

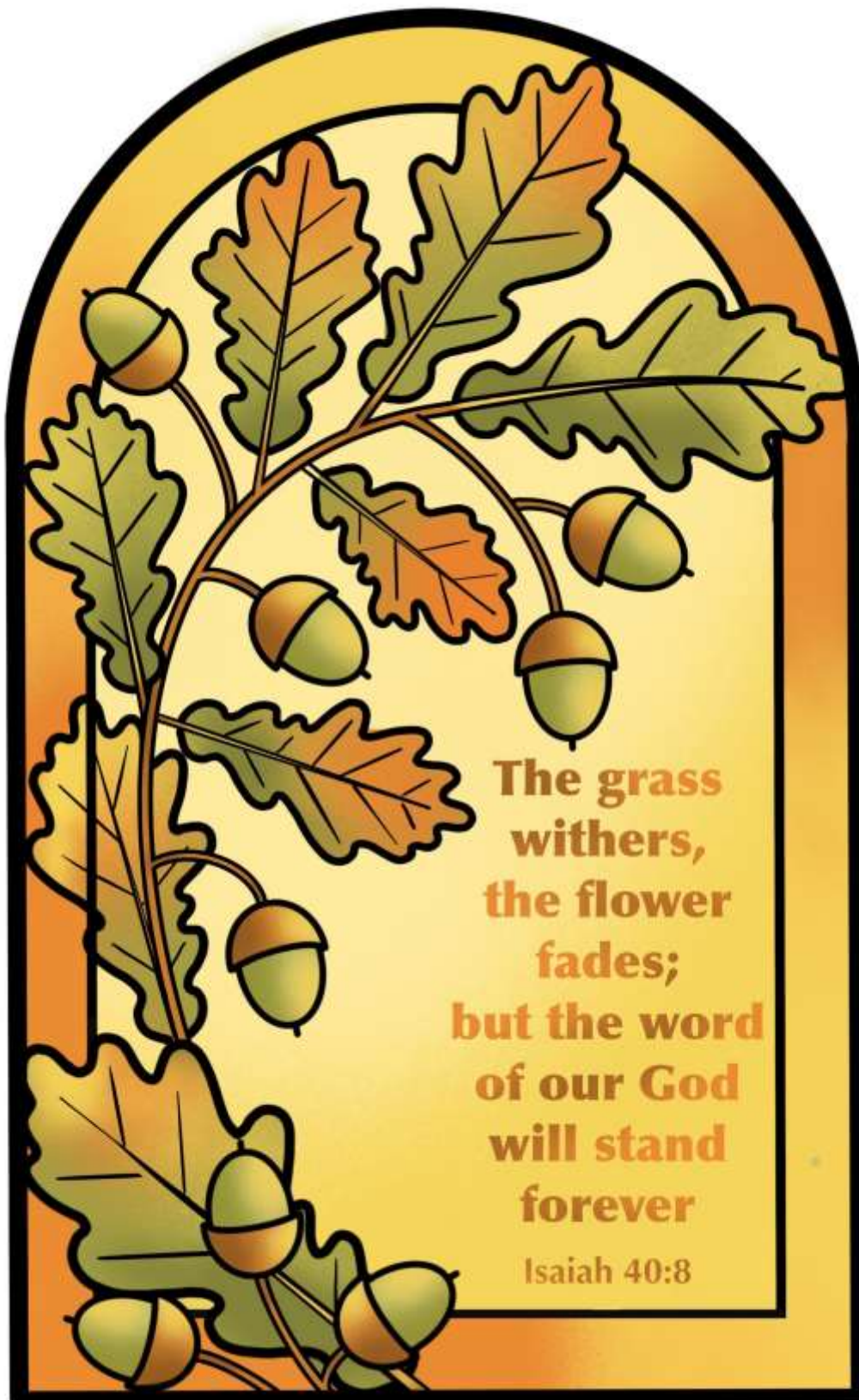
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## From Your Rector

### The Friend at Midnight

As we remember St Luke this month, let's note that one of the major themes in his gospel is prayer. Jesus tells the *Parable of the Friend at Midnight* (Luke 11:5-8) in the context of teaching His disciples to pray (1).

#### **Pray Shamelessly:**

In the parable a man approaches his friend at midnight and asking: 'Friend, lend me three loaves, for a friend of mine has arrived on a journey, and I have nothing to set before him' (5-6). Despite the hour, the rules of hospitality mean that this is not an unreasonable request. Jesus says, 'though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, yet because of the man's boldness he will rise and give him whatever he needs' (8). Jesus is telling us to approach our heavenly Father in 'shameless boldness' with our needs. As adopted children we



should have no hesitancy in coming to talk with our Father. It is not God who is reluctant to answer, but we to ask. Do we pray with shameless boldness?

#### **Pray Persistently:**

Like children we should be persistent in our requests: 'Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you.' (9). All three verbs indicate a continual habit: 'Keep on asking...seeking...knocking'. We will not be content simply to ask once and then move on. Jesus tells us to bring our prayers to God persistently. Do we give up too easily in prayer?

#### **Pray Expectantly:**

'For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened.' (10). Are we expectant in our prayers, believing that God delights in meeting our requests? Why not begin this adventure of prayer today!

Rev'd Jane

PS. See Wordsearch on Page 19 to learn more about St Luke.



## A message from Ailsa



Dear friends,

**As I write to you, I'm three weeks into my new role as Chaplain at the Army Foundation College here in Harrogate, and I wanted to share a little of the journey so far.**

It has been, in all honesty, a tough start. The College is a place of intense activity and emotion, where over a thousand Junior Soldiers - many just 16 or 17 years old - begin their military careers. They arrive full of hope, nerves, and questions, and in these first few weeks, they are tested physically, mentally, and emotionally. **As chaplain, I've had the privilege of walking alongside them in these early days, offering a listening ear, a quiet space, and a steady presence.**

**One of my key roles has been teaching the British Army's Values and Standards: courage, discipline, respect for others, integrity, loyalty, and selfless commitment. These aren't just military ideals - they're deeply moral and spiritual principles that resonate with our Christian faith. It's been a joy to explore these values with the Junior Soldiers, helping them see how these can shape not only their service but their character and relationships.**

**But chaplaincy here is not just about teaching. It's about pastoral care - being available for those who are homesick, overwhelmed, or struggling to find their place. It's about supporting the military instructors too, who carry the weight of responsibility for these young people's development. And it's about spiritual guidance: offering prayer, reflection, and encouragement in a setting where faith can be both a comfort and a challenge.**

**I've already had many conversations - some light-hearted, some deeply moving. I've stood in the rain during early morning inspections, shared tea in the chaplaincy centre, and prayed quietly with those who needed strength. It's a ministry of presence, and I'm learning every day what it means to be Christ's hands and feet in this unique environment.**

Please do keep the Junior Soldiers and staff in your prayers. And thank you for your continued support as I settle into this new chapter. I look forward to sharing more stories with you in the months ahead.



A Prayer for Our Soldiers

*Loving God,*

*We lift before you the Junior Soldiers of the Army Foundation College.*

*Bless them as they train, learn, and grow.*

*Give them courage in challenge, strength in weakness, and hope in uncertainty.*

*Be with their instructors and leaders - grant them wisdom, patience, and compassion.*

*May your peace dwell in the hearts of all who serve,*

*And may your light guide them in every step they take.*

*Amen.*



## Season of REMEMBERING

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CH61 3UB

October 2025

I am writing to invite you (and any extended family members or friends) to our All-Souls Day Service which will be on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> November at 6.30pm at St Chad's Church, Roslin Rd, Irby, CH61 3UB. The service will be quiet and reflective. It will be a time to remember those who have died over the past year and in previous years, and an opportunity to say thank you to God for the good times we shared with them throughout their lives.

During the service we will be reading out a list of names of those we would like to remember. If you would like someone (or people) to be mentioned by name, **please fill out the form below and bring it with you to the service.**

Yours sincerely,

Revd Jane Turner

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### All Souls' Day Service 2025

Person/People to be Remembered (First name/s and Surname/s):

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Date/s they died \_\_\_\_\_

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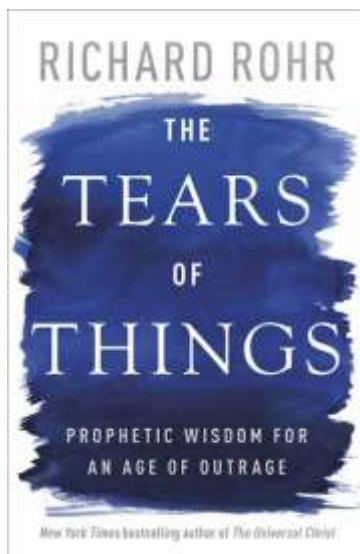
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Loss AND HOPE



## Book Reviews



### **The Tears of Things - Prophetic Wisdom for an Age of Outrage**

**By Richard Rohr, SPCK, £21.99**

Richard Rohr's much-anticipated memoir offers teaching of profound importance for our fractured world.

How do we live compassionately in a time of violence and despair? What can we do with the anger we feel over an unjust world? Rohr turns to the writings of the Jewish prophets, showing how some of the lesser-read books of the Bible offer us a path forward today.

The prophets' writings carry a profound lamentation about our shared human condition and the pain of the world. They embody what Rohr calls holy disorder - a distinct approach to confronting malevolence and recognizing the wholeness of every living being.

Written in the warm, pastoral voice that has endeared millions to Rohr, this book breathes a path of enlightenment for anyone seeking a wholehearted way of living in a hurting world.

### **Attentive to God: Being Aware of God's Presence in Daily Life**

**By Tony Horsfall, BRF, £9.99**

Mindfulness is not new, and God's people down the centuries have always been encouraged to practise 'the sacrament of the present moment' – that is, to notice God in the events of everyday life and become attentive to that presence.

Tony Horsfall explores six Bible stories that describe individuals encountering God, showing how we can learn how to notice the presence of the divine for ourselves. He also unpacks key spiritual practices that anyone can follow and introduces insights from influential writers on the awareness of God in the ordinary.



## **Fruit of the Spirit**

*(Gal 5:22,23, Ps 34:8)*

Opportunities

To ripen your fruit in our lives,  
Lord, give us opportunities.

To grow in Your Spirit,  
Know Your warmth  
And Your light,

Allow the segments of  
Self-control, gentleness,  
Faithfulness, goodness,  
Kindness, patience, peace and joy  
To be lubricated and sweetened  
By love,

Showing the world  
Your nature transforming  
Our natures,  
In the fruit bowl of our lives  
In Jesus.

Lord give opportunities  
For the hungry to taste  
Your ripening fruit in us,  
See that You are good  
And come to you.

*By Daphne Kitching*

## **A Helping Hand**

There is much we can do just to brighten  
This world of all take and no give,  
There's a great deal that we can contribute  
Through the everyday lives that we live.

By supporting one's elderly neighbours  
Or through lending a hand in some way  
It's by taking a bunch of spring flowers  
To someone to brighten their day.

It's by sparing a few precious hours  
In the service of those most in need  
It's all about setting a standard  
And trying to give others a lead

It's the way that we tend to treat others  
And help and aid folks in distress  
In the care and assistance we offer  
That will set us apart from the rest.

The choice that we face is quite simple  
The rewards plain for all men to see  
As you did all of this to My brother  
Then said Jesus, you did it to Me.

*By Colin Hammacott*

## **Autumn Glades**

We stroll through leafy autumn glades,  
An amber carpet 'neath our shoes;  
As Nature's summer beauty fades  
She clothes herself in golden hues.

The stillness of October days,  
The chillness of a frosty dawn,  
Yet autumn sunshine's slanting rays  
Caress us with their glowing warmth.

They also warm the southern breeze,  
Which comes upon us, as it may,  
Releasing crispy, ochre leaves  
To gently patter on our way.

Soon, soon comes winter's icy grip,  
Of freezing wind and driving snow,  
But, just for now, we'll gladly slip  
Through gentle autumn's golden glow.

*By Nigel Beeton*



## The Nicene Creed : The Person of the Holy Spirit

*We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son He is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets.*

This month we are considering what the Nicene Creed says about the Holy Spirit.

*'We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life':* The original version of the Nicene Creed ended simply *'We believe in the Holy Spirit.'* However, the phrase *'the Lord, the giver of life'* was added to counter the teachings of Macedonius (Bishop of Constantinople), who viewed the Holy Spirit as a creation of the Son. The Holy Spirit is part of the Trinity who shapes us, according to Christ's image, through His fruit and gifts: *'the Spirit gives life...we are being transformed into His image with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.'* (2 Corinthians 3:6,18).

*'who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son He is worshipped and glorified':* In the late 6th century the Latin churches added the phrase *'and the Son'* (the Filioque Clause), which was rejected by the Orthodox Churches. Augustine described the Spirit as *'love proceeding'* from the Father and the Son, so we can know God: *'When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who goes out from the Father, He will testify about me.'* (John 15:26).

The Creed is clear that the Holy Spirit is due equal status and worship with the Father and the Son, as a distinct divine person: *'May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.'* (2 Corinthians 13:14).

*'He has spoken through the Prophets':* Why does the Creed include this activity of the Spirit? It is not just referring to the OT prophets, but the whole of Scripture. He has inspired Scripture, so that we have God's word communicated by human writers: *'All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness'* (2 Timothy 3:16). When we read the Bible, the Spirit enables us to hear what God is saying to us.

In what areas of life have you felt the Holy Spirit at work in you?



## What's the Big Idea?

### An Introduction to the Books of the New Testament : Galatians

Paul's letter to the Galatians has been described as the '*Magna Carta of Christian Liberty*', because it emphasises the freedom that we have through faith in Jesus Christ. Paul vigorously defends the truth that people are justified ('*made right with God*') by faith in Jesus Christ alone. Our standing with God is not determined by what we do, but by dependence on what Christ has done.

It is generally believed that Paul wrote this letter in 48/9AD to the churches in the southern area of Galatia, which he planted on his first missionary journey. It was written before the Council of Jerusalem (Acts 15), making it the earliest of Paul's letters.

Paul is dealing with Jewish-Christians (or Judaizers) who were advocating ceremonial practices of the Jewish law, including circumcision, in addition to faith in Christ as the means of salvation. They were undermining Paul's authority as an apostle, by asserting that his gospel didn't agree with the apostles in Jerusalem.

In response, Paul defends his apostolic authority and presents the true gospel, by emphasising the unique importance of Christ and His cross in salvation. He argues that '*a person is justified not by the works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ*' (2:16). He appeals especially to the examples of Abraham (3:6-9) and Hagar and Sarah (4:21-31), who stand in contrast as being a 'slave' under the law and 'free' in Christ.

*'It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery.'* (5:1). We are justified through faith alone and it is by faith alone that we live out our new life in the freedom of the Spirit.

## Reflecting Faith: : Glory to God

For the last few months we've been looking at the way that church services are put together.

Last time we looked at how we begin by recognising how great and amazing God is, and therefore apologise for all the things we've done wrong – or should have done and haven't – in the light of His 'perfection'.

We then receive God's forgiveness.

At this point, recognising how gracious and forgiving God is, we are asked to rise from our knees and stand together to give 'Glory to God'.

Known in Latin as '*The Gloria*'.

You will recognise those words from those spoken by the angels announcing the birth of Christ to the shepherds on the hills over Bethlehem:

"Glory to God in the highest, and peace on earth to people of good will" (Luke 2:15)

Traditionally this 'angelic hymn' has been sung and begins with praise to God the Father. It then asks for the mercy from God the Son, the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.

The final lines soar into the blinding mystery of the Trinity: 'Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father'. Because it is so full of joy it is not included in worship during Advent and Lent.

This hymn dates back to the third century of the Church. Tradition holds that it was first composed as a prayer in the East, and then translated to Latin by Saint Hilary of Poitiers around the year 360.

Because this hymn is so special over the years there have been limitations on who was allowed to sing or recite it. At first it was only bishops and then in the 11th century priests were allowed to do so.

Now we all sing or say it together. That means we take our place in our Christian heritage alongside those angels singing or saying it each week. What a privilege!

*This month*

Next time you go to a Sunday church service think about those angels as you stand to say or sing 'The Gloria'. Can you feel their wings alongside you?



## As you tidy your garden for winter...

Gardens are preparing to go to sleep, but next Spring will soon be here. So why not consider some changes now:

- ~ Install a water butt now, to store up the winter rain for the Spring.
- ~ Reduce the hard standing in your garden. Instead, let rain soak into the soil, rather than go down a drain.
- ~ Plant something tall to create shade in your garden next year – the soil will remain wetter.
- ~ Put in more plants – the more you have, the more protection they give the ground. Try to use native species, as your local wildlife depends on them.
- ~ Consider adding a pond – it will be a great boost to your local wildlife!



Saturday 11th October 2025

10am -12.30pm  
at 'Barnstables', 233 Irby Road



All Welcome to a  
**COFFEE MORNING FOR THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY**  
with Shoe-B-Do, Cake Stall, Bring & Buy, (donations welcome) etc

### **CHILDREN'S SOCIETY BOX COLLECTION**

Can you please return any children's society boxes to Jean Heath for counting. They can be returned to St Chad's or St Bartholomew's, to the coffee morning or to Jean, 'Barnstables', 233 Irby Road, CH61 2XF.

If anyone would like them collecting, then please phone Jean on 648 6015 to arrange a convenient time.



## Share a little light this Halloween

Some parents aren't sure quite what to feel about Hallowe'en – is it just harmless fun, or are there aspects of it that don't fit in with how we want to see the world?

A child's christening service is very honest about the reality of good and evil, and Hallowe'en can be a good time to talk about those things and how the love of Jesus can be a 'Light in the darkness' for everyone.

The word 'hallowe'en' actually means 'the eve of all hallows' day' – in other words, the night before the church's festival celebrating All Saints. A Saint is sometimes thought to be an exceptionally holy person – someone really special, who did extraordinary things because of their faith in God.

The famous saints are all amazing examples of what it's like to live God's way. But in the Bible, St Paul calls all Christians saints – a saint is simply a friend of God, who seeks to live their life according to God's purposes. When someone is christened, they truly become a Saint, so All Saints' Day is a celebration of the whole family of God.

If you'd like to mark Hallowe'en, these are some ideas that will bless others as well as being fun too.

**Carve a pumpkin.** Did you know that gargoyles (the scary looking faces carved in stone on churches) were originally made in medieval times to scare away evil spirits? The pumpkins with scary faces carved into them at Hallowe'en are a bit like that.

But Christians believe that you can't fight evil with evil – you can only fight evil with good, and that good will always win in the end. So why not see if you can carve a friendly looking pumpkin this year, as a sign that you and your family are going to be a force for good this Hallowe'en? (And you can always use the offcuts from your pumpkin to make delicious soup!)

**You can do the same with Hallowe'en costumes.** Superheroes make a great, positive alternative to scary witches and ghosts.

**Give a treat.** Not everyone is comfortable with the idea of children going round to neighbours' and just asking for treats. But if you don't want them to miss out on something their friends are doing, why not have a family baking session, and take a tray of cookies with you if you go out with them? Even little children can help stick a smiley face on an iced biscuit. That way, you have something lovely to give away to your neighbours, too!



**Safety first.** Many children's fancy dress costumes are highly flammable. Please, don't ever use real candles around your front door or in your pumpkins; use the small battery-powered candles instead. If you can afford to buy a multi-pack of these electric candles, you could lend them to your friends and neighbours.

**Say a goodnight prayer.** Even if you've steered clear of scary costumes, and even if your child has loved the evening, it can be reassuring to have a goodnight prayer that reminds them that love, and light, and good, are always going to be stronger than fear and evil.

The ancient service of Compline (Night Prayer) has been used as this reminder for centuries, and many of its prayers are still well known today: *'Visit this place, O Lord, we pray and drive far from it all snares of the enemy; let Your holy angels dwell with us to preserve us in peace; and let Your blessing be upon us always, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.'*

Or, in a simpler children's version: *'Be with us, Lord, and take away all fear, may your angels protect us and give us peace. And bless us always. Amen.'* You can use these lovely prayers any time when you need a reminder that God is with you – especially at the end of a difficult day, or when something sad has happened, or when your family is worried about something.

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# Mary's Meals



**Hear all about this  
worthy charity  
16<sup>th</sup> October 7.30pm  
St Chad's Hall**

**Donations to the charity's funds  
gratefully received**



**St Chad's Roslin Road, Irby CH61 3UH**

# **Christmas**

# **Bazaar**

**Sat 15<sup>th</sup> Nov**

**1 – 3.30pm**

**Trade and charities**

**Christmas gifts galore**

**Santa's Grotto**

**St Chad's Roslin Road CH61 3UH**

If you are able to help with the Christmas Bazaar on stalls , set up/put away, baking cakes, donations of raffle prizes, second hand children's toys and hand crafted items ( no books or bric-a-brac please) can you please contact Julie DeBoorder email: [jules2121jule@gmail.com](mailto:jules2121jule@gmail.com) Mobile: 07599186893



## God in the Sciences : Continuing the Celebration!

On 6<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> October this year many people around the world will be celebrating the Jewish festival of Tabernacles, or Sukkot. They will celebrate the Harvest, and also remember God bringing the Israelites out of Egypt and through 40 years in the desert.

The biblical book of Deuteronomy contains a description of what Tabernacles should have been like back then. “Celebrate... for seven days. Be joyful... you, your sons and daughters, your male and female servants, and the Levites, the foreigners, the fatherless and the widows who live in your towns.”

These festivals were not just a celebration, but also an expression of gratitude to God: “celebrate the festival to the Lord your God...For the Lord your God will bless you in all your harvest and in all the work of your hands, and your joy will be complete.” Tabernacles was a proper holiday, with two whole days off normal work and seven days of feasting.

Farming looks very different today. Very few of us have had to sweat long hours over crops, so we’re not as ready for (or deserving of) a rest and a party as our ancestors were at this time of year. That might be even more the case in future, as the agri-tech revolution unfolds. For example, small autonomous tractors are already becoming available that do less damage to the soil and make better use of steep or oddly shaped fields.

Many arable farms already hire contractors to do the routine work with large specialist GPS-equipped machinery. In future years those people might find themselves using very different kinds of high-tech kit, acting more as land-management advisors, helping farmers to gather data and to find ways of improving soil quality, biodiversity and the water cycle.

I’m very grateful for the food that arrives on my shelves. Instead of worrying about whether or not we earned it, our modern-day Tabernacles or Harvest celebration could include ways of encouraging those involved in agriculture and developing new agricultural technologies, as well as enjoying how we can learn about and benefit from God’s creation through Science.

So, after you celebrate Harvest at church, why not follow it up with a trip to a local farm this month? Why not learn from the ancient Israelites, and follow it up with a meal together? It stands to reason that those of us who live in countries where food is plentiful and cheap could do with being proportionately more generous in our gratitude and giving. Should we throw better parties? Probably!





## God in the Arts :

### Lucas Cranach's 'Adam and Eve'

In October we traditionally give thanks for the good gifts of God's creation at harvest time. In the readings for our worship, we often return to that original goodness in the Garden of Eden, described for us in the opening chapters of Genesis. We glimpse that scene of paradisaical harmony in Lucas Cranach's painting 'Adam and Eve.' It shows a wonderful



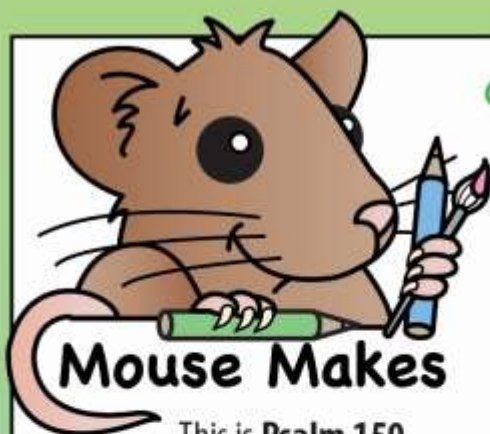
menagerie of birds and animals around the couple, all unaware that the harmony will be shattered as Adam takes the apple from Eve.

One version of this painting is in the Courtauld Gallery of Somerset House in London. It is a large, neoclassical building by the Strand in the centre of the city. In the summer months 55 fountains play in the courtyard outside, while in the winter people skate on the ice rink. Somerset House was built on the site of a Tudor palace and dates from the 18<sup>th</sup> century. It is now a centre for the visual arts with an impressive collection of paintings.

Lucas Cranach, this month's artist, was born in 1472 in what is now Bavaria. He became a court painter to the Electors of Saxony until his death in 1553. Cranach was a close friend of Martin Luther, but also had Catholic patrons. Like the Electors, they marvelled at his mastery of landscape and animals. In this painting we are invited into the garden to look on all the beauty and wonder there. Among the animals we can see a hog, a lion (although Cranach would never have seen a lion in the flesh), a sheep, and a stag, a symbol of Christ. There are birds as well, including a pair of partridges, who traditionally represent the power of love, but also deceit. The roe deer drinking from the pool in the foreground is a reminder of Psalm 42 and the soul thirsting for God. But dominating the scene is that moment of turning from God: there is a glorious tree, laden with fruit, and in front Adam and Eve, whose hands clutch an apple, while the serpent slithers down the trunk in a moment of triumph.

The painting is reminiscent of medieval tapestries and, like them, has a beguiling quality. All is beautiful and harmonious: it is Isaiah's vision of the lion lying down with the lamb amid the fruitfulness of nature and the oneness of creation. As we look on, we know that the defiance of God and the temptation to eat will lose this paradise. But we also know that creation will be redeemed by another fruit. Around Adam and Eve are the vine and grapes: they represent the Eucharist, the gift of Christ's body and blood.

The fruit of the tree in the painting leads to a fall from grace, but the fruit from that other tree, the vine, will redeem and lift humanity again to share in the bread and wine, the gifts of creation given at harvest and shared at every Holy Communion.



## Mouse Makes

This is **Psalm 150**,  
a song of praise to God,  
it tells us why and how  
to worship God.  
*How do you praise and  
worship God?*

**Praise** God in His Temple,  
**Praise** Him in His mighty heavens.  
**Praise** Him for His acts of power,  
**Praise** Him for his surpassing greatness.

**Praise Him**  
with the sounding trumpet,  
**Praise Him**  
with the harp and lyre,  
**Praise Him**  
with tambourine and dancing,  
**Praise Him**  
with the clash of cymbals,  
**Praise Him**  
with the resounding cymbals.  
Let everything that has breath  
**PRAISE THE LORD!**

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PRAISE • GOD • TEMPLE • HEAVENS • SANCTUARY • POWER • GREATNESS  
TRUMPET • HORN • PIPE • FLUTE • HARP • LYRE • LUTE • STRINGS  
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To St Luke, whose feast-day is 18th October, we owe a beautifully written gospel as well as the Book of Acts. He was a Greek physician and faithful travelling companion to St Paul. Under house arrest near the end of his life Paul noted, 'only Luke is with me'.

Luke's gospel focuses on the compassion of Christ, and offers us moving parables, such as the Good Samaritan and Prodigal Son. Women figure more prominently in Luke's gospel than in any other: look out for the extended story of the Virgin Birth, and stories of Mary, Elizabeth, and the woman who was a sinner. His gospel also features more poor people, more lepers, more 'sinners', who are all shown to be 'inside' the love of Christ. In Acts, Luke skilfully links sacred and profane history, as subsequent archaeology has shown. He tells of how the early Christians moved away from Jerusalem into the pagan world, and especially on to Rome.

Luke

Feast

Day

Written

Gospel

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Greek

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Travelling

Faithful

Paul

Compassion

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# A warm welcome at the **Warm Hub**

**Every Tuesday 9.30am - 12.30pm**

**Open to everyone, so please drop in!**

**St. Chad's Church, Roslin Road, Irby CH61 3UH  
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***There are a range of activities  
including quizzes, Games,  
jigsaws, Crosswords etc***

***Guest Speaker  
Tuesday 28th October***



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## **Jigsaw Library**

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Susan Smale



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*Did you know.....*

*.....back in the year 1976, a committee based at St Chad's Church was trying to raise funds for the RNLI.*

*They decided to hold an exhibition of paintings by local Irby residents. The exhibition was so successful that the artists decided to join together to form an "Irby Artists Association".*

*....and the rest, as they say, is history!*

*The Irby Artists are proud to have had such a long association with St Chad's.*

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# October 2025 Services

EVERY Wednesday 10.30am HC at St Chads

Sun 5th October	9.00am BCP Communion at St Bartholomew's 10.30am Communion at St Bartholomew's
Sun 12th October	9.00am BCP Communion at St Bartholomew's 10.30am All Age Service at St Chad's
Sun 19th October	9.00am BCP Communion at St Bartholomew's 10.30am Morning Worship at St Bartholomew's
Sun 26th October	9.00am BCP Communion at St Bartholomew's 10.30am Holy Communion at St Chad's with Junior Church
Sun 2nd November	9.00am BCP Communion at St Bartholomew's 10.30am Communion at St Bartholomew's

## Prayer for October 2025

Dear Lord,

In this autumn season, when the harvest is gathered, we thank You for Your provision for us. We have so much, and yet we see terrible images of starving children on our televisions and smartphones and in our newspapers. Lord, prompt us to do what we can to change things, whether that is by writing a letter or email to someone with influence, or by contributing in some way to aid agencies.

Lord, we ask You to touch the hearts of those leaders of nations whose decisions cause such hunger and suffering. Soften those hard hearts, Lord. Fill them with Your compassion. May there be a new harvest of love – and a kinder world. In Jesus' name, Amen.