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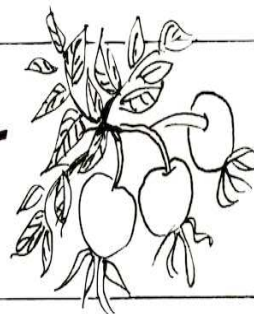
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Thurstaston & Irby

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October



2012



Diary Dates

Wednesday 3rd October

Christianity Explored
7.45-9.00pm at St Chads

Thursday 4th October

M.U. St. Chads. 2.15pm
Mr. David Casement

'The Islands of Samoa'

Saturday 6th October

'Men's Breakfast'
Aroma Café, Irby Village
8.45-9.45am

Wednesday 17th October

EMU 'Card Making' with Sally
8pm at St Chad's

Thursday 18th October

'Wellspring'

8pm at The Rectory

Thursday 1st November

M.U. St Chad's 2.15pm
Craft Afternoon - "Christmas Cards"

Notices

Leprosy Mission

Once again it is time for those members of the congregation who have kindly collected money in their Leprosy Mission Box to hand them in at either church, from where they will be collected, emptied and returned for your continued help. If you are unable to do the above, I will be happy to collect your box. Please ring 648 1827.

Thank you all for your generosity.

Pat Hulme.



From the Registers

Baptisms

*We welcome into the
Lord's family
23rd September*

**Katie &
Lillie-Mae
Staneke**

Weddings

*We ask for God's
blessing upon the
marriage of
1st September*

**Timothy Kemp &
Emma Lucas**
1st September

**Dave Lanigan &
Anna Clements**
15th September

**David Findlay &
Kate Horrex**

22nd September

**Gregg Eassom &
Emma Roberts**

29th September

**John Lamb &
Deborah Heller**

Funerals

*We commend to God's
eternal care*

26th September

Ian Thomson
27th September
Neil Effingham

From your rector

Dear Friends,



Simply say 'thank you'

October means Harvest, and that means thanksgiving time. Here is a beautiful description of this rich time of the year: "You crown the year with your bounty, and your carts overflow with abundance. The grasslands of the desert overflow; the hills are clothed with gladness. The meadows are filled with flocks and the valleys are mantled with corn; they shout for joy and sing." (Ps 65:11-13) What a beautiful picture of harvest, of blessing as the year begins to draw to a close!

The Psalms have a lot to say about harvest and thanksgiving. "May the peoples praise you, O God; may all the peoples praise you. THEN the land will yield its harvest, and God, our God will bless us." (Ps 67:5,6)

You may not be in farming, but you will have 'sown' things this year: you may be growing certain relationships, or work projects. Now is the time to review them: if they are doing well, thank God for them. If they are doing badly, pray for them. The Bible tells us time and again that God longs to bless us, and will bless us - if we acknowledge him, and thank him.

"Praise our God, O peoples," cries the Psalmist with joy. "He has preserved our lives and kept our feet from slipping....you brought us to a place of abundance." (Ps 66:8,12) If there is any 'abundance' in your life, have you thanked God for it?

Rerd Jane

How do you pray? Give-me-give-me? Or how-do-you-do?

Each week we pray in church. We use different postures while we pray:- kneeling, sitting, or standing. These postures may well affect our thinking and attitude to God. What we say, whether that be out loud or in our thoughts, also reflects our relationship with God.

If all we do is come to him with a 'shopping list' of requests, whoever they are for, we're like young children who sit on their daddy's knee in order to get what they want. We are always asking for something bigger and better; the latest style and colours. We are never satisfied with what we have. We don't want a relationship with God; we want what we hope he will give us.

On the other hand, we may approach him only formally. We acknowledge with respect his power and greatness. But where do we go from there? How can such a far away, powerful God, have any interest in us? We have no idea, and so our prayers are brief, rarely acknowledging the ache in our hearts, and the needs in our lives.

The Bible shows a middle way: between the 'give me give me' prayers, and the prayers which hesitate to ask for anything at all. The Psalmist made clear that our prayers come out of our relationship with God. "The Lord is near to all those who call upon him, to all that call upon him in truth. He will fulfill the desire of those who fear him; he also will hear their cry, and will save them. The Lord preserves all those who love him, but all the wicked will he destroy." (Ps 145:18-20)

So the key is this: if you really want God, then just tell him so. Be honest. From the depths of your inner self, call upon him. Acknowledge your sins, and ask for forgiveness. Then see what happens.

Jesus promised: "Seek and you SHALL find. Knock and the door SHALL be opened unto you." (Matt 7:7)



Mothers' Union



We enjoyed a wonderfully entertaining afternoon in September with Mrs June Lancelyn - Green. The title of her talk 'From Spit to Microwave' left everything to our imaginations! She gave a brief history of ovens from early hollowed out stones to the very modern 'Induction Hobs'.

June illustrated her talk with slides and encouraged us all to ask questions as she went along. June is a very amusing speaker and her stories are so funny - we always have a happy time with her.

My thanks to all who helped, gave and who supported our "Coffee Morning". We raised a splendid £240 for M.U. Overseas.

Prayer:

May the blessing of God the Father,
who made all the nations that occupy the Earth,
of God the Son who bought us for God.
From every tribe and language and people and nation,
of God the Spirit who brings us together in unity,
be with us and remain with us always.

Amen

Diary Dates:

Oct 4th Thurs St Chad's 2.15pm
Mr David Casement 'The Islands of Samoa'
Nov 1st Thurs St Chad's 2.15pm
Craft Afternoon - 'Christmas Cards'

God Bless
Sue Burns

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Director, Urban Saints

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Liverpool: Wednesday 14 November
Manchester: Thursday 15 November
Birmingham: Wednesday 21 November
Exeter: Thursday 22 November
Southampton: Tuesday 27 November
Cardif: Thursday 29 November

Events start at 7.30pm



How to book tickets

For more information or to book:
www.gyktc.org.uk or call 029 2081 0800

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TICKETS HERE**

Tough harvest this year

October is the time to celebrate harvest, but the UK's apple farmers don't have much to celebrate this year. The wettest April for more than 100 years, a scorching May, and then a rainy and windy June has wiped out up to half of England's expected apple production. That will lead almost certainly to a steep rise in apple prices. Some premium English varieties like Coxes are likely to cost 10p a pound more from October.

But there are few long-term fears; apples have been grown in Britain since the Romans cultivated them here. Then the Normans landed in 1066, and their love of cider meant that apples came into their own. By the mid 19th century England's classic varieties - Coxes, Worcesters, Russets and Bramleys, had become national treasures.

Christian Aid appeal as famine grows in the Sahel

Christian Aid is escalating its appeal for funds to tackle the food crisis in the Sahel region of West Africa amid reports that the situation is deteriorating fast.

The World Food Programme has warned that without new funding, food aid for nearly 250,000 Malian refugees in Burkina Faso, Mauritania, Niger and other neighbouring states will run out in weeks.

A Christian Aid appeal running since March this year which has raised some £475,000 for the region has helped more than 175,000 people. Now supporters and major donors are being asked to give more.

Christian Aid's head of humanitarian operations Nick Guttman said today: 'There are 19 million people across the Sahel who are in dire need. More than a million children are at risk of severe acute malnutrition and an estimated three million are at risk of moderate acute malnutrition.

'Increasing numbers are entirely dependent on food aid for survival, particularly refugees who have fled from the conflict in Mali to neighbouring states, and people displaced within Mali itself.

On a fact-finding mission to Mali last week, Christian Aid head of media Andrew Hogg visited Konna, one of the northernmost towns in Mali still in government hands, where several families a day still cross from the rebel area, often with nothing but the clothes they stand up in.

Christian Aid partner GRAT (Groupe de Recherche et d'Applications Techniques) is focusing distribution on the most vulnerable, with some 50 tonnes of rice and cereal, and 10 tonnes of seed going to the internally displaced, and to host families.



Sunday 7th October

Please bring a non-perishable gift from the following list:

Milk (UHT or powdered), Sugar, Fruit Juice (carton), Soup (Tinned or packet), Pasta Sauces, Sponge Pudding (Tinned), Tomatoes (Tinned), Cereals/jam, Rice/Semolina Pudding (Tinned), Tea Bags/inst coffee, Instant Mash Potato, Rice/Pasta, Tinned Meat/Fish/Veggies Tinned Fruit/Spaghetti/Beans, Biscuits/snack bars, Toiletries/toothpaste

Monetary Gifts will be given to Christian Aid –

Envelopes will be available in Church

8.00am BCP HC at St Bartholomew's

9.30am at St Chad's Family Worship with Church Parade

11.30am at St Bartholomew's Harvest Communion

6.30pm at St Bartholomew's Harvest Evening Worship

Diamond Jubilee: Elizabeth - : 'ANNUS HORRIBILIS'

The Queen looks as though she's enjoyed 2012. The Jubilee went well, the Olympics were 'simply fabulous'. She has looked at home in all kinds of situations, with international leaders, heads of State, crowds in the streets and even when being apparently whisked away by James Bond to descend on the Olympic Stadium by parachute.

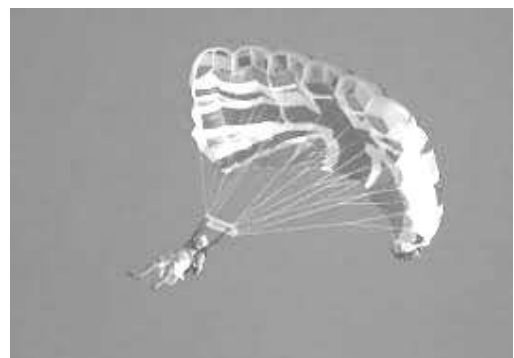
So perhaps 2012 will make up for 1992, because that was the year, exactly twenty years ago, which she dubbed her *annus horribilis*, her 'horrible year' And by any standards, it was. It seemed that the Queen's immediate family was simply disintegrating before her eyes. Secure in her own life-long and life-enhancing marriage to Prince Philip, she could only watch and grieve as the marriages of all their children began to break up.

Clearly the marriage of her eldest son, Charles, to the wildly admired Princess Diana, was heading for the rocks. The marriage of her second son, Andrew, to the flame-haired and unpredictable Sarah ended in divorce, as did her daughter Anne's marriage to Mark Phillips - and all within the space of that single year. Then, in November, as though all of that was not horror enough, a disastrous fire destroyed much of Windsor Castle, the oldest of the royal residences.

Later that month, in a speech marking the fortieth anniversary of her accession, the Queen acknowledged, in a remarkable moment of self-exposure, how painful it had all been, using that Latin phrase (*annus horribilis*) to describe its impact. For a person who had always carefully protected the private lives of her family and her own feelings from public exposure, it was a defining moment. Monarchs, too, can hurt. Royalty is no impenetrable defence against 'the slings and arrows of outrageous fortune'.

More was to follow, sadly. The month after that speech Charles and Diana separated, and inevitably, it seemed, divorce followed in 1996. Christmas 1992 may not have been the happiest occasion at Sandringham as the Queen and the Duke surveyed the devastating events of the past year. As we shall see, that was not even the end of their family sorrows, which makes the genuinely happy mood of the Summer just ended a wonderful bonus for the year of Jubilee.

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Can You Help?

Christmas Fair

Following the Archdeacon's visit to our churches on 9th September and the Bruno Bear Leaflets* you will know that the Christmas Fair is very important part of our financial income.

In order for there to be a Christmas Fair this year, we need a volunteer to take responsibility for running this. You will need to enlist the help of others (friends and church members) to make this possible. You will be responsible for everything from booking the date, planning and advertising, setting up on the day, making sure the day runs smoothly and clearing away afterwards so that the building is ready for use for Church service the next morning (assuming it is run on a Saturday!)

You will need to start planning now!

**If you could take on this responsibility,
then please let Patsy (648 4379) know.**

*(more available please ask if you didn't see one)

St. Chad's Tots and Tinies Thursday 9.30-11.30am

**This group was launched in May 2012
and has been running very successfully.**

However, the Church Member who was co-ordinating it started a full time job at the beginning of September, so this group

desperately needs a Church Member to help.

Ideally the Mums are looking for someone who can come along to help with set up and clear away, and if possible plan a craft activity to go with a Bible Story. However, whatever you can offer would be great! Please speak to Revd Jane if you could help.

This is an excellent opportunity for our Church to grow.

Contact with young families is vital.

**Tots and Tinies is one way in which we are fulfilling Our
Mission Statement "Serving Christ in Thurstaston and Irby"**

Remember, Remember it's Will Aid in November

Will Aid, www.willaid.org.uk, the UK's most enduring and successful charity Will-making scheme, runs again next month, throughout November. If you haven't yet written your Will, now is the time to think about it!

This is how the system works: Will Aid solicitors all over the UK agree to write basic Wills during November, without charging their usual fee. Instead, these solicitors raise as much money as possible for the Will Aid charities, by asking Will-makers for a donation, which reflects the time and expertise they have devoted to writing the Will. The suggested donation is £90 for a single Will, £135 for mirror Wills or £40 for a codicil or change to a previous Will.

Will Aid is effective. Not only does it raise substantial money for charity, but also motivates people to get on and make their Will - something that many people have been meaning to get around to for years. Last November, solicitors all over the UK gave their time and expertise to Will Aid. Over 27,000 clients wrote a Will. Nine charities shared £2.2 million, donated by Will-makers to Will Aid.

Airlift a Christian out of Sudan - before it is too late

Barnabas Fund has launched a major rescue operation to airlift 2,000 of the neediest, most vulnerable Christians stranded and endangered in Sudan to safety and a new life in South Sudan.

It is transporting approximately 800 women, around two-thirds of whom are widows, and 1,200 children, from the Sudanese capital, where they are extremely vulnerable as a result of President Omar al-Bashir's increasingly hard line Islamist rule. The cost of airlifting one Christian from Khartoum to Juba is £175. If you would like to help, please find further details at: www.barnabasfund.org.uk.

You don't need to know anything about the Bible.
You won't be asked to read aloud, pray or sing.
You can ask any question you want.

Wednesday Evenings

3rd, 17th, 31st Oct, 7th, 14th, 28th Nov

7.45-9.00pm

St Chad's Church, Roslin Rd, Irby

**For those who decide to be confirmed there will also be
a full day on Saturday 24th Nov and a Passover Meal on
Wed 5th December**

(and three sessions in January for adults only)

If you'd like to come or want to find out more,
please contact rector@thurstaston.org.uk (phone 648 1816)

Third Thursday of each month

this month: October 18th

8.00pm at the Rectory

**An opportunity to Listen to God and to
Pray.**

All are Welcome

Together we will seek God's Vision for our church communities.



Men's Breakfast



Saturday 6th October 2012

8.45 – 9.45am

Aroma Cafe, Irby Village

Eat, chat and share in fellowship.

Contact Matthew James on 07817625122 or
mjames@doctors.org.uk for further details.

Dates for your diary: Where possible Men's Breakfasts will take place on the first Saturday of alternate months. Future dates for 2012 are:

Saturday 1st December

RNIB asks you to read for fun – and 'raise a ton'

This is something that grandparents especially might enjoy this month. You and your grandchildren could easily do a Read for RNIB Day on Friday 19 October.

It is a sort of sponsored read between you and anyone else that wants to join in. All of the money you raise will be donated to the Royal National Institute of Blind People (RNIB) to help blind and partially sighted people across the UK. Participants can do anything as long as it's reading related; from a literary lunch to a story sleepover or reading relay.

'Read for RNIB Day' will really help people with sight loss, as even £1 can help towards reading tools such as braille, giant print and Talking Books. Details:

www.readforrnib.org.uk



October Recipe - Chicken Stir Fry

INGREDIENTS

2 chicken fillets cubed	½ red pepper, cubed
1 tbls Sesame Oil	4 mushrooms, sliced
30g (1oz) butter	salt & pepper
2 tsps grated ginger root or 'Lazy Ginger' from a jar	2 tbls light soy sauce
4 spring onions, sliced	1 tsp cornflour, mixed with 2 tbls cold water
	Bean sprouts

Method

Cut chicken into bite sized pieces - fry in oil and butter. This takes about 10min. Remove & keep warm.

Fry ginger, mushrooms, onions and red pepper for 2/3 mins. Add chicken, fry for 2 min. stir in soy sauce and cornflour until thick and smooth.

I now add about half a packet of bean sprouts and cook for about 3½ minutes.

You can use rice or noodles instead but I like the crispness of the bean sprouts.

Betty Rimmer



Where is God?

Famine. Storms. War. Terrorism. Financial crisis. Divorce. Unemployment. Homelessness. We live in a world of turmoil. One of the best-selling books in recent years, written by a psychiatrist, put it very well with his opening statement: “Life is difficult.”

All manner of tragic, harmful things haunt our time. It can be easy to wonder at times: “Where is God in all this?” And perhaps, even more urgently: “Where is God concerning the adversities in my private life?”

The Bible never ignores the problem of evil. Throughout the Old and New Testament wars, disease, famine, and social breakdown run their course. The Bible explains that the problem lies in the fact that sin and evil are very real indeed. This world really is under the dominion of evil. So bad things WILL happen. But the Bible also says that another law is in operation: that God still loves this world, and will respond to any one of us who turn to him for help. He does not promise to take us OUT of the problems of this world, but to protect us IN the problems of daily life.

Jesus said that his kingdom is in another world, a world that is open to anyone who turns to him, who believes that he is who he said he was: the Son of God, who came to earth to die for their sins. Jesus promised us that if we turn to him, he will never turn us away. Instead, we can know that the evil we have done, and which haunts us, has been forgiven. We can have his spirit within us, and know that he will guard us for the rest of our lives through every mishap, and one day we shall inherit eternal life, in his presence.

Psalm 23 expresses it very well. “Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. Surely goodness and mercy will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.”
(Ps 23: 4,6)

Looking at You

Don't try this at home – not if you've been on the couch

It had to happen. Doctors' surgeries and A&E departments have been busy in recent weeks as couch potatoes all over the country lurch to their feet, and then injure themselves in trying to copy their Olympics heroes.

Couch potatoes are simply not the right shape to leap into sprinting, jumping, cycle riding and anything else that inspired them this summer. (Please God, don't let anyone attempt the somersaults into the swimming pool!) As one doctor put it: "Athletes have spent years toning their bodies to perfection, out in all weathers, summer and winter, following strict diets and carefully planned fitness regimes, with coaches and qualified trainers.



In the meantime, gyms and fitness coaches are already reporting a rush of applications from people inspired by Britain's golden glory in the games. Hotels in Surrey are under the 'Wiggins effect', with booking for next year from cyclists who want to ride the Olympic race routes. (But remember, Wiggins had no traffic to contend with.)

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Get your sleep

Seven hours sleep at night is the best for you, a new study has decided. Scientists writing in the research journal, *Asleep*, found that too little sleep makes you vulnerable to heart attacks, strokes and angina; while too much can give you breathing disorders. A recent study found that the average Briton sleeps just six hours a night.

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Play some mind games

The old saying 'use it or lose it' seems to come in here: mind games can help to slow down the progress of dementia, and it can also help improve healthy people's mental activities.

So go on - learn a foreign language, tackle some puzzles, learn a new handicraft or skill. It will improve your reasoning, memory, language, and co-ordination. The alternative is not good. By 2050 the number of people over 65 will have increased to 1.1 billion worldwide, and a staggering 37 million will suffer from dementia.

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The way I see it: AUNTIE'S BIRTHDAY

Auntie is ninety this month - Auntie BBC, that is. The British Broadcasting Company (as it then was) came into being on October 18th, 1922. It was the first truly national broadcasting organisation in the world, financed (believe it or not) by a kind of tax that retailers had to pay to the Company every time they sold a 'wireless' set.

It was hugely successful, and for several years its growth was funded in that way, until the Government stepped in and turned it into an independent Corporation, managed by a governing body appointed by the Postmaster-General (as he was then known), with a director-general, John Reith.

'Wireless' was a funny name, because the early sets were full of wires! The point was, of course, that unlike telephones, which had been around for many years, the signal coming from your wireless set did not travel along wires. It is said that when John Reith took a set to Lambeth Palace to demonstrate it for the benefit of the Archbishop of Canterbury his wife asked if it was necessary to keep the windows open!

From the start there were religious programmes - at first, little talks and sermonettes, but quite soon whole services were broadcast, many of them from St Martin in the Fields in central London. Some of the first religious broadcasters became household names, like Dick Shepherd and 'Woodbine Willy'. John Reith saw broadcasting as a means to promote a 'healthy, manly kind of Christianity, without dogma'. There speaks the voice of the chaplains in the trenches of the Great War, the memory of which dominated those immediate post-war years.

In 1927 an elderly lady, Miss Cordeaux, who lived in Bushey, Herts., began a campaign to get a short daily service on the radio. Rebuffed at first, she wrote to the *Wireless Times* (now the *Radio Times*) and raised 6000 signatures to a petition in support of her campaign. John Reith agreed to a six month 'experiment'. The Daily Service on Radio 4 is still on the air 75 years later!

Probably an even more crucial battle was won during the General Strike of 1926. The BBC had invited the Roman Catholic Archbishop of Westminster to give a broadcast talk during the strike - an event that had been provoked by cuts in the wages of coal-miners and other workers. It was known that he was generally supportive of the strikers' cause, and the then Home Secretary, Winston Churchill (no less), put great pressure on the BBC Governors to withdraw their invitation.

They held firm, not because all of them shared the Archbishop's views, but because they saw that the political independence of the BBC was one of its most priceless assets. It was a battle worth winning, and has made the BBC the envy of many nations.

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ANIMAL WELFARE SUNDAY – 7th October

This year, Animal Welfare Sunday falls on Sunday 1st October. One Christian society which concentrates on animal welfare is The Anglican Society for the Welfare of Animals, a UK based organisation. It aims to raise awareness of animal welfare issues within the Anglican Church and the wider Christian community.

In recent years the secular animal welfare movement has often been critical of the apparent lack of concern shown by the Church for the suffering of animals. This has not always been the case however. Christians have been involved in animal welfare reform throughout history.

For example, the RSPCA – the first animal protection society, was founded by an Anglican priest – Revd Arthur Broome. Well known Christians such as C S Lewis, John Wesley and William Wilberforce all spoke out against animal cruelty. It is ASWA's aim to put animal welfare back onto the agenda of the Church.

As the Psalmist says in Psalm 148, animals in their amazing variety of species were all created for the glory of God and to praise His name. They were not created for our exploitation and domination.

Sadly, Creation continues to be abused today. The economics of providing us with low-cost chicken, pork, beef and milk results in cruelty towards millions of animals.

If you want to help the welfare of animals in some way, please visit: www.aswa.org.uk or write for a free information pack to: The Secretary, ASWA, PO Box 7193, Hook, Hampshire, RG27 8GT.



Would you like to help bring cheer to an elderly person's Christmas this year?

By helping us in whatever way you can, either by donating items or making a contribution to our funds, you can help an elderly person to feel special this Christmas.



Throughout the year, Helplink provides services that improve the quality of life for our clients, most of whom are elderly, by assisting them with day to day tasks, making things a little easier for them. They are able to retain some degree of independence and social contact which normally would be diminished by immobility, infirmity, poor health, terminal illness and isolation. Our network of volunteers is active in providing befriending / respite visits; transport to attend daycare facilities, luncheon clubs, shops, GP and hospital appointments; doing

shopping and small DIY jobs – indeed any activity which can be impaired by the ageing process.

We live in an age where the elderly population continues to grow and many of our clients do not have family close by, or indeed have outlived their children. We have a great many elderly, vulnerable, disabled, housebound and isolated clients who have little or no contact with anyone over the Christmas period. At this time of year these people feel even more vulnerable and alone.

It can make such a difference to receive a Christmas Parcel. It can mean so much – not merely because of the contents, but also because it means that someone is thinking of them at this special time of year.

So it is possible to bring cheer to an elderly person's Christmas this year – and with such a simple gesture.

Helplink does not have any funds of its own for this appeal; we rely purely on the generosity of our supporters. Most other outlets have long since stopped supplying Christmas Parcels.

I do hope that you feel that Helplink's Christmas Parcel Appeal is worthy of your support.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Yolanda Seddon'.

Mrs Y Seddon
Care & Development Manager

HOST

London 2012 brought talented people to Britain. But did you know this happens every year? Thousands of bright young men and women come to study at our universities. Sadly, most have no contact with British people outside the campus. Some miss their families; many are curious about the real life of Britain. That's why HOST arranges for them to spend a day, weekend or 3 days at Christmas as guests in hospitable homes. This is a great opportunity to get to know someone from another country, and help them to feel welcome. As a volunteer host, you could enjoy introducing a student of your choice to your way of life and perhaps to their very first Christmas.

Please call Regional Organiser Alan Lodge on 01524 274277 or see www.hostuk.org.



PARAPROSDOKIANS...

(Winston Churchill loved them) are figures of speech in which the latter part of a sentence or phrase is surprising or unexpected; frequently humorous. Could you invent one?

1. Where there's a will, I want to be in it.
2. The last thing I want to do is hurt you, but it's still on my list.
3. Since light travels faster than sound, some people appear bright until you hear them speak.
4. If I agreed with you, we'd both be wrong.
5. We never really grow up; we only learn how to act in public.
6. War does not determine who is right - only who is left.
7. They begin the evening news with 'Good Evening,' then proceed to tell you why it isn't.
8. To steal ideas from one person is plagiarism. To steal from many is research.
9. Buses stop in bus stations. Trains stop in train stations. On my desk is a work station.
10. I thought I wanted a career. Turns out I just wanted pay cheques.

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What you need

A Sunday School teacher had just concluded her lesson and wanted to make sure she had made her point. She said, "Can anyone tell me what you must do before you can obtain forgiveness of sin?"

There was a short pause and then, from the back of the room, a small boy spoke up. "Sin?"

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No newspaper

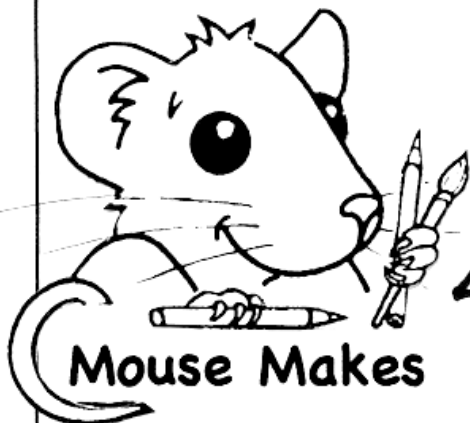
I was visiting my son and daughter-in-law last night and asked if I could borrow a newspaper. "This is the 21st century, dad," he said. "We don't waste money on newspapers. Here, you can borrow my iPhone."

I can tell you, that fly never knew what hit it!



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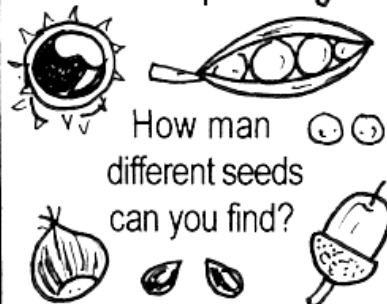




Mouse Makes

GOD is the one who gives seed to those who plant, and he gives bread for food. And **GOD** will give you spiritual seed and make that seed grow. He will produce a great harvest from your goodness"
2 Corinthians 9:10

Look out for seeds in the garden and the park and in the kitchen store cupboard.



How many different seeds can you find?

Jesus said:
"The kingdom of heaven is like a _____ seed that a man took and sowed in his field. It is the _____ of all the seeds, but when it has grown it becomes a tree, so that the wild _____ come and nest in it's branches".

Read
Matthew
13:31-32

"You do not need more faith. There is no 'more' or 'less' in faith. if you have a bare kernel of faith, say the size of a poppy seed, you could say to this sycamore tree "Go jump

into the lake", and it would do it"
Luke 17:6

So the one who plants is not important, and the one who waters is not important. Only **GOD** is important, because he is the one who makes things grow.
1 Corinthians 3:7

"So begin planting early in the morning and don't stop working until evening. You don't know what might make you rich. Maybe everything you do will be successful"
Ecclesiastes 11:6

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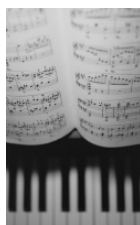
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11.15am Holy Communion
6.30pm Holy Communion

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Trinity 20

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