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Fruits of the Spirit.*

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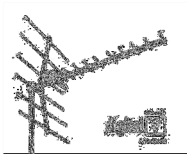
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**You've gotta dance like there's nobody
watching,
Love like you'll never be hurt,
Sing like there's nobody listening,
And live like it's heaven on earth.**

William W Purkey

Vicar's Letter

Summer has passed and we are now moving into Autumn. The tradition of celebrating Harvest Festival in churches as we know it today began in 1843, when the Reverend Robert Hawker invited parishioners to a special thanksgiving service for the harvest at his church at Morwenstow in Cornwall. Victorian hymns such as "We plough the fields and scatter", "Come ye thankful people, come" and "All things bright and beautiful" helped popularise his idea of harvest festival and spread the annual custom of decorating churches with home-grown produce for the Harvest Festival service.

It is a time we give thanks for the autumn harvest and for all the good things God provides for us, however, in more recent years Harvest Festival has also become about sharing with those less fortunate than ourselves.

It is also to a time when we can reflect on Stewardship and I so I am it is my intention to focus on Stewardship for the first three Sundays of October.

At St Mary's Church we serve many people in many ways: giving the opportunity for worship to those attending our regular services; sharing the joy of a couple coming to be married or a family bringing their child for baptism; comforting the bereaved. To all these and many more we seek to be a channel of God's love to those looking to our church for help and encouragement.

Our impact is also felt well beyond the church building itself, sometimes to those who may not normally look to the church for help. Through our outreach into the community, often in partnership with others, we are constantly seeking to meet the needs of the marginalised and vulnerable in our society, aiming to be the salt and light in our communities that Jesus challenges us to be.

All this is possible because of the dedicated commitment of time, skills and energy which people bring to our church and also the financial support given week by week.

Any reflection on giving must start with God. God gives to us abundantly and graciously in creation and redemption, and in sustaining life, day by day. Scripture shows that God's giving is characterised by extravagance, both for nations and for individuals.

Many of Jesus' parables and, indeed, his own actions involve celebrations, meals, parties and a sharing of food, financial resources and time, especially with those who might least expect to be included. We might think of the wedding at Cana in Galilee when Jesus turns more water to wine than could possibly be consumed by the wedding guests (John 2.1-11). We might ponder the significance of the provision made for an injured stranger of a different nationality in Jesus' story of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10.25-37) or the reason why Zacchaeus is inspired by his encounter with Jesus to make fourfold reparation to any he has cheated, bringing this response from Jesus 'Today, salvation has come to this house!' (Luke 19.8).

It is striking that the writers of the Gospels record Jesus reserving his sternest warnings for those who see the need of others and refuse to respond; the parables of the Rich Mans & Lazarus and the sheep & goats demonstrate how strongly Jesus rejects the meanness of spirit that allows some to suffer while others are cared for and well fed.

The incarnation, the cross and resurrection, and the coming of the Holy Spirit reveal to us the astonishing depths of God's generosity toward humankind. It is the earthly life and parables of Jesus that show what this generosity looks like translated into human behaviour. In the life and stories of Jesus lies the potential for a way of life that can make real God's intention of wholeness for all. The challenge for the disciple of Jesus is to be prepared to do whatever is needed to align him or herself with ways of living and giving that release rather than obstruct the flow of God's generosity. Doing so helps to create a social order that not only provides for the needs of all, but also

redefines abundant living from the accumulation of consumerism to the fulfilment found in Christ-centred lives.

Our giving of both money and time resources the mission of God in the world, both locally and further afield.

Our primary reason for giving to support the Church should never be that the heating bill won't be paid unless we give, or even that the Parish Share has gone up. The principal motivation for giving should be that we are helping to resource mission and ministry.

It is said that, when the British abroad are faced with another language, we shout louder rather than try to speak the language! When it comes to money, churches often make a similar mistake. We treat everyone the same: saying the same things, writing the same letters, asking for the same amount of money. The reality is very different. Some folk are starting out in faith, others have a long-standing commitment; some can give a great deal, others struggle to manage; some understand church finances and give to meet its needs while others give in obedience to the Bible.

During this Stewardship campaign, and in the future, we will become more proficient at explaining where your charitable giving is being spent and what difference it makes in the lives of others.

In prayer, give thanks to God for the sacrifices that he has made for us, and let us contemplate our own charitable giving to church of both money and time.

Revd. Sharon.



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Food For Thought

An Essay for Mum

Picture this, Sunday night, an essay due in at 9am tomorrow or death by referral to senior staff. A cacophony of ideas, quotations, terminology that you just can't get onto paper because the border control in your brain is closed at all exits. Trying to connect the pencil to your temple so you might whisper it to perform. Sitting down for Strictly Come Dancing catch up while the task still waits impatiently on your desk, in the back of your mind. The epidemic of over thinking takes hold.

How are you going to write a 2,000 word essay for an angry Mr Taylor tomorrow? How are you going to remember your monologue for a script you only started on Friday? When are you going to do the washing up? No one has any cups or bowls because you've been putting it off all day! You get caught up in yourself and your tasks and your own mind confines you to one corner of your brain and then you realise, the real problem is not the work load, chores or shifts at work but more the distant and self-absorbed attitude towards life.

The little things attached to us make us forget the most important aspects of life. It occurred to me that whilst i am closed off from the rest of the world in my worry bubble, my mother is grading papers, making a living, paying bills and supporting her family as a single mother. My sister is putting my 2 year old nephew to bed, of whom I haven't seen in weeks because my life is taken up by work, Strictly, hair appointments and social media.

We are the stars of our own stories and our own dramas and sometimes our feelings feel like the only ones in the world that should matter and everyone else's becomes background noise. This is wrong because you are background noise in someone else's story so aren't there feelings just as important as yours?

You're in the background of their life but who is to say you have to stay there. Every story needs a hero or a heroin, so step into the foreground. Mindfulness teaches us that no one should suffer alone and everyone around us, every feeling every thought matters, you wouldn't want to suffer alone so don't let someone else suffer because your life has gotten the better of you.

Even when you're at a low point, helping others will help you, introduce a new character and you'll make for an all the more exciting novel. I'm putting down my pen, I'm going to make my mother a cuppa and ask her about my day and tell her about mine. I'm not going to limelight my own story with misery and dilemma when my mother has the most amazing story to hear.

Charlotte



CHRISTOPHER MARSHALL 1614-1673

A TRANS-ATLANTIC PURITAN

By Colin Burland

Christopher Marshall was one of 13 children born in Alford, Lincolnshire, to Christopher Marshall between 1583 through to 1617. [His father had six children to his first wife and seven to his second]. Christopher was a son of his second wife, baptized 23rd August 1614. He matriculated at Cambridge University at Easter 1632, but did not complete his degree. By this time the Anglican Church had greatly increased its pressure on the non-conforming clergy and after a great deal of harassment he fled to New England, sailing on the 'Recovery' in 1634, in order to continue his education with John Cotton.

After going into hiding to escape imprisonment John Cotton had been urged by the Massachusetts Bay Colony to come to New England, and in June 1633 he boarded the ship 'Griffin' with his wife and step-daughter and sailed for Boston. He was one of the foremost, perhaps the single foremost founder of the Independent churches in New England. He had assisted ministers from England and abroad, and also trained many students from Cambridge, including Marshall. His theology espoused that a person is helpless to affect his own salvation, and instead is totally dependent on God's free grace. In contrast, most of the other New England ministers were 'preparationists', espousing the view that morality and good works were needed to prepare one for God's salvation. Marshall was chosen Teacher of the Congregational Church at Boston, Mass. in 1634, and was admitted to the freedom of Massachusetts in 1635. He lived for a time in John Cotton's 'household seminary'.

An enthusiastic follower of Cotton, Anne Hutchinson was a charismatic woman who openly criticized the colony's other ministers. Her brother-in law John Wheelwright, who arrived in New England in 1636 also supported Cotton's views. Wheelwright had been a close friend of Oliver Cromwell. Marshall had strong ties with Hutchinson and Wheelwright; his wife, Sarah, was their niece, and Marshall had grown up in Anne Hutchinson's home town of Alford, Lincolnshire.

In October of the same year Cotton, Hutchinson, Wheelwright and their supporters were accused of Antinomianism [meaning 'against the law' and theologically means that a person considers himself not bound to obey any moral or spiritual law]. A few months later Cotton preached a conciliatory sermon at the Boston church, but Wheelwright preached a sermon in the afternoon that was "censurable and incited mischief" in the view of the Puritan clergy, and Cotton considered this sermon to be "ill-advised in manner."

In March 1637 Wheelwright was tried and convicted of contempt and sedition for his sermon and was later sentenced to be banished at the court and ordered to leave the colony within 14 days. Anne Hutchinson was brought before the clergy and congregation in March 1638, when Cotton was put in the uncomfortable position of delivering an admonition to his admirer. He tried for over a week to persuade her to recant but she refused and so was excommunicated. Marshall supported Cotton during these trials. It was said of him that "he was so zealous against error and so impartial that he was witness against the famous Mrs Hutchinson and caused her to be cast out of the church for the disturbances she caused, though he was related to her by marrying her niece." However Marshall was also dismissed from the Boston church along with nine other men in January 1639.

Marshall had married his first wife Sarah, Anne Hutchinson's niece, and their daughter Anna was born 13th May 1638. After his dismissal he and his family followed John Wheelwright north out of Massachusetts to found what is now Exeter, New Hampshire, then one of a collection of small settlements on the fast flowing Piscataqua river and its tributaries. In this watery community Marshall's wife Sarah, drowned. There is no further record of what happened to his daughter Anna. Marshall left this isolated location for England in around 1642.

During the English Civil War Marshall acted as Colonel Copley's chaplain and would have served in the same troop with James Nayler for at least a year at Pontefract, from November, 1644 to November, 1645. They may have been together longer than that.

We next find Marshall acting as minister at Horbury and

Woodkirk where an Independent [Congregational] Church was formed, before 1648, under the influence of Marshall. In the Parliamentary Survey of 1650 it is stated that Mr. Marshall is the minister of Woodchurch, "an able preaching minister," with a stipend of £30 a year allowed by Lord Savile, but arbitrary. Lambert described it as "a very sweet society of an Independent Church." He was held in good repute in the surrounding district as Pastor of a Congregational Church, and was consulted in the formation of other churches of the same order. During the Commonwealth period the church attracted many members including elders: John Issott, of Horbury, and John Holdsworth, of Alverthorpe. Also in the 1650's Marshall was assistant commissioner for ejecting "ignorant and scandalous ministers in the West Riding.

James Nayler belonged to Marshall's Woodkirk congregation before he became a Quaker. Marshall resisted the Quakers and there was no love lost between Marshall and George Fox, who poached Nayler from the Woodkirk flock. In the summer of 1652, following the second meeting of Fox and Nayler, Fox paid a visit to Marshall's church and wrote later "And when I came in the priest had done, the people bid me to come up to the priest, and when I came up to the pulpit ... they rushed me out and fell a-punching and beating of me." The attitude of the congregation toward Fox was clear, and it seems likely that their feelings extended to his followers as well. At any rate Nayler was 'excommunicated' two years later when Marshall also accused him of adultery. Fox also charged that Marshall raised "a-many wicked slanders upon me, that I carried bottles and made people drink of my bottles and that made them to follow me." Marshall also accused Fox of utilizing a magic black horse for transportation, which enabled him to cover "three score miles" in less than an hour. In an age which took the existence of witches for granted, such stories found widespread acceptance.

In Woodkirk 1652 Marshall married his second wife Sarah, who gave birth to Samuel on 19th March 1653, Elizabeth 26th February 1655, and Sarah 11th April 1656. Sadly Elizabeth only lived for a few months and died in May 1655, and Samuel was only 6 years old when he died in May 1658. Sarah, his wife, also died in February 1658. His daughter, Sarah did survive, as she is

mentioned in Marshall's will, but I can find no further record of her.

Marshall married his third wife, also named Sarah, Sarah Neaustead in Woodkirk on the 16th November 1658. Of his 7 children only 2 were known to have survived him: Sarah and Bathshua.

After the Restoration the church was joined by several of the ejected ministers. Marshall was present at a meeting of Congregational ministers and others at Sowerby, July 16th 1662 and continued at his post until the Black Bartholomew's Day, August 24th 1662 when he was ejected from his ministerial position, and lived privately in Horbury. The following year he was questioned on account of the Farnley Wood Plot. At this time he appears to have been residing at Topcliffe Hall, an old mansion belonging to Lord Savile, about a mile away from Woodchurch where the members of his flock who sympathized with his principles gathered and held their meetings.

On the passing of the Five Mile Act in 1665 he removed to Horbury, where he seems to have preached in the Parish Church, as it is recorded at the Sessions at York 'a true bill was found against Christopher Marshall, of Horbury, clerk, for saying on August, 1666, in the pulpit at Horbury, "Those that have taken the protestation and after come to the Common Prayer of the Church are perjured persons before God and man."

When persecution relaxed he returned and renewed his ministration at Topcliffe. Under the Declaration of Indulgence one of the first licences obtained was that of Christopher Marshall, in April 1672, "for his own house in Topcliffe, formerly belonging to the Savills, now sub-divided between several clothiers... The house of Mr Christopher Marshall, at West Ardsley as a Congregational teacher." He did not live long enough to enjoy the liberty of worship he was granted as he died the following year.

In his will, dated 10th January 1673: "Christopher Marshall of Woodchurch alias West Awdley in the county of York, minister of the gospel, ... bequeathed to Anne Warfe my sister twelve pence; to every one of her children twelve pence; ... to Bernard

Marshall my brother his children to every one of them twelve pence; ... I hereby give unto Sara Marshall and to her heirs and assigns forever one close of land called the Swithins ... being in Rothwell, but if it happen that Sara my daughter shall die before she shall come to the age of one and twenty years of age I give unto Bathshua Marshall my daughter all the aforesaid close with the appurtenances; ... to my daughter Sara Marshall forty pounds when she shall come to the age of one and twenty years, along with some household goods; ... to Mrs Sara Marshall now my wife all those three closes of land with all their appurtenances lying and being in Woodchurch Alias West Awdlsley commonly called by the names of the Schoolhouse Close, the Long Close and the Spring Close; to Mrs Sara Marshall my wife the one half of all the houses, edifices, barns and buildings, orchards, gardens and foldsteads; the other half at the decease of Mrs Sara Marshall my wife, unto Bathshua Marshall my daughter with all those five closes of land commonly called by the names of the Three Corners Close, the Two Jugs and the two Needy Royds; ... Mrs Sara Marshall shall have the whole tuition of both my said daughters during her widowhood, but if it so happen that Mrs Sara Marshall now my wife shall marry again, then I do appoint Mr John Wadsworth of Swaith Hall, Mr William Dawson my brother-in-law and Mr John Holdsworth of Oakwell Hall to have the tuition of my daughters during their minority"; residue of estate to "Mrs Sara Marshall now my wife," she to be sole executrix.

He was described as "a good scholar, of considerable abilities, and of a serious spirit, but inclined to melancholy on account of many and personal afflictions. He had a sound mind in an infirm body, from which he was released January 28th 1673, aged 59."

Although there are Topcliffe and Woodkirk death and burial records of Christopher Marshall's family, I have been unable to find a U.K. record of his own demise. However American genealogists record his death and burial in Exeter, New Hampshire, U.S.A. Is it possible that, after writing his will, he died on his return journey to America, perhaps to be reunited with his daughter to his first wife, Anna? We may never know.

Colin

Many thanks to Colin for this marvellous insight into one of our early Ministers. Editor.

George & Jemima Two Wrongs Don't Make a Right

George pops up. mumbling, moaning & groaning to himself.

Jemima pops up. Blimey George, you sound in a good mood today, what's up?

George. Go away Jemima I don't want to talk to anybody today.

Jemima. Oh thanks George, that's not very nice, does that include me then?

George. Yes, go away, leave me alone, I'm not happy.

Jemima. But I'm supposed to be your best friend George, please don't send me away.

George. Oh I'm sorry Jemima, you just caught me on a bad day.

Jemima. I'm a very good listener George, do you want to tell me what's bugging you?

George. Well, I suppose so. It all kicked off a couple of weeks ago.

Jemima. Why, what happened?

George. Well Jemima, ya know that new football my Nan & Granddad bought me the other week.

Jemima. Yeh! what about it?

George. It's that stupid Jimmy Smith. He took my football without asking, he's always taking my stuff without asking and I'm getting really miffed.

Jemima. Calm down George it can't be that bad.

George. Calm down? calm down? I'll show you calm down. How would he like it if I took his stuff without asking?

Jemima. Well I'm sure he means well George and I'm sure he will bring your football back.

George. That's not the point Jemima, he took it without asking in the first place.

Jemima. So what ya gonna do about it George.

George. I'll tell you what I'm gonna do about it Jemima.

Jemima. I'm not liking the sound of this George.

George. I don't care, I have to get my own back somehow. I

have a cunning plan.

Jemima. Come on then George, let's hear it.

George. Well Jemima, I happen to know that Jimmy's mum does the washing every Saturday and hangs out the clothes in the back garden.

Jemima. Yes, go on.

George. Well, among that washing will be Jimmy's Huddersfield Town football shirt.

Jemima. Soooooooo?

George. So, Jimmy is absolutely mad for Huddersfield Town, so could you imagine how he would feel if I sneaked into his garden and nicked his shirt.

Jemima. Aw, come on George, you can't do that.

George. Course I can Jemima, and can you imagine how it would make me feel, me being a Leeds United fan? Come on you Whites!

Jemima. Stop George, stop it.

George. Oh hang on Jemima there's more.

Jemima. More? more? how do you mean there's more?

George. Well I might just take his bike, which he always leaves outside, and his trainers he always leaves on the outside steps, and his toy cars he always leaves throwing around, and I might even kidnap his sister.

Jemima. (shouting) STOP. STOP RIGHT THERE GEORGE. THAT'S ENOUGH.

George. Sorry Jemima, I got a bit carried away.

Jemima. Oh George, George, George.

George. Oh what, what, what?

Jemima. Don't you ever listen to what is taught at Sunday School?

George. What's that got to do with anything?

Jemima. Well have you ever thought that perhaps if you talked to Jimmy Smith about taking things without asking, then maybe he would stop it?

George. Me? The Great George, stop to think?

Jemima. Do you remember what was said in Sunday school

last week?

George. Well, sort of, but ya know me Jemima, in one ear & out the other, but I'm sure you're going to enlighten me.

Jemima. Oooo! listen at you, enlighten me, have you swallowed a dictionary?

George. Come on Jemima get on with it.

Jemima. Well do you remember George what Jesus said in Matthew 18: 15. If your Brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he hears you, you have gained your Brother.

George. So Jesus said I should talk to Jimmy Smith. But I don't want Jimmy Smith as my Brother.

Jemima. Don't worry George Jimmy won't be your Brother.

George. I quite fancy his Sister though.

Jemima. Give up George. Just go and talk to Jimmy, perhaps he doesn't even know he's upset you.

George. What do I say though?

Jemima. Just tell him that you are upset and you really wish he would ask you first if he wants to borrow your stuff. He probably didn't know you felt that way and will be as upset as you.

George. Right, I get it now, we talk to each other, we make friends, and all will be hunky dory?

Jemima. Yes, that's right George, there's hope for you yet.

George. I'd better take is shirt back then?

Jemima. You've taken it already?

George. Yeh, course, I was going to do him a swap for my football.

Jemima. Just get out of here George, Go talk to Jimmy.

George. OK then. I still fancy his Sister though.

Jemima. Just go George, Just Go.

Both Bye Bye everybody,bye bye.

BETRAYAL

I was reading a Bible passage the other day and, as I read, I had the weirdest emotional response to the text. I realise Scripture is supposed to impact us this way – if we allow it to. I became slightly nervous. It was a brief encounter, but I quickly realised I was being reminded of a few very painful experiences in my own life.

I was recalling the emotions of betrayal.

To understand the passage, it helps to be able to count to twelve. (Or at least eleven.)

Here's the passage:

"And when they had entered, they went up to the upper room, where they were staying, Peter and John and James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot and Judas the son of James." Acts 1:13

Do you see what jumped out at me?

Count them. There are eleven names. Eleven. Not twelve.

One name is missing. One person was no longer in the group.

And, I remembered why.

For three years there were twelve. They had been Jesus' disciples. His closest companions. His trusted friends. Jesus had invested time, energy and life into them. Now there were eleven. One was missing.

If you don't know the story, another named Judas betrayed Jesus. For a large sum of money, he handed Jesus to the authorities where He was arrested, beaten and crucified. Of course, it was used for a divine purpose, but the fact is one of the disciples betrayed the others and Jesus.

I don't think I ever considered this before, but what were the emotions of betrayal for the remaining disciples? Did they miss their friend? In spite of his betrayal, he was a close companion on a mission. A team member. There must have been some attachment. Were there moments of bitterness, anger, or rage? Were they sad? Was there one in particular who got hurt most? He was closest to the betrayer, perhaps, (I don't know. But, I think I know people so it prompts me to ask the questions.)

As I reflected on their experience, I couldn't help remembering a time when I felt betrayal. There have been a few significant, very painful times in my life when I was severely disappointed

by people I trusted most.

We don't talk much in our life about betrayal but maybe we should. Those emotions are real. They are heavy. And, they are common.

Have you been hurt by your own betrayer? You trusted him or her. You may have even called them friend. They let you down. Disappointed you. Betrayed you.

Maybe most of us have experienced betrayal at some level. It could have been the gossip started by a supposed friend or a pointed and calculated stab in the back. Either way it hurts. Learning to deal with, process, and mature through betrayal may be one of the more important issues, yet we seldom deal with the issue.

How do you handle betrayal?

Give yourself time to process. Be honest about the pain. Don't pretend it didn't matter. It does. You were injured by someone you trusted – maybe someone you love.

As much as it hurts, refusing to forgive or holding a grudge will hurt you more than the betrayer. (And, if you are a believer you have no option. It's a command of God.) Embrace and extend grace. Let it go! If there are realistic consequences you can let those occur, but in your heart let it go. Forgiveness is a choice not dependent on the other person's response. It is the most freeing decision you can make. It may take time to do this, but the longer you delay the more you are still held captive by the betrayal.

It is good at a time of betrayal to consider what went wrong.

Was it an error in judgement? Would it have happened regardless? You can't script what will morality and shouldn't attempt to, but you should use this as a chance for a healthy review of the parameters in which the betrayal occurred.

You can't allow a betrayal to distract you, But, equally important, don't allow this time to build up walls where you never trust again. There will always be betrayers as long as there are people. Jesus had them. They show up unexpectedly at times. And, if you read on in Acts, they replaced the twelfth person again. They moved forward in spite of betrayal. Eventually you will have to take a risk on people again. It's the only way to lead a healthy life.

Gail

Dean of Wakefield is moving on....

The Dean of Wakefield, the Very Revd Jonathan Greener is to be the new Dean of Exeter, Downing Street has announced.

The Very Revd Jonathan Greener will leave the diocese he has served for the last 14 years to start his new post as the 71st Dean of Exeter on November 26th.

The Diocesan Bishop, Bishop Nick Baines said: "I am delighted at the appointment of Jonathan Greener to be Dean of Exeter. He will bring gifts of vision, resilience and collegiality to his new ministry.

"Exeter is receiving a Dean who has helped shape a new way of exercising cathedral ministry in a diocese going through considerable change. I will miss his creativity, friendship and support."

As Dean of Wakefield, Jonathan carried out the most complete makeover of any Cathedral in recent times, raising £7.5 million and completely transforming the interior, which had been untouched since the 1970s.

Said Jonathan: "The built environment is a way of showing care for citizens, it attracts investment and jobs, but beauty is also a vital part of human existence under God.

"One of the issues for Wakefield alongside poverty in the pocket, has been poverty of opportunity and aspiration.

"In my time here, I have seen Wakefield becoming the city of which its citizens can be genuinely proud.

"And I too am proud to have played a part in renewing the Cathedral for the people of our city and district and proud to leave a Cathedral in such good state,' he added.

It was the support of the Heritage Lottery Fund that gave the Dean and Chapter of Wakefield the money and confidence to renew the building and open it up to new people.

But it was his wife, Pamela and her musical talents that put Wakefield Cathedral on the map when she became a YouTube sensation with The VAT Ditty - warning that the then

Chancellor's proposals to close VAT relief on historic buildings would put an extra £200,000 on the restoration bill at Wakefield Cathedral - and plunge many other church buildings into financial crisis.

Her campaign helped raise the issue for both Wakefield Cathedral and the Church of England and saw a U-turn from the Government.

Most of Jonathan's ministry has been in the Wakefield Area – he was the Archdeacon of Pontefract for four years; chaired the Board of Education in the historic diocese of Wakefield before being appointed the Dean of Wakefield. He met and married his wife, Pamela here and in the last ten years in post as Dean, as well as delivering the Cathedral's £7.5m regeneration project, he has also seen a number of new initiatives including: Messy Cathedral, supported the Wakefield Rent Deposit Scheme, renewed the Chantry Chapel, introduced a new coffee shop and now integrated that with a gift shop, and seen the baptism of well over 200 people new to faith.

He chairs the Sponsors of the Trinity Academy Halifax – of which he is very proud.

Jonathan is also an executive member of the Association of English Cathedrals and a Church Commissioner.



Prayerful Thought

Well hello again, and suddenly here we are at another Autumn.

Now I appreciate that as Autumn precedes winter, the weather can be dismal, and of course the nights are getting longer and it may not be one of your favourite times of year. But I must confess I do like Autumn.

I like the fact I can light a fire, I like the beautiful colours as the leaves change, as someone who doesn't have children, it is also quite often a time of year I go on holiday too.

But I think one of the main reasons why I like autumn, is Harvest time, harvest festivals and the end of a growing season, a time for cropping and a time for the earth to rest before sowing again in the spring, and a time for storing what we have harvested.

When I thought about this it led me to think about that passage from Matthew, chapter 6 verse 19 – 20;

Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

So what do we mean by treasures?

Somehow I don't think God is talking about Gold and Jewels, otherwise we might all be pirates!

Well as in most cases where God is concerned, we need only look to the Bible and St Paul's letter to the Galatians. If we look at Galatians chapter 5 verses 22-23, I think we find our answer, and appropriately this passage mentions fruit too!

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance,

kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.

As I am writing this article, the present news stories seem to emphasise how much we as a human race appear to have completely forgotten about the fruits of the spirit, but then if you really think about them, they are there, they just aren't particularly newsworthy. Newspapers don't sell us good news, and yet, think about it...

Following devastating hurricanes in the Caribbean and Southern America, and then severe earthquakes in Mexico, many people, who are able, have rushed to help. Those that can, are sending money to charities to help with the relief efforts, and even where people do not have the money, they are able to prayer for those that have been so severely affected.

We are also troubled presently with the leaders of nations 'sabre rattling' and 'posturing' about missiles and nuclear capability, but although again our newspapers refrain from telling us about it, there will be people urging leaders for restraint and caution, of chances to talk and negotiate.

Surely these actions show that the fruits of the spirit; love, joy, peace, kindness, goodness, faithfulness and gentleness are still alive in our world.

Let us hope that world leaders think about the other two fruits, namely 'forbearance' and 'self control' and think about their countries and other areas that would suffer catastrophically should no resolution be found.

Now perhaps this all seems a little distant to us in our little corner of West Yorkshire, but it doesn't mean that we all can't think anew, about what fruits of the spirit we may need to look at 'harvesting'

It's probably a bit like trying to get our '5 a day' our 5 portions of fruit and veg that will help keep us healthy.

If you think about the fruits of the spirit there are a total of 9 for us to choose from, and I am issuing you with a challenge...

Hopefully it isn't too difficult for us to store up some of these fruits in our 'harvest' hopefully the majority of us share love, are generally kind, but I bet that's to people who you know and like. But what about applying these fruits to those people in your life for whom you may need a little more forbearance or self control?

Keeping in mind those words from 1 Peter, let us not focus on storing up 'treasures on earth' but think about storing up fruits of the spirit, love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.

Surely these are the treasures for heaven that Peter talks about.

If we think about the end of Peter's statement, "...for where your treasure is there your heart will be also." If we fill our hearts and lives with love, joy, peace, kindness, gentleness, goodness, faithfulness, and yes if we need to forbearance and self control too, then our hearts will be where our treasure is and surely our cups will 'runneth over' with the blessings of the fruits of the spirit.

Here's to us all achieving our '5 fruits a day'.

With love and prayers

Dawn x

A Prayer for Sharing

*Help us to share,
for the letter of SHARE are in HARVEST.
Forgive us if we have too much
for the letters of HAVE are in HARVEST.
Help us to save and not waste,
for the letters of SAVE are in HARVEST.
Help those who starve
for the letter of STARVE are in HARVEST.*

*Please God,
let us who have too much
learn to share Your HARVEST
with those who are starving.*

Anonymous

POTTED BIOGRAPHY OF REV. GEORGE DEMPSTER MILLER, M.A. (1813-1891)

*Curate at St Peter, Morley and Vicar at St Mary the Virgin,
Woodkirk.*

Parents: Robert MILLER (1789-1851) and Catherine MILLER
(née BURRINGTON) (1784-1857) Born: 14th August 1813,
Westminster, London.

Baptism: 3rd November 1813, St George, Hanover Square,
London.

Education: Wadham College, Oxford, matric, 17th May 1832
(B.A. 1836, M.A. 1839)

Ordained: Deacon in 1837 by Bishop of Rochester.

Ordained: Priest in 1838 by Bishop of Chichester.

Appointed: Curate at All Saints church, Heathfield, Sussex.
(1837-1839)

Appointed: Perpetual Curate at St Peter church, Morley, West
Riding of Yorkshire (1839-1841)

Appointed: Vicar of St Bridget church, Skenfrith,
Monmouthshire, (1841-1846)

Appointed: Vicar of St Mary the Virgin church, Woodkirk, West
Riding of Yorkshire. (15th October 1846-30th July 1872)¹

Appointed: Curate of Christ church, Nailsea, Somerset.
(1871-18)²

Married: Susan CAVE (1826-1917) 13th February 1847, St
Maughan, Monmouthshire.

Children:

Alice Cave MILLER Born: 21st March 1849, Woodkirk,
Parsonage. Baptised: 21st March 1849, St Mary's, Woodkirk.

Died: February 1890, Cheltenham, Sussex. Burial: 5th
February 1890, St Mary, Cheltenham, Sussex.

George Dempster MILLER Born: 7th September 1850,
Woodkirk, Parsonage. Baptised: 5th October 1850, St Mary's,
Woodkirk. Died: October 1863 Redhill, Surrey. Burial: 9th
October 1863 St John, Redhill, Surrey.

Robert Burrington MILLER (Rev'd) Born: 24th May 1853,
Woodkirk, Parsonage. Baptised: 25th September 1853, St
Mary's, Woodkirk. Died: 29th December 1938, Woking, Surrey.

Herbert Gordon MILLER (Rev'd) Born: 10th June 1855,

Woodkirk Parsonage. Baptised: 19th August 1855, St Mary's, Woodkirk. Died: 16th June 1917, Vancouver, British Columbia. Lionel Hamilton MILLER (Banker) Born: 3rd May 1857, Woodkirk, Parsonage. Baptised: 5th July 1857, St Mary's, Woodkirk. Died: 13th September 1927, Kensington, London.

Notes:

1. The last entries made in the Woodkirk parish register by George are for: Baptism 22nd November 1868; Marriage September 1868 and Burial 15th November 1868.

2. In the 1871 Census (Parsonage, Main Street, Nailsea, Somerset) his profession is stated as "Vicar of Woodkirk and Curate of Nailsea".

I've contacted members of the Nailsea and District Local History Society, who cannot confirm whether George was curate at Christ church at that time.

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Wilkinson, and the Parochial Church Council, St Mary the Virgin, Woodkirk. If you have any further details to add to his brief biography, especially regarding whether he served as curate at Christ church, Nailsea, I will be pleased to hear from you.

Jeff Chambers
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Albert's 'Treble Chance' Quiz for October

Score one, two or three points for each correctly answered question.

1. In the Holy Bible what are the names of the 'Three Wise Men'?
2. Name the three types of triangle as classified by the lengths of their sides?
3. Name the only three football clubs who were founder members of the Football League in 1888 and the Premier League in 1992.
4. What were the names of the three Bronte sisters?
5. Name the three traditional primary colours.
6. What were the names of 'The Three Musketeers' in the classic book?
7. Which three UK towns are prefixed by the word 'Royal'?
8. What were the names of the film stars 'The Three Stooges'?
9. In the Holy Bible who were the three sons of Adam and Eve?
10. Name the three musicians of the pop group 'The Police'.
11. What were the first names of the members of the pop group 'Bros'?
12. On TV which three actors were the first to portray Doctor Who?

Answers on Page 36

Sandra's Seasonal Suggestions

October is a time for tidying up. Leave some seed heads and rose hips for the birds. If you have spare earth in the vegetable plot plant some green manure. Some herbs can be potted up now to take you over the winter. Try parsley, chives and mint. Here are some of this month's jobs.

1. Sow some more winter lettuce such as Arctic King in the greenhouse or coldframe.
2. Plant more tulip bulbs for next spring.
3. Sow outdoor broad beans and peas.
4. Plant over wintering onions, shallots and garlic.
5. Before storing your garden furniture clean it off and treat with a wood stain or similar. Store in a dry, frost free place such as a shed or garage in a way which ensures moisture won't sit on it causing rotting.
6. Give the greenhouse a good end-of-year clean. Remove any paint on greenhouse shading and use soap and water on staging. Clean glass inside and out and rinse off with the garden hose.
7. Feed Brussels and winter cabbage now to encourage them on for Christmas.
8. Don't forget to put the compost heap to bed. Cover with an organic duvet, black polythene or pieces of wood.
9. Scrub bird feeders and birdbaths with a mild detergent. Put out nuts, seeds, stale cake and fruit. Don't forget clean water too.
10. Leave some runner beans and French beans on the plant to dry so that you have some for next year.

Sandra



This month we have witnessed many natural disasters around the world that have brought a number of relief and prayer requests for us.

Mothers' Union in Sierra Leone has been providing food items, clothing, toiletries and water for those hospitalised in the aftermath of the Mudslides.

We have also been asked by our Diocesan President in North Eastern Caribbean and Aruba, Ephena Matthew, in light of Hurricane Irma, to pray for all those who have been affected by the devastation that the hurricane has caused and for all those who have lost lives, homes and livelihoods.

"Watch, O Lord, with those who wake, or watch, or weep tonight" St. Augustine

With blessings,

Rachael Arding

QUIZ ANSWERS: 1. Balthazar, Caspar, Melchior. 2. Equilateral, Isosceles, Scalene. 3. Aston Villa, Blackburn Rovers, Everton. 4. Anne, Charlotte, Emily. 5. Red, Yellow, Blue. 6. Athos, Porthos, Aramis. 7. Leamington Spa, Tunbridge Wells, Woolton Bassett. 8. Larry, Mo, Curly. 9. Cain, Abel, Seth. 10. Sting, Andy Summers, Stewart Copeland. 11. Luke, Matt, Craig. 12. William Hartnell, Patrick Houghton, Jon Pertwee,

Albert Shaw

Poetry Corner

Under the Harvest Moon

Under the harvest moon,
When the soft silver
Drips shimmering
Over the garden nights,
Death, the gray mocker,
Comes and whispers to you
As a beautiful friend
Who remembers.

Under the summer roses
When the fragrant crimson
Lurks in the dusk
Of the wild red leaves,
Love, with little hands,
Comes and touches you
With a thousand memories,
And asks you
Beautiful, unanswerable questions.

Carl Sandberg

Diary for the coming weeks

(Morning Prayer will take place at 9.00am Mon, Tues, Thurs & Fri.)

October

1st Sun	10:30am	Holy Communion
	12:30pm	Holy Baptism
2nd Mon	7.00pm	Wardens Meeting
	8.00pm	IT Meeting
4th Wed	10.00am	Holy Communion—God's Goodness
	19.30pm	Joint Leeds Deanery Synod—St George's
7th Sat	9:30am	Church & Churchyard Clean up
8th Sun	10:30am	All Age—Harvest Festival
	12 noon	Holy Communion
	7:00pm	Morley Arts Festival at St. Mary's
11th Wed	10.00am	Holy Communion—BCP
15th Sun	10:30am	Holy Communion
	12:30pm	Baptism
18th Wed	10:00am	Holy Communion—Iona
	7:30pm	St.Michael's Ecumenical Service
19th Thu	11:00am	Holy Communion at Lydgate Lodge
22nd Sun	10:30am	Holy Communion
	12:30pm	Baptism
	6:00pm	Thanksgiving Service
23rd Mon	7:30pm	Social Group Meeting at Vicarage
25th Wed	10:00am	Holy Communion—Healing
27th Fri	10:00am	Coffee Morning—Breast Cancer
29th Sun	10:30am	All Age Holy Communion
	12:30pm	Baptisms
	1:30pm	Baptisms

November

1st Wed	10:00am	Holy Communion—God's Goodness
2nd Thur	7:00pm	All Souls Service
4th Sat	9:30am	Church & Churchyard Clean up
5th Sun	10:30am	All Saints Holy Communion
	12:30pm	Holy Baptism
8th Wed	10.00am	Holy Communion—BCP

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

BAPTISMS

We welcome into our church family:-

Blake Ray Galbraith

Lily Grace Pickard

Poppy Lilian Pickard

Charlie James Cawood

Jacob Alexander Cawood



DEATHS



We give thanks for the lives of:-

Mary Moorhouse

WEDDINGS Please pray for all couples who are were married at St Mary's in July and August 2017:



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Girl Guides	Tuesday 7:30pm Vikki Springett 07841 513530
Toddler Group	Wednesday 9:15-11:00am Sally Shaw 01924 475048
Rainbows	Thursday 5.30 - 6.30pm Ruth Osenton-Brown 01924 607393
Brownies	Thursday 6.30 - 7.45pm Hannah Tombling 01924 501892
Keep Fit Class	Thursday 8:00pm Margaret Hampshire 01924 476721
Young at Heart	1 st & 3 rd Thursdays 2:00pm Brenda Dixon 0113 253 4078
Beavers	Friday 5:00pm to 6:15 pm Joanne Rutledge 07950 580877
Cubs	Friday 6:30pm to 7:45 pm Marianne Ingham 07778 542302
Scouts	Friday 8:00 pm to 9:30 pm Trevor Holdsworth 0113 253 0927
Explorer Scouts	Friday 7:45 pm to 9:30 pm Chris Ingham 07816 517838

Services

1st Sunday of the month:

10:30am Holy Communion

2nd Sunday of the month:

10:30am All Age Worship for adults and children

12:00pm Holy Communion

3rd Sunday of the month

10:30am Holy Communion

4th Sunday of the month:

10:30am Holy Communion

5th Sunday of the month

10:30am All Age Holy Communion for adults and children

Wednesdays:

10:00am Holy Communion

3rd Thursday:

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