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Lord, as I put on my mask, let it be
 a filter

For my words to pass through as
 well as my breathing.

Let through only words which are
 helpful breathings of love
 and stop those things in my
 speech that will be harmful to
 others.

Protect me also, O Lord, from the
 harmful things others may say to
 me.

Help me to realise that we may be
 a carrier of bitterness,
 thoughtlessness, judgement and
 prejudice without realising,
 and that some people are more
 word-vulnerable than others.

Give me grace to love those who
 cannot, or will not filter to protect
 others,

and special grace to them,
 because they go through the world
 unprotected.

Help me to be prepared to adapt
 and be brave and transparent
 so that all may have chance to
 hear.

Lord, be a mask to my mouth
 And pin our ears forward for
 listening.

Amen

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Church Open—please see page 7 for details

**We aim through Christian worship, word
and action to celebrate and share the love of
God with our neighbours**

From the Editor

Last month brought with it the pleasure of worshipping in church again and it brought people back to a closer sense of what life should be like. One member of our congregation was able to go to this first service and I asked her what it was like. Her answer said it all: "Amazing and emotional. I have now found a new use for my mask; it mops up tears when I have forgotten my handkerchief."

It certainly looks like wearing masks, keeping our distance is going to be with us for some time. This month we shall still have a special service for Harvest Festival, but with the reduced numbers in church it will not be quite as joyful as usual. That must not, however, defeat us and we have found new ways of marking the occasion. You can read all about it on pages 14 and 15. Please support us if you can.

Our church hall, the Old Stables, has suffered through being unused throughout all these months of Lockdown. We are now working hard to ensure it is safe for some of our

regular users to return. This, however, is not easy due to the restrictions in size of the building and certainly we would not be able to accommodate parties until the government rules relax completely.

Recently, I handed over to Rector Alison the John King Trophy, which was presented to us for winning the competition run by the Association of Church Editors. It is a truly beautiful thing, a silver shell, and the intention is that it can be used for baptisms. We are allowed to keep it for a year, before handing it on to the winner of next year's competition. Sadly, we have not had any baptisms for some time and we look forward to Alison being able to use it soon.



Marjorie Cole



Rector Alison's Letter

Dear Friends

You don't need me to remind you what a strange year this has been. It is not just that we are living through a world-wide pandemic. But for various reasons, so many of the things that mark our year have changed.

Summer this year seemed to occur in April and May, rather than June, July and August. For many of our children, the beginning of the long summer holidays will have been somewhat less obvious than usual. Even the sporting calendar hasn't been there to help – with the new football season starting almost as the previous one finally ended. (Although for non-sports fans that's perhaps how it always seems!).

So it seems fitting in a way that we finally restarted physical worship inside Adel Church with a service based on the Easter gospel. The Easter candle, normally brought into church at dawn on Easter Sunday, was finally lit at 9.30 on 13th September. It important to do this not just because we had an expensive '2020' Easter candle in a box unused; or because Easter somehow didn't happen when we could only gather online or by phone.

In fact, reading the story of Jesus' resurrection in September was a reminder that resurrection isn't just something to celebrate at Easter.

Those who witnessed it found it was an event that affected their whole lives. The healing and wholeness they had found in Jesus' presence was now with them in a new way. They went out into the world to gather communities based on love and forgiveness, where all were equal. Revisiting the resurrection story away from the intensity of the Easter season has helped me to recognise how resurrection – the finding of healing, wholeness and new life – is always present in the world.

I have found it this summer in many places: a visit to one of the oldest members of our congregation, who cheered me on a difficult day by recounting all the things she had to be thankful for; the joy found at lockdown weddings, where all the fuss was stripped away, showing that love is what matters; hearing from a congregation member on a continental beach moved by the opportunity to worship with us online.

I suspect that Autumn and Winter will be almost as strange as the earlier parts of the year. We will not be celebrating key dates as we normally do. But we will be celebrating. Out of the sorrow at what we have lost, will come new life, and new ways to come together.

So please look out for events, online

and around the church yard. You never know – some of them might be such good fun that we decide to make them a tradition!

We start with our harvest festival weekend of 3/4th October. We may not be able to meet as a community in church, but we can still thank God for his gifts by sharing what we have with others and by caring for creation. There are details elsewhere in this magazine.

I pray that you all experience moments of resurrection and new life in the coming weeks.
With love and prayers.

Alison

Church Open (New Times)

Monday: 2- 4pm
Thursday: 2-3.30pm
Saturday: 2-3.30pm

Since we rely on volunteers to open the church, there may be last-minute changes or unavoidable closures, and we are sorry for any disappointment. Visitors can check the church website or contact Carole Smithies on 0113 281 3190 or 07786 485 485 for the latest information.

Church Services

Until distancing regulations are considerably reduced, the number we can accommodate in

church will be quite low. This means that you will need to book your place and this can be done by contacting Eventbrite.

<https://tinyurl.com/adelservices>

If you are not able to do this online booking, please contact Marisa Clayton on her mobile or by email and she will do the booking for you.
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Please note that one ticket is required per individual or per household/bubble of up to 5 persons. If your household/bubble has more than 5 persons then two tickets are required (up to max of 5 persons per ticket). This is because our pews can only accommodate a maximum household/bubble size of 5. If you are a single person please do not be embarrassed by occupying a whole pew.

We intend to continue with online services for the foreseeable future. If you are not able to get online, you may like to make use of our phone replay service. By dialling the full number 0113 4678 478 each week, you will be able to hear the Gospel reading, Alison's sermon and a hymn from the Sunday service. Only costs the same as a local phone number.

If you have any questions, please contact the Rector or church wardens.

A Rollercoaster Year

Rector Alison has now been with us for a year, and what a year that has been! She herself admits that she has had longer not being in church than she had being in church. Alison, you have worked so hard and put into action so many good deeds, we want to share with you our thoughts on the past year and express our sincere gratitude for all you have done.

Alison is a runner! and indeed she has hit the ground running in her first year as Rector of Adel. Her energy, enthusiasm in her new vocation is clearly spreading out amongst the parishioners too and increasing. Together with her we are conquering the challenges we face and reaching new heights - I look forward to the years ahead and what we can achieve with her at the helm!

Lucy Best-Shaw

Alison has really risen to the challenge of, what has been, an incredibly difficult year for all of us. She has done a brilliant job at pulling the community together when most people would be considering isolating themselves. Thank you Alison!

Andy Neal

Enormously impressed with how Alison has steered us through this rollercoaster year. We are incredibly fortunate to have such a resourceful, creative and dedicated Rector.

Sarah Johnson

The care and concern that Alison shows for everyone certainly makes her the right person to be Rector of Adel Church. I personally appreciate her understanding of my views. Certainly an answer to my prayers.

Beryl Thompson

I have been so impressed with Alison's approach to the massive changes we've had to make as a church and society; embracing new ways of "doing church" six months ago that would have seemed impossible. Her calm (on the exterior!) methodical, consensual and pragmatic approach has brought the best out of people to deliver a church fit for the 21st century. Looking forward to working with Alison when we can actually meet up properly.

Chris Cunliffe

"Alison helped me keep in touch with the church and my friends through the weekly zoom Junior Church. The games were really fun!"
"Love and thank you!"

Callum and Grace Holmes

The first time I met Alison I knew that I would like her; she is friendly, compassionate, and always willing to listen. As a minister, preacher and teacher she has helped me to progress in my Christian journey, and to develop a deeper faith. I'm so glad she was willing to come to Adel.

Derek Heathcote

"Alison has made our church feel energetic and fun."

"There is a renewed vigour and love for our community."

Sophia, Joseph & Candice Milner

Starting ACE for the young people has been inspiring. Alison was keen to get started even though we had to meet on line rather than face to face. We are having fun and getting to know some wonderful young people.

Ruth Cunliffe

Lucy (age 4) says she really enjoys Alison's stories and the songs with actions from the online Pebbles sessions. I think Alison has helped Lucy to understand more and made her think much more about God. Lucy has started to ask questions about God and heaven etc and chooses her bible to hear stories when we sit down to read. I think Alison has really helped to connect with the younger generation and spark their interest.

What a first year it has been! I feel we are very lucky to have had Alison guide us over the last 6 months. She was the first person to visit me when I got home from hospital after having had Thomas, armed with homemade biscuits!

Kate Clarke

"When we feel like our mind is a fog, Alison, you help us with your messages about God. On a Sunday we wait for your presentation, and when it comes around we are thankful for your explanation. Your words, your nature

and lovely soul make us want to be kind and always reach that goal."

Finlay and Anna Donnelly

P for purposeful and a reader of poetry

R for resilient and ready to learn

I for innovative and involved with her flock

E for energetic, enthusiastic and empathetic

S for supportive and giver of good sermons

T for thoughtful and gifted with theatrical presence and skills

Siân Batchelder

Alison has been like a breath of fresh air, taking everything literally in her stride. Alison, as soon as she moved into the Rectory, became a familiar sight, walking around the Parish, chatting to people as she went. She was thrown in at the deep end, firstly because of the number of funerals she had to conduct ...she said they were all people she wished she'd had chance to meet, then latterly the Covid-19 epidemic. She was soon up and running with on-line services, enlisting members of the congregation who hitherto hadn't even read in Church. Suddenly they were leading Compline, and reading the Gospel, or doing the Intercessions.

Alison hasn't just stepped up to the plate, she's made it big enough for us all to stand on it alongside her.

Jenny Jones

In Brief

Outdoor Service



On Sunday 6th September a group of parishioners organised an outdoor service with a bring your own picnic. There was a considerable number of people took part, from the very young to the quite elderly, all socially distanced. Allison even had her tape measure out just to make sure. Many had picnic chairs and blankets. and the odd umbrella just in case.

It was so good to see many friends that we had not seen since lockdown in March and although Alison and the congregation had managed to provide excellent online services of Sunday worship it was so much better being together again. While Marjorie was commenting on the Noah's Ark story and how the Lord said he would not send any more floods, the rain came on and umbrellas came out. Alison says that proved the Lord had a sense of humour. At the end of Service the children were dispatched on a treasure hunt to find animals in the church yard. A lot of parents tagged along also.

By the time we got home, the

heavens had opened, an absolute deluge; thank the Lord he kept that away while we were having a great time together.

Services in church, but with limited numbers, will be available throughout October, so make sure you book tickets for either 9:30 or 11am. Thanks again to Alison and all the congregation who worked very hard to make this great day happen.

Mary Rose Hunt

Donations of games wanted



There are 125 Asylum seekers staying at the Mercure hotel (formerly the Park Way Hotel). They would be very grateful for games like monopoly, chess and playing cards and any other games. If you have games you would like to pass on, please contact me on and I will arrange to collect them from you.

Deborah Hainsworth
2611769

Penny's Ponders

I really hope that you are all keeping well and safe. I know we are having to be extra careful again, but we can still have some lovely fun times, weather permitting! I did get very fed up with getting wet in August and some days in September, but we have also had some lovely ones, for which we should be very thankful. On my walks, I get to see my friends and people from Church – I still don't understand why, when we walk past the Stables, the door is locked and there's no cake! I'm not very good with the days of the week, as you may know, so I live in hope that one day when we walk through Church, it will be one of your Coffee Mornings!

One day I do know is Sunday: I only get a short first walk. My Mum and Dad, instead of leaving me and going to Church, now watch it on this thing called UTube, which means I get to see what goes on. However, on 13th September they *did* leave me and went to Church without me. They came back so happy! Apparently, Church can now have services again, differently, I gather, but it will be super for you humans to be able to go. I will still be able to join in watching it on the TV on the Sundays they stay at home, so everyone gets a turn in church.

I have got a new word – anchor! We heard it on a programme – I know how to get an explanation from

my Mum – stand in front of her, head on one side and stare until she takes notice! They're brilliant, everyone needs one. So, where do I get mine? Mum tells me that not only do they keep boats/ships safe from blowing away, an 'anchor' is something we all need and can have. So, what is my anchor? I have lots: a snuggly bed in our warm home, my Mum and Dad and my family members, they all make me feel safe.

But what about you humans? What is your anchor? I think you are the most blessed creatures! You have already got a very special one. I've heard the prayers of penitence, and the intercessions at the Sunday service on the TV, and the readings, what Rector Alison says, the Eucharist and the blessing right at the end of the service to ask for God to be with you during the week. And for ever. God, as well as being Heavenly Father, Father of Lord Jesus Christ and Holy Spirit, cares for you, His people, all the time. He is there for you to talk to, to help when you're lonely and sad or lost faith or direction, so remember *your* Anchor, put your hand in His and walk towards His Kingdom. I hope I can come with you too.

Woofs & licks

Penny

Open Church

As you may know, the church has been open for a couple of hours or so every day since the end of lockdown, under the care of two volunteers. Amanda Knight & I have been "church sitting" on Saturdays. We've enjoyed it immensely, and we have met some wonderful people. But Saturday 5th September capped it all.

A party of four arrived outside the door and explained that a lady from Cookridge was celebrating her 50th wedding anniversary that very day, and that the wedding took place at Adel Church. So, the family had arranged a surprise return visit for her. Five minutes later, Mrs Whyte arrived with her husband and more family members. [She was in a wheelchair, but two of the men visitors sorted the ramp out for us.] They all spent ten minutes or so in the church happily reminiscing, though Mrs Whyte who is very frail, was in tears part of the time. When they came out, they asked who had been the minister all those years ago. "Philip Simpson" I said. "Ah" one said, "he was a real Leeds United supporter, didn't stay long after the wedding, had to get down there for the game." I took some pictures for them outside the door, and they brought out the wedding album to show us photographs of their great day. And lo and behold, there they all were; bride, bridesmaids, groom and

best man outside the door and, a **stark white, newly lime-washed** arch. We were amazed, and even more so when they lent us the album so we can copy the pictures for the church archive. A lovely group of people; as Elizabeth Frost who was in church at the time said, it was an honour to share their day.

But that wasn't all. Ten minutes later, another group arrived— Dr Sewa Singh Kalsi & Mrs Hardeep Kaur Kalsi with their daughter Kiran & friend Liz, the ladies all resplendent in their saris. Another surprise visit, this time to celebrate their mother's 88th birthday, again on that same day. They too spent time in church talking about its history and sharing some of their memories with us. They left with a jar of marmalade as a small birthday gift.

"Sitting" the church has been an amazing experience. We've absorbed the peace & calm in the rare moments when no one else is there. We've met all sorts of people, some visiting for a quiet moment of prayer, some for the history, and some for, "who knows why". Keeping the church open in this way tells the whole world the church is for them as well as for us. So, I'm glad we're going to carry on "sitting" the church throughout the Autumn months, see page 7.

Carole Smithies

Words from Pilgrim

On every side the catchword “the New Normal” is being commended to us for the next stage in our common life. It is a good label and it touches the heartening fact that secular and religious groups over the whole country have seen old patterns of living quietly rejected and have allowed unfamiliar ways of living to be imposed upon us. A serious and often fatal disease has invaded our land and lives and livelihoods have been lost.

The danger is still extant and the duty of keeping others and ourselves safe from its ravages is still before us. How have folk responded to the challenge? For my part I have been thrilled by the way in which churches have accepted the restrictions and have put their shoulders to unexpected wheels so that those in the enterprises, whether givers or receivers, have found places where warmth and welcome have been discreetly given. All this has increased the respect in which the volunteers are held.

So what lies ahead for us as a Church in a small suburb of a large city? That, of course, is quite unknown. If a resurgence of the infection should come we can expect that many will look to us to carry

extra weight. This could be a difficulty. When the infection came at the beginning of the year, we brought our readiness to help where it appeared to be most needed. This was inspired not just by our sense of duty, but also by the adventure of creating a new enterprise and devising a method which could meet others’ needs. It was adventurous and it was fun.

Warmth and
welcome have been
discreetly given

Should the cry for our services come again those encouragements may well seem far less decisive. We will have the warm sense of being responsive to others’ needs, but alongside that the new proposals will seem not like an adventure but just the reacceptance of demands which come without glamour but offer only stress. It is right to face this consideration so that we can come to conclusions which are based on a deep consideration of where our duty lies. Rest content in this: it is between you and God that the agreement is to be made; differing pressures from different sources outside you are to be heard and weighed, but a decision is yours to make and, remember, it will be made before God. That done, walk in peace.

HARVEST FESTIVAL FOOD BANK APPEAL



3rd and 4th October 2020

To celebrate our Harvest Festival a large cross shape will appear in the churchyard.

Our aim is to fill it with items for the local foodbank.

Please bring your donations along on the 3rd and 4th October and place them in the cross.

Harvest Then and Now

Harvest Festival is to be celebrated this year on 4th October. The festival, as it is known today, is attributed to Rev Robert Hawker who, in 1843, invited parishioners to a special thanksgiving service in Morwenstow, Cornwall.

In reality, of course, harvest celebrations date back about 3,500 years to Old Testament days when God gave Moses instructions for seven annual feasts (*Leviticus 23*). These included three harvests: First fruits in spring for the barley harvest; Weeks in early summer for the wheat harvest; and Tabernacles, or the ingathering, in the autumn when thanks was given for all the year's crops and prayers offered for the coming year.

As well as wheat and barley, the other main crops were grapes, figs, dates, olives, and pomegranates. These seven foods are sometimes called the 'Seven Species' of the Bible. They are those God told the Israelites they would enjoy when they arrived in the Promised Land. (*Deuteronomy 8:8*)

In Rev Hawker's days most of the UK population relied totally on growing their food locally and a good harvest was vital for their wellbeing throughout the coming year. It is easy to see how his idea for a great festival rapidly established itself as a tradition. Today, few people in the UK rely on



their own grown food or source it entirely from within their community, so the underlying nature of Harvest Festival has changed significantly.

Until last year food was brought to church at Harvest Festival, thanks given to God, and then the food was distributed to the needy. We gave our thanks for the food we eat by joining together for a Harvest Lunch in the Stables. But times have changed. This year the church will not be full and we cannot meet socially because of the restrictions

We can still do our part. Firstly, we can bring food items for the Foodbank as suggested on the previous page. The cross shape will be out throughout the weekend, so please come and put your offering there.

We are also aware of the importance of looking after the beautiful world God has created, so we are suggesting that we do a community litter pick. Details for this were not available at the time of going to press, so have a look at the Church website to find out how to help.

Children in Lockdown

Rocketeer!

No effort was spared
cutting, creasing, folding and sticking
shaping it all up
and if he was encouraged
by grandma Pat and mummy
still he was the main man
chief engineer and architect
of each detail
and when it came together
held up sparingly by stickers
and will power
sleek, pointed and flame bursting
he insisted it should go
to the launch pad
so they took it there straight away
wheeling it out with a hullabaloo
in front of a crowd jeering
that won't work, it's kid's stuff!
scoffing no way! it'll fall back into the sea
but somehow Jack got his way
the ground shook and shivered
as they counted down
and the air smarted and cracked
lit up by fire and flame
as his first shot lifted off, unstoppable
into the blue
then everyone cheered at last
balloons popped, flags fluttered
and high, high up above, just audible
a heavenly chorus broke out
as the tiny rocket
escaping the pull of earth and the drag
of disbelief
broke into the firmament, streaking
across
going on and on and on
'do you see what we see

*do you hear what we hear
a star, a star
high up in the sky
with a tail as long as a kite
with a tail as long as a kite'
while far below, beaming now
Jack twinkled, job done!*

Richard O'Donnell



Richard's grandchildren live in the West Midlands and, like many children during lockdown, have had to find ways to fill their days. I wonder how many paper rockets and aeroplanes have been put together over the last months.

Nature Notes

Continuing the saga of my moth-trapping visits to Adel Dam – as July turned into August I continued to be surprised by the numbers of Swifts flying over the lake on summer evenings. Even after the 10th August when I reckoned that most Swifts should have left, they were still present each evening, although in rather smaller numbers, right to the last days of the month. They must have been coming from a large area, presumably to feed, but why come to Adel Dam every night? How did they know that Adel Dam was the place to be? There must be other places with plenty of insects. Swifts do form evening ‘screaming parties’ around buildings in towns, but I always assumed that they were just the local birds and there are no local birds round Adel Dam. Perhaps there was some social reason for all these birds to meet and to feed together? It’s all a mystery to me .

Whilst I was watching all this from the hide I was looking to the north/ west where the sky was still bright, lit by the setting sun. When I left the hide I was looking east under the leaf canopy, and it was quite dark. I knew the footpath back to the gate so well that I was not afraid of getting lost or falling down a rabbit hole, but one night it was so dark that I couldn’t see anything. I crossed the stream and was walking across the grass to cut a



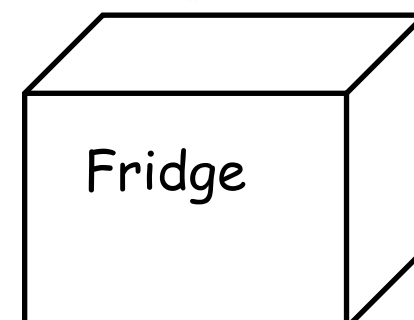
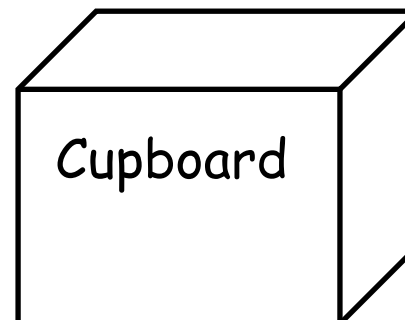
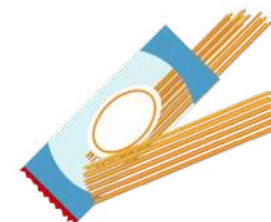
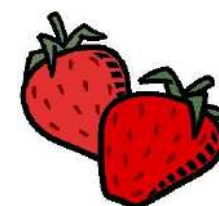
corner off when I was suddenly aware of bodies moving. Two or three large objects rushed past me with thundering hooves. To say that I was startled would be an understatement. What could they be? I quickly ran through the possibilities. They had to be Roe Deer, they were very close as they passed, almost within touching distance I thought, and I had not seen them – but, fortunately they had seen me. What wonderful night vision they must have. I paused to listen; and I thought I could hear them coming back, so I carried on, switched on the trap and went home.

About this time I realised that most moth-trappers set their traps in their own gardens. They didn’t go out in the woods at night; they could even use mains electricity. So that is what I did. I never did see the Swifts fly up in the sky to go to roost on the wing and I don’t suppose that I ever will, but I did have some memorable experiences of wildlife – even if I didn’t know what it was all about.

Peter Larnar

Children’s Page

Fridge or cupboard? Where would you put these foods? Draw a line from the food to the ideal place to store it in.



Words from Joyce Hill

The Authorship of the Gospels (2)

Having looked at Mark, this month it's the turn of the other three, beginning with the Gospel of Luke which, like that of Mark, is attributed to a figure who is not an apostle. There is a Luke mentioned in the Epistles (Colossians 4: 11, 14): a gentile and physician. If he is the author, this would account for the quality of the Greek. Acts 1 v. 1 is generally interpreted as meaning the author of the Acts and the Gospel were the same and in Acts, parts of the narrative use 'we', indicating that the writer accompanied Paul on some of his travels. If then, we think of Luke as an active participant in the establishment of the early church in the generation after Christ's ministry, the hypothesis that the Gospel was written in the 80s is reasonable.

By contrast, Matthew and John are names of apostles and so would be perfect for lending authority to anonymous texts, except the dates are problematic. Matthew, when called by Jesus to be an apostle, must have been an adult. If modern scholarship is correct in dating the text to the last quarter of the first century, that raises questions, given normal life-spans and the fact that those who lived longer than average were usually rather 'older' in their 70s and 80s than people are these days. John's gospel, it is thought, was

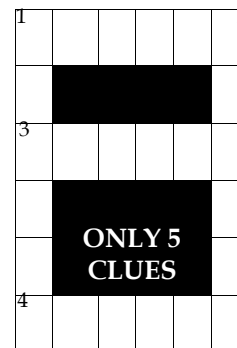
written around the turn of the first century. If c. 90-110 is indeed the correct date, it would be extraordinary if John the Apostle were the author.

Matthew used Mark's Gospel as a written source, just as Luke did. We can confidently deduce that the author of this Gospel was a Jew, probably writing for a Greek-speaking Jewish community of the kind that existed in various places in Syria.

The Gospel ascribed to John is altogether different. Firstly, it is thought to be later than the other three and is very different in its approach. Whereas the other three (known as the Synoptic Gospels) focus on Jesus' life and ministry, John's Gospel teaches what has been called 'a high Christological doctrine', taking a more reflective approach to the divinity of Christ and the sublimity of his teaching. It both draws on and appeals to a rather different theological world.

Date and authorship are matters of conjecture for all four Gospels. It is at least possible to argue (though by no means agreed and certainly not provable) that the Gospels of Mark and Luke were written by the figures named in the New Testament. But for the Gospels of Matthew and John authorship remains a 'known unknown'.

Puzzles



Across

1. Turn up with a soft piece of fruit
3. Bit of lymph is not circulating in oral gland
4. Worked as senior policeman in rank

Down

1. Old king, a king over a day
2. Refill gun with bullets or lead, possibly?

Riddles

1. A doctor and a bus driver are both in love with the same woman, an attractive girl called Sarah. The bus driver had to go on a long bus trip that would last a week. Before he left, he gave Sarah seven apples. Why?
2. If eleven plus two equals one, what does nine plus five equal?
3. What has cities but no houses, forests but no trees, and water but no fish?
4. There is a word in the English language in which the first two letters signify a male, the first three letters signify a female, the first four letters signify a great man, and the whole word a great woman. What is the word?

Solutions on page 31

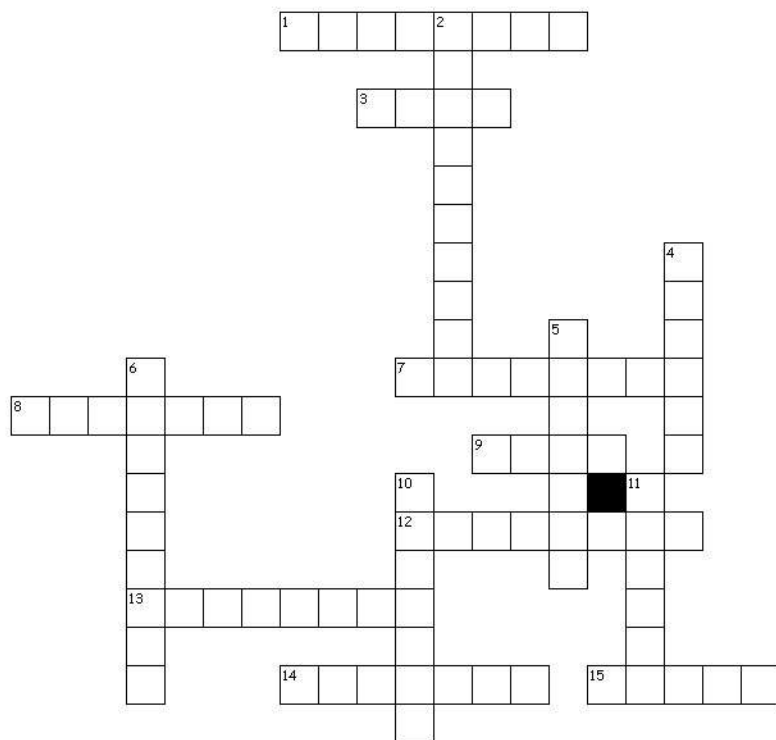
Word Square

Insert each of the following letters into the right cell, so that when the puzzle is completed each row and each column contains a real word.

P A H E O A A L

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Criss Cross Puzzle



Across

1. deathless
3. festival
7. bring back
8. Italian wine
9. French cheese
12. food of the gods
13. chronic sleeplessness
14. eerie
15. happen again

Down

2. unwillingness
4. concurred
5. connection
6. bewailing
10. Islamic feast
11. share out

Solution on page 31

Q E Corner

Here it is again..... QE (Quite Enlightening) Corner. As some of you probably realise I quite like trivial information, so for your enlightenment I am presenting you this month with some facts that have been "Tweeted" by the QI Elves.

In the 1870s, Belgian postal workers from the city of Liège attempted to train 37 cats to deliver the post. They were not successful.

Researchers believe the Mona Lisa's inscrutable expression may have been due to her having very high cholesterol, which can lead to fatty buildups around the eyes.

Composer Karlheinz Stockhausen wrote a piece for a string quartet in which each musician must be flying aboard a separate helicopter while it is performed. The helicopter's rotors and flying altitude are also part of the composition.

A 'kangaroo word' is a word that contains the letters of a related synonym inside it, such as BLOssOM, cHickEN or hoNOuraBLE.

British dogs get on average 177 minutes of walking time a day which is more than dogs in the USA, Australia, and any other European country.

Many Roman statues were made with detachable heads. If the figure they depicted became unpopular, the statue could simply be re-headed.

Spring spreads across the UK at a rate of 2mph.

Under the Bees Act of 1980, the police can legally break into any property if they suspect it contains bees.

Last month a French man blew up part of his house after he tried to kill a fly with an electric swatter and accidentally detonated a gas canister. The man was unharmed. It is not known if the fly survived.

In addition to the saxophone, Adolphe Sax also invented the saxtromba, saxtuba, and saxhorn.

Dogs become more rebellious and less obedient when they are going through puberty.

The rare recessive genetic disease "methemoglobinemia" gives sufferers blue skin.

During the manufacturing process, instant coffee loses many of the aromatic compounds that make coffee smell—so coffee companies have to put the smell back in.

Only one tiny chocolate bar has ever been made from cocoa beans grown in the UK, and it was eaten by Queen Elizabeth II.

The BT Tower in London was officially a state secret until 1993, despite being 189 metres high and open to the public.

Trevor Cole

In Your Garden

"October is the month for painted leaves.... As fruits and leaves and the day itself acquire a bright tint just before they fall, so the year near its setting. October is its sunset sky; November the later twilight."

Henry David Thoreau

Whilst the Meteorological Office tell us that Autumn started in September the real Autumn starts in October and it will feel colder. With the equinox passed, the nights are drawing in and the risk of a frost grows ever greater. The leaves will be changing colour and by the end of the month the leaf drop will be in full swing. Try to get your pond covered by netting beforehand to prevent the leaves falling in and remember to rake them off the lawn. I always find October is a good time to give a final trim to hedges to keep them looking tidy over the winter. It's also a good time to prune Climbing roses. Shrubs that would normally be pruned hard in the spring such as Buddleia, Cornus and Lavatera, can be cut back by half now, to prevent wind rock and to tidy them up for the winter.

If you have any wooden decking it is a good time to give it a good clean (I use a power washer) and then, when it has dried, oil it with a proprietary decking oil. This will give it maximum protection from the elements over



the winter, make it look good again and significantly prolong its life. Wooden tables and chairs can also be beneficially cleaned and oiled, particularly if you can't otherwise cover them for the winter, or better still get them indoors.

If you have any tender plants make sure you get them into an available sheltered spot (greenhouse, conservatory, cold frame) before the winter. This is one of those jobs best done sooner rather than later. The first proper frost of the season will end the growing season for many plants, but it will be the death of many more.

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History Groups

Our popular talks series for over 55's has moved online.

During lockdown, instead of meeting at Kirkstall Abbey Visitors' Centre, we are posting presentations on **Kirkstall Abbey Facebook**, on a range of subjects from different speakers, at **10am fortnightly, on Fridays**. This will have the event header '**1152 Club: online**'.

Those who would not normally attend are welcome to join us too. We hope to put these on **Leeds Museums website** for anyone who is not on Facebook.

Join us online, at **10am on Friday 9th and Friday 23rd October**. **At the time of going to press there are no details of what the talks are.**

All talks will appear on the Facebook page shortly before 10am on the morning of the broadcast. They are 10-15 minutes each and available indefinitely afterwards.

Please, if you know of anyone who may be interested, spread the word—no age restrictions.



Here's a postcard featuring a colour tinted photograph titled 'Kirkstall Abbey, Leeds', published by Philco Series and dated between 1905 and 1914. It is the work of J. Halfpenny (1748-1811), inscribed on reverse "The Chapter House at Kirkstall Abbey near Leeds, taken July 14th 1789 by Jos. Halfpenny"

Joseph Halfpenny, of York, made a name for himself as the artist and author of 'Gothic Ornaments', a collection of drawings of ornamentation and architectural detail from York Minster published in 1800, but before this he produced a number of sketches of Kirkstall Abbey. This particular print is of the abbey chapter house exposed from behind before repairs to the external walls. In the 19th century all access to the vaulted building except from the cloister courtyard was blocked off.

Best wishes
Patrick Bourne

OPAL Activities

We are so pleased that we now have 3 weekly tai chi classes back up and running and that the Dance On group are also back in action at Welcome In. A restarting of our lunch clubs was planned for last month – thank you so much to our lovely volunteers who came for lunch beforehand so we could use them as guinea pigs and trial our new procedures.

We hope to restart our chair exercise classes and possibly gentle exercise class mid October and all being well, we will slowly and cautiously restart as many of our social activities as possible.

In the meantime, we will continue to run our phone buddy scheme to those who want it, deliver hot meals (Tuesdays and Thursdays from next week), deliver emergency food parcels as required and respond to any other requests for help. We still have staff and volunteers doing garden visits, strolling buddying, digital buddying and home visits and we intend to continue these for as long as we can.

We are keeping a very close eye on the Government guidelines and we are taking every measure possible to keep OPAL staff, volunteers and members safe. Needless to say, we are desperately hoping that there isn't another lock down as we have missed everyone so much and we are really

looking forward to seeing everyone again. If there is another lock down then we are ready and we will give as much support as possible to those who need it.

There is a lot of negative and scary news about at the moment but I assure you that there is an army of amazing, kind and generous people making such a positive difference within our community. I can't finish this email without saying a MASSIVE thank you to each and every one who has supported OPAL and worked with us through the Covid crisis.

Friday Coffee Afternoon Virtual Online Group

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York Gate Update

For me September, with its softer levels of light, is a wonderful month in the garden; still full of lots of colour with red, orange and yellow herbaceous perennials in abundance, and still plenty of heat when the sun shines. There is an autumnal air in the garden at times with the nights beginning to draw in, occasional chilly mornings, heavy dews and the hedge cutting in full swing. This is Late Summer though; don't write off the flower display just yet.

At York Gate we are especially fond of New World Salvias, originating from places such as Mexico and Peru, many have been flowering for months already. Salvia 'Royal Bumble' with its bright red blooms in front of the house has been flowering since May and will continue even to November.

Gently slipping into October, York Gate gives a grateful and well deserved sigh. The garden has worked hard for several months, giving so much pleasure to everyone who loves this amazing masterpiece. Tree and shrub leaves will now take over from the flower blooms, continuing to bring shades of red, orange and yellow. Our Acers are the undoubtable stars at this time, as we gratefully grasp the last days of warmth and light. As the leaves tumble to the ground, fruits and berries are highlighted and the bare

bones and structure of the garden design begin to be unveiled. One sense often overlooked is that of smell. Unique aromas are with us as damp decaying leaves return to the soil. This is Autumn, the last hurrah as the end of another year fast approaches.

Mark Jackson
Nursery Manager



I thought that you might like to hear about one of our Succulent House plants....Dermatobotrys saundersii !! Derma = skin Botrys = bunch of grapes, probably named after the fig like edible fruit the plant produces. This rare epiphytic shrub comes from steep humid Scarp forest in Madagascar and parts of South Africa.

It has fantastic glossy slightly cabbage scented leaves that are evergreen if kept as a house plant. It has a large swollen corky base to the stem so the plant is attractive all year, but its pièce de résistance are large tubular red flowers that adorn the tops of the stems in early autumn. Like many African tubular flowered plants (Phygelius, Kniphofia, Aloe etc) Dermatobotrys is sun bird pollinated, the curve of the corolla perfectly matching the shape of the sun bird's beak. For me it is hard to beat in the house plant world. The only issue is trying to source this unusual beauty. It's almost as rare in cultivation as it is in its native home. Find it and grow it on your windowsill - you won't be disappointed.

Jack Ogg
Senior Gardener

Although our season didn't start until the middle of June for Friends, with the general public joining us in at the beginning of July, and the café opening towards the end of July, we have certainly made up for it with a large number of visitors.....many of whom saw us on Look North or read the article in the Yorkshire Post or the Daily Telegraph about our award. We were very excited to be given Grade II listed status by Historic England which recognises the value of our York Gate as a post war garden of special historic interest.

The Garden will close on Sunday 1st November for the season but the café



will remain open all year (closing still on Monday and Tuesday) and the shop will remain open until Christmas (again closing still on Monday and Tuesday). Plant Sales will also shut on Sunday 1st November but we have a variety of spring bulbs for sale this autumn including many Dutch tulips as well as some more unusual bulbs. Species tulips, fritillaria, iris, allium etc have all been selected by the gardening team.

Sally Latchford
Finance and Administration
Co-ordinator



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Barry Anderson

Adel Surgery Update

NHS Leeds CCG Primary Care Commissioning Committee met on 5th August 2020, formally considered and accepted the proposal from Alwoodley Medical Centre to close its branch surgery in Adel. The practice is working closely with NHS Leeds CCG to inform patients of the closure which takes effect from **31 March 2021**. The practice will send a letter to notify households of the closure and will post the same information on their website. I have asked for clarification on a number of issues e.g. how patients without their own transport will access the GP at the Alwoodley site and what is happening with the pharmacy.

Aireborough Neighbourhood Forum Court Judgement on Green Belt Challenge

The Aireborough Neighbourhood Forum successfully challenged the Council's Site Allocations Plan and received a judgement in their favour regarding green belt sites.

Zebra Crossing, Church Lane

Hopefully by the time you read this there will be a new zebra crossing on Church Lane which serves the route to both Adel primary schools for a lot of residents. I sincerely thank parents and residents who have helped add weight to the campaign.

Traffic Calming on Church Lane

The recently approved housing site opposite the church will fund traffic calming measures on Church Lane from the Church as far as the existing scheme on Adel Lane, including a raised table where the footpath to the Church crosses the lane. The works are to be implemented before first occupation of the development.

Tree Planting Holt Park & Tile Lane

The Council has to find 50 hectares per year across the city to plant 225,000 trees to reach a total of 5.8m trees within 5 years. The trees will be planted in January, February and March and will be done by volunteers led by a Parks & Countryside Ranger. The land at Holt Park below the tennis courts and bowling green and the area of land opposite Mulberry Garth and Mulberry Avenue just off Tile Lane have been identified.

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From Billy Flynn

Police

Please note that the police have been carrying out an increased number of speeding checks throughout the whole ward. They are keen on monitoring the following areas, Sir George Martin Drive in and around the 20mph stretch, Long Causeway and Church Lane, so you have been warned. This is in addition to the longer term police operation in the ward aimed at detecting and preventing a wide range of road traffic and associated offences.

Adel Pharmacy

Although Adel Surgery is due to close on 31st March, there is potentially better news on the pharmacy. While the terms of their lease means they will also have to vacate the Long Causeway site, the owner of the pharmacy, Community Pharmacy and NHS England are keen to maintain a pharmacy service in Adel. The latter two organisations are responsible for the provision of pharmacy provision in West Yorkshire. The search is on for alternative premises and a potential site has been provisionally identified but there are a number of hurdles to overcome before a decision can be made. I think it fair to say that the emphasis on the closure of the surgery led the various departments in the NHS to lose sight of the known threat to the pharmacy.

Unfortunately, a bad case of the left hand not knowing what the right hand is doing! I have raised the matter with the Health and Wellbeing Board and the associated Scrutiny Board because both have oversight of NHS activities in the city. I hope to have more news for next month's magazine.

More about Tree Planting

While I suspect few, if any, residents would object to more tree planting, it is essential that full consultation is carried out with residents. Unfortunately, it appears the sites selected were presented as a fait accompli and this has, understandably, caused a backlash. I took up the complaints with the Lead Councillor responsible for the programme and he has made it very clear that the proposed sites are initial proposals, and the process is still at the consultation stage. All the views of residents and local councillors will be taken fully into account before a final decision is taken. More detail will soon be available re distancing from housing, tree species and so on.

If you would like further information on the issues above or anything else in the ward please do get in touch.

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The Bible Society

The determined Welsh girl

In 1800 a 15-year-old Welsh girl named Mary Jones trekked 26 long miles through the rugged terrain of north Wales to buy a Welsh Bible. Mary was so determined to have a Bible of her own, in her own language, that she saved up for six long years before her walk to Bala. With the help of Revd Thomas Charles of Bala, who arranged lodgings for Mary and sold her three Bibles for the price of one, Mary Jones' determination was rewarded. Her unswerving desire to get hold of God's written word – soon became the talk of the churches in the area.

The visionary Welsh pastor

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The campaigning MP

Captured by the vision of God's word being available for all people of the

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Across

1. APPEAR
3. TONSIL
4. RANCID

Down

1. ARTHUR
2. RELOAD

Word Square

OATH
PLEA
AMEN
LANK

Riddles

1. An apple a day keeps the doctor away!

2. 11 o'clock plus 2 hours = 1 o'clock
9 o'clock plus five hours = 2 o'clock
3. A map
4. Heroine

Criss Cross Puzzle

Across

1. IMMORTAL
3. GALA
7. RETRIEVE
8. CHIANTI
9. BRIE
12. AMBROSIA
13. INSOMNIA
14. UNCANNY
15. RECUR

Down

2. RELUCTANCE
4. AGREED
5. LIAISON
6. LAMENTING
10. RAMADAN
11. DIVIDE

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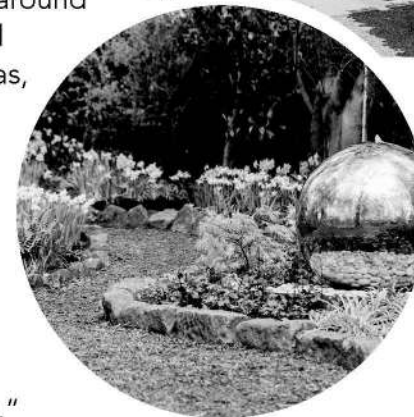
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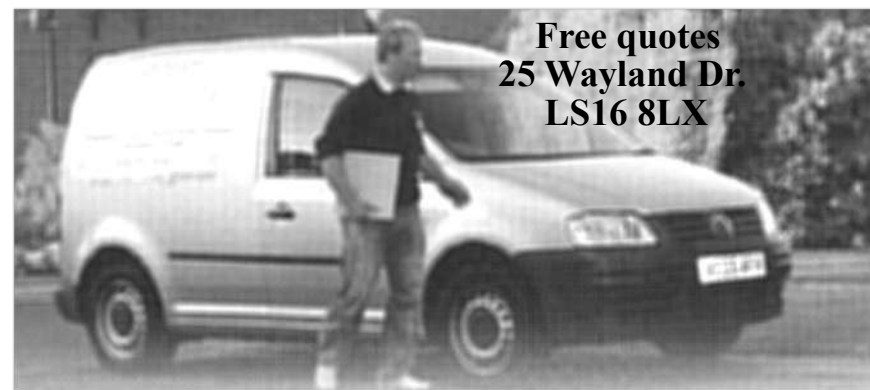
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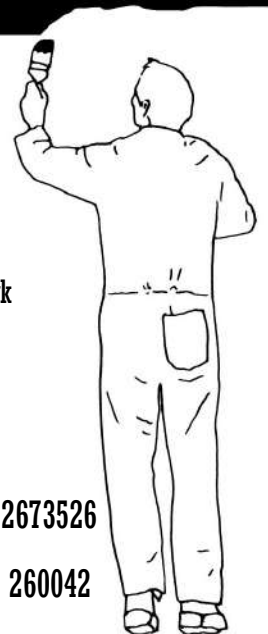
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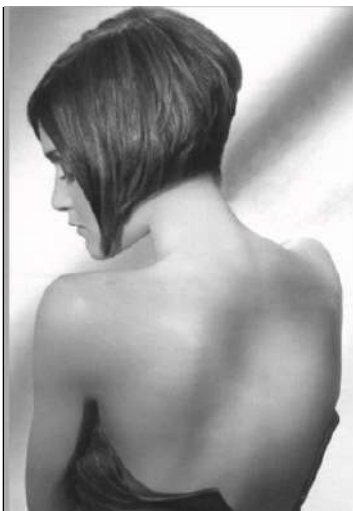
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October

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Sunday 9.30am
11am

Wednesday 11am

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Friday 2nd 1.30pm Jjs will meet in the church or the churchyard

On-line Services

Sunday 4th **Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity**
Harvest Festival

10am Parish Communion

Weds 7th 7pm Compline/Evening Prayer

Sunday 11th **Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity**
10am Parish Communion

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Sunday 18th **Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity**
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Things are changing so fast at the moment, so you are advised to check with the Church Website for up-to-date information