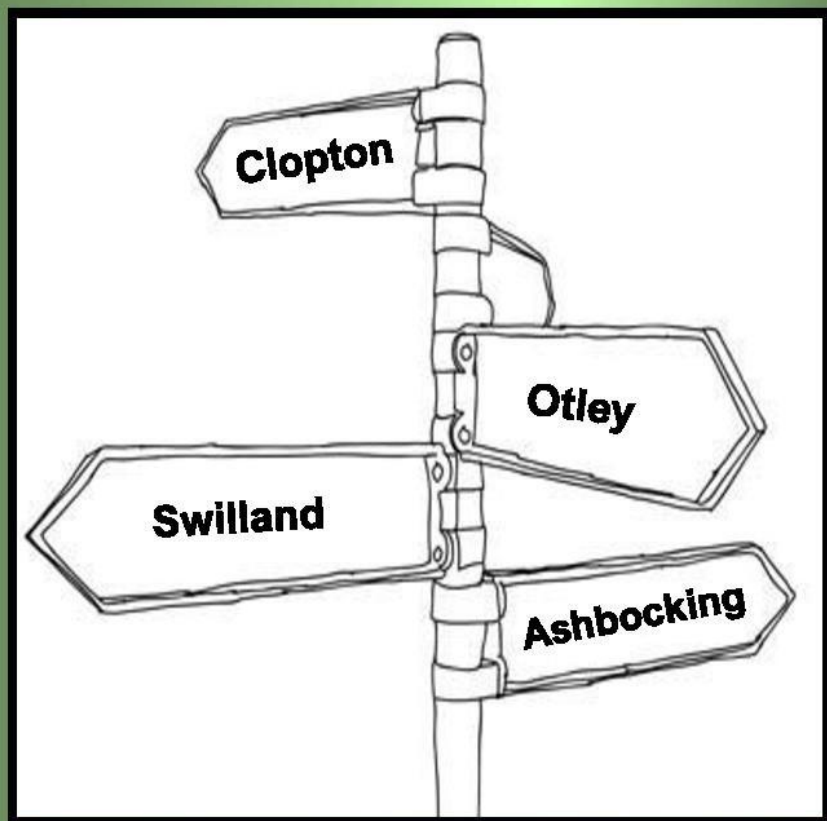


# *The Signpost*



*News from the Parishes*

## A Word from The Editor.....



Welcome to the **October Signpost**. We are all very aware that September brings many changes into our lives the weather turns, the children move up a year at school or leave school and start colleges or universities, the landscape changes as the trees lose their leaves and the fields get ploughed ready for the next agricultural cropping cycle. Never could we have imagined that only a few months ago we were celebrating the Queen's jubilee and now we are faced with the loss of our wonderful Queen. Her Majesty certainly had a life well lived and her long reign ended with a beautiful and very fitting send off. A real historical event which will live in our memories forever. May our dearly loved Queen rest in peace.

Now the country is facing a huge change as we begin to adjust to having a King, singing the new words of our National Anthem which has been the same for much of our lives. Change can be a good thing given the time for adjustment. We have been exceptionally lucky to have had one monarch for such a long period of time and over the years the Queen has proved stoic however, I am sure that King Charles III will prove a good King for our country and the Commonwealth so we should give the same love and respect that we had given to our late Queen and support him in his new role – he has had a good upbringing and teacher! I am sure that we can all think back to certain times in our lives when changes have happened quickly or unexpectedly but if we remain strong, have faith, courage and a good support network we will come out the other side and sometimes stronger.

If you would like to see anything else within the magazine, whatever it may be, I would gratefully receive it for inclusion in upcoming editions. If you would like any family or friends' birthdays, exam results or anniversaries celebrated, then please do let me know and I will include in next month's magazine.

The next magazine will be the November issue with a deadline **of 24<sup>th</sup> October 2022**. To register to receive The Signpost via email, each month, please email Amy [bakergirl174@gmail.com](mailto:bakergirl174@gmail.com)

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***Keep safe and take care till next month...With best wishes, Amy***

## **Word-search**

**(John 1:1, Genesis 1:1, Isaiah 55:11, Hebrews 4:12)**

Life is a Word-search.  
Think John, chapter one.  
There will be distractions  
In the search,  
Interesting groups of letters,  
Many in the wrong order.  
Some even making sense,  
In their own way.  
Sometimes all is confusion,  
A jumble.  
The temptation is to give up.  
It's all too much of a puzzle.  
But those who search will find,  
And once found,  
The Word  
Makes sense of the search.  
Even if some round-the-edge words  
Remain a mystery,  
Once found,  
The main Word, the central Word  
Is the key that opens hearts.  
And the Word is,  
And will be,  
And even in the beginning, was.  
It has gone out and will not return empty,  
But living and active  
Will accomplish the purpose  
for which It was sent.  
The Word itself searches.  
So let us search,  
Oh, search the Word.

*By Daphne Kitching*

## Rainfall August

There isn't much that I can say about the August weather other than it has been much the same as July with hot days and nights and a short heatwave from the 10th to the 15th of the month. There was a brief storm on the 17th which gave a half inch of rain but very little since, unfortunately all the rainstorms that occurred in the region passed us by. The total rainfall for the month was only .55 inches.



*Russell Ling*

### *October Weather Sayings.....*

- *If October brings much frost and wind then January and February are mild*
- *In October, dung your fields and your land its wealth will yield*
- *If the hare wears a thick coat in October, then lay in a good stock of fuel*
- *October brings the acorn moon*
- *When the peacock loudly bawls, soon we'll have both rain and squalls*
- *When the field mouse makes its burrow with the opening to the south it expects a severe winter, when to the north it expects rain*
- *If in October you do marry, Love will come but riches tarry*
- *Fresh October brings the pheasant, then to gather nuts is pleasant*
- *If October brings an abundance of beech nuts, a severe winter will follow*



"You can sum up this year's budget with one word."

## **Tributes to Our Gracious Queen**

*Many Christian leaders have paid tribute to the Queen. Here are just a very few:*



**Rt Rev John Pritchard, former Bishop of Oxford, said:**

“The prayer of our national anthem was answered ‘God save our gracious Queen’ we sang – and He did, for so very many years.

“The Queen had a steadfast faith. The most moving encounter a diocesan bishop had with her was when he knelt before her and swore allegiance

to her as ‘Supreme Governor’ of the Church of England. That title was very important to her. When you’ve been through so much, from the Suez crisis to the invasion of Iraq, from the assassination of President Kennedy to the horror of 9/11, from the death of Princess Diana to the Covid pandemic, you need very deep roots to keep you secure. The Queen found those roots in her faith.

“Her faith was never overplayed, but neither was it underplayed. It was visible in every Christmas broadcast, in every TV clip of her emerging from church, smiling and evidently strengthened for her task. Everyone close to her knew how significant her faith was.”

**Mark Woods, Editor of Bible Society said:**

“Our Queen’s faith in Jesus Christ was central to her life. We should be deeply grateful to God for her life-long service to Christ reflected in her life-long service to her people

“In her 2000 broadcast she told the watching millions: ‘To many of us, our beliefs are of fundamental importance. For me, the teachings of Christ and my own personal accountability before God provide a framework in which I try to

lead my life. I, like so many of you, have drawn great comfort in difficult times from Christ's words and example.'"

**Mark Greene, Mission Champion of LICC (London Institute for Contemporary Christianity)** recalled significant quotes from Her Majesty's famous speeches. They included:

'I know just how much I rely on my faith to guide me through the good times and the bad. Each day is a new beginning. I know that the only way to live my life is to try to do what is right, to take the long view, to give of my best in all that the day brings, and to put my trust in God!' (2002)

'Although we are capable of great acts of kindness, history teaches us that we sometimes need saving from ourselves – from our recklessness or our greed. God sent into the world a unique person – neither a philosopher nor a general (important though they are) – but a Saviour, with the power to forgive.' (2011)

'For me, the life of Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace, whose birth we celebrate today, is an inspiration and an anchor in my life. A role-model of reconciliation and forgiveness, He stretched out His hands in love, acceptance and healing. Christ's example has taught me to seek to respect and value all people of whatever faith or none.' (2014)

**Writer and Broadcaster Catherine Pepinster** said:

"Elizabeth II had a public role to play in terms of religion – she was the Supreme Governor of the Church of England and, like all monarchs since Henry VIII, held the title of Defender of the Faith. But she had a very strong personal faith as well. As she put it in a message to the Bible Society, of which she was patron, at the time of her 90th birthday: 'I have been – and remain – very grateful to you for your prayers and to God for his steadfast love. I have indeed seen His faithfulness.'

"The Queen's faith was, in many ways, particularly influenced by her grandfather, George V. His was a simple, Bible-based belief, which included

reading a chapter of scripture every night until the end of his life. Those who knew Elizabeth II said that she, too, was fond of her Bible and prayer book. While these composed the backbone of her faith, she was not one for lengthy intellectual discourse with notable theologians.”

**Tom Wright, former Bishop of Durham, said:**

“I think we’ve been extraordinarily lucky in the Church of England to have a Monarch who is the titular head of the Church. She’s inhabited that role extraordinarily effectively. When one thinks of some of the people who have been notionally ‘Defender of the Faith’ before – some of the Kings over the last 400 years – one shudders at the thought of them being hailed as head of the church.

At a time when people are very inclined to sneer and poke at any inconsistencies in the behaviour of people in public life, she has set an extraordinary example. It’s not easy for anyone to follow that. We can’t look into the private thoughts of her successor, but King Charles III is himself a man of faith. I’m sure he will see his mother’s example as something remarkable to live up to.

### **Younger People More Likely to Pray Than Older Generations**

Younger adults are more likely to pray than older generations, according to a recent survey for the Church of England which shows that nearly half of UK adults report having ever offered up some form of prayer.

A third of 18-to-34-year-olds - 32% - say they have prayed in the last month. By contrast, a minority in the 55+ age group - 25% - said they had prayed in the last month.

Among those who had ever prayed, the most common topics prayed about were for friends and family (69%), people they know who are sick (54%) and to give thanks (51%).



The Revd Dr Stephen Hance, National Lead for Evangelism and Witness for the Church of England, said: “These findings really challenge the all-too-common assumption that young people are not interested in faith or spiritual things.

“In an age when mindfulness and meditation are more popular than ever, prayer makes sense to people. And with pressures mounting and people of every generation facing huge uncertainty, many people of all ages are drawing strength from God in prayer.

“This also confirms what other research has told us, that while younger people may be under-represented in church, this isn’t indicative of a lack of interest in faith. That’s why the Church of England has made engaging young people one of our top priorities for the decade.”

### **Otley and District Gardening Club**

Dear readers,

What an amazing meeting we had last month, with Luke Whiting from D’arcy and Everest in Cambridgeshire. Such an interesting talk about being an alpine nurseryman from start to finish. Truly inspirational and he even brought some plants to buy too. We only got away with 3 this time. But I think it would be nice to visit the nursery as I’ve never been, and they’re reasonably priced too.

This coming month our meeting is on 3<sup>rd</sup> October at Otley village hall at 19:30. We have the pleasure of Ian Seager talking about “Aquatic, bog and moisture loving plants” A pond or bog garden, is the perfect project to be getting on with during the autumn and winter months. We love our ponds, so it’ll be nice to learn some plant names for the development of our aquatic areas. My knowledge of these sort of plants is limited, so I’m really looking forward to this meeting.





Please come along to our meetings if you're interested in any form of gardening. Our programme this year is packed full of interesting talks and demonstrations. Our membership is £10 a year and £2.00 per meeting. This will also entitle you to discounts at several garden centres and nurseries. Only with our priceless membership card, will you get these privileges. We also go on 2 trips. One local to us all and one further afield. Our trips are still to be decided, so if you have any suggestions for us, please email me on [phil@florabundant.co.uk](mailto:phil@florabundant.co.uk) or call me on 07880627984.



We look forward to seeing you at our next meeting if you can make it.

*Phil Pollard, The Green Chairman,  
Otley and District Gardening Club*

“Our adversary majors in three things: noise, hurry and crowds.”

– *Richard J Foster*

### **8<sup>th</sup> October Demetrius of Sirmium, taking a stand and suffering for it**



Demetrius of Sirmium should be the patron saint of anyone who takes a stand for the right, despite knowing they will suffer for it.

Demetrius was a soldier from Serbia in the fourth century. He fought for the Roman Emperor, and that took courage. Then Demetrius converted to Christianity – and took his stand with the Christians. That took far more courage – for

Demetrius was then tortured and martyred under the emperor Maximian.

His bravery was not forgotten, and in the years to come he became immensely popular in the Church, where he was called 'The Great Martyr'. Christians thought of his example of faith and devotion to Jesus when they themselves were in trouble, and when they were facing attack from evil spirits and evil people.

Leontius, prefect of Illyricum, built two churches in honour of Demetrius in the early 5<sup>th</sup> century, one at Sirmium and one at Thessalonica. During the Crusades, Demetrius was 'adopted' by the western soldiers. Over 200 churches in the Balkans are dedicated to him, and he is today the patron saint of Belgrade. Demetrius' fearless stand against evil makes him a good saint to be remembered in October, with Halloween coming.

### Brainteasers



1. Divide 30 by  $\frac{1}{2}$  and add 10
2. Is it legal for a man to marry his widow's sister?
3. How far can a dog run into a wood?
4. Why can't a man living in York be buried west of the Trent?
5. How many sides to a circle?

(Solutions on Page 30)



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

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## Five Senses



It seems sometimes we live our lives  
    Within our walls and fences  
So nothing of the world outside  
Can breach our strong defences;  
    So fully do we concentrate  
    On stresses and expenses  
    We fail to quite appreciate  
    Our five God-given senses.  
Just touch and stroke a cat's soft coat  
    And smell a fragrant flower,  
The taste of honey in your throat  
    A song's inspiring power!  
The sight of rolling countryside  
    Of nature, gently thrilling  
Just let your senses be your guide  
    To daily joys fulfilling.  
For sometimes, through our ailing health  
    Our senses are denied us  
No doctor's skill or plenteous wealth  
    Can put them back inside us;  
So if you have your senses, five  
Thank God – and daily use them  
    Part of the joy to be alive –  
And one day we may lose them.

By Nigel Beeton

## **DID YOU KNOW.....**

October has just the one birthstone which is the Opal, which was valued by the Ancient Romans as the most priceless of all. It is a symbol of faithfulness, purity and hope. Its traditional flower is the calendula which symbolises comfort, healing, protection and grace.

**1st 1949**, The People's Republic of China was founded. Mao Zedong ruled the republic from its founding until his death in 1976.

**2nd 1869** Indian political and spiritual leader Mahatma Gandhi was born and in 1452 England's last Plantagenet King Richard III was born.

**4th** is National Noodle Day and World Animal Day.

**4th** Marks the start of Yom Kippur, at sundown.

**5th 1930** The British Airship R101 crashes near Beauvais, France killing 48 people and in **1962** Beatles Release First Single "Love Me Do".

**6th 1892** Alfred Lord Tennyson died.

**7th 1959** Southend Pier Fire.

**8th 1967** British Labour politician Clement (Richard) Atlee dies.

**9th 1967** Transport Minister, Barbara Castle introduces the breathalyser.

**11th 1899** Start of the Anglo-Boer war.

**12th 1984** An IRA terrorist bomb kills 4 people at the Grand Hotel, Brighton.

**13th 1852** Birth of Lillie Langtry, actress and mistress of King Edward VII.

**15th 1666** Samuel Pepys records the wearing of the first waistcoat by King Charles II.

**16th 1902** England's first prison for Young Offenders is opened at Borstal in Kent.

**20th 1632** Christopher Wren was born, he later was responsible for the rebuilding of St Paul's Cathedral following the Great Fire of London.

**21st 1805** Admiral Nelson is mortally wounded at the Battle of Trafalgar near Gibraltar. The United Kingdom celebrates Apple Day.

**22nd 1957** The children's hero Captain Pugwash made his debut tv appearance.

**23rd 1642** The first major battle of the English Civil War takes place at Edgehill in south Warwickshire.

**24th 1537** Henry VIII's third wife, Jane Seymour, dies following the birth of the future king Edward VI.

**25th 1854** Lord Lucan leads The Charge of the Light Brigade at Balaclava during the Crimean War.

**26th 1863** Formation of the English Football Association who documents the first rules of soccer.

**28th 1831** English physicist Michael Faraday demonstrates the dynamo founding the science of electro-magnetism.

**29th 1618** English courtier, writer and explorer Sir Walter Raleigh is beheaded on the orders of King James I.

**1971** Walt Disney World Resort Opens Orlando.

## **Royal Traditions**

Having watched Her Majesty's funeral and how it was full of many historical Royal traditions, it got me thinking what other traditions the royal family have to adhere to, these are just a few of them.

### **1. They Must Accept All Gifts Graciously**

While the royal family must accept every gift they receive, it's up to King Charles who gets to keep which gift.

### **2. Prince Philip Was Required to Walk Behind the Queen**

During their marriage, Her Majesty's husband had to always walk a few steps behind her. Time will tell if this tradition carries on with King Charles and Queen Consort, Camilla.

### **3. There's A Strict Dress Code**

Members of the royal family are expected to dress modestly and never overly casually.

If the female members of the royal family choose to paint their nails, it must be in a neutral colour. Royals are supposed to refrain from wearing bright, distracting colours while carrying out official duties.

### **4. They must Always Travel with An All-Black Ensemble**

The royal family is nothing if not prepared. A respectable all-black outfit is packed with them on their travels in case of a sudden death where they must attend a funeral.



### **5. Two Heirs Cannot Fly Together**

That's in case something tragic were to happen. Once Prince George (who is second in line to the throne after Prince William) turns 12, he will have to fly separately from his dad.

### **6. No Politics Allowed**

Members of the royal family are not allowed to vote or even publicly express their opinion on political matters.

## 7. Public Displays of Affection



You can't touch them – not that you would. Anything beyond a formal handshake is frowned down upon, although there was a lot of media attention last week when a lady kissed King Charles III when he was thanking the public for their support.

It also doesn't matter how in love Will and Kate are. They're expected to maintain proper royal decorum whenever they're in public, this is why you seldomly see them holding hands. Although there is no formal law that forbids future monarchs from showing affection, Queen Elizabeth II set a precedent that encouraged royals to keep their hands to themselves. Prince Harry and Meghan Markle, on the other hand, clearly were not under as much pressure to adhere to this protocol.

## 8. The Monarch Is Not Allowed to Sit on A Foreign Throne

Even if the throne was from the Seven Kingdoms.

## 9. Rules for those in royal company

When the King stands, so do you and don't even think about sitting until His Majesty does.

There are no autographs or selfies allowed so put that selfie stick away. It would violate their royal protocols.

While the official website for the British Monarchy says that there are “no obligatory codes of behaviour when meeting a member of the Royal Family,” it also states that many people wish to observe the traditional forms. That means a neck bow (from the head only) for men and a small curtsy for women.

While King Charles will undoubtedly come up with his own signals, his mother used accessories to send messages during her rule. If Her Majesty moved her purse from her left arm to her right, then it was time to stop talking. That apparently signalled to her staff that she was ready to move on.

Eye contact should be maintained throughout the giving of a firm handshake with two shakes maximum.



Grand entrances are important, but entrance order is key. Any good royal procession begins with the Queen and continues with whoever is next in line.

## **10. Dinner Rules**

When the Monarch finishes eating, so does everyone else.

It doesn't matter how "in" you are with the Royals. If you're wearing jeans and a t-shirt to a royal family dinner, you probably won't be invited back.

Never to eat shellfish, whilst this isn't a requirement, it is a wise rule that many royals including the Late Queen adhered to because of the increased likelihood of food poisoning.

Unless it's at an official function, they're not allowed to accept food or drinks from anyone.

Garlic [was] banned from being included in foods eaten by royal family members. With many meetings between official visitors, it is thought to be advised against to prevent any awkward bad breath."

All napkins must be folded in half after dinner – no one wants to see your dirty napkins.

There's only one right way to sip on tea. The teacup handle must be held with the thumb and the index finger, while the middle finger holds the bottom. Also, they can only take sips from the same spot so as not to get lipstick all over their teacup. Royal tea parties are next level.

## **11. Faith**

They are faithful to the Church of England. Even though as of 2011 the Royal Family can now marry Roman Catholics, they themselves still have to stay loyal to the Church of England.

## **12. Poise**

The women must all sit the same way. The royal ladies all sit with their legs slanted to the side to "protect their modesty," according to Prince Charles's former butler. Okay, so maybe it's not an actual regulation, but the "Duchess slant" has certainly been adopted.

Royal women are instructed to walk downstairs and pose with their chins parallel to the ground and their hands at their sides.



### **13. Fashion**

Women must sport hats at formal events.

After 6pm, they swap their fascinators for the jewels. If you're at a royal event and you're trying to see who the married women are, check out the headwear when the clock strikes the 6<sup>th</sup> hour. No wedding ring? No tiara. There've been a few slip ups, but the Royal Family are technically not supposed to be wearing any fur according to a 12th century proclamation from Edward III.

Customary with royal traditional, Prince George wears tailored shorts.

### **14. Driving**

The Monarch can drive even without a license. The rules of the road don't apply to the Monarch.

### **15. Six Ravens Must Live at The Tower of London**

According to legend, at least six ravens must remain at the giant fortress or else the monarchy will fall. But no one actually believes that do they? Well, apparently so, since there are indeed seven (one spare) birds living at the Tower currently.



### **16. Namesake**

Once you've gone royal, you can never go back. Well, in name at least. If you marry a royal, you have to ditch your nicknames and officially be referred to only as your formal title. Technically Kate Middleton should always be called "Her Royal Highness The Princess of Wales." Though Kate Middleton just rolls off the tongue. Apparently, when you first meet female members of the royal family, you should use "Your Royal Highness," and then "Ma'am" in later conversation. For male royals, it's "Your Royal Highness" and then "Sir." And under no circumstances should you address the king as "Charles."

### **17. Royal Weddings**

According to the Royal Marriages Act of 1772, royal descendants must seek the monarch's approval before proposing.



The myrtle bouquet tradition started with Queen Victoria in 1840 and continued with the Princess of Wales's marriage in 2011. After Queen Victoria's wedding she planted a myrtle shrub in her garden at the Osborne house on the Isle of Wight and since then, every British royal bride has since carried a sprig plucked from the very same shrub. This pretty flower, the herb of love, symbolises good luck in love and marriage.

Lady Elizabeth Bowes-Lyon had her bouquet placed on The Grave of the Unknown Warrior as she entered Westminster Abbey, which



Westminster Abbey believes was done to commemorate her brother Fergus Bowes-Lyon, who died during the Battle of Loos in 1915. As a result, this began an unofficial tradition for subsequent brides to have their bouquets sent back to the Abbey after their wedding ceremonies to be placed on the grave. Queen Elizabeth II followed this tradition after tying the knot in 1947. The Duchess of York,

Sarah Ferguson, did the same after marrying Prince Andrew, Duke of York, in 1986. Kate Middleton even followed this tradition after her 2011 nuptials and Megan.

It remains to be seen if King Charles will want to weigh in on fashion. But not only did Queen Elizabeth need to approve the wedding in general, but she also had to say yes to the dress. Kate Middleton showed her grandmother-in-law her custom gown by Sarah Burton for Alexander McQueen in the design process, as did Meghan Markle.

### **18. Christmas**

Christmas presents are exchanged on Christmas Eve instead of Christmas Day after they have had afternoon tea. They are all expected to join together on Christmas Day to attend a church service.

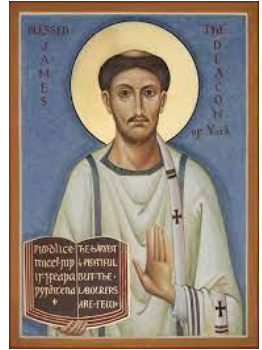
### **19. Family Games**

Probably one of the silliest rules is that apparently the late Queen Elizabeth had banned the family from playing Monopoly because they would get too competitive.

## 11th October - James the Deacon

James the Deacon is the saint for any lay person who has stepped in to lead their church when the clergy are far away.

In fact, an historian has called James the Deacon ‘the one heroic figure’ in the Roman mission to Northumbria. No wonder – in a time of political chaos, with the king murdered and even the bishop fleeing for safety, James the Deacon stood firm.



It had begun when Pope Gregory the Great sent Paulinus, Bishop of York, to take Roman Christianity to Northumbria. James the Deacon, almost certainly an Italian, was among those who went with Paulinus.

The mission began well, and Edwin the king of Northumbria was converted. Roman Christianity in Northumbria took root and began to grow. But then in 633 Edwin fell in battle with Penda, the ruthless pagan king of Mercia. A pagan backlash began. The queen and her son fled for Kent, with the bishop Paulinus going south with them.

All that was left of Roman Christianity in Northumbria was James, now a solitary deacon.

But James was made of stern stuff, and despite the danger from Penda, James stayed on at a village near Catterick, often risking his life as he cared for the Christians and continued to preach the gospel.

His success was discovered when the Northumbrian mission returned five to ten years later and found an active Christian community still in Northumbria. James had been a faithful servant.

After Penda died, and Christian rule was re-established in Northumbria, James turned to teaching music, especially Gregorian Chant, to the fledgling churches in the region. Bede praised him for his honour and integrity. James was present

at the Synod of Whitby in 664, which met to discuss the differences between the Celtic Northumbrian Church of the North, and the Roman Church of the South.

When James died sometime after 671, he was deeply mourned by the ordinary Christians of Northumbria, both Celtic and Roman. He had never deserted them.

“As we get older, the adult in us carries the wounds of the child we once were, and this child needs to find healing and security if we are to become mature Christians. God calls us to be childlike in our acceptance of Him, but also mature in our emotions and our relationships, so that we mirror Christ to one another.”

– *Lucy Peppiatt*

Three Chinese women accused of witchcraft in 1922.



## NEWS FROM OUR CHURCHES

### ASHBOCKING



This is a shortened version of my usual communication as I am about to go away for possibly the last time this year and am busy packing the caravan. I have a feeling that my son, who is staying at home, is only too pleased to have a break from Ma and Pa for a little while!

The weather is beautiful today, but the forecast next week is wet! Just our luck, but I am looking forward to some time out anyway.

Our coffee morning for October is being kindly hosted by Noreen and Ken Petherbridge. This is on Friday October 7<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am until 12:00noon. They live at Feoffee Farmhouse on the Green in Ashbocking. Access is down Feoffee Farm Drive near Allotment Lane, and their house is the first house on the left. Everyone is very welcome.

Knit and Stitch has changed date from the 3<sup>rd</sup> to the 17<sup>th</sup> October, at 10:00am until 12:00noon. This is at Hawthorns, The Green. Found at the end of Ashley Grange. Plenty of parking available.

Do come and join us, now that it is cooler, we are more likely to get down to our projects again, although this will not deter from the chat. Refreshments are available all morning.

If you do not have a project on the go, then you are welcome to come anyway to join in the conversation, and maybe get some ideas of what you might like to do.

#### Services for October

Harvest festival is at Ashbocking church on Sunday 9th October at 11:00am. This is a family service when you are invited to bring any spare produce you may have of packets of food, which will be donated to FIND after the service. Any produce which is unsuitable for this will be given to a local care home. I always enjoy this service and am sorry to be missing it!



You can bring any donations for decorating to the church on Saturday morning so that it can be placed. Thank you.

We have a Lay Led Service on the 23<sup>rd</sup> October at 11: 00am led by myself and Brian Williams from Swilland. Refreshments available afterwards.

It is our turn to host the Benefice service this month, and the service will be 11:00am at Ashbocking Church on 30th October. This is a family service, and we invite anyone to join us from across the Benefice. Coffee will be available afterwards.

*Linda Pollard Tel: 07887 537152*

### CLOPTON



On Thursday 8th September we all heard the sad news of the death of our Queen, Elizabeth II. She had been working right up to the end by meeting the outgoing Prime Minister Boris Johnson and the new one, Liz Truss.

On Friday 9th September the Clopton tenor bell was tolled 96 times in her honour. On Sunday 11th September a group of bell ringers met to ring a muffled peal for Her Majesty. It was a beautiful sound; a short recording and photo can be seen on the Clopton Village Facebook page. <https://www.facebook.com/jeremy.stannard.94/videos/606255247658380?idorvanity=1288586794651640>

Villagers joined, with the rest of the country, in a candlelight vigil and one minutes silence at the Village Hall on Sunday 18th September at 8pm.

The cycle ride on 10th September saw fourteen riders visit the church. A big 'Thank you' to Julie and Ali who once again rode to raise funds for Clopton church.



“Don’t fly into a rage unless you are prepared for a rough landing.”

— Anon

In October the Hobbies Group will meet from 10am until noon on Wednesday 5th October in the Village Hall. Everyone is very welcome to join us.

The Coffee Morning in October will be on Wednesday 19th from 10am until noon. Do come along and meet people from the village and beyond, you will be made very welcome.



*Doris Main*

“Great ideas need landing gears as well as wings.”

– C D Jackson



## OTLEY

Our usual service on the first Sunday of the month was a Holy Communion conducted by Archdeacon Sally. She was assisted by our new curate, Gail, who preached the sermon. It was a thoughtful and uplifting service on a bright, sunny early Autumn morning.

Coffee morning was held at the home of Pauline and Nigel Crowley. It was very well attended and warm enough to sit outside on the patio. Some of us discussed the Queen's declining health, unaware that her death would be announced a few hours later.

By coincidence, a Benefice Joint Council meeting was already scheduled for the evening of Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> September. The proposed agenda was postponed and the meeting devoted to prayer and discussion of the church arrangements for the official period of mourning.



In Otley church, a black cloth was placed over a table, and a book of condolence opened on it, with an accompanying framed picture of the late Queen, and a

single candle. Many parishioners took the opportunity to enter a personal message of gratitude for her long years of service to our country.

In recent days we have lost two, longstanding and much loved and valued members of our church family – Chris Barker and Jimmy Wightman. The memorial service for Chris will take place on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> October at noon. A service for Jimmy will be arranged in due course.

Looking ahead, our Harvest Festival service will be held on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> October at 9.30am.

The October coffee morning will be on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> October at the home of Kate Watson, 4 Spring Park.

*Nigel Crowley*

### **SWILLAND**

RIDE AND STRIDE - This was held on 10th September. Gill Reidy rode for Swilland and visited 33 churches and raised a total of £110, half of which will go to Suffolk Historic Churches Trust and half to Swilland. This was a magnificent effort - thank you Gill. The church was manned all day and we welcomed 7 cyclists. Thank you to those who sat in the church.



HARVEST FESTIVAL - This was postponed due to the death of Her Majesty the Queen and will now be held on 16th October at 11 a.m. Do join us and bring any fruit, vegetables, tins or packets etc. These will be taken to a needy cause.

FESTIVAL OF LIGHT - This will be on 30th October in the field next to the Moon and Mushroom. Thank you to Nikki for organising this - proceeds will go towards our Kitchen/Toilet fund. Do come along.

COFFEE MORNING - this was held 24th September in the Moon and Mushroom. Thank you to Nikki for hosting this. The next one will be on 22nd October. The venue will be on the A board at the end of Church Lane.

*Ann Kent*





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## **News Stories from The Stranger Side of Life**

### **Unhappy babies**

Babies in the womb “cry” after they have eaten green vegetables but are happy after they’ve eaten carrots. Researchers at Durham University took 4D ultrasounds of 100 pregnant women, 20 minutes after they ate tablets filled with either carrot or kale powder and found that foetuses whose mothers had taken the carrot tablets appeared to make “smiling faces” but those mothers who had consumed kale tablets made “crying faces”.

### **Woman’s car stuck in concrete**

A woman in Washington had a sub-optimal day when she was arrested after allegedly driving a stolen car into fresh concrete and becoming stuck before trying to flee the scene with a child and a bottle of whiskey. She was booked into jail on suspicion of negligent driving, with additional charges of vehicle theft and possession of stolen property pending.



### **Hollywood makeover to be livestreamed**



The makeover of the Hollywood sign will be live-streamed next year. Workers will apply “extra-white Hollywood Centennial paint on the 45ft-high sign, which has been described as Hollywood’s biggest celebrity. The sign was built by Harry Chandler, in 1923 to serve as an outdoor

advertisement for a real estate development and it originally read “Hollywoodland”.



### **Couple fall in love in departure lounge**

A couple who fell in love in the departure lounge at Heathrow Airport have married 20 months later and now have a child together. Nana Osei-Adjei and Tremaine Osei-Adjei swapped numbers after striking up a conversation while

they were waiting to fly. “I never get bored of telling the story and we really think it was destiny,”. As soon as I saw her, I just felt there was something special.”



### **Twitter Trouble with Trussell**

A woman named Liz Trussell, who has the handle @LizTruss on Twitter, is being widely confused for the new Conservative Party leader on the social media site. Politicians from rival parties and even the Swedish prime minister have tagged Trussell’s account rather than the one belonging to the Conservative leader, whose handle is @trussliz. Trussell’s experience is similar to that of American father-of-four John Lewis, who receives more than 50,000 tweets a year from people trying to contact the British retail chain.

### **Chocolates from 1899 sell for £500**

A tin of chocolates made during the reign of Queen Victoria in 1899 was sold for more than £500. The Rowntree’s bars of chocolate were recently discovered in a box in an attic in Lincolnshire. Auctioneer Paul Cooper, from Eddisons, did not recommend that anyone eat the elderly bars. “I don’t think I’d be tempted to give it a go,” he said. “The experts say that chocolate actually doesn’t become hazardous as it ages, but they probably did not have 122-year-old bars of the stuff in mind.”

### **Lonely tree could help us understand climate**



Scientists hope the “loneliest tree in the world” could “help unlock climate change secrets”. The Sitka spruce holds the Guinness World Record title for the “remotest tree” on the planet as it is the sole tree on the shrubby, windswept Campbell Island, 700 kilometres south of New Zealand in the Southern Ocean. Researchers hope the isolated spruce could reveal handy information about the

ocean, which is one of the world’s major carbon sinks.

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“It’s dangerous to try to be number one, because it’s next to nothing.”

– Anon

## **Charles Dickens raged against Postal Deliveries**

Charles Dickens campaigned for postal deliveries on Sundays in his Kent village. A letter has emerged in which the author bemoaned his neighbours' bid to end a Sunday postal delivery and warned that he would leave the area if it was discontinued. The "proposed cessation of the Sunday Delivery of letters" may not affect his neighbours, who had not objected, he wrote. But "my case as a public man with a large correspondence is very much greater than theirs and should far outweigh it".



## **Man, paddles in a hollowed-out pumpkin**

A man in the US has set a new world record after he paddled 38 miles down a river in a huge, hollowed-out pumpkin he grew himself. Duane Hansen of Syracuse, Nebraska, said the journey was a gruelling experience. "I went 38 miles down the river without standing up in that pumpkin and my knees still hurt,". "I probably won't try this again." The media advised readers not to follow his example, telling them: "You'd butternut try this at home."

## **RUSSELL LING REPORTS**

### **Footpaths & Rights of Way**



There are three types of Rights of Way, firstly the Footpath "FP" secondly the Bridleway and lastly a Byway. FPs have a sign at the roadside indicating its starting point and may also have one on farmland where there is a change of direction. Usually these are positioned where there is a bridge or sleepers crossing a ditch. FPs are for walkers and parents who have children in pushchairs also disabled people with electric buggies. In the past entrances to roadside fields and meadows had a stile or what is known as a kissing gate, the latter allowed pedestrians to access the field by a small gate



with a semi-circular surround but prevented animals escaping. This type of entrance allowed access to the field without having to climb over a stile which might be difficult for some but was inaccessible for buggies. Today the only fixed entrances to FPs that are allowed is a small gate which can be closed by a weighted rope to make sure it is not left open. Otley has sixteen miles of FPs and there is only one other parish in Suffolk with this number.

The origin of FPs go back to when roads were either just dirt or stoned, in the past FPs had been used by farmworkers to walk to work and the nearest way was by the field boundaries they were also used to attend Chapel. During the 1960s a programme of field amalgamations took place encouraged by subsidies from the Government, these amalgamations were necessary to accommodate the larger machinery that farmers were now using. These larger fields did not have so many headlands and this gave an increase in yields. Many of the fields where these amalgamations were taking place had field edge paths which now became cross field paths and the law required them to be kept cleared to make them suitable for walkers. All Rights of Way are marked on a definitive map which means that where FPs was next to a ditch that has been filled in it then became a Crossfield path. The regulations regarding FPs are that the County Council is responsible for the maintenance of field edge paths which should be one and half metres wide and the farmer is required to keep Crossfield paths clear of growth one metre wide.

The Otley Parish Council belongs to a Parish Path Partnership with the County Council. This means that the Parish Council employs a contractor with a small tractor and mounted flail mower to cut FPs where possible twice a year and the County Council reimburses the PC for the cost. Walkers must keep their dogs on a lead if there are animals in the field as sheep have been attacked by them sometimes causing death or injury, cattle can be quite inquisitive and will follow walkers but are harmless unless provoked. Walkers with dogs should always clean up any of their dog poo in order to keep FPs clean for other ramblers as this is one of the most complaints that the Parish Council gets, dog poo can be deposited in any dog bin or grey bin. I need hardly add that no

rubbish should be thrown away while on FPs. Those that allow balloons to go into the air should also remember that they often come down in the countryside as rubbish.



The second is the bridleway, these can be used by walkers and also riding horses. There is only one marked bridleway in Otley and this begins at a track next to the Chapel Road and continues towards the High House and exits onto the High House road.

The Byway is the last and there are two in Otley, one leading from Villa Farm and exiting at Warrens Farm this is overgrown and is only suitable for walkers and horse riders. The other one begins at the driveway leading to Grange farm and exits onto Hall Lane, while this is wide enough for vehicles it has a vehicle restriction order (VRO) on it to prevent unauthorised vehicles using it. When four by four cars first came onto the market some buyers wanted to use them on unmade up roads to try the four wheel drive out. The result of this was that many Green Lanes were churned up and became very muddy for walkers and riders hence the VROs were introduced to prevent this happening.

Byways or Green Lanes were at one time highways mainly used by horse drawn traffic and were shortcuts to access other roads. As time went by it became necessary to stone the main roads due to them getting rutted during winter which made it more difficult for wheeled vehicles and coaches but some were left out. This resulted in them becoming a Green Lane but once a highway always a highway unless it is closed. In 1949 the National Parks and Countryside Act gave the County Councils the duty to survey all FPs and Rights of Way and it was at this point 17th century indentures were discovered showing that these two Green Lanes were Highways which were then designated as Byways.



*"Anxiety is the interest paid on  
trouble before it is due."  
- William R Inge*

## **An American is Thinking of You**

Each of you has been in my family's thoughts as we all mourn the passing of Her majesty, Queen Elizabeth II. While not our Sovereign, she was a remarkable force for good in our world and an extraordinary example of service and duty.

Peter and Mary Miner

America's fascination with the royal family, its triumphs and tragedies, must seem odd to you. After all, we staged a revolution to rid ourselves of a monarchy and replace it with a democratic republic. However, for over 20% of this nation's existence, Queen Elizabeth II has been the ruling monarch of our "origin point." Many Americans have followed her and her extended family with admiration and wonder.

At a time of political acrimony here, when the transfer of power between Presidents is still being questioned and our legislative process is often stalled, it is comforting to watch the process of succession play out in the United Kingdom. The continuity brought to British life by the presence of the Monarchy is reassuring, although I realize not uniformly appreciated. For many Americans, we would like a unifying symbol that stands above and somewhat from outside of the fray of party politics.

My best to you all,

Mary Miner, [susiespinner36@msn.com](mailto:susiespinner36@msn.com)

### **Solutions to the Brainteasers on Page 10**

1. 70 ( $30 / 0.5 = 60 + 10 = 70$ )
2. He is dead
3. Halfway as the other half it would be running out of the woods
4. Because he is living
5. 2 Sides – Inside and Outside



How did you do?

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- ~ 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.

### ***Miscellaneous observations on life:***

It is easy to do any amount of work - provided it isn't the work you are supposed to be doing.

Anyone who thinks talk is cheap never argued with a traffic warden.

Anything that is good and useful is usually made of chocolate.

One reason why a dog is such a lovable creature is that his tail wags instead of his tongue.

### **Collecting firewood**

It was April and the Aborigines 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."

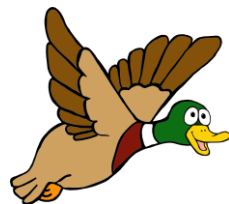
"How can you be so sure?" the minister asked. The sky didn't look any different to him.

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."

### **Shooting season**

Butcher: "Sorry, sir, but I'm all out of wild ducks. I could let you have a fine end of ham."

Customer: "Don't be absurd. How could I go home and say I shot the end of a ham?"





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