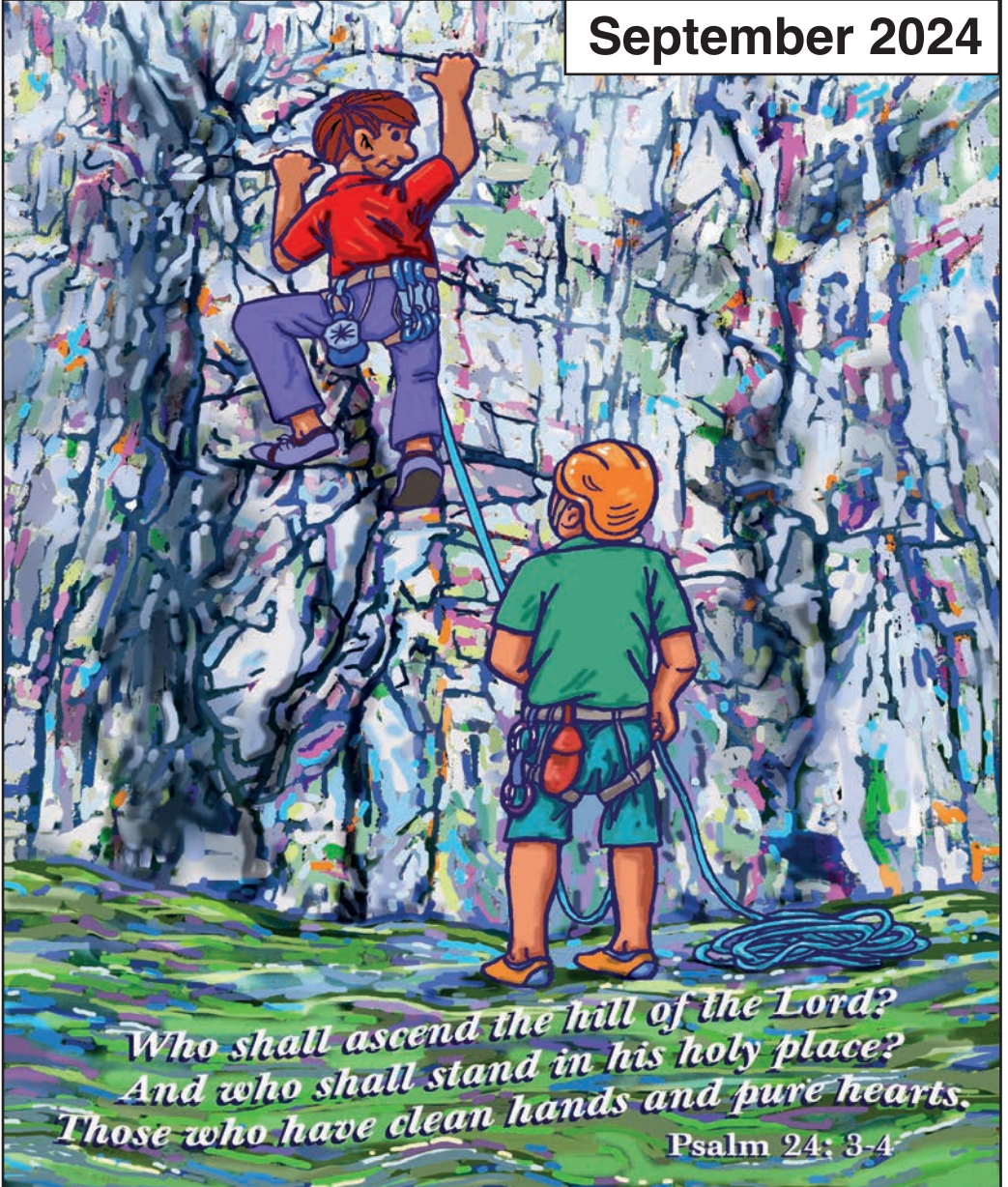


The Herald

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*Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord?
And who shall stand in his holy place?
Those who have clean hands and pure hearts.*

Psalm 24: 3-4

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What's on when and where

Sunday 1 September - Trinity 14

11.00am	St Margaret's Downham	Family Service
5.00pm	St Peter's South Hanningfield	Flower Festival Songs of Praise

Note: No service at Ramsden Bellhouse

Sunday 8 September - Trinity 15

10.00am	St Mary's Ramsden Bellhouse	Morning Prayer
11.00am	St Margaret's Downham	Sung Eucharist

Note: No service at South Hanningfield

Sunday 15 September - Trinity 16

11.00am	St Mary's Ramsden Bellhouse	Group Holy Communion
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Note: No services at Downham or South Hanningfield

Sunday 22 September - Trinity 17

10.00am	St Mary's Ramsden Bellhouse	Holy Communion
11.00am	St Margaret's Downham	Sung Eucharist

Note: No service at South Hanningfield

Sunday 29 September - Trinity 18

10.00am	St Peter's South Hanningfield	Group Holy Communion
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Note: No services at Downham or Ramsden Bellhouse

Sunday 6 October - Trinity 19

10.00am	St Peter's South Hanningfield	Holy Communion
11.00am	St Margaret's Downham	Family Service

Note: No service at Ramsden Bellhouse

Other dates for your diary

Flower Festival at St Peter's South Hanningfield

Saturday 31 August 12.00 noon to 5.00pm

Sunday 1 September 12.00 noon to 5.00pm

with Songs of Praise service at 5.00pm

Monday 2 September 11.00am to 3.00pm

Macmillan Coffee morning at St Mary's Ramsden Bellhouse

Saturday 28 September 10.00am to 12.00noon

Quiz night in aid of St Mary's Ramsden Bellhouse

Saturday 5 October 7.30pm in Ramsden Bellhouse Village Hall

Alpha Course

Curious about faith?

Join a series of group conversations that freely explore the basics of the Christian faith in an open, friendly environment. At each Alpha session, you'll watch an episode on a different question of faith – then you have a chance to share your thoughts and hear what others think. You can say anything you like, or nothing at all. Everyone's welcome. You're invited, no matter your background or beliefs. It's free and there's no pressure to come back.

We are holding an Alpha Course this autumn at Downham Church. Sessions are every Wednesday, 7.00 - 8.30pm, from 11 September until 20 November, but you don't have to attend every session.

If you are interested, or just want more information, please contact Revd Jacqui on revjacquiepearson@gmail.com

From the ministry team

Hope

Hope is a powerful thing; the ability to be able to look to the future with the belief that something will change for the better, to look ahead with optimism, is a gift indeed.

As September marks the new school term for either ourselves or perhaps a loved one, I wonder what our hope for their new year may be?

The world can feel like it is a little lacking in the hope department at the moment; wars are raging that have been going on for months or years, many people continue to struggle with the cost of living, and there is increasing evidence of the detrimental impact that humans are having on the natural world and our climate.

Yet there are stories of hope out there.

The church celebrates 'Creationtide' in September - it is a time of the year when many churches have Harvest festivals (although ours are in October!) and we are encouraged to pray for creation and ask ourselves how we can better strive to protect the natural world.

And so I thought I would highlight a story of hope in nature conservation: A family of Eurasian beavers were introduced into a nature reserve in West London. Beavers use to be common in Britain, but became extinct from our island in the 16th Century. Beavers are not only cute, but they are also good for the environment - they increase biodiversity and reduce flooding through their dam-building activities. Now, in London, for the first time in 400 years,

there are baby beavers (kits) born in a river right next to a retail park and a fast food outlet. Hope that nature can thrive even in urban environments.

So let us enter September with hope - whether we are starting something new or not. Here is a prayer for hope from St. Paul:

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit (Romans 15:13).

Amen

Revd Jacqui

St Matthew, correct and concise

The Church remembers St Matthew on 21 September, but what do we know about him.

Matthew was one of 12 apostles. But he began as a publican i.e., a tax-collector of Jewish race who worked for the Romans, before he left all at the call of Christ. From earliest times, he was regarded as the author of the first of the four Gospels. The Gospel of Matthew is in correct, concise style, very suitable for public reading.

His usual emblem as an evangelist is a man, because his genealogy emphasised the family ties of Christ. In art, he has been represented as either an evangelist or as an apostle. As an evangelist, he has been depicted sitting at a desk, writing his gospel with an angel holding the inkwell. In the Middle Ages he was even given a pair of spectacles.

Matthew was martyred by a sword or a spear, some think in Ethiopia.

From the registers

Downham

Baptism

18 August Louie Vincent Nolan

Burial of ashes

11 August Albert Charles Horscroft

16 August Cynthia Patricia Hodges

Ramsden Bellhouse

Funeral

12 August Eric John Lewsy

Synodical Government in the Church of England

In 1969 Parliament passed a Measure creating a hierarchy of Synodical Government in the Church of England. At the top of the tree is General Synod which meets twice a year to debate and decide the Church's laws and discuss matters of public interest. Delegates to General Synod are elected from the 43 dioceses in England. Each diocese has its own Diocesan Synod. Members normally meet three times a year to agree the diocesan budget and discuss matters of interest, some of which may be passed upwards for discussion at General Synod. Members of Diocesan Synod are elected by local Deanery Synods. All licensed clergy are members of their local Deanery Synod and in addition parishes elect lay members. The lay members of synod serve for three years and are ex-officio members of the parish's Parochial Church Council.

Downham with South Hanningfield and Ramsden Bellhouse is entitled to elect three lay members to Chelmsford Deanery Synod, but at the moment Robert Andrews is the only elected member. Elections have recently been held for membership of Chelmsford Diocesan Synod. The Revd Jacqui has served on Diocesan Synod for the past three years and she has been re-elected for a further term. Robert Andrews, who last served on Diocesan Synod in the 1990s, has been elected as a lay member. Both will commence their three year term in November 2024.

St Margaret's Downham

Harvest Festival

Our Harvest Festival service this year will be held on Sunday 20 October. As usual this will be followed by a harvest lunch. This will be an opportunity for people from all three churches in the parish to get together socially. Please make a note of the date in your diary. Further details will follow in next month's edition of *The Herald*.

Christmas Bazaar

It may seem early to be thinking about Christmas, but we are making plans for our Christmas Bazaar. It will be held on Saturday 7 December and this year it will be held in Downham Village Hall, not in the church. Further details will follow in future editions of *The Herald*.



Downham WI

I do hope you have all been enjoying the nice warm days we have endured during August. Our summer tea party has taken place and we are now looking forward to September. The coffee & chat get together will start again on 3 September 10.00am until 12.00noon. We still have a couple more books if you are interested in the book club. The speaker for the main meeting on 17 September has cancelled, but Sue has booked someone else. Please remember when using the car park to think of others so we don't have problems with members trying to park.

Sylvia Baldry

Rotary  **Wickford**

Barn Dance

St George's Band with Caller

Wickford Community Centre

Newenden Road, Wickford

19 October 7.30 - 11.00pm

Bring your own food.

Bar will be open for drinks

Tickets £10 each from Nick Mills 07875 994662

All proceeds to Boxers Barber 4 Ukraine Charity

Downham Village Hall

QUIZ NIGHT

Friday 13th September 2024
7.00 for 7.30 start
in the Village Hall

Cost £10 per head (tables of 8)

Bring your own food and drinks

Raffle

To book please call:
Mike Roome 07770 795388

All proceeds will contribute to the cost of maintaining the Village Hall
(Registered Charity no. 296139)

**The Village Hall is available for hire and if you would like further information
please call 01268 711757 or e-mail contact@downhamvillagehall-essex.co.uk**

St Mary's Ramsden Bellhouse

On Saturday 28 September we will be holding a coffee morning in the church from 10.00am to 12.00noon in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support.

Our next fundraising event for St Mary's will be a Quiz night run by Angela (my daughter) at Ramsden Bellhouse Village Hall on Saturday 5 October. Doors will open at 7.00pm for a 7.30pm start. Tables of 6 people. Tickets £7.50 per person. To book a table please contact Audrey Pegrum on 01268 710757 or Beryl Clements on 01245 601298

Audrey Pegrum MBE

Ramsden Heath Social Club

Our regular monthly BINGO EVENING will be on Friday 6 September at 8.00pm. Just £1.00 to play & £2.00 for each book you want to play. All ages welcome. FREE tea & coffee at the half-time break, but please feel free to bring other drinks/snacks of your own.

Our AGM will then be held on Friday 13 September at 8.00pm, including FREE wine after the meeting. A chance for existing members to renew or for new members to join. All welcome. (Annual membership is just £12 per adult).

Finally in September, on Saturday 28th we have live music in the shape of 4-piece band THE CHOICE. This evening is a celebration of the Club's 25th Year Anniversary. Only a very few tickets are remaining for this event – please contact us ASAP for availability. Ticket prices are £10 for Members, £15 for Non-members & £5 for Children.

All our events take place in Ramsden Heath Village Hall, Dowsetts Lane.

For more information please contact:

Dave Quinney on 07950 309524 or Dave Charlton on 07940 540819

Community Cuppa & Cake afternoon

Ramsden Heath Village Hall

Dowsetts Lane CM11 1HX

10 September 2.00 to 4.00pm

We hope you are at last enjoying the lovely weather. We are looking forward to seeing more of you again in September when most of the holidays are over. Everyone is welcome to enjoy a cuppa at 50p and a piece of homemade cake at £1.50 in a lovely friendly atmosphere and raise funds for local charities.

Ramsden Cupcakes

Ramsden Heath Horticultural & Allotment Society

Report on Summer Show 2024

We had another successful summer show in August, with the number of entries slightly higher than last year. Our members produced some lovely exhibits, and the village hall was filled with vegetables, flowers, jams, cakes, paintings, photographs and handcraft items. Our junior entrants didn't manage to grow many sunflowers this year, apparently a number of the plants were eaten before they got to the show! But they made some very original and attractive wind chimes and there's no doubt that they are very creative. Once again the judges were very complimentary about the overall appearance and presentation of the entries and expressed how much they enjoyed judging for our show.

Congratulations to all the trophy, certificate and placement winners. Best in show was awarded to Rita Elcock for her beautiful and striking flower arrangement. Other trophy winners were Trevor Elcock, Brenda Burnell, Teresa Flannigan, Jenny Tillyer, Sharne Gregory and Alan Gregory. Winners of the children's trophies were Jacob Granby and Ryu Plumb.



Thanks to everyone who entered and made the show such a success. Thanks also to all those who helped with the preparation for the show (and the clearing up afterwards), and especially the stewards, Sue Lowing, who also bought and wrapped the children's prizes, Jan Weir and Jo Harrison, who make the show run so seamlessly on the day.

Our main show season is now over for another year, but there is still plenty of time to enjoy your gardening, and perhaps start planning for next year.

Brenda Burnell

Show Secretary

So now we are moving into Autumn and our meeting on Thursday 5 September will be a talk by Ron Dixon speaking about 'taking cuttings and seeds and propagation'. This is a change from the listed speaker in the RHHS programme who is now unable to attend. Thanks to Jo Harrison for finding an alternative speaker so quickly.

Don't forget the mini show which will be Dahlias, fruit and vegetables. If you are taking part in the show, please bring your entries by 7.30pm to give time for judging before our speaker begins.

Note for your diary

Harvest Supper. Thursday 3 October

Our next social event will be the Harvest Supper on 3 October. This is the chance to bring something to eat for the table as well as sample other people's delights. You can make savoury or sweet dishes and if you don't feel like cooking, bring cheese, fruit, pâté or something from the supermarket shelves. Don't forget to bring your own choice of liquid refreshment and a glass to drink it from.

St Peter's South Hanningfield

By the time you receive this the 2024 Flower Festival will be in full swing. Here Anne-Marie Sullivan looks back at this important event in the church's calendar.

We moved from London to South Hanningfield in August 2006, I can't believe where the time has gone as I am writing this in summer 2024. A big part of village life is a most wonderful flower festival that is held every year in our village church.

Not long after we arrived the weekend in question arrived. We quickly realized that this involved a huge number of volunteers and a lot of hard work. Needless to say, it didn't take long before we were put on washing up rotas and car parking duties. I have great memories of being on washing up duty

with Robin Patmore. He ran the washing up operation with naval precision, making sure we had hot water using kettles, urns and hose pipes!

It was amazing to see just how many people would visit from far and wide. They would come to see the wonderful flower displays, sit in the churchyard and have a ploughman's lunch and/or tea and cake. In all the years that we have been part of the village the weather has mostly been pretty kind to us, fingers crossed for this year!

The Flower Festival used to be part of the annual South Hanningfield Flower and Vegetable Show which is thought to have started after the second world war. A marquee was erected on the field as the Village Hall was not big enough to accommodate the whole show.

There were many competitions, baking, photography, handicrafts, flowers and vegetables. People in the village would spend the year planning and growing or making their competition entries. Helen Patmore remembers that for the cake competition, Mcdougalls flour had to be used and the empty bag needed to be placed under the plate where the cake was displayed. The school was very involved with the children submitting their handicrafts and handwriting for competitions and also making little gardens. The teachers put in huge amounts of time and effort helping the children with their entries. Helen also remembers Eric Everett helping put up the displays with the children helping him. He took great pride in showing the children how to look after their paint brushes at the end of the days of preparation.

There were lots of games as well, the bowling for a pig and pin the tail on the donkey. The children entertained everyone with their singing and dancing. There would also be a dance in the hall in the evening.

Over time the Village Show became smaller and in the end was very sadly not viable, although the village has held successful fetes on the Tye in recent years.

Mary Massingham started up the Flower Festival, as we know it, in 1983 and worked tirelessly for 7 years to put on a wonderful event. Sadly Mary became unwell and was unable to carry on, which is when Gwen Mellon took over. Margaret Radford then took over the organisation of the event. It became such a big event to organise that now two teams of people are involved, one team, led by Sylvia Roberts, organises the flowers and another group, led by our Mission Control team, organises all the outside stalls, lunches and teas. Planning and preparation for the next Flower Festival starts pretty much as this one comes to an end.

I had a lovely chat with Roy Radford and Sylvia Roberts, looking at old photograph albums and reliving the memories of past Flower Festivals.



Margaret and Roy Radford at the Flower Festival in 2001

Our visitors love the Flower Festival and always write such lovely comments in our visitors book, which is at the back of the church, if anyone would like to see it.

We hope to see you sometime between 31 August and 2 September.

Anne-Marie Sullivan

South Hanningfield Village Hall

We had a fantastic CPR/AED First Aid Talk at the hall recently which was sponsored by local charity, The Carli Lansley Foundation. Over 30 people attended the free event to learn these vital skills.

Joanne from Pronto Training was an incredible trainer and the feedback



they received was so positive. An incredible £150 was raised in donations from those who came along which will go to fund two young adults to be health screened.

New Soffits and Fascias and New Doors As you may have noticed there has been some works activity going on at the hall recently with scaffolding around the building. The scaffolding was erected to assist with replacing the old soffits and fascias. There was also a lot of rotten wood which also



had to be replaced attached to the soffits and fascias. We have also had new front doors, kitchen door and top hall door installed as the old ones were rotten and needed replacing. It was an ideal time during the summer holidays when there are the least number of bookings affected to get these works done. The much-needed new doors and soffits and fascias were possible thanks to the recent funding that the committee has received. Both

works have all been completed now and add to the hall looking better and better.

No Parking on Pavement by Hall South Hanningfield Village Hall Management Committee requests that vehicles don't park up on the pavement outside the village hall because of the health and safety risks. Neighbouring

residents will have seen hi vis volunteers outside the hall supervising parking at our own fundraising events. Unfortunately, recently there have been some private party/events hirers of the hall who have allowed some of their attendees to park on the pavement even though on the booking form that they signed they have agreed that once the car park is full, they park on the street down Middlemead. The committee have put up signage as well as other measures to stop this from happening. Please alert the volunteer committee if you see such vehicles parked in this way outside the hall on 07891 653238.

Tesco Tokens just a reminder, this is the last month to help with the blue tokens at Tescos! We have also been chosen as one of the three charities at the Tesco stores in and around Chelmsford during July, August and September in the blue tokens scheme. The funding raised will also go towards improvements at the hall. The next time you are in Tescos doing your shopping, please support us and put the blue token in our box!

Our next events are:

Magic Evening on Saturday, 28 September from 7.00pm. The tickets cost £8 each adult and £3 for children over 10 years. Bring your own drinks and snacks. There will also be a Raffle.

For further information, email vallisc@aol.com or phone 07891 653238.

Race Night on Saturday, 19 October from 7.00pm. Tickets cost £5 per person to attend. Bring your own drinks and nibbles.

Would any local businesses or family like to support the hall and sponsor one of the eight races? Sponsorship of one of the races costs £25 and your support will be publicised on the night and after the event. The sponsorship will publicise your business to local people attending the event or why not have a nice memory of the evening in print for your family.

To book tickets and/or to sponsor a race, please contact 07396 546050 or email shvhall@gmail.com

Christmas Fayre on Saturday, 23 November from 10.00am to 4.00pm. There will be lots of Christmas crafts and gifts on sale as well as festive refreshments and a Raffle. Free Entry. More details to follow in future editions of *The Herald*.

Christmas Shopping Trip to Ashford Outlet on Saturday, 30 November. We will be going to Ashford Outlet for Christmas shopping! The cost will be £25 per person and include a seat on the coach as well as Prosecco and mince pies! Pick up and return to South Hanningfield Village Hall. To book, contact Sandra Graves, our Bookings Secretary on 07396 546050 or email shvhall@gmail.com

Mobile Library

The Mobile Library visit South Hanningfield Village Hall every three weeks.

Day of visit: Tuesday Time of visit: 12.25pm to 12.55pm

Next visit dates are 3 September and 24 September.

Regular Activities

Coffee Morning

Second Wednesday of each month from 10.30am – 12.30pm

(Wednesday, 11 September)

Please call the listed contacts below to book a place.

Pilates & Keep Fit

Monday 9.45am – 10.45am

Thursday

10.30am – 11.30am

Contact Hayley on 07758 427379

Strollercise Dance

Monday 11.15am – 12.15pm

Tel: 07952 791183

Email: lynne.strawford@sky.com

No booking is required, just turn up.

Puppy Dog Training Classes

Monday from 6pm and 7pm

Dog training for puppies of all ages

Contact Rachel on 07484 706085 or

email Rachel@PuppyPotentialDogTraining.co.uk

1-1 Ballroom and Latin lessons and wedding dance lessons

available with Callie every Wednesday afternoon and evening from 3pm

£30 for a 45 minute lesson. Please contact Callie on 07885 630241

Yoga and Zumba Thursday night

Zumba 6.30pm to 7.20pm and

Vinyasa Flow Yoga 7.30pm to 8.30pm

Pay as you go

Tel: Charlene on 07772 443028 or email_info@sakurayogastudios.co.uk

Upholstery Class

Friday morning 9.30am – 1.00pm

Contact Fiona on 01621 776586 or 07887 507208

Zumba Saturday mornings

Zumba 9.20am to 10.20am

Pay as you go

Tel: Charlene on 07772 443028 or email info@sakurayogastudios.co.uk

If you would like to book the South Hanningfield Village Hall for any regular activities or events, please call Sandra Graves, our Bookings Secretary on 07396 546050 or email shvhall@gmail.com to check availability and prices.

Please continue to support our local village hall in 2024 and if there are any other ways you can help us, let us know. Please contact the Chairman, Clive Vallis for further information on 07891 653238.

Website <https://e-voice.org.uk/shanningfieldvillagehall>

Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/southhanningfieldvillagehall>

All in the month of September

It was:

400 years ago, on 10 September 1624 that Thomas Sydenham, English physician, was born. He became known as the ‘father of English medicine’. His textbook on medicine became the standard medical textbook in England for the next 200 years.

250 years ago, on 4 September 1774 that British explorer Captain James Cook became the first European to discover New Caledonia in the south-west Pacific, during his second voyage.

150 years ago, on 21 September 1874 that Gustav Holst, was born. This British composer, arranger and educator is best known for The Planets.

100 years ago, on 25 September 1924 that British racing driver Malcolm Campbell broke the land speed record for the first time. He recorded a speed of 146mph in a 1921 Sunbeam Grand Prix car at Pendine Sands, Carmarthen Bay, Wales.

90 years ago, on 22 September 1934 that the Gresford Colliery Disaster took place in Wales. An explosion killed 266 miners and rescuers. It was one of Britain’s worst coal-mining disasters, but the cause of the explosion remains unknown.

80 years ago, from 17 to 25 September 1944 that Operation Market Garden took place. The Allies attempted a massive airborne invasion of German-occupied Netherlands, but they were forced to withdraw. The story was told in the film A Bridge Too Far. The operation included the Battle of Arnhem – German victory.

75 years ago, on 1 September 1949 that the Christmas song Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer was released. It was sung by the American movie-star and singer, Gene Autry, nicknamed the 'Singing Cowboy'.

70 years ago, on 15 September 1954 that the iconic photograph of Marilyn Monroe's billowing skirt as she stood over a New York subway grate was taken during filming for The Seven-Year Itch. The event was staged as a publicity stunt.

60 years ago, on 4 September 1964 the Forth Road Bridge opened in Scotland. It links Edinburgh to Fife across the Firth of Forth. (A second bridge, the Queensferry Crossing, opened in 2017 and largely replaced it.)

50 years ago, on 8 September 1974 that former President Richard Nixon was granted a full and unconditional pardon by his successor Gerald Ford for any crimes he may have committed or participated in while in office. (Nixon had resigned in August after Watergate.)

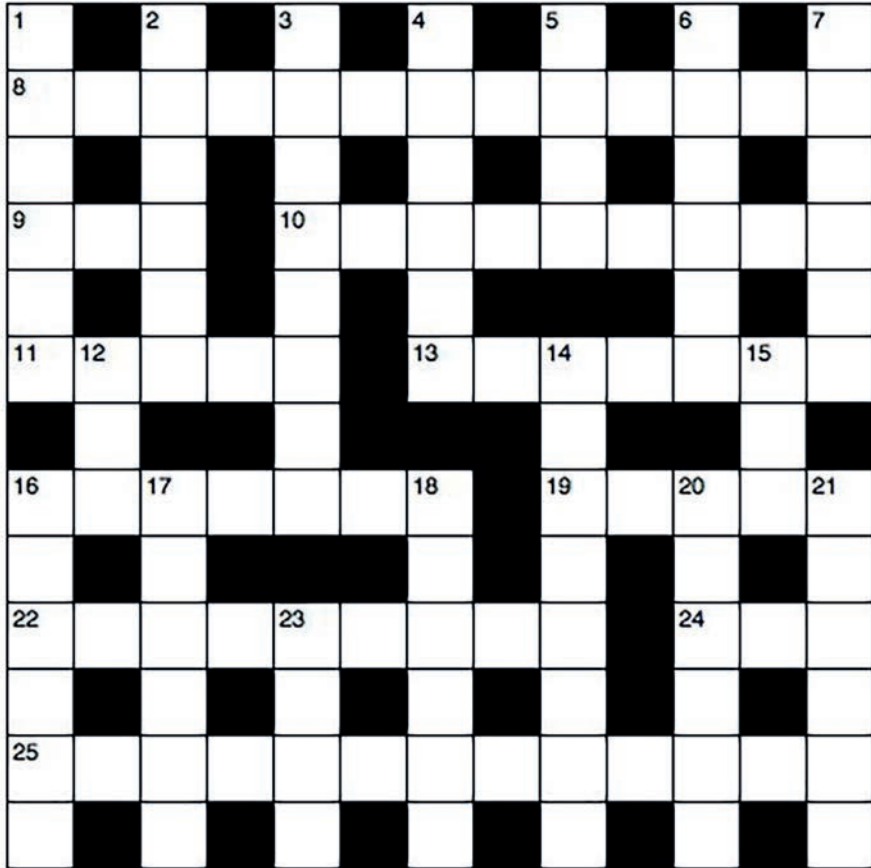
40 years ago, on 10 September 1984 that British geneticist Alec Jeffreys discovered genetic fingerprinting, also known as DNA profiling. It allowed criminals to be identified from hair, blood, or sweat left at crime scenes. It also allowed families to trace their lineages or determine the paternity of children.

30 years ago, on 22 September 1994 that Roy Castle, British TV presenter, dancer, singer, comedian, actor and musician, died. Best known as the presenter of the children's TV show Record Breakers. He himself broke nine world records while presenting the programme, including the fastest tap-dancing.

20 years ago, from 1 to 3 September 2004 that the Beslan school hostage crisis took place in Russia. Armed terrorists took over 1,100 children and adults as hostages. Russian security forces ended the crisis on the third day, entering the school with tanks and heavy weapons. More than 300 hostages were killed, including 186 children. Hundreds more were injured.

10 years ago, on 18 September 2014 that the Scottish independence referendum was held. The citizens of Scotland voted to remain in the UK rather than becoming an independent country. (Independence: 44.7%; Remain in the UK: 55.3%)

Puzzle corner



Across

- 8 Where the ark of the covenant was kept for 20 years
(1 Samuel 7:1) (7,6)
- 9 One of the parts of the body on which blood and oil were put in the ritual
cleansing from infectious skin diseases (Leviticus 14:14–17) (3)
- 10 Uncomfortable (3,2,4) 11 'Yet I have loved Jacob, but Esau I have —'
(Malachi 1:3) (5)
- 13 Where Paul said farewell to the elders of the church in Ephesus
(Acts 20:17) (7)

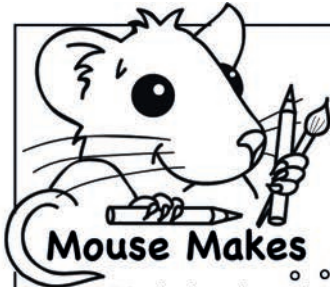
- 16 'Jesus bent down and — to write on the ground with his finger'
(John 8:6) (7)
- 19 Prophet from Moresheth (Jeremiah 26:18) (5)
- 22 Comes between Exodus and Numbers (9)
- 24 and 2 Down
'Then Elkanah went home to Ramah, but the boy ministered before the
Lord under — the — ' (1 Samuel 2:11) (3,6)
- 25 There was no room for them in the inn (Luke 2:7) (4,3,6)

Down

- 1 Rough drawing (2 Kings 16:10) (6)
- 2 See 24 Across
- 3 Underground literature (including Christian books) circulated in the
Soviet Union (8)
- 4 Lo, mash (anag.) (6)
- 5 The Bible's shortest verse: 'Jesus — ' (John 11:35) (4)
- 6 'Can a mother forget the baby at her — and have no compassion on the
child she has borne?' (Isaiah 49:15) (6)
- 7 Can be seen in a dying fire (Psalm 102:3) (6)
- 12 'Send me, therefore, a man... experienced in the — of engraving, to
work in Judah and Jerusalem' (2 Chronicles 2:7) (3)
- 14 Second city of Cyprus (8)
- 15 United Nations Association (1,1,1)
- 16 One of the women who first heard that Jesus had risen from the dead
(Mark 16:1) (6)
- 17 Braved (anag.) (6)
- 18 — of Evangelism, outreach initiative in the 1990s (6)
- 20 'Woe to those who are wise in their own eyes and — in their own sight'
(Isaiah 5:21) (6)
- 21 'Neither — nor depth... will be able to separate us from the love of God'
(Romans 8:39) (6)
- 23 What Jesus shed in 5 Down (4)

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Children's pages



HARVEST THANKSGIVING

"May the peoples
 _____ you, O God!
 May all the peoples praise you!
 The land yields its harvest;
 God, our God blesses us."
Psalm 67:5-6 NIV

"God ... has shown kindness by
 giving you rain from heaven
 and crops in their seasons.
 He provides you with
 plenty of _____. He fills
 your hearts with joy."
Acts 14:16-17 NIV

"Honour the Lord with your wealth
 and the first part of your harvest."
Proverbs 3:9 ERV

"Let us fear and respect
 the Lord our God.
 He gives us autumn and
 spring _____
 at the right time.
 He makes sure that we
 have the harvest at
 just the right time."
Jeremiah 5:24 ERV

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Find the words from the questions too!

Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

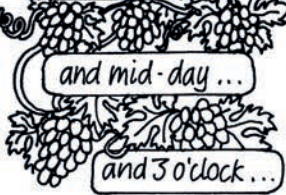
It can be read in the Bible in
Matthew chapter 20 verses 1-15

Jesus told a story to describe God's kingdom.
A vineyard owner went to the marketplace
at dawn to hire workers to pick his grapes.

I'll pay you the normal
wage for a day's work.



He went out again
at 9 o'clock ...



and again with just 1 hour
to go before sunset.



At the end of the day...



Pay the last workers first.

They were given a
whole day's wage..



and so were those who
had worked all day.



You paid them the same
and we worked all day!



My friend, you agreed to
work for a day's wage

I want to give those
who were hired last
the same as you got.



Can't I do what I want
with my own money?

Or are you jealous because
I'm good to others?



Jesus concluded...





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David Barrow Garden maintenance

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Smile lines

Church Notices that didn't quite make it...

- A talk on drugs will be given at the next Mothers' Union meeting. This will be followed by a Bring and Buy Sale.
- A sudden gust of wind took all who were at the ceremony by surprise. Hats were blown off and copies of the vicar's speech and other rubbish were scattered over the site.
- The Rector is on holiday this month. Local clergy will be celebrating with us all the Sundays that he is away.
- Don't allow anxiety to kill you. Let the church help.
- Don't miss the Young Wives' Victorian evening next month. It will be a fun night and some of the women will wear clothes.

Bible sense

Being married to a woman who reads her Bible can have its drawbacks. When a man protested to his wife that wiping dishes was not a man's job, his wife replied simply: "2 Kings 21:13", and handed him a tea towel. Later he looked it up: *'And I will wipe Jerusalem as a man wipeth a dish, wiping it and turning it upside down.'*

Children's understanding of the Bible can have a charm all its own...

- A deacon is a mass of inflammable material.
- The Pharisees fasted in public, but in private they devoured widows' houses.
- Today wild beasts are confined to Theological Gardens.
- The natives of Macedonia did not believe, so St Paul got stoned.
- A Republican is a sinner mentioned in the Bible.
- Iran is the Bible of the Moslems.

Miscellaneous observations on daily life...

- The secret to a clean kitchen is simple. Don't cook. Ever.
- The probability of being watched is directly proportional to the stupidity of your act.
- Microchips: What's left at the bottom of the bag.
- The inventor of the doorbell obviously did not own a dog.

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Contributions to the October edition

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Answers to the Crossword puzzle

ACROSS: 8, Kiriath Jearim. 9, Toe. 10, Ill at ease. 11, Hated. 13, Miletus. 16, Started. 19, Micah. 22, Leviticus. 24, Eli. 25, Mary and Joseph.

DOWN: 1, Sketch. 2, Priest. 3, Samizdat. 4, Shalom. 5, Wept. 6, Breast. 7, Embers. 12, Art. 14, Limassol. 15, UNA. 16, Salome. 17, Adverb. 18, Decade. 20, Clever. 21, Height. 23, Tear.

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