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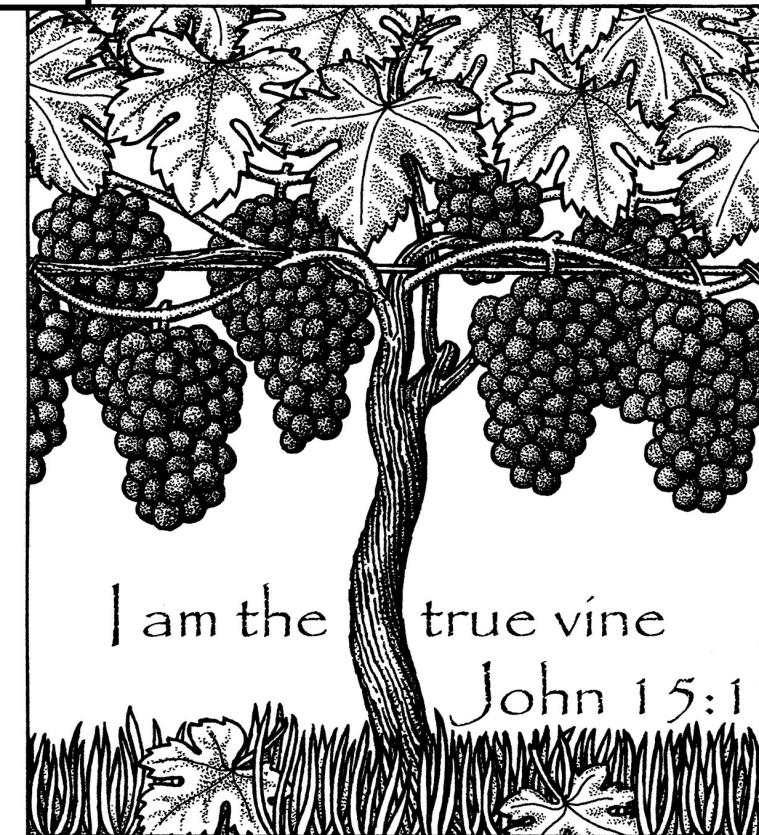
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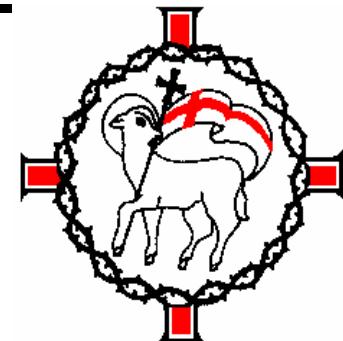
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Worship Sunday

8.30 a.m.	Holy Communion (4 th Sunday only)
10.30 a.m.	Sung Communion and Junior Church (4 th Sunday – Family Service)
18.00 p.m.	Occasional Special Services as announced

Tuesday

10.30 a.m.	Holy Communion
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To receive Communion at home when you are sick or housebound, or to have the name of a departed friend or relation entered in the Book of Remembrance, please contact Philip or one of the Wardens.

For Baptisms, Marriages or Funerals please phone Philip (Vicar) on 0161 338 2368. Baptisms are usually conducted at 12.30 pm on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month.

From Our Book of Remembrance

1 Sep	Thomas Martin	1974	23 Sep	Harold Barnfield	1992
	Freda Butler	2010		Mary Louise Harris	1975
2 Sep	Ida Mawdsley	1998		Edith Jubb	1992
	Mabel Ethel Shaw	1988		Peter Barratt	2011
4 Sep	Eric Clegg	1993	24 Sep	Harry Mitchell Lister	1929
5 Sep	Betty Denby	1963		George Ronald Scott	1979
	Ruth Sutton	1997	26 Sep	Mary Williams	2012
	Norman Dawson	1985	28 Sep	Alma Cuttle	1985
7 Sep	George Sayce	1985		Mary Jane Higgins	2005
	Mary Sidebottom	1987		Raymond Peter Redfern	2007
8 Sep	Harold Thwaites	1957		Janet MacKenzie	2014
9 Sep	William Grimshaw	1974	29 Sep	Harry Rawsterne	2009
10 Sep	Boris Buckley	2006	30 Sep	Reginald Aldred	1998
19 Sep	Joseph Alun Davies	2012			
21 Sep	Joseph Wynne Bithell	2013			
	Arthur Shaw Castle	1995			

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BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

To have the name of a loved one entered into this special book, and remembered in our intercessions for their anniversary please have a word with one of the wardens or Philip.

The cost for the special inscription is £10 per entry



If anyone would like to take up the bread and wine at the offertory—to celebrate a special occasion, in memory of a loved one or just to take part, please have a word with one of the wardens for any Sunday this year.

From the Registers

Baptisms

We welcome into the Lord's family

5 August

Oscar Carl Hallows, Church Walk, Stalybridge
Theo Alexander Bentham, Shelley Grove, Millbrook, Stalybridge
Luca Leonard Anthony Barton, Hague Place, Stalybridge
Paige Louise Logan, Hague Place, Stalybridge

12 August

Harry George Brayshaw, Vicarage Drive, Dukinfield

19 August

Renaya Skye Bryan, Church Walk, Stalybridge
Emily Rose Howland, Church Walk, Stalybridge

Weddings

God is love and those who live in love abide in God, and God lives in them

7 July

Jack Alan Karl Fairchild to Joanne Summers

14 July

Daniel Beresford to Sarah Russon

28 July

Neil Bradshaw to Collette Ann Morrow

25 August

William John Philip Stewart to Leanne Mulholland

Funerals

Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord

30 August

Hilda Collins (aged 95 years) Broad Oak Lane, East Didsbury

Dear Friends,

September already – it feels like the year is flying by – another sign of getting old I suppose. For those who have been away on holiday – I hope you had a good break from routine and for those who stayed at home, I hope you managed to take a bit of ‘time out’ for yourselves.

Regular activities at church are considerably scaled down during August but this month – as well as the resumption of Junior Church, Brownies and Guides, Time for Fun and other weekly meetings – there is quite a lot more happening.

At the start of the month we have a Heritage Weekend – an event celebrated throughout the country. On Saturday 8th September the church will be open from 11.00am to 4.00pm with Fair Trade tea, coffee and refreshments on sale. If you've never had a really good look around the church, there will be an exhibition of various heritage places in the parish, together with a little plan and booklet showing the twenty cotton mills which used to be in the parish, out of a total of fifty mills in Stalybridge itself. You can also look at the memorials, and it won't be just for adults, because there are activities for the children to take part in. Do come along and check it all out.

On Sunday 23rd September at 2.30p.m. in Manchester Cathedral Gail Willington will be commissioned as an Authorised Lay Minister for our church. Tickets for this service are very limited – only five per ALM – and so I hope that you will support Gail by your prayers and throughout her ensuing ministry. I am delighted to announce, to those who haven't already heard, that Gail has also been accepted for Reader Training and will commence the course this month. Hard work indeed but Gail is prepared for the challenges ahead and we are all behind her.



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The following weekend (Sunday 30th September) we will

celebrate our Harvest Festival with Worship for All at 10.30a.m. which will be followed by a Bring and Share Lunch. Harvest is a lovely service and we will, once again, be collecting non-perishable food to give to the Booth Centre in Manchester. This is also Back to Church Sunday for us here at St George's and I urge you to invite people who may never have been to St George's or those who used to come but have since lapsed. We would love to see them all. If everyone invited just one person, then the church would be quite full.

May I also draw your attention to the article in both this magazine and in last month's edition, about our appeal for poppies – knitted, crocheted, felt cut-outs or other creations for the display we are planning to mark the centenary of the signing of the Armistice at the end of World War 1. Many people have already taken up the challenge and, in our house, knitting needles that haven't seen the light of day for very many years, are now in use. Please help if you can.

With my good wishes to you all.

Philip



Saint of the Month
13 September
John Chrysostom,
Bishop of Constantinople,
Teacher of the Faith, 407

The literal translation of 'Chrysostom' is 'Golden-Mouth'. Such was the power, eloquence and skill in John's preaching that during his time as priest in Antioch people began to call him by this nickname which was both descriptive and well deserved. His sermons were full of biblical exposition and practical application. He combined this with a flair for words and a fierce commitment to practical Christianity. His lifestyle matched his words. John's early ascetic life meant that he was as spiritually sensitive as he was linguistically eloquent.

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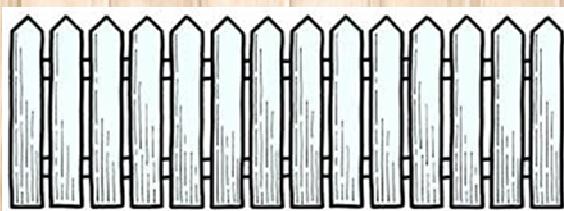
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Born in Syria in the middle of the fourth century, John started to live the ascetic life after his baptism. His desire for authentic Christianity led him into the desert, where he placed himself under the authority of an old Syrian monk for four years, before moving on to live in isolation in a cave for a further two. Ill health finally forced him back into the city, and he was ordained priest in 386. During the twelve years he spent at Antioch he made great use of the skills of public speaking that he had learnt as a youth, and was given special responsibility for preaching. His sermons were directed towards the instruction and moral reformation of a nominally Christian society. He was appointed a special assistant to the bishop, with responsibility for the poor of the city.

In 398 John was chosen to be the Bishop of Constantinople. There is no reason to suppose that he did not welcome the move to a city which was the seat of power of the Eastern Emperor and which surpassed Rome in terms of authority and prestige. John was quietly whisked away from Antioch without his or his people being told of his election as Bishop of Constantinople to avoid popular demonstrations.

In Constantinople (now Istanbul) Chrysostom inherited an undisciplined clergy living in luxury. The disparity between the huge fortunes of the ruling class and the needs of the poor was often emphasized in his preaching. He instigated many practical works to redress the balance, which meant that in turn he was both loved and hated by the citizens of the city. The Emperor's wife Eudoxia took a particular dislike to his highlighting of the moral and practical aspects of Christianity.

The Empress, incensed at John's preaching, erected a statue of herself outside the Church of Hagia Sophia to provoke Chrysostom. Charges were brought against him, alleging that he had called the Empress a 'Jezebel'. Other charges were concocted and brought against him but John refused to defend himself or tone down his preaching. The Empress had him exiled, only to recall him a short time later when the city was hit by a earthquake. John never moderated his position, preaching against excess and continuing to rein in the worst excesses of the Church. He was exiled in 404, again at Eudoxia's instigation, and this time sent to Pontus. He was made to walk the journey, and given no rest, and he died *en route*.

Chrysostom's flair for words is evident in his writing on prayer:

By prayer, I understand not that which is found only in the mouth, but that which springs up from the bottom of the heart. Indeed, just as trees with the deepest roots are not broken or uprooted by a violent storm... so too, prayers that come from the depths of the heart, rooted there, ascend to heaven with confidence. They are not turned aside under attack from any distracting thought at all.

On the Incomprehensibility of God, Fifth Discourse

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August 2018 Weekly Giving

Date	Sunday	Open Plate	Envelopes	Total	Monthly Shortfall
29 Jul 2018	9 th Sunday after Trinity	£68.00	£377.00	£445.00	
05 Aug 2018	5 th Sunday after Trinity	£103.20	£402.21	£505.41	
12 Aug 2018	6 th Sunday after Trinity	£49.10	£360.50	£409.60	
19 Aug 2018	7 th Sunday after Trinity	£17.00	£395.20	£412.20	
26 Aug 2018	8 th Sunday after Trinity	£	£	£	
	Standing Orders etc			£952.00	£952.00
	Monthly Total	£237.30	£2486.91	£2724.21	-741.79

* Assuming £10 per adult per week needed for running the church this means we need £3,466 per month

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200 CLUB

The 200 Club winners for August 2018 are:

1st Prize	£25	55	Gail Williams
2nd Prize	£15	20	Pat Booth
3rd Prize	£10	91	Caroline Wright

The cost is £12 per year per number and there are still some spare numbers available and new members are always welcome.

If you would like to join please see Rose Hayward or ring 303 1731.

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Back to Church Sunday

Sunday 30th September is 'Back to Church Sunday' - what will it take to get 'YOU' back to Church?



To encourage you to attend, how about if we offered:

- Beds - for those who say Sunday is their day to sleep-in.
- Safety helmets – for anyone who fears the roof would fall in if they entered a church door.
- Blankets and hot water bottles – for those who find our church too cold.
- Fans and ice cream - for those who find our church too hot.
- Cushions - for anyone who find our seats too hard.
- Bicycles – for those who exercise on Sunday mornings.
- Hearing aids - for those who find the minister speaks too softly.
- Cotton wool - for those who find the minister speaks too loudly.
- Score cards - for all who want to rate the hymns/sermons/coffee.
- Ready-meals - for anyone who can't come because they have to cook Sunday lunch.
- Some flowers - for those who prefer to seek God in nature.
- Christmas poinsettias and Easter palms - for all those who have never seen the church without them.

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Readings and Psalms for September 2018

Sun 2nd	14th Sunday after Trinity		
	10.30	Deuteronomy 4.1-2,6-9; Psalm 15; James 1.17-end; Mark 7.1-8,14,15,21-23	
Tues 4th	10.30 1 Corinthians 2.10b-end; Psalm 145.10-17; Luke 4.31-37		
Sun 9th	15th Sunday after Trinity		
	10.30	Isaiah 35.4-7a; Psalm 146; James 2.1-10,14-17; Mark 7.24-end	
Tues 11th	10.30	1 Corinthians 6. 1-11; Psalm 149.1-5; Luke 6.12-19	
Sun 16th	16th Sunday after Trinity		
	10.30	Isaiah 50.4-9a; Psalm 116.1-8; James 3.1-12; Mark 8.27-end	
Tues 18th	10.30	1 Corinthians 12.12-14,27-end; Psalm 100; Luke 7.11-17	
Sun 23rd	17th Sunday after Trinity		
	8.30	James 3.13-4.3,7-8a; mark 9.30-37	
	10.30	Wisdom 1.16-2.1,12,22; Psalm 54; James 3.13-4.3,7-8a; Mark 9.30-37	
Tues 25th	10.30	Proverbs 21.1-6,10-13; Psalm 119.1-8; Luke 8.19-21	
Sun 30th	18th Sunday after Trinity—Harvest Thanksgiving and Back to Church Sunday		
	10.30	Joel 2.21-27; Matthew 6.25-33 Worship For All	

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August Crossword Solution

ACROSS: 8, Prince of Peace. 9, INF. 10, Unmarried. 11, Gulag. 13, Treason. 16, In aid of. 19, Arena. 22, Calvinist. 24, Pad. 25, Moses and Aaron.

DOWN: 1, Spring. 2, Sinful. 3, Scourged. 4, Commit. 5, Spur. 6, Matins. 7, Feed on. 12, Urn. 14, Erastian, 15, Own. 16, Income. 17, At last. 18, Friend. 20, Empire. 21, Adding. 23, Inst.

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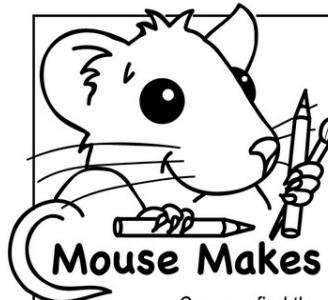
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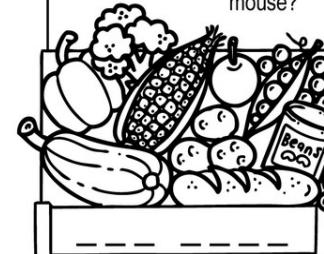
Can you find the
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A HARVEST PUZZLE

Change each letter to
the letter **before** it in the
alphabet to see how
QSPWFSC 3:9 says
we can give thanks to God.



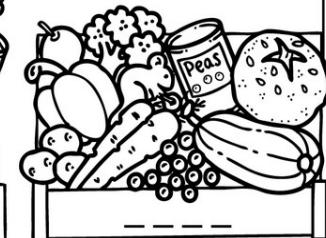
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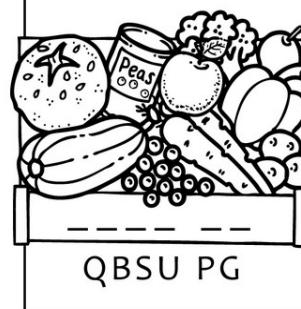
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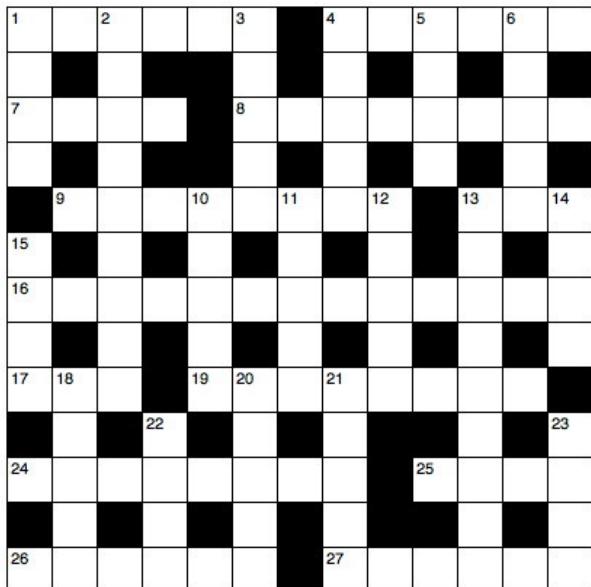
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IBSWFTU

Which two boxes have the same harvest food?

September Crossword



Across

1 'Unless the Lord builds the house, its builders — in vain' (Psalm 127:1) (6), 4 Season of the year (Psalm 84:6) (6), 7 'My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death. — here and keep watch with me' (Matthew 26:38) (4), 8 It came over the whole land from the sixth to the ninth hour on the first Good Friday (Luke 23:44) (8), 9 Paul invariably did this in the synagogues he visited on his missionary journeys (Acts 17:2) (8), 13 'It is God who works in you to will and to — according to his good purpose' (Philippians 2:13) (3), 16 Members of the Church of Scotland (13), 17 'Now when he saw the crowds, he went up on a mountain side and — down' (Matthew 5:1) (3), 19 Mock(Luke14:29) (8), 24 Disgrace(Psalm44:13)(8), 25 First month of the Hebrew calendar (Exodus13:4)(4), 26 Christianity of the Britons before Augustine arrived from Rome(6), 27 Mean (Numbers 35:23)(6)

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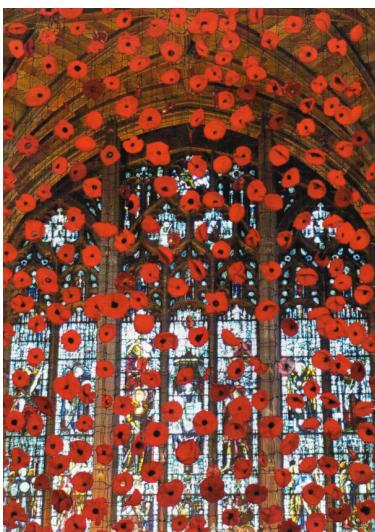
1 'Whoever finds his life will — it' (Matthew 10:39) (4), 2 'My lord the king, let the — — on me and on my father's family, and let the king and his throne be without guilt' (2 Samuel 14:9) (5,4), 3 O raid (anag.) (5), 4 'If two of you on earth — about anything you ask for, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven' (Matthew 18:19) (5), 5 Take care of (1 Samuel 17:15) (4), 6 What the older son heard as he came near the house the day his prodigal brother came home (Luke 15:25) (5), 10 'Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with — judgment' (Romans 12:3) (5), 11 Do ten(anag.)(5), 12 Architectural style first used in Greek temples in the sixth century BC (5), 13 Capable of being used(1Kings7:36)(9), 14 'Each one should — his own actions'(Galatians6:4)(4) 15 Among the items imported by Solomon's fleet of trading ships (1 Kings 10:22) (4), 18 'But I am afraid that just — was deceived by the serpent's cunning, your minds may somehow be led astray' (2 Corinthians 11:3) (2,3), 20 Outstanding 18th-century hymn writer, — Watts(5), 21 One of the four sons of Asher(Genesis46:17)(5), 22 Be distressed(Proverbs24:19)(4), 23 He was the father of Gaal, who threatened rebellion against Abimelech (Judges 9:28) (4)

Some dates for your diary - September 2018

- Sat 1st 8.00p.m. Quiz
 Sun 2nd 10.30a.m. Parish Eucharist
 12.30p.m. Holy Baptism
 Mon 3rd 7.45p.m. PCC Meeting with Archdeacon Cherry Vann
 Tues 4th 10.30a.m. Holy Communion
 1.00p.m.- 3.00p.m. Come Together Café
 Wed 5th 7.30p.m. Deanery Safeguarding Group at St. John, Hurst
 7.30p.m. Induction of Revd Gary Kennaugh as Vicar of Holy Trinity, Stalybridge
 Thurs 6th 9.00a.m. Time 4 Fun (0 to 5yrs)
 7.30p.m. Tameside Community Voices Practice
 Sat 8th 11.00am - 4.00pm Heritage Open Day and Fair Trade Tea
 Sun 9th 10.30a.m. Parish Eucharist & Junior Church
 Tues 11th 10.30a.m. Holy Communion
 1.00p.m.- 3.00p.m. Come Together Café
 Thurs 13th 9.00a.m. Time 4 Fun (0 to 5yrs)
 7.30p.m. Deanery Synod at St. Stephen, Audenshaw
 7.30p.m. Tameside Community Voices Practice
 Sun 16th 10.30a.m. Parish Eucharist & Junior Church
 12.30p.m. Holy Baptism
 Tues 18th 10.30a.m. Holy Communion
 1.00p.m.- 3.00p.m. Come Together Café
 7.45p.m. Parochial Church Council
 Thurs 20th 9.00a.m. Time 4 Fun (0 to 5yrs)
 7.30p.m. Tameside Community Voices Practice
 Sun 23rd 8.30a.m. Holy Communion
 10.30a.m. Parish Eucharist & Junior Church
 2.30p.m. ALM Commissioning Service for Gail Willington in Manchester Cathedral
 Mon 24th 7.30p.m. Clergy Chapter Meeting
 Tues 25th 10.30a.m. Holy Communion
 2.00p.m. to 3.00p.m. Councillor Adrian Pearce - Surgery
 Thurs 27th 9.00a.m. Time 4 Fun (0 to 5yrs)
 7.30p.m. Tameside Community Voices Practice
 Sat 29th 10.00a.m. Decorating Church for Harvest
 Sun 30th 10.30a.m. Harvest Family Service & Back to Church Sunday followed by Bring and Share Lunch

For more information please go to our website www.stg.org.uk

REMBRANCE DAY



Following on from the article last month this picture gives an idea of the impressive and thought provoking display in St George's Church in Stockport commemorating the fallen soldiers of Stockport. Their display had 2,600 knitted poppies and it is our aim to do something similar in our church this year to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the end of World War 1 and the fallen soldiers from this area.

It is still not known where the display will be, ideally it will be over the war memorial, but one thing we do know at this stage is that we need POPPIES, and lots of them!! We need EVERYONE'S help! Knitted, crocheted, felt cut outs, whatever you can do! They will be attached to netting for the display.

Knitting patterns and templates are now available at church.

KEEP KNITTING!!!!

Many thanks, Rose Hayward and the Fundraising Team.

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Come Together

Come Together is a group that meets each 1st and 3rd Tuesdays where we have a Sing for Pleasure time followed by a Bible Study fellowship.

2nd and 4th Tuesdays focus on craft/hobbies plus natter and sharing time.

Time: 1.00 – 3.00pm

It is open to everyone and free refreshments are included. We are already having a lovely time each week and would love to see more people if you are able to join us.

Thank you those who filled in the Time and Talents sheets and all the information has been collated and, in part, acted upon. However, if you feel that something you suggested hasn't been followed up then please mention it to Philip or anyone on the Mission Action Plan group. As our church is sponsored by the Heritage Lottery fund we are keen to use our wonderful building to its utmost and, with your help, we will.

'Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another - and all the more as you see the Day approaching' Hebrews 10:25

1918 was the final year of the Great War. This year, Canon David Winter is looking back on highlights of those critical 12 months, when the very shape of modern world history was being hammered out on the battlefields.

Diary of a Momentous Year: September 1918 - Surviving - and singing - in the trenches



THE GREAT WAR

1914 - 1918

Modern people, distraught if deprived of 'all mod con', must be baffled how men survived year after year of living much of the time in the trenches of the Western Front. For month after month everything was ankle deep in mud. These were their living quarters, complete with primitive toilet arrangements, permanent damp, rats and trench foot – and that's before one mentions the enemy's constant shelling.

There were, of course, moments of respite at rest centres behind the lines – and there was always the coveted hope of a 'blighty', a wound that was not too serious but would mean treatment back in the UK. 'Blighty' was an Urdu word passed on by soldiers who had served in India – it means 'European', or in this case 'home'.

Some men, it's true, succumbed to what was called 'shell shock' - traumatic stress syndrome. But the amazing fact is that most not only survived the trench conditions and the ever-present danger, but even looked back on it as a significant experience to be proud of. How on earth did they do it?

My answer, largely based on things I heard from my father and his war-time colleagues, centred on two experiences: songs, and camaraderie. When they marched and sang 'Pack up your troubles in your old kit bag' and called on each other to 'smile, boys, smile', they were celebrating being part of a strange and exhilarating brotherhood. Humour was rife in the trenches, much of it about the sheer awfulness of their situation. The 'Wiper's Times', a newspaper produced by soldiers in Ypres, can still make us laugh, as its recent revival on stage has proved.

It was the camaraderie - the sense of belonging to an exclusive 'club' - which made the humour possible and authenticated the songs. It was a profound feeling of belonging which made the impossible bearable. There was, one must add, a third element in trench survival: the chaplains and the Salvation Army. I never heard a single veteran discount their value, right there in the heart of things, offering a prayer, yes, but also tea and cakes and understanding. Of course the soldiers hated the war, the loss of comrades, the relentless months of deadly danger. But their songs and memories also told another story, which we should not forget.

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