as Dunston and Sheepbridge, the walk took in Old Whittington and Barlow, through woods, across fields, footpaths, bridleways and by the side of the road, seeing colourful hedgerows and field boundaries.

Next month's walk on Sunday 5th September will be led by Steve and Julie beginning in the New Whittington area and making our way towards Hundall, West Handley and Nether Handley. We will meet at 12 noon outside the church with a packed lunch and anyone wishing to join us will be made very welcome.



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# Readings and Collects

## **Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> September Fourteenth after Trinity**

*Proverbs 22.1-2,8,9,22,23 Psalm 125 James 2.1-10[11-13]  
14-17 Mark 7.24-37*

Almighty God, whose only Son has opened for us a new and living way into your presence: give us pure hearts and steadfast wills to worship you in spirit and in truth; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

(or)

Merciful God, your Son came to save us and bore our sins on the cross: may we trust in your mercy and know your love, rejoicing in the righteousness that is ours through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## **Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> September Fifteenth after Trinity**

*Proverbs 1.20-33 Psalm 19\* or Canticle: Wisdom of  
Solomon 7.26 - 8.1 James 3.1-12 Mark 8.27-38*

God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church in the burning fire of your love: grant that your people may be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel that, always abiding in you, they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

(or)

Lord God, defend your Church from all false teaching and give to your people knowledge of your truth, that we may enjoy eternal life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

## **Sunday 19th September Sixteenth after Trinity**

*Proverbs 31.10-31 Psalm 1 James 3.13 - 4.3,7-8a*

*Mark 9.30-37*

O Lord, we beseech you mercifully to hear the prayers of your people who call upon you; and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil them; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

(or)

Lord of creation, whose glory is around and within us: open our eyes to your wonders, that we may serve you with reverence and know your peace at our lives' end, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## **Sunday 26th September Seventeenth after Trinity**

*Esther 7.1-6,9,10; 9.20-22 Psalm 124 James 5.13-20*

*Mark 9.38-50*

Almighty God, you have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you: pour your love into our hearts and draw us to yourself, and so bring us at last to your heavenly city where we shall see you face to face; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

(or)

Gracious God, you call us to fullness of life: deliver us from unbelief and banish our anxieties with the liberating love of Jesus Christ our Lord.



# From the Registers

## Holy Matrimony

14 August      Charles Michael Julian  
                         Sherry Annette Hardwick

*May God bless their married life*

## Holy Baptism

15 August      Annabelle Sofia Murray

*May all things belonging to the Spirit live and grow in her*

## Funeral

30 July            Margaret Mary Hobson            aged 75

## Churchyard

[burial or interment of ashes]

30 July            Margaret Mary Hobson

03 August        Betty Ellis

14 August        Debra Ann Peters

*May they rest in peace and rise in glory*



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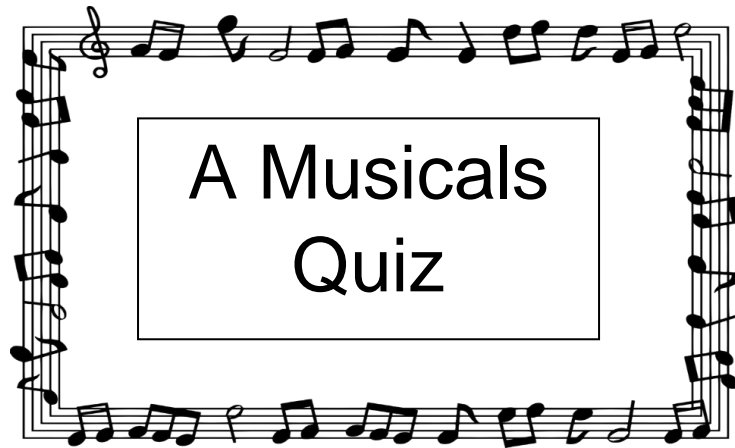
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What shows or musicals are the following songs from:

1. Suddenly Seymour.
- 2 I Dreamed A Dream.
3. The Music Of The Night.
4. A Spoonful Of Sugar.
5. Any Dream Will Do.
6. This Is Me.
7. I Don't Know How To Love Him.
8. If I Was A Rich Man is from which 1964 Musical?
9. I'm Going To Wash That Man Right Out Of My Hair.
10. Love Changes Everything.

Other Music Related Questions.

11. Where do the group ABBA originate from?
12. Who sang Born Free?
13. Rock Around The Clock was a hit for Bill Haley and his what .....?
14. John Travolta and Olivia Newton John starred in which film?
15. For twelve years from 1955 which theatre hosted the following Sunday Night At The.....?

16. Who were Cliff Richard's backing group through the 1960's?
  17. Dolly Parton had a hit with which song from the film of the same name?
  18. The Phantom Of The Opera began in London's West End in September 1986. Who played the title role?
  19. Who composed the music for Billy Elliott The Musical?
  20. In which musical is Maria Von Trapp the heroine?
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## **RHYMES**

***By Richard Peet***

Let us see what September brings;  
Have you been doing old and new things?  
As restrictions have eased what have you done?  
Have you been able to have lots of fun?  
Perhaps you have had some time away,  
Maybe a week, or maybe a day,  
What are you now waiting to do;  
Or perhaps you are being careful too?  
Some of our groups are now able  
To meet in church around a table.  
So, as we are hoping for better times,  
Is it time to stop writing these funny rhymes?

# School Summer Holidays of Yesteryear

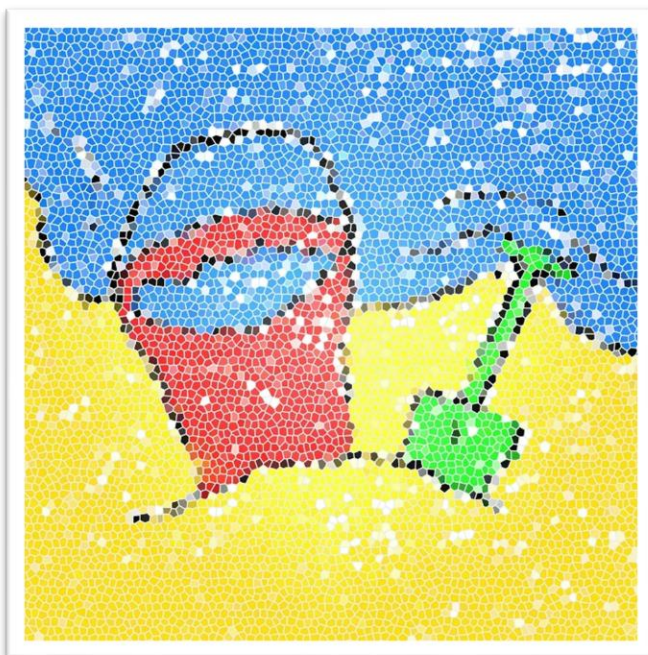
*By Wendy Drake*

As the present-day school holidays are now well and truly underway, I realised that I haven't really seen or heard many children out playing and enjoying themselves with others. It got me thinking how differently my school holidays were spent.

Mobile phones, desk-top and lap-top computers, and X-boxes were certainly unheard of, which in themselves, can now keep children occupied and cooped up in the house.

I was maybe fortunate in being born and brought up in Hastings, on the South Coast, with plenty of outdoor activities on hand. Weather conditions too seemed to be such that summers tended, on the whole, to be dry, warm if not hot, and sunny.

My brother, Terry, was almost 12 years older than me so was already working when I was old enough to play out, but I had a good number of other youngsters living in the same road and we all spent time together. Parents were not having to



watch our every move so that we had the freedom to take ourselves off for the day with food and drinks stashed in duffel bags.

The beach was within walking distance so many days were spent there, swimming in the sea, whilst listening to the screeching, loud

wails and laughing calls of the gulls overhead. On really hot days we were able to spot many jellyfish left on the beach once the tide had gone out, and on occasions, spotted dolphins well out on the water as they made their way along the English Channel. We were careful not to get too near to the fishing fleet of the Old Town with its left-over tar spillages as the boats were winched up onto the shore, once the daily catch had been brought into the busy Fish Market. I must add for those of you not familiar with Hastings, that the beach is very stony and shingly, so definitely not easy on the feet. As the tide recedes there is some evidence of sand which does help when walking along for any distance.

Hastings Pier was another attraction with its 'old penny' slot machines, when we had money to spend. The 'Punch and Judy' man was present most years, although I have to admit I wasn't a fan. Each summer as well, we could hear the familiar cry of 'Oyez, Oyez' as Town Criers from across the country competed with each other to win the coveted title of best overall.

The pier formed the dividing line between Hastings, on its east side, and St Leonards, on its west side, and the latter was always considered to be a little more upmarket than Hastings itself, and a place for the more 'elderly population' to reside or to holiday.

In St Leonards, there was an open-air bathing pool complete with diving boards, a relic of the Victorian era, but it necessitated a bus ride there and back. If the weather then was a bit iffy, we could always have spent some time in the 2 indoor swimming baths on Hastings Sea Front, to which we were bussed once a week for lessons during the school terms.

The sea front also boasted a roller-skating rink within the confines of the Amusement Arcade. As kids we would often watch the making of the traditional seaside rock, as the machine was set up in a shop window a short distance away.

The annual Town Carnival was always a good spectacle to watch with many floats, and so many freebies being flung from them or handed out.

The original town of Hastings grew up in the valley between the East and West Hills, and so was and still is known as the Old Town. Here the fishing fleet is based together with the tall Net Houses for hanging and drying the nets once the catch had been brought in each day.

Both hills could, and still can be accessed via funicular railways taking only minutes to reach the top or bottom depending on which way you are travelling. Most times though, as kids, we would walk up or down which must have kept us fit? The West Hill boasted Hastings Castle so the walk up could involve scrambling over the rocks below it. The West Hill also boasted the Smugglers Caves, where, in years gone by, stolen booty was stashed after having been recovered from ships wrecked at sea. There were apparently tunnels connecting the caves to an opening at sea level.

The East Hill led to Ecclesbourne and Fairlight Glens, now incorporated I believe, as part of Hastings Country Park. The walk between them was covered with gorse bushes, always known locally as 'The Firehills', as the gorse was so often alight. Being just across the Channel from France, much of Hastings was bombed during the World Wars and many unexploded bombs were jettisoned on the beaches in this area. I well remember a group of us kids watching, from a distance and behind a barricade, as some of these bombs were detonated one summer. This area also had a number of ponds where we were able to catch tadpoles, carried home in jam jars with string around the rims. I don't think the tadpoles ever got a proper chance to grow into frogs.

Alexandra Park was another choice of recreation with a boating lake, other ponds, a playground and extensive grounds for play, together with a large reservoir at the far end.

Most of us kids had bikes, some in better condition than others, and would think nothing of cycling off to another beach at Pett Level to the east of the town, and a little further on to Rye, a matter of some 10 miles away, with its cobbled lanes and medieval half-timbered houses. We also managed on a few occasions to cycle even further to Camber Sands, where pebbles were and still are non-existent, it being the only sand dune system in East Sussex, which stretches for 3 miles to just beyond the border with Kent. At other times we might cycle out to Battle, some 7 miles away, to visit the site of the famous Abbey where King Harold was killed by the French in 1066. The Abbey has since become an English Heritage property, so entry is no longer free unless of course you are a member.

When staying put at home, I'm sure most of you would, like us, have played hopscotch on a chalked-out pavement or enjoyed a game of marbles among other popular pastimes.

One of the neighbours had a wood cutting business so a few of us would help him out by making up 'babbins' of wood for him to sell on for firewood. Attempting to fasten the elastic band around the bundle proved quite tricky, but being rewarded with a few coppers to spend for making up a certain number, we had more of an incentive to complete the task.

I realise that during the 1950's, the number of cars and lorries on the roads was far less than we experience today, so that cycling too was far less hazardous. They were also times when we didn't have to worry about leaving house doors unlocked.

So, all in all, I think we can all appreciate that, although times might have been difficult, when the country was getting back on its feet after the war, and money was tight, a good time was had by the Hastings youngsters of yesteryear of which I am just one.

# **PAT**

***From John Drake***

No, it is not only a girl's name. Portable appliance testing (PAT) is the term used to describe the examination of electrical appliances and equipment that are safe to use. Most electrical safety defects can be found by visual examination, but some types can only be found by testing. However, it is essential to understand that visual examination is an essential part of the process because some types of electrical safety defect can't be detected by testing alone.

Portable electrical appliances are those items which have a plug and need to be powered by plugging the item into an electrical socket. Examples of such items are kettles, battery chargers, cameras, extension sockets, etc. All the portable electrical appliances we use in church are regularly tested by an electrician and so we are in the process of identifying those items that require to be tested. We have already listed about 20 such items and the purpose of this article is to identify any other items that may need to be checked.

If any of you have any electrical appliances which you bring to church for use within the building, then it must be tested before it can be used. This is to ensure that the appliance is safe to use and will not cause damage to our electrical supply. If it has been tested in the past it should have a test sticker on the appliance, usually the plug, with the date on which it was tested e.g., May 2020 and a signature of the person who carried out the test.

As we have been through a period of lockdown many of the church appliances should have been tested at the beginning of the year and so need to be tested again as soon as possible. So, if you have any appliances that need to be tested would you please let me know and we can arrange for that to be done. We have already been in touch with an electrician and received a quotation for PAT. The item will be brought to the church on a pre-arranged day and will be tested on that same day so you would only be without its use for part of a day. If you are in doubt as to whether this applies to you, please do not hesitate to ask.

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As the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return to it without watering the earth and making it bud and flourish, so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater, so is my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.

Isaiah 55:10-11



## **St Mark's Church, Brampton**

### ***Job vacancies***

St Marks is looking for a new **Treasurer** (voluntary role) and a **Church Administrator** (5hrs a week, £10 per hour)

Please contact Rev'd Canon Karen Hamblin (Priest-in-Charge) by email: [khnedeanery@gmail.com](mailto:khnedeanery@gmail.com) for further details, including role description.

(Sue in the church office also has a few more details)

## **200 Club**

### ***From Richard Peet***

The winners for the JULY 2021 draw are as follows:

FIRST PRIZE      £30.00      HEATHER PEET  
NUMBER 13

SECOND PRIZE   £15.00      ADRIAN BLANKSBY  
NUMBER 128

THIRD PRIZE     £5.00      DIANE PEET  
NUMBER 111

This draw completed the year APRIL 2020 – MARCH 2021 which was delayed due to the pandemic.

If you wish to join the club please contact Richard Peet, see telephone number on the inside cover of the magazine or see him in church.

This is an important fundraiser and even more so as we have not been able to hold our two biggest fundraisers in 2020 or 2021.

Please don't delay - join today. Thank you to everyone who has and is supporting this fun event.

## **200 Club renewal**

I was hoping to do the first draw of the new year in August, but as yet the take up for renewal has been rather slow.

I partly put this down to the strange times we still find ourselves in, even though things appear to be improving in no small way due to the vaccination programme.

I hope to do the first draw during September if the renewal uptake happens in the next few weeks.

Due to the lack of social activities over the last 18 months, the 200 club is a vital source of income and of course members win prizes.

If you wish to renew membership, please make cheques payable to Newbold PCC Income Account or you can pay by cash.

Whichever method you choose to use please put the £12.00 membership in an envelope marked 200 club renewal and also please write the names of members on the envelope.

New members are welcome, and your membership is greatly appreciated and will help our fundraising efforts which are very limited at this time.

Thank You. Richard

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## **Chesterfield Male Voice Choir**

Presenting a concert in aid of Ashgate Hospice Care on  
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## Bible Sudoku

First you answer the scripture-based questions to determine the numbers for each clue and place them in the squares mentioned. Then proceed as normal, placing number 1 to 9 in each row, each column and each of nine 3 x 3 areas within the puzzle grid

For G2, F3

How many chapters are in the book of 2 Peter?

For F2, B7, H5, C6

What was Goliath's height in cubits (1 Samuel 17:4)

For A8, F6, H3, E2, G9

How many hundred years was Abram's seed to be afflicted?  
(Genesis 15:13)

For I7, A6, H2

How many spies did Rahab hide? (Joshua 2:1)

For F4, I2, C5

How many of Jesse's sons passed before Samuel?  
(1 Samuel 16:10)

For B5, I4, F8, D3

In the list of Ishmael's sons in Genesis 25:13-15, what number is Tema?

For E8, C2

The opening of which number seal revealed the souls under the throne? (Revelation 6:9)

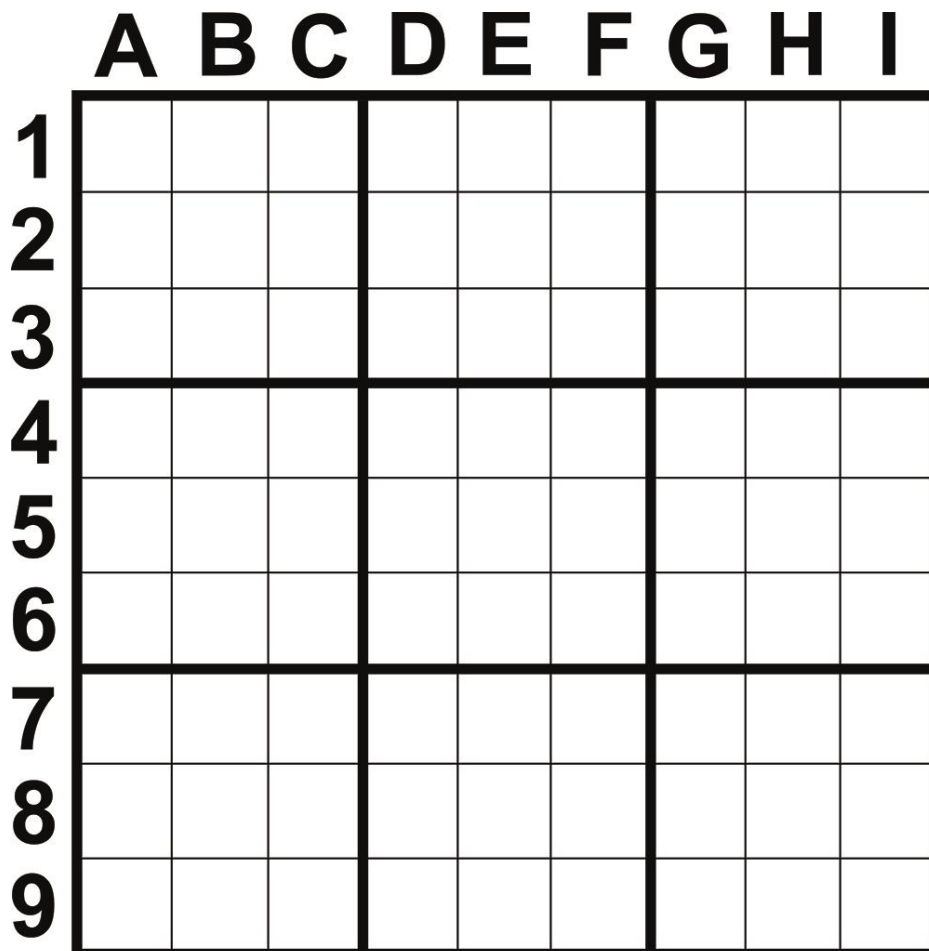
For B6, H4, A9, G1

In the list of kings in Joshua 12:9-24, what number is the king of Gezer?

For F7, H6, D1, G3, E5

How many brothers did Rebekah have? (Genesis 24:29)

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## Let us smile

### *Famous insults*

The exchange between Churchill and Lady Astor:

She said, "If you were my husband, I'd poison your tea."

He said, "Madam, if you were my wife, I'd drink it!"

"I've had a perfectly wonderful evening. But this wasn't it."

Groucho Marx

"I am enclosing two tickets to the first night of my new play, bring a friend.....if you have one." George Bernard Shaw to Winston Churchill

Winston Churchill, in response. "Cannot possibly attend first night, will attend second.....if there is one."

"Thank you for sending me a copy of your book; I'll waste no time reading it." Moses Hadas

"Some cause happiness wherever they go; others, whenever they go." Oscar Wilde

"He has all the virtues I dislike and none of the vices I admire."

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## **Fund Raising**

### ***From Julie Franks***

You will be aware that, as a church, we have not been able to do our main fundraising (summer and Christmas fayres) for the last two years. The PCC has agreed to have an

### **online account to sell items.**

We have a number of items already to sell but we need someone to help myself and Sue to organise it.

Don't worry if you have never done anything like this before neither have Sue nor myself, so we can learn together.

Please contact me, either by speaking to me in church, or giving me a ring-number on the back on the magazine. Thank you.

## **GIVING DURING A CRISIS**

*From Revd Ben*

How do we give during a pandemic?

With Church open now we are now able to receive envelopes and open plate giving in church again however please do consider any of the alternatives below if you are able, to reduce the risks of the transmission of the virus.

Therefore, if you would like to continue to support Newbold Parish Church financially, please send **cheques** payable to **'Newbold PCC income account'** to:

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Or, you can donate via **direct transfer**:

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Account No: 61331795 (mark it 'donation')

If you have previously filled out a gift aid form this will still count. If you need a gift aid form do let us know.

**Standing order.** Once again, a huge thank you to those of you who give regularly via standing order. This is the best way for us to keep track of our finances. If you don't give this way, and would like to, please contact us and we can send you a form.

Finally, if you are struggling financially at the moment, do feel free to lower your giving. We don't want anyone to feel pressure to give at this difficult time.

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