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Bourne Abbey Church Group

WORSHIP AT THE ABBEY DURING OCTOBER

Morning Prayer and Evening Prayer
are said every weekday
at 9.00am and 5.30pm.

The Abbey is open between 9am and 6pm.



Churches are traditionally designed to be tranquil sanctuaries. They offer an ideal retreat from everyday stressors, providing a dedicated atmosphere for mindfulness, meditation, or simply finding a moment of personal stillness. Do come in.

Thursday 1 st		Holy Communion BCP	10.00am
Saturday 3 rd	Service of Confirmation	<i>See page 3</i>	3.00pm
Sunday 4 th	Harvest Festival with Band	Sung Eucharist CW	11.00am
		Sung Evensong	6.30pm
Tuesday 6 th		Said Eucharist CW	7.00pm
Thursday 8 th		Holy Communion BCP	10.00am
Sunday 11 th	19th Sunday after Trinity	Said Eucharist CW	9.00am
		Sung Eucharist CW	11.00am
Tuesday 13 th		Said Eucharist CW	7.00pm
Thursday 15 th	MU Corporate Communion	Holy Communion BCP	10.00am
Sunday 18 th	Saint Luke	Sung Eucharist CW	11.00am
		Sung Evensong	6.30pm
Tuesday 20 th		Said Eucharist CW	7.00pm
Thursday 22 nd		Holy Communion BCP	10.00am
Sunday 25 th	17th Sunday after Trinity	Said Communion CW	9.00am
		All Age Eucharist	11.00am
Tuesday 27 th		Said Eucharist CW	7.00pm
Thursday 29 th		Holy Communion BCP	10.00am
Saturday 31 st		Service of Light and Remembrance	3.00pm
	Messy Church in the Hall	Celebration of Light	5 - 6.30pm

From the Abbey's Book of Remembrance for October

1st Norma Lee
2nd Annie Wherry : Emma Woodcock : Anthony Arthur L Duncombe
4th Alan Tilley : Patricia Salmon :
5th Anthony Dawson : Vera Derbyshire
6th Donald Newell : Diana May Harding 7th Ian Ebbs
8th Donald Young ; 9th Ronald Macey
10th Raymond Cunnington : 12th Derek Glover
13th Peter Harry Woodland : 14th Jaqueline Key
15th Jean Watts : Roland Adnitt : Kenneth Neale
16th Elizabeth Smith : Joan Bentley
17th George Stevenson : Joan Groves
20th Muriel Tabor : Samuel Wilkinson : Albert Roberts
22nd Ivy Jane Healey
25th John Moore : 26th Andrew Manson
27th Selwyn Smith : 29th Vernon Tomblin
30th William Lister : Ronald Stubley
31st Leslie Parker : Norman Holmes, : Anthony (Tony) Moisey,
Barbara Moisey : Maurice Holden : John Sharpe



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On Saturday 3rd October at 3pm

there will be a Service of Confirmation
in Bourne Abbey.

Confirmation is a chance for anyone who has already been baptised (perhaps baptised as a child) to commit themselves to Jesus – to 'confirm' the promises made at their baptism. In declaring this faith a person becomes a member of the local and worldwide Christian family and the Church promises to support and pray for them on their journey of faith. Bishop Nicholas, Bishop of Grantham and Acting Bishop of Lincoln, is coming to lead the service. 26 people are being confirmed from Bourne and from farther afield.

PLEASE DO COME AND SUPPORT THEM ON THIS JOYOUS OCCASION.

The Vicar's October Letter :

Dear Friends in Christ,

There is something deeply grounding about harvest time. The rhythm of the sowing, waiting and reaping mirrors not only the cycles of the earth, but also the quiet, often unseen work of faith. The beloved hymn *We plough the fields and scatter* captures this beautifully, inviting us to reflect on God's provision, and our place within His creation.



We plough the fields and scatter the good seed on the land ... These opening words remind us of human responsibility – we labour, we prepare and we sow. Yet the hymn quickly shifts the focus: it is not human effort alone that brings the harvest. The growth, the life and the miracle of transformation all come from God. In a world that prizes independence and self-sufficiency, harvest reminds us of dependence. No farmer, however skilled, can command the rain or summon the sun. Likewise, in our spiritual lives, we are called to faithfulness in the work but, ultimately, to trust God with the outcome.

All good gifts around us are sent from heaven above ... The hymn echoes the truth found in Scripture: that every good thing we receive is a gift. Harvest is not just about crops, it is about recognizing grace in tangible form. Food on the table, community gathered and provision in times of need – these are all signs of God's sustaining love.

There is also a deeper, spiritual harvest at play. Seeds of kindness, patience, forgiveness and faith are often sown quietly, sometimes without immediate visible results. Yet God works beneath the surface, bringing growth in ways we may not fully understand.

Harvest festivals often centre on thanksgiving, and rightly so. But, gratitude is not meant to be seasonal. Gratitude is a posture of the heart. The refrain of the hymn calls us again and again to thankfulness, not just for abundance, but for God himself. Gratitude reshapes how we see the world. It turns routine into blessing, scarcity into trust and labour into worship. When we acknowledge God as the giver, even the simplest provision becomes sacred.

The message of the hymn is not passive. It encourages action – ploughing, scattering and tending. As Christians, we are called to sow seeds in our communities: acts of compassion, words of hope and gestures of generosity. We may not always see the harvest of these efforts. Some seeds take years to grow, while others may be reaped by someone else

entirely. But the call remains the same: to sow faithfully, trusting that God will bring the increase in His perfect timing.

Harvest is more than a season – it is a story we are invited to live out in our daily lives. It reminds us that God is the source of all growth and provision; it reminds us that our role is to be faithful in what we are given; it reminds us that gratitude transforms both giver and receiver; and it reminds us that the smallest seeds can yield abundant fruit.

As we sing *We plough the fields and scatter* we join generations of believers who have looked at the land and seen not just crops, but grace. And, in doing so, we are reminded that the ultimate harvest is not only of the earth, but of lives transformed by God's love.

So, whether we are in a season of sowing, waiting or reaping, may we trust in the One who tends the field of both soil and soul, and give thanks with full and humble hearts.

With every blessing to you all,

Fr Stephen



ONLY SEEDS

A new shop opened in the village.

A woman went in and found God behind the counter.

“What are you selling here?”

“Everything you could possibly wish for.”

“Oh good. I'll have happiness, wisdom, love, freedom from fear and peace, please. Oh, and for everyone.”

“Sorry, you got it wrong. I'm not selling any fruits. Only seeds.”

Anon

MU REPORT : Living in the Autumn of Life – Bishop Hall's Reflection

Our September meeting began with prayer and a review of our summer activities celebrating the 150th anniversary of the Mothers' Union. A prayer shawl was presented to Elizabeth.

As we look forward to the autumn this year, our members had plenty to think about from Bishop Hall's reflection on making the best of the realities of being old, which we euphemistically may prefer to call the autumn of life or the third age. We recognise that we are no longer spring chickens and the high summer of life is over, leading us into the autumnal season marked by gathering in the harvest and a time of mellow fruitfulness. It became apparent as we listened that melancholy and sadness were not far away. We have not yet reached our winter season when we are in decline and losing our independence, but many have been touched by the possibly untimely and unpredictable winter of others, caring for spouses or family members. Our early ambitions (such as being a train driver!) may have evaporated or be impossible to fulfil, given the huge changes in the world around us during our lifetime.

Is retirement a good thing to be looked forward to? Yes, it would appear. Not having to go to work, not having to attend meetings, or whatever it is one did not like in one's work. Clearly this does not apply to people who love their work, especially those in the arts: musicians, artists, etc. Thus retirement is not a clear-cut state for many and very much depends on one's attitude to it.

We are all familiar with the list of fruit of the spirit in Galatians 5.22: 'Love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.' We were asked how we feel we are doing with this list. But to encourage us we were also given the verse from John 15.5: 'I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit.'

Do we see retirement/3rd age as the autumnal harvest season of our lives, a rich fulfilment before the leaves drop off and winter sets in? Some of the leaves may already be gently floating away: names difficult to recall or hearing not what it used to be. Life is not a bed of roses.

We know about coping with the loss of falling leaves. We are also learning that this reality is held in tension with gratitude for autumn's fruits, trust in God's continuing presence and openness to what God can teach us in this season of our lives.



The leaves of competence are starting to fall from our tree. For many of us this is painfully obvious as we slip behind in our IT skills and find that our youngest grand-children can explain and use our mobile phones in ways that we did not know existed.

Facing this reality is part of the process of letting go that is essential. Most of us experienced a major letting go on retirement. None of us wanted to let go of the energy we once had. There is no joy in feeling tired after half a day's work or working at half the speed we once did. But letting go much of the past is essential to moving forward.

For the current generation this is an active 3rd age not a passive time. This is a new situation with an increasingly elderly population which is kept active and alive thanks to the NHS. In the speaker's grandparents' time in Ireland many of the men were already dead and buried at this age and many of the old ladies sat by the fireside wrapped in a black shawl.

As with all Christians a keynote of our spirituality should be thanksgiving. There is no easy universal 3rd age spirituality such as we should all become contemplatives in preparation for our 4th age! Some may have a contemplative vocation and now is a great opportunity to go deeper with time to go apart. Others will be sustained by a fairly simple but disciplined time of daily Scripture reading and church worship. If we let ourselves enjoy this period we will naturally share – and that is the missionary attitude our church so desperately needs.

If we can let go, be thankful, and share with others from our rich life experience and current activities, we will be making the most of our autumn of life.



Sarah Speers, MU leader

An Observation or three

At my age I have given up on health foods; I need all the preservatives I can get.



It's weird being the same age as old people.

My favourite childhood memory is having energy.



MARGARET'S PAGE

Last week I went to the Gardeners' Club Flower and Produce Show in the Abbey Church Hall. I am not a gardener and do not go to the meetings but I still go to see the exhibits and even compete in some of the non-gardening classes. For a number of years our U3A art group put on an art exhibition at the same time but sadly this is no longer practicable. Nevertheless Marion, the organiser of the show, still sends me two programmes, one of which I keep and one I pass on to a friend.

The show is open to all and I can heartily recommend it if you are interested in baking, art and craft or growing indoor plants. You do not need to be a gardener. If this applies to you, look out for notices about it next September and consider taking part. If you don't want to enter the competitions, it is worth going to look round the entries and have a cup of tea and a delicious piece of home-made cake. We are lucky in Bourne still to have this afternoon. Many small towns and villages no longer hold a show because it is increasingly difficult to find volunteers to organise them. Many years ago, when I lived in Leadenham, the village fruit and vegetable show was the highlight of the summer. As headteacher of the village school I was always asked to judge the children's section. When I moved away, I was invited back each year to do the judging and I was really sorry when I was told that I would no longer be needed as the show would not be held in future. Marion Durrands has organised the Bourne show ever since I moved here 27 years ago and I am full of admiration for her.

Last year I was delighted when my African violet came first in the house plants section but this year it had just finished flowering so I had to restrict myself to the arts and crafts section. You are allowed to enter two classes and they were not ideal subjects for me. One of the subjects was 'Leaves' and I spent an evening drawing and painting some leaves in autumn colours. I was delighted with the finished result and even more delighted when I won first prize. (the massive sum of £1.50). I was not so lucky with my limerick as I only came third (50p). We had to write one starting with "Bill and Ben the Flowerpot Men." I'll finish with mine and you'll see why I didn't win.



Bill and Ben, the Flowerpot men
Were famous when I was only ten.
I watched Andy Pandy
Whilst I ate my candy.
Life will never be quite so good again.



‘TALKING TYNDALE’

You probably ‘talk Tyndale’ although you may not realise it. It is 500 years since William Tyndale printed the very first English translation of the New Testament. And hundreds of millions of people today are still quoting him, though they don’t know it. For in 1526 Tyndale invented what would become some of the most famous idioms in the English-speaking world, among them:

‘The salt of the earth’; ‘Go the extra mile’; ‘The powers that be’; ‘Eat, drink and be merry’; ‘The apple of his eye’; ‘In the twinkling of an eye’; ‘Signs of the times’; ‘My brother’s keeper’; ‘Fight the good fight’; ‘Broken-hearted’; ‘Fallen flat on his face’; ‘A law unto themselves’.

Tyndale invented words, too, when he couldn’t find a direct English equivalent for a Greek or Hebrew concept. Here are just some:

Scapegoat: The goat burdened with the sins of the people and sent into the wilderness.

Atonement: Literally “at-one-ment”, to describe being at one with God.

Passover: Coined to describe the Jewish holiday where the angel of death passed over the homes of the Israelites.

Busybody: Invented to describe someone who meddles in other people’s business

These were all invented by Tyndale, a young Catholic priest, as he translated the New Testament from Greek into English. Tyndale had been inspired by Martin Luther’s groundbreaking translation of the Bible into German, and so he went to work doing the same for English speakers. Not actually illegal at the time but you needed a bishop’s permission and Tyndale had no permission. He fled to Germany to do his work and to get his book printed in 1526. Hundreds of copies were smuggled into England. It was welcomed and loved – and burned in a public bon-fire by the Bishop of London.

Tyndale opposed Henry VIII’s divorce of Catherine of Aragon. With those views he could not go back to England. He wrote other books considered heretical in Europe and was finally burned at the stake in Holland in 1536. He never achieved his dream of translating the Old Testament.

Tyndale’s work has survived multiple revisions of the Bible down the centuries and can be found in the Authorised Version of the Bible and the RSV among others. The traditional version of the Lord’s Prayer, which is said every Sunday by millions of people in churches across the world, is nearly identical to the one created by Tyndale. Millions of people, Christian and non-Christian, ‘talk Tyndale’ every day.



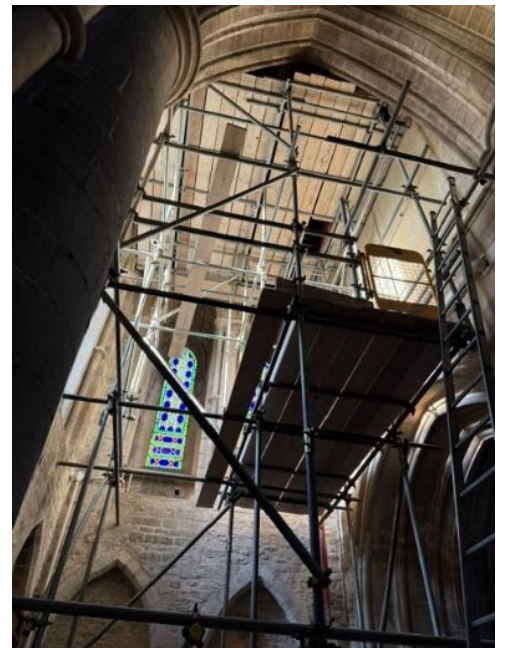
When the Abbey was unlocked for Morning Prayer recently, a plank of wood some 44" x 5" was lying on the carpet inside the NW tower door, having fallen down during the night (fortunately). The lack of holes etc. in the plank itself suggested that it, and presumably therefore its 95 companions, had simply been placed on the decorative grid (see photo) probably in 1892 when the ceiling was refurbished. It is likely that the cause of the fall was shrinkage, no doubt 'helped' by the recent heatwaves.

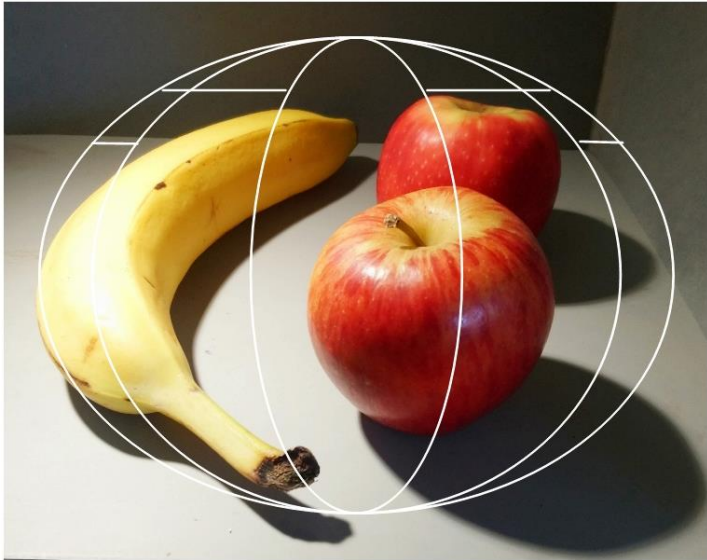
As there is no direct access to that part of the church, scaffolding

was erected to enable a carpenter to check the ceiling and make all secure. All being well, by the time you read this the work will be well in hand, and we shall soon be able to use the NW tower door again. It is getting rather chilly having the main door open all the time!

Like London buses, problems come in pairs: worshippers at the Thursday Eucharist during the recent torrential rain were treated to an impressive waterfall gushing down the wall from the roof of the nave. It flowed both behind and over the light track and onto the spotlights. In true British fashion the service continued as though nothing had happened, although there were some pointed looks in the direction of the churchwarden present! Steeplejacks were engaged, found the slipped slate and replaced it. The track and spotlights took a couple of weeks to dry out, but fortunately the weather was mostly sunny so the lack of the nave lights was manageable.

While neither of these incidents were in themselves major, they have caused significant, unplanned expenditure and highlight the difficulty experienced by many parishes in seeking to maintain a Grade I listed building in a fit state to serve the local community's expectations / needs when regular financial support is given by only a small proportion of that community.





Harvest home and abroad

A shopping basket of fruit focused here in strong lighting was reserved for my Art class to build a still life painting appropriate for this time of year in our temperate climate when Harvest Festivals are celebrated.

The banana is a tropical fruit and shipped halfway round the world to our markets with ripening haste. Fruit ships were designed to make a timely landing possible

with fast-going progress. There was however a serious break in delivery during the troubled days of World War II. Does anyone remember how we longed for bananas or grapefruit in those days? The fruit ships had been converted into merchant aircraft carriers to guard other more essential cargos, like oil, in the Battle of the Atlantic.

Today we watch the news of oil tankers being held up by the conflict in the Middle East with its knock-on effect on our food prices in the supermarket. Harvest is getting more expensive and while we give thanks for what we have grown at home, should we not pray for peaceful transit of all essentials around the world, particularly where Christian mission leads the attitude essential to the common good.

Pope Leo's first encyclical, "Magnifica Humanitas," calls for humanity to embrace what connects us as people and use artificial intelligence to work towards the common good for which we pray.

With thanks for prayer,

Malcolm



"We all are so deeply interconnected; we have no option but to love all. Be kind and do good for any one and that will be reflected. The ripples of the kind heart are the highest blessings of the Universe." **Amit Ray**

When you are harvesting your crops and forget to bring in a bundle of grain from your field, don't go back to get it. Leave it for the foreigners, orphans, and widows. Then the LORD your God will bless you in all you do. **Deuteronomy 24:19**

THE JESUS PRAYER

‘To use the Jesus prayer is to dive into a stream which is already flowing in the direction in which you wanted to go and then being simply borne by the current.’

The Jesus prayer is very old. It dates back to the solitary monks living in the Egyptian desert in the fifth century. Because of this, people think you must be especially spiritual to use it, not an ordinary Christian. But the Prayer and its practice is very simple. The only thing needed is a desire to grow closer to God. Some call it the ‘Prayer of the Heart’.



The Words

There are different versions,. none more right or wrong than another.

The oldest form is **Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me.**

A longer version is **Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

Shorter forms could be **Jesus Christ, have mercy on me** or just **Jesus, have mercy.**

How to pray the Jesus Prayer

There is no right or wrong way of using the prayer. You can sit comfortably, breathing naturally. Focus on repeating the prayer either out loud or with your lips. Other thoughts will lead the mind away from the prayer. Everyone experiences this: well-trodden paths of thought lead off in their own directions. When this happens, simply recognise it and without any self-criticism gently redirect your mind to its words. The only task is to say the prayer with as much attention as you can muster.

The real results of saying the Jesus Prayer faithfully are not found in any experience during prayer time, but at other times. We take whatever God’s grace grants us during our prayer into the rest of our lives, to share with those we meet, with a new awareness of Jesus’ presence with us and in the world.

An Everyday Prayer

Prayer time can be long or short, from half an hour set aside to focus on it to less than a minute between other activities. It could be used for five minutes before or after other prayers. You could use it doing the washing up or walking down the road or travelling. All that’s required is an honest turning to God at any time, in any situation. The prayer, praying in us, does the work. The grace of God always comes to meet us when we turn to him.

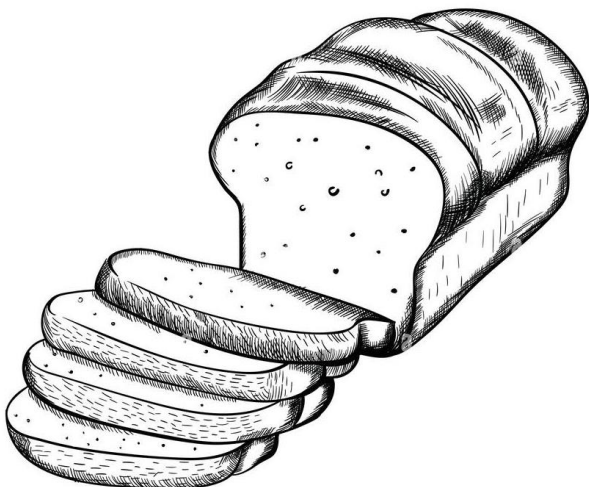
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DAILY BREAD

Give us this day
our calcium propionate
(spoilage retarder)
sodium diacetate
(mould inhibitor)
monoglyceride
(emulsifier)
potassium bromate
(dough conditioner)
chloramine T
(flour bleach)
aluminium potassium sulphate
(acid baking powder)
sodium benzoate
(preservative)
butylated hydroxyanisole
(anti-oxidant)
mono-isopropyl citrate (sequestrant),
plus synthetic vitamins A and D

Forgive us , O Lord,
For calling this stuff
BREAD

J.H REED



CHURCHES TOGETHER IN BOURNE

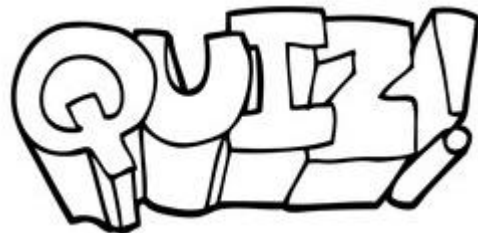
QUIZ NIGHT

with a fish and chip supper
BYO drinks and glasses

Saturday 17th October
in the Abbey Church Hall

Doors open 6pm for 6.30pm start
Tickets: £8 pp

Gather your team and get ready for an
exciting night filled with fun questions,
laughter and fellowship!



To register your team (max of 6),
to purchase your ticket and to place your
food order, please contact:

Terry on 07912624313 or
Terrybern.1970@gmail.com

After booking with Terry, please see Eileen
Palmer (choir) before 10th October to pay and
get your tickets.



FESTIVAL OF LIGHT

from 5pm to 6.30pm on Saturday
31 October at the Abbey Church Hall



If you can, wear bright sparkly clothes for this evening
full of crafting, song and a yummy shared supper

Christian parents and grandparents often feel uneasy about the message
Hallowe'en gives to children. This Festival encourages kindness to others and
feeling the love of Jesus in the world.



Kids, don't forget to bring an adult!



HELPING HANDS for MESSY CHURCH

Messy Church at the Abbey has now been running for two years
and as it has grown it has become apparent, we need more
Helping Hands.

We meet approx. every 6-8 weeks usually linking in with a
church festival for an afternoon of crafting, informal worship
and a shared tea. Volunteers usually start at 1pm and finish at 4.30pm.

It is real practical help we need - helping prepare tea, welcoming families, assisting
activities or giving parents a listening ear.

If you would like to help, please have a chat to Helena.

We already have the dates for 2027 booked to give you an idea when help is needed.



It was:

800 years ago, on 3rd October 1226 that St Francis of Assisi, Italian friar, deacon and mystic, died. One of the most venerated religious figures in Christianity, and founder of the Franciscan Order.

300 years ago, on 28th October 1726 that Jonathan Swift's novel *Gulliver's Travels* was published.

125 years ago, on 12th October 1901 that US President Theodore Roosevelt renamed the Executive Mansion the White House. It is the official residence and workplace of the US President.

Also 125 years ago, on 19th October 1901 that Edward Elgar's *Pomp and Circumstance March No. 1* and *March No. 2* were performed for the first time, in Liverpool.

100 years ago, on 14th October 1926 that the children's book *Winnie-the-Pooh*, by A A Milne, was published.

90 years ago, from 5th to 31st October that The Jarrow March took place. 200 men set off from Jarrow in north-east England to Westminster, to draw attention to the severe unemployment and poverty in their area following the closure of a shipyard.

80 years ago, on 15th October 1946 that Hermann Goering, German Nazi leader, died. He was sentenced to death at the Nuremberg Trials but poisoned himself with cyanide on the eve of his execution.

Also 80 years ago, on 20th October 1946 that the puppet character Muffin the Mule made his first TV appearance on the BBC series *For the Children*.

75 years ago, on 31st October 1951 that zebra crossings were introduced in Britain. The first one was in Slough, Berkshire.

70 years ago, on 23rd October to 10th November 1956 that the Hungarian Revolution began and was crushed by the Soviet Union.

65 years ago, on 6th October 1961 that US President John F Kennedy advised Americans to build bomb shelters to protect themselves from nuclear fallout, in the event of an attack by the Soviet Union.

60 years ago, on 21st October 1966 that the Aberfan disaster took place in South Wales. A colliery spoil tip (slag heap) collapsed and fell onto the village. Worst hit was Pantglas Junior School. In all, 116 children and 28 adults were killed.

40 years ago, on 9th October 1986 that Andrew Lloyd Webber's musical *The Phantom of the Opera* premiered in London.

Also 40 years ago, on 29th October 1986 that the M25 orbital motorway around Greater London was opened.

15 years ago, on 31st October 2011 that the world's population reached seven billion



Service of Light & Remembrance

Saturday 31st October 2026 at 3pm

We warmly invite you to our annual Service of Light & Remembrance.

During this service we will remember your departed loved ones and give thanks for their lives. The names of your loved ones will be read out and there will be a time when you can light a candle in their memory.

Whether you have lost a loved one in recent days or in times past, please join us for this beautiful, peaceful service.



THE ABBEY HARVEST SUPPER



Friday 9 October in the Hall

Cost £15 – includes drinks

Tickets on sale from Merryn Woodward



THE OCTOBER QUIZ

1. Which actress played the lead in the box office bomb *Grease 2*?
2. Who was the King of Scotland from 1040 to 1057?
3. 1971's *Move on Up* was the biggest UK hit for which soul superstar?
4. The F-117 Nighthawk, the first operational aircraft to be designed round stealth technology, was built by which manufacturer?
5. The Tyrannosaurus rex lived on which continent?
6. As of 2021, the fastest marathon ever run by someone dressed as a fruit was 2 hours, 58 minutes and 20 seconds – which fruit?
7. Which British seaside town is the only one still to have three piers?
8. Which headland in South Wales also gives its name to the district encompassing Oystermouth, Newton, West Cross and Mayals?
9. 'NOM' appears on authentic bottles of which spirit?
10. Gumbo is the official cuisine of which American state?
11. In the world of newspapers, what does 'op-ed' stand for?
12. What word can mean both the process of a cold weather front overtaking a warm front, or the position of one's teeth when clenched?
13. The Wade-Giles method is a romanisation system for translating which Asian language?
14. On an Ordnance Survey map, what does W stand for?
15. In old money, how many pennies was a groat worth?
16. Yul Brynner was born in which country?
17. The Kaizer Chiefs is a football team in which country?
18. The subscapularis muscle is a part of which joint?
19. Willem de Kooning was a noted artist in which style?
20. In *Coronation Street*, what is the name of the brewery?

SEPTEMBER ANSWERS

1 26 2 Landfill /junkyard 3 Loganberry 4 A bicycle 5 Mahmata Ghandi
 6 Argos 7 Eggs 8 Shadow boxing 9 Piste 10 Croquet 11 Traffic cone
 12 Truffle 13 Backdraught 14 Bandicoot 15 Treadmills 16 Slough 17
 Tatu 18 Goldie 19 Mary Whitehouse 20 Josh Taylor

Others If it's true that we are here to help others, then what exactly are the others here for?

WHAT'S ON IN OCTOBER?



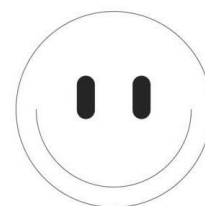
Saturday 3 rd	10 – 12 noon in the Church Hall
	NIBBLE 'N NATTER Browse the books! Try your luck at the raffle! Enjoy the refreshments! Meet your friends and make new ones!
Monday 5 th	10am in the Abbey
	JULIAN GROUP meet for prayer and meditation
Friday 9 th	6.30pm in the Church Hall
	HARVEST SUPPER See page 16
Friday 16 th	1.00pm in the Abbey
	BGS LUNCHTIME CONCERT
Saturday 17 th	6 for 6.6.30pm in the Church Hall
	CTiB QUIZ AND FISH SUPPER See page 13
Wedn'day 21 st	2 – 4pm in the Church Hall
	KNIT & SEW FRIENDSHIP GROUP All very welcome
Saturday 24 th	8 – 11am in the Church Hall
	MEN'S BREAKFAST
Friday 30 th	10am in the Abbey
	TEAM CLEAN Bring your dusters and handhelds! Refreshments too.
Saturday 31 st	5 – 6.30pm in the Church Hall
	MESSY CHURCH FESTIVAL OF LIGHT See page 14
	3.00pm in the Abbey
	A SERVICE OF LIGHT AND REMEMBRANCE See page 16

The cow and the Bible

A religious farmer lost his Bible out in the field. A few days later he went to answer a noise at his door. Standing there was a cow, with his Bible in its mouth. The farmer raised his eyes to heaven and thanked the Lord for this miracle. "It's not really," said the cow. "Your name was written inside."

Breadth

Middle age is when broadness of the mind and narrowness of the waist change places.



Watching over the church office printer slowly producing the booklets of this magazine, I often browse the pages of a rare book kept on a shelf there. Jonathan Smith knows of only two other copies, one of which is in New Zealand. It is a record of the registers of the Abbey from 1562 until 1650.

In 1539 the Abbey was dissolved as the Church in England split from Rome. Edmund Lolley was then the parish priest. One of his duties was to keep a register of all the 'Chrystianings' (baptisms), Marriages and Burials that took place at the Abbey. This was a new legal duty for all parish priests, following the order by Thomas Cromwell, adviser to King Henry VIII. The order was received with great suspicion. How was the information to be used? Was this a yet another ploy to raise more taxes for the King and his foreign wars?

Not many of the earliest records have survived. Paper is fragile and the priest probably used loose sheets. Later, in 1597, the order went out to use strong parchment books. The Abbey's extant registers begin in April 1562. Thomas Baxter was instituted priest in May that year but it was probably his curate who actually took the services and wrote the entries. Thomas was also rector of Draughton in Northamptonshire, taking part of his income from Bourne and only visiting to collect his dues.

As well as baptisms, marriages and deaths, the priest occasionally recorded other information such as the accession of monarchs, the beheading of Charles I and the Gunpowder Plot. Then there were local catastrophes :-

1605 *A most lamentable fyre happened upon the 23rd of Auguste.*

1636 *A most fearful and terrible wind upon the 4th of November in the nyght tyme.*

1637 *A most fearefull fyre in the Eagat. May 25 (Eagat is Eastgate.)*

Fires were much feared in those days. The register contains a list of collections made in the Abbey for losses by fire in other places. A Letter of Request or a brief could be applied for to be sent to all churches. For example, in 1661, Bourne collected 16s 4d for Milton Abbas in Dorset! Collections were made to repair other churches – 11s and a penny for Cromer – and oddly 'For the protestants of Lythuania' in December 1661.

More about the chrystianings, marriages and burials next month but meanwhile an intriguing entry from the registers of 1700 – where or what 'Machane' is remains a mystery : *Aug 8 By virtue of breif for redemption of slaves in Machane £1 10s 11d*



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