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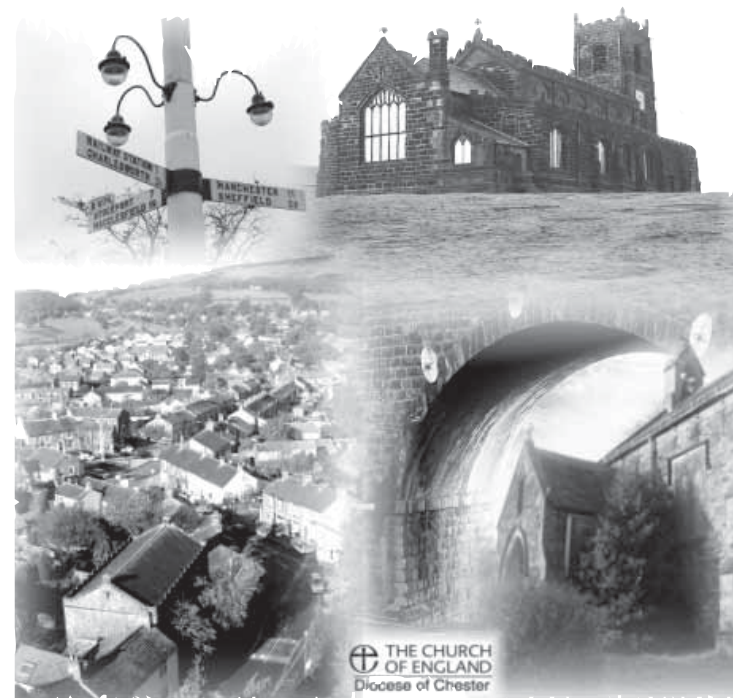
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November 2009

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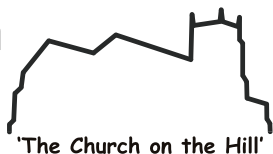
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Mottram, Broadbottom and Hattersley East
together "seeking to know Christ and to make Christ known"

OUR MAIN SUNDAY WORSHIP

St. Michael & All Angels, Warhill, via Church Brow, Mottram
at 10.30am

For full details of all our services, see page 13

We aim to be:

- ~ a growing fellowship of believers ~
- ~ warm in welcome ~ reverent in worship ~ gracious in witness ~
- ~ and joyfully serving God and our community ~

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**Have we missed anyone out, or has a number changed?
Please let us know!**

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Sunday 11 October 2009
Carlotta Grace Waugh-Coyle
Millie Rose Morgan
Noah Rupert Morgan
Annabel Rose Milton
Sunday 18 October 2009
Robyn Hinchliffe



FLOWERS

Sunday 18 October 2009
D. Smith
Sunday 8 November 2009
Kath Higgins
Sunday 15 November 2009
Anne Johnson
Sunday 22 November 2009
Gladys Yarwood
Sunday 29 November 2009
 Advent: no flowers until Christmas



FLAG FLYING

Saturday 17 October 2009
Pledge Weekend
Sunday 8 November 2009
The Union Flag:
in remembrance of all
those who have sacrificed their
lives in conflicts worldwide



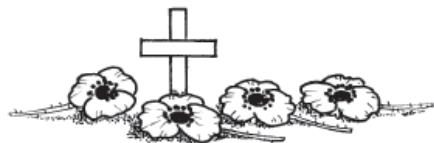
FUNERALS

Tuesday 22 September 2009
Robert Brewster
 Padstow Walk, Hattersley
Tuesday 29 September 2009
Dorothy Higgins
 Willow Bank
Tuesday 6 October 2009
Kathleen Holden
 Meadowcroft, Mottram
Friday 9 October 2009
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 St Paul's Hill Road, Godley
Tuesday 13 October 2009
Violet McCurdy
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Thursday 15 October 2009
Matthew Delaney
 Waterfoot Cottages, Mottram
Monday 19 October 2009
Eva Canavan
 Hattersley Road West
Tuesday 20 October 2009
Mary Seaton
 Market Drayton
Thursday 22 October 2009
Mary Elizabeth Lloyd
 Riverside, Hyde



In our church prayers, we regularly include the names of the sick and those who have died.

Please add your prayers to ours, and for all those recorded on this page.



At our Memorial and Thanksgiving Service on Sunday 1 November at 6.30pm, we will be reading the names of all those whose funerals have taken place over the past year. If you would like the name of a loved one read out, please add it to the list in church before the service.

A Deputy Warden Writes



It's That Man Again!

Philip is very busy this month, and I have volunteered to step into the firing line, and provide a piece for page one. Ian Roebuck is also busy, but you'll be relieved to know that I won't be drawing the cartoon this month!

War. What is it good for?

Score two points for remembering that it was Edwin Starr who posed that question in 1970. Another two points for spotting that his answer - absolutely nuthin' - is rather simplistic.

The Old Testament seems to present a picture of a God that is always on our side (that is, the Israelites), for example Joshua at the battle of Jericho, David and Goliath etc. But read a bit deeper, and you find at other times, God seems to 'use' the forces of other nations, for example the Assyrians, to teach the Israelites a lesson when they start to stray from His path. So what's going on?

The truth, I suspect, is that Almighty God whose 'hands flung stars into space', doesn't take sides in any of our conflicts. But like any loving father, he supports us and cares for his children, whatever scrapes we get into. Bishop Keith said recently that the reason our armed forces need Padres, was to remind each and every soldier that God loves them and values them.

I recently watched the ITV1 programme, "Outbreak" narrated by Melvyn Bragg, recalling the day that Neville Chamberlain announced: "this country is at war with Germany", and was struck by the fact that amongst those whose recollections were aired was a German submariner. A salutary reminder that mothers lost their sons, wives their husbands and children their fathers, on both sides.

The war to end all wars?

Having said goodbye to Harry Patch and Henry Allingham earlier this year, we no longer have anyone with first-hand experience of that terrible conflict, the First World War. And as my parents' generation, one by one, leave us, the same will be said before long of the second.

Which is why it is right and proper that Tameside Council are arranging for new inscriptions, to be added to all war memorials in the borough, "in proud memory of the men and women... who have given their lives at the call of their country in the years since 1945". Sadly the faculty has not yet been granted for Mottram's new inscription, so we look forward to seeing that next year.

We will remember them.

We do hope you will join us at Broadbottom War Memorial and at Mottram Parish Church, on Sunday 8 November, when with our civic leaders, we gather for two minutes of silence. We will ask God's forgiveness for the sinfulness of the human race, and pray that the day might dawn when there will be no more war.

Tommy Keston

NOTICE BOARD

BROADBOTTOM STUDY GROUP

1st Monday of each month
at the home of John and Lois Miles
(01457 763701)
All are welcome!

Prayer Group

Tuesday 3rd November, 8pm
at the home of
Betty Gadd (01457 765365)

MOTTRAM HOME GROUPS

Monday Group at 8pm
at 59 Market Street, Mottram
Wednesday Group at 8pm
at 2 Hill View, Matley
Mustardseed Group
Tuesday 3rd November at 8pm
at 97 Hillary Road, Newton
All Welcome

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WOMEN'S SOCIETY

Tuesdays, 8.00pm at Mottram
Community Centre
3rd Nov - 'Lady Killers'
Mr Alan Hayhurst
17th - 'North Country Folklore'
Mr Peter Watson

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A Walk With The Walkers

Saturday 7th November

Melandra Castle

How far? 4 - 6 miles

Transport? car share if needed

*Meet John and Joan outside
Mottram Church gates at 10.30am*

PCC MEETING

Thursday 12th November
in the choir vestry, 7.45pm

1st Mottram Brownies, Guides and Rainbows

Wednesday 18th November

CHRISTMAS FAIR
at Mottram Community Centre.

6.30pm - 8.00pm.

Admission 50p adults, 25p children
includes a drink and biscuit
*various stalls including
Christmas crafts, cakes etc
and a special stall run by the
Guides for 'Children in Need'*

Senior Citizens CHRISTMAS TEA PARTY

Friday 27th November
2.30 - 4.30pm

*at Mottram Primary School
with entertainment by the children*

contact Kathleen Jubb
0161 338 7546

WORSHIP DIARY

November



Sunday 1 ALL SAINTS

8.30am Holy Communion, Common Worship
10.30am Holy Communion & Prayers for Healing
6.30pm Memorial and Thanksgiving Service

Sunday 8 REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

8.30am Holy Communion, BCP
10.30am Civic Service of Remembrance at Mottram Church
10.30am Procession from Broadbottom Community Centre
10.45am Act of Remembrance at Broadbottom War Memorial

Sunday 15 2ND SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT

8.30am Holy Communion, Common Worship
10.30am Holy Communion
12.15pm Baptism

Sunday 22 SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT

8.30am Holy Communion, BCP
10.30am Holy Communion

Sunday 29 ADVENT SUNDAY

8.30am Holy Communion, CW
10.30am School Service



Every week in Mottram Church:

Mon-Thur 8.30-9.00am Morning Prayer
Tue 2.30-3.15pm Praise and Play (term time only)
Fri 10am-12pm Church open: Chapel available for private prayer

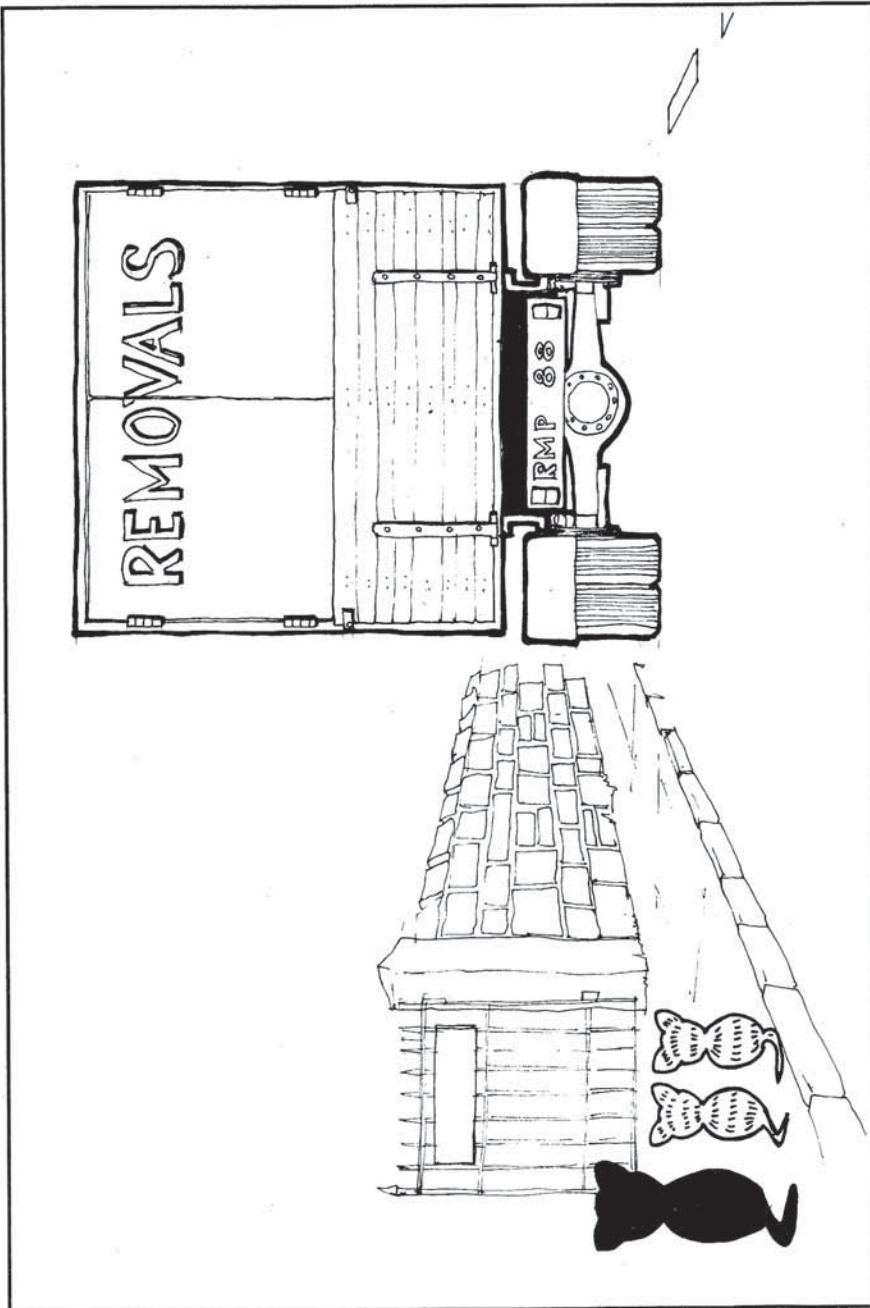
Every week at St. Barnabas, Hattersley (during their interregnum):

Wed 10.00am shared Mid-week Communion

SUNDAY BIBLE READINGS



November 1 Psalm 24: 1-6; John 11: 32-44
8 Psalm 62: 5-end; Hebrews 9: 24-end; Mark 1: 14-20
15 Psalm 16; Mark 13: 108
22 Psalm 93; John 18: 33-37
29 Psalm 25: 1-9; Luke 21: 25-36



I've been in retirement for a long time now, since Jenny & Richard Hill left the parish, but now I've been brought back to do the 'Mouse Points' column I'll be relying on you two young dudes for advice! (see page 7)

Do you remember the first time this cartoon appeared in the magazine, and the event that it depicted? There is a clue! Answer in next month's magazine.

The Magdalene Centre Pledged Giving Weekend

The response to our appeal for The Magdalene Centre has been truly amazing. I am very grateful to God and want, on behalf of the Church Council to thank everyone who has got behind this venture and given so sacrificially of their time and energy and resources to 'make it happen!'

So far the costs we have incurred getting to this stage are around £10,000. This includes insurance, fees, publicity and fund raising costs as well as the architectural features we specified such as the feature windows and lighting which were over and above the Children's Centre specification. It is wonderful that we have more than covered these costs, far and away beyond our expectations.

The total amount raised to date, including our fund raising events, donations and this Pledge weekend is:

£28,000 including £3,500 of pledges.

This is a fantastic effort, so well done to everyone!

What happens next?

This is a clear indication of support to get the project completed. We need to start applying for trust funds and grants to see if we can get 'matched funding' for the amount raised so far. We can also instruct the architect to draw up detailed plans and costings for approval before we decide when to go out to tender. Of course it will only be when tenders are returned that we will know the exact costs and we will be able to tailor our plans accordingly.

Watch this space!

Yours ever, Philip

Our first event at the Magdalene Centre!

The Barn Dance on Saturday 10th October, organised by John and Joan Walker, with caller Mike Powell, was a huge success. A good time was had by all! Thanks to all who worked so hard in the morning to get the place ready.

These pictures show what a wonderful new space the Magdalene Centre gives us. You can see the wall of the Tameside Children's Centre, behind which is a multi-function room, kitchen and toilets, with a new corridor leading the way into our new parish hall. You can also see the bright and welcoming new entrance.



Thank You all so much! Saturday September 26th was a very special day for me, as, after spending some quiet time in Chester Cathedral with Bishop Keith, my licensing service took place at 6.30pm. To have so many friends from Mottram Church in the congregation, and to receive many gifts and cards and messages of goodwill, was nothing less than wonderful.

I have been completely overwhelmed by the support and encouragement of the congregation. As I'm sure you are all aware, I have always worked for the benefit and growth of the church, and with your continued support and prayers, I hope to carry on that work to the best of my ability. *Kathleen Jubb.*

News from Moses

Hi, hope you are all well in the Lord, am fine back from the Careforce conference that ended last week! It was wonderful time together with other volunteers. This time round there were eight guys from Kenya, of which five were from my church (*Parklands Baptist in Nairobi*) two of which we were quite close as we did several mission related events together in Kenya before. Funny enough I did not know they were coming so it was so wonderful surprise!! I was the only Kenyan second year, so I had to do alot of advising and questions to answer!

I was as well the Scotland group facilitator so led all the discussions after the talks.....to cut the long story short, it was amazing week!!!!!!

I value your prayers for Bethany Trust that I am with, pray for God's strength especially in making some tough descissions like dealing with people in a Christ like way!!! Pray for God's discernment for me. Oooh by the way its starting to get cold here.....pray that the new international volunteers wont freeze too much.

God bless you all big time!!

The picc shows me with the Kenyan Soldiers for Christ who are with Careforce this year in UK.



Wesley Owen is part of a Christian Charity.

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What is Good?

John Boyle O'Reilly

'What is the real good?'
I asked in musing mood.
'Order', said the law court;
'Knowledge', said the school;
'Truth', said the wise man;
'Pleasure', said the fool;
'Love', said the maiden;
'Beauty', said the page;
'Freedom', said the dreamer;
'Home', said the sage;
'Fame', said the soldier;
'Equity', the seer.
Spake my heart full sadly:
'The answer is not here.'

Then within my bosom
Softly this I heard:
'Each heart holds the secret:
"Kindness" is the word.'

with thanks to Ernest Nash

A Kitchen Prayer

Lord of all pots and pans and things;
since I've no time to be
A saint by doing lovely things or
watching late with Thee.
Or dreaming in the dawnlight or
storming heaven's gates,
Make me a saint by getting meals
and washing up the plates.
Warm all the kitchen with Thy love,
and light it with Thy peace;
Forgive me all my worrying and
make all grumbling cease.
Thou who didst love to give men
food, in room or by the sea,
Accept this service that I do -
I do it unto Thee.
Amen

with thanks to someone - we've forgotten who!

The Two Wolves

One evening an old hunter told his grandson about what goes on inside of people. He described it this way: "My son, the battle is between two wolves inside us all.

"One is Evil. It is angry, proud, jealous, greedy and arrogant. The other is Good. It is peaceful, humble, generous, truthful, merciful and compassionate."

The grandson thought about it for a minute. "Which wolf wins?"

The old hunter replied simply, "Easy. The one you feed."

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YOU WILL BEAR
MUCH FRUIT

MORE BITS AND PIECES

This week Mottram, next week London...

In advance of an exhibition of Wedding Dresses in 2013 the Victoria & Albert Museum are creating a database of photographs of clothes worn for weddings from all cultures between 1840 and the present. This database will provide a rich record and help people date their own photographs.

Thanks to Claire Reynolds, for spotting this on their website:

www.vam.ac.uk/things-to-do/wedding-fashion/home

Tony and Chris Kershaw have digital photo files of all the exhibits from the **Big White Dress Show**, plus all those displayed on the Photo Board. We would like to send **ALL** of them to the V&A. If anyone does **NOT** want their photograph used in this way, please contact us before the end of November.



They must have heard about the Big White Dress Show - it's nice to know that Mottram is leading the way (*with apologies and thanks to Holy Trinity Much Wenlock who had the idea first!*)



Friends Auction

Two plates, in a limited edition of six, were manufactured in 1987 for the Mottram 500 celebrations. These were special coloured versions of the black and white plates many of us have in our homes.

Two of the plates, donated by Mrs Joyce Powell were given to the Friends, and made available to the two highest bidders, who were: **Jean Hughes and Beryl Timperley**
 Congratulations to you both!

More... When Insults Had Class!

- The exchange between Churchill & Lady Astor: She said, "If you were my husband I'd give you poison." He said, "If you were my wife, I'd drink it."
- A member of Parliament to Disraeli: "Sir, you will either die on the gallows or of some unspeakable disease." "That depends, Sir," said Disraeli, "whether I embrace your policies or your mistress."
- "He has never been known to use a word that might send a reader to the dictionary." - William Faulkner (about Ernest Hemingway).
- "I didn't attend the funeral, but I sent a nice letter saying I approved of it." - Mark Twain
- "He has no enemies, but is intensely disliked by his friends." - Oscar Wilde
- "I have never killed a man, but I have read many obituaries with great pleasure." Clarence Darrow
- "He has all the virtues I dislike and none of the vices I admire." - Churchill

PIECES

Are you thinking about who might come for Christmas this year?



Perhaps you would like to make it a bit different. Some of the adults from overseas who are currently studying at UK universities would love to spend a couple of days in a real home, rather than on a deserted campus. It is interesting to share Christmas with people for whom it is all quite new (many international students are from China, for example).

HOST has been linking students with hospitable volunteers for 22 years, at Christmas and also one-off weekends throughout the year. HOST is a registered charity backed by the Foreign Office and many universities. It is not necessary for hosts to live near a university, as students are prepared to travel far for this unique experience!

See www.hostuk.org or call HOST's voluntary regional organiser, Frances Quirk, on 0151 924 6269. Thank you!

LINK is a new network for local residents and voluntary and community groups. It has been set up to give people a chance to have a say in improving local health and social care services. We need your help!

We're looking for people who want to get involved with our main work areas this year. These are:

- Personalisation of adult social care
- Community Mental Health services
- Access to GP (Family Doctor) Services
- Access to NHS Dentists



If you have used these services in the last year or have views about how they should work in the future we want to hear from you.

There are different ways you can get involved. These range from being part of our main project group and coming to regular meetings through to coming to one off events and filling in questionnaires - as much or as little as you want.

If you're interested, please phone the LINK Team (0161 339 4985) or email tamesidelink@t3sc.org

We also support other Christian Charities.

We couldn't do any of this without you.

Please support us through the church book stall.

Advertising in the 2010 magazine

Adverts in the magazine are printed for the whole year starting in January, and our advertising secretary, Bryan Higgins is now taking orders for 2010. Prices start at £60 for a quarter page, for the full eleven issues.

We think you'll agree that in these difficult financial times, advertising is even more crucial to your business than ever, so if you want to be included, contact Bryan now – 01457 765690, or magadverts@mottramparish.org.uk **as soon as possible**.

The magazine goes regularly to around 650 homes in the parish, and so is highly focussed on local people. Many local businesses have found it to be a very good return for such a modest outlay.

Page Sponsorship

Page sponsorship, below the line at the bottom of the page, is also set for the whole year and will cost £20 for this coming year.

Bryan is also the contact for this – first come, first served – so get in touch now to reserve your space!

Please send us your photographs of events in Mottram Parish

We'd like to keep you better informed of the success of events in the parish - and not just those organised by the church. And what better way of encouraging people to come to events, than by showing them what a good time everyone had at the last. You can email or send them, using the contact details on the inside front cover of this magazine

SUDOKU!

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answers in next months magazine

and a not so easy one...

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Help your child with the activity below. If it helps, read the bible verses to your child using a modern version of the bible - there are some very good children's bibles available from Christian bookshops, or from the bookstall at Mottram Church.



POPPIES

Poppies flower in the summer, don't they? So why poppies in November? You will see them everywhere in the next week or so, and everyone from the smallest Rainbow or Beaver to the Queen will be wearing a poppy on Remembrance Sunday.

We wear poppies because, among all the mud and chaos of the battlefields of the Great War, men were amazed to see the humble field flower of home spring up where the earth was disturbed – a blood red splash of colour in a sea of khaki.



When the British Legion started an appeal to help those whose bodies or minds had been smashed by war, the poppy seemed an ideal symbol. And even now, when World War I and II seem so far away, our troops are fighting, being wounded and dying; reminding us that the poppy is also a symbol of sacrifice.

PRINT A POPPY

How? Well the answer lies in your own hands. You will need a white paper plate, red and black finger or poster paint and two margarine lids or saucers to put the paint on.

Put some newspaper on the table and start. Squeeze some red paint onto one lid or saucer and put black paint on the other one. Put your thumb into the red paint and use it to make 5 overlapping petals in a circle on the edge of your plate. Put your index finger into the black paint and use it to stamp a centre for your poppy.

Continue printing poppies all round the edge of your plate to make a wreath. Leave it to dry and then you can write 'Lest We Forget' or 'Remembrance' in the middle of the plate. You could hang the plate in your front window to share with others.



When is the first food fight mentioned in the Bible?

'I looked and behold a flying roll!' (Zech 5:1 KJV)

Do you know the phone number for the Garden of Eden?

Adam 8-1-2

Did you know that Paul was the 1st surfer in the Bible?

Remember in Acts when he 'came ashore on a board'?

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THE WORD

We had two choices this month, for The Word, and we couldn't decide, so...

Who do you tell your problems to?

One day a chaplain found a woman crying at the back of the hospital chapel. He suggested they pray together about her problems, but she refused. "It won't do any good," she said hopelessly. "God won't hear me."

The chaplain thought a moment. "Okay, then, let's curse God together, shall we?" The woman was shocked. "Certainly not," she said. "He'll punish me." The chaplain replied: "So you believe that God will hear you if you curse him, but not if you pray to him?"

The Bible is full of verses encouraging us to come to God in prayer. "Call upon me and I will answer you," says the Lord (*Jeremiah 33.3*). The key to having your prayers answered is NOT to go to God for a miracle now and then, but for a relationship all the time. Jesus said that if we come to him, and stick around, then his Father will hear us.

As for right now? "Come to me, all you who are heavy laden, and I will give you rest," Jesus urged. That promise can be yours today. The Psalmist said: 'I cried unto the Lord with my voice, and he heard me.' (*Psalms 3:4*)

He will hear you, too.

The other side of the door

A very sick man visited his doctor in a small rural village. As he was leaving, he suddenly blurted out: "Doctor, I am afraid to die. You go to church on Sundays. Tell me what lies on the other side."

Very quietly the doctor said, "I don't know."

"You don't know? You, a Christian man, do not know what is on the other side?"

The doctor was holding the handle of the door; on the other side of which came a sound of scratching and whining. He opened the door and the patient's spaniel sprang into the room and leaped on him with an eager show of gladness.

Turning to the patient, the doctor said, "Did you notice your dog? He's never been in this room before. He didn't know what was inside. He knew nothing except that his master was here, and when the door opened he sprang in without fear.

"I know little of what is on the other side of death, but I do know one thing: I know my Master is there, and that is enough. And when the door opens, I shall pass through with no fear, but with gladness."

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Mouse Points

by Eric the church cat

Malware

The Editors have dragged me out of retirement to provide a few technical hints and tips from time to time. I will have to keep this brief so don't expect a full explanation of every term in every article – however I will try to keep the jargon to a minimum.

Everyone has heard of computer viruses and yet there is still a lot of confusion about what they are and what they do. Most people still think of viruses as software that is designed to attack your computer, delete your data or both and whilst this is true there is a lot more to it than that.

There are different types of malicious code to be wary of these days, viruses, spyware, trojans, keyloggers & scareware etc. These can collectively be termed malware, and you do need to be concerned. Whether it's a simple cookie displaying a popup on your screen to try and get you to buy something, or a keylogger looking to steal your credit card details, you need to take care that you don't fall victim. So make sure that your antivirus package is up to date and working correctly and that it is offering the right level of protection.

There are many threats but some of the most common fall under the category of trojans and bots. These are software

packages that hide on your computer without you knowing, and wait for instructions from their master and then act on those instructions, this may be to take part in a denial of service attack or to send bulk emails via your computer i.e. spam mail. These trojans can be asked to do almost anything – a BBC programme recently carried out an experiment, buying control of thousands of computers worldwide from a website and getting them to do certain things before letting people know that they had a problem. They had no idea that they were even infected!



You might ask, why do these people write these programs, is it a 13 year old spotty lad messing around on his

computer? Well I guess there is still an element of that, however these days it's big business and big money for some, especially for organised criminals, from selling counterfeit goods over the internet to extortion by demanding money from companies to avoid a denial of service attack on their website. Just imagine how much an online merchant site would lose if their website was taken down for any length of time, and how much they might pay to avoid it.

Next time, I'll talk about how best to avoid getting infected with malware.

Eric

