

The Herald

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The earth is the Lord's
and all that is in it,
the world
and those who live in it.



Psalm 24: 1

October 2024

Reservoir Group of Churches



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St Mary the Virgin, Ramsden Bellhouse

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What's on when and where

Sunday 6 October - Trinity 19

10.00am St Peter's South Hanningfield Holy Communion

11.00am St Margaret's Downham Family Service

Note: No service at Ramsden Bellhouse

Sunday 13 October - Trinity 20

10.00am St Mary's Ramsden Bellhouse Morning Prayer

11.00am St Margaret's Downham Sung Eucharist

Note: No service at South Hanningfield

Sunday 20 October - Trinity 21

11.00am St Margaret's Downham Harvest Festival
Group Holy Communion
followed by Harvest Lunch

Note: No services at Ramsden Bellhouse or South Hanningfield

Sunday 27 October - Last Sunday after Trinity

10.00am St Mary's Ramsden Bellhouse Holy Communion

11.00am St Margaret's Downham Sung Eucharist

3.00pm St Margaret's Downham Thanksgiving &
Memorial Service

Note: No service at South Hanningfield

Sunday 3 November - 4th Sunday before Advent

10.00am St Peter's South Hanningfield Holy Communion

11.00am St Margaret's Downham Family Service

Note: No service at Ramsden Bellhouse

Other dates for your diary

Quiz night in aid of St Mary's Ramsden Bellhouse

Saturday 6 October 7.30pm in Ramsden Bellhouse Village Hall

See page 7 for more details

Christmas Bazaar in aid of St Margaret's Downham

Saturday 7 December in Downham Village Hall

From the ministry team

Keep Being Surprised

What has surprised you recently?

Maybe you have been surprised by a gift, or a surprise party? Surprised by the weather? Surprised by someone's reaction to something you have said? Surprised by the rising cost of things?

We can be surprised by many things; surprises can be good or they can be bad - but they always keep us learning and growing; discovering more about ourselves and the world around us.

Surprises can be big or they can be small. I have grown a pumpkin for the first time this year, and I have been surprised at just how large the plant has grown! I have also been surprised by how quickly brambles grow as well....

I have also been continually surprised by the variety, joys, and challenges of being a Priest in Charge of five churches; surprised by the hard work and dedication that is needed by many people working together to keep the church running, worshipping, and serving the local community; and by how wonderful it has been to get to know people, both inside and outside of the church.

C.S. Lewis, the author of "The Lion, The Witch, and The Wardrobe" wrote a book on his conversion to Christianity. He titled it: Surprised by Joy.

Faith in Jesus is a journey that is full of surprises. There are certainly challenges, as we seek to follow Jesus' call to love our neighbours (and that includes the ones we may not like very much, or even consider our enemies) and to love God with everything that we have; but it is also a journey of being surprised by the joy of knowing we are loved by God, no matter our past or our current situation, and that we are forgiven through Jesus.

Whatever your faith and beliefs: be open to surprises that enrich our lives. Sometimes we need help as we face some of the tougher surprises in life (and please let me know if I can help at all) - but there is often the surprise of grace within those tough times.

Be open to surprises, and be open to the possible surprises that God may have for you.

God bless,
from

The Revd Jacqui

All Hallows Eve – or Holy Evening

Modern Halloween celebrations have their roots with the Celtic peoples of pre-Christian times.

In those long-ago days, on the last night of October, the Celts celebrated the Festival of Samhain, or 'Summer's End'. The priests, or Druids, performed ceremonies to thank and honour the sun. For there was a very dark side to all this: Samhain also signalled the onset of winter, a time when it was feared that unfriendly ghosts, nature-spirits, and witches roamed the earth, creating mischief. So the Druid priests lit great bonfires and performed magic rites to ward off or appease these dark supernatural powers.

Then the Romans arrived, and brought their Harvest Festival which honoured the Goddess Pomona with gifts of apples and nuts. The two festivals slowly merged.

When Christianity arrived still later, it began to replace the Roman and Druid religions. 1 November - All Saints' Day - was dedicated to all Christian Martyrs and Saints who had died. It was called 'All Hallows' Day'. The evening before became an evening of prayer and preparation and was called 'All Hallows' Eve', The Holy Evening, later shortened to 'Halloween'.

For many centuries, however, fear of the supernatural remained strong. During the Middle Ages, animal costumes and frightening masks were worn to ward off the evil spirits of darkness on Halloween. Magic words and charms were used to keep away bad luck, and everybody believed that witches ride about on broomsticks. Fortune telling was popular, and predicting the future by the use of nuts and apples was so popular that Halloween is still sometimes known as Nutcrack Night or Snap-Apple Night.

Today, Christians have learned to turn to prayer instead of charms to overcome the powers of darkness. And the deeper, true meaning of All Hallows' Eve, should not be forgotten. As Christians, we all draw closer to Christ when we remember and give thanks for our loved ones and for others who have gone before us through the gates of death.

It has been customary for the three churches in the Downham Group to hold a service around All Hallows so we can remember those who have gone before us. This year the service takes place on Sunday 27 October at 3.00pm in St Margaret's Downham. During the service we will read a list of names of our loved ones who have gone before. There are lists in our three churches where you can add the name(s) of anyone you wish to be named.

From the registers

Downham

Baptism

- 1 September Winnie Jackson
8 September Allie Rose Ingram

Funeral & Burial

- 9 September Percy Gotts
13 September Rita Doughty

Wedding

- 31 August Joseph Vaughan & Lauren King

Ramsden Bellhouse

Baptism

- 22 September Theodore Carpenter
Finley Oliver
Charlotte Oliver

South Hanningfield

Funeral & Burial

- 3 September Anthony Rouy

St Margaret's Downham

Alpha course

A reminder that our Alpha course takes place each Wednesday from 7.00 to 8.30pm. If you have not attended so far it is not too late to come along. For more information please contact the Revd Jacqui.

Harvest

We have our Harvest Festival service at 11.00am on Sunday 20 October. As this is the third Sunday of the month, this will be the only service within our group of churches, so we hope as many as possible will support it. We welcome gifts of produce, particularly tinned and packet items which will be donated to the Wickford Food Bank. Immediately following the service we have our Harvest lunch in the church. If you wish to stay for the lunch, please put your name on one of the lists that you will find at St Margaret's, St Peter's and St Mary's. If you would like further information please call Mike Roome on 07770 795388.

Thanksgiving and Memorial service

As mentioned on page 4 we have our annual Thanksgiving and Memorial Service on Sunday 27 October at 3.00pm. This is an opportunity to remember our loved ones who have gone before. There is a list in the church for you to record the names of anyone you wish to be remembered at that service.

Christmas Bazaar

We will be holding our annual Christmas Bazaar on Saturday 7 December in Downham Village Hall. Please make a note of the date. More details to follow next month.

Downham WI

Autumn is here and we are preparing our calendar for the New Year with many ideas under consideration. Watch out for our poppies this year, we will be making a few extra as the weather wasn't kind to us last year.

For our September meeting our planned speaker had to cancel at the last minute due to poor health. One of our committee members rustled up a couple of quizzes which were well received. The next meeting on 15 October, our speakers will be two ladies talking about "legal issues unique to women".

Just a reminder for your diary, 30 November, Downham Village Hall have their Christmas Event with stall holders and seasonal festivities including an appearance by Father Christmas. It was a great success last year so please support your local village hall.

We are always happy to welcome new members so come along and meet us. You are allowed 3 guest meetings to see if you wish to join.

Contact Wendy on 07778 809723 for further information

Wendy

St Mary's Ramsden Bellhouse

Our **Coffee Morning** on 17 August raised £163 for the Ramsden Bellhouse Village Hall.

If you receive this magazine before the end of September, a reminder that our next **Coffee Morning** will be on Saturday 28 September 10.00am until 12.00noon and is in aid of Macmillan Cancer Care.

Our next fund-raising event for St. Mary's will be the **quiz** on Saturday 5 October in Ramsden Bellhouse Village Hall.

Tables of up to 6 people, £7.50 per person including tea, coffee and biscuits at the interval. Doors open at 7:00pm. for a 7:30pm start.

To book a table please contact Audrey 01268 710757 or Beryl 01245 601298.

Christmas Shoe Boxes

My Christmas Shoe Boxes for Blythswood Care need to be ready for the first week in November. Pick up a leaflet in Church to tell you what you may put in it. Deliver it to the Church or bring it to my house - 'St. Nicholas', Glebe Road, Ramsden Bellhouse CM11 1RJ

(4th house on the left after the shop) and leave it in the porch on the shelf.

Please help to bring a little joy to those people who have nothing. They will be going out across Eastern Europe, and to those caught up in war.

This is the last year I will be doing the Christmas Shoe Boxes due to health reasons.

Audrey Pegrum MBE

Community Cuppa & Cake afternoon

Ramsden Heath Village Hall

Dowsetts Lane CM11 1HX

8 October 2.00 to 4.00pm

It was good to see as many people as we did last month considering there were a lot away on holiday. Hopefully everyone will be back in October. It was also good to see new faces and as usual we welcome everyone who comes through the door whatever age, the afternoon is for all ages. It is for people to come together for a chat over a nice cuppa for 50p and piece of homemade cake at £1.50. After expenses all monies raised goes to charity. This month we donated £200 to the local Brain Tumour Charity and £200 to the Silver Birch Dementia Unit in Wickford who were delighted. Thank you to all our 'customers' support for without you it would not be possible for us to donate to such worthwhile charities.

See you on the 8th.

Ramsden Cupcakes



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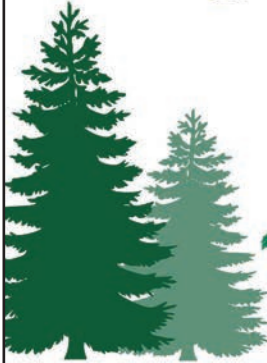
SATURDAY

30TH



NOVEMBER

4PM-7.30PM



**DOWNHAM
VILLAGE HALL**

**CHRISTMAS
CELEBRATION**



More details to follow
soon!



Ramsden Heath Horticultural & Allotment Society

On Sunday 1 September 48 members and friends enjoyed a wonderful day at Capel Manor Gardens, where we were blessed with glorious weather. Not only were there stunning gardens to look at, but the annual vintage car exhibition also took place in the grounds. Everyone had a great day and thanks to Sue Lowing for organising it.

We had a very good turnout for our first meeting after the summer break. Our speaker was Ron Dixon talking on 'taking cuttings and seeds and propagation'. Ron kindly stepped in when our planned speaker had to cancel and donated his



fee to a charity of our choice which was St Luke's Hospice. He gave lots of tips and tricks about planting seeds and left tomato seeds for members to take and propagate. Watch out for next year's Summer Show!

We had a good variety of entries for our mini show, with beautiful dahlias and vegetables. Thank you to all those who took part. It helps to build points for the Banksian medal at the end of the year.

Our next event is the annual Harvest Supper on Thursday 3 October. Start time is 7.00pm.

This is the chance to bring something to eat for the table as well as sample other people's delights. You can make savoury or sweet dishes and if you don't



feel like cooking, bring cheese, fruit, pâté or something from the supermarket shelves. Don't forget to bring your own choice of liquid refreshment and a glass to drink it from.

St Peter's South Hanningfield

Flower Festival

Yet another successful year with our talented Sylvia and her team of ladies who created the most beautiful displays for the 2024 Flower Festival. The months and months of preparation they all put into their displays is amazing. We are so lucky to have them and we really hope they know how much we appreciate them all. Although, we had a very windy day on the Saturday the weather stayed fine for us on the Sunday and the Monday and we had an excellent attendance on all days, we think in the region of 600 visitors over the whole weekend.

We just wanted to say a huge 'thank you' to everyone that supported the Flower Festival this year. The event involves a huge amount of work, thank you so much to everyone who helped. It starts with the signs needing to be put up in the local area, the churchyard needing to be mowed and tidied. On the Friday, so many people came to help put up all the marquees and gather the many chairs and tables from neighbouring village halls that we need.

Then on the day there are so many people involved in directing traffic and parking of cars, preparing refreshments and washing up,

Thank you to everyone who was able to spare time to help out on stalls and even help with putting up bunting (I may have grabbed one or two as they were walking past!), our stall holders who gave up their whole weekend to be at the festival as well as the time they spent preparing, and Rettendon Horticultural Society. A huge thank you must also go to the generosity of those that donated our fantastic raffle prizes. A special thank you must go to one of our most treasured senior local residents who appeared the day before the flower festival with a white transit van full of plants she had grown herself to donate to the flower stall! Then, of course, a massive thank you to all those who help tidy up in the days after the Flower Festival.

And of course a final thank you to Mr Roy Radford for his invaluable advice and support, which usually involved us calling him at least once a day!! We truly think that we are extremely lucky to have such a supportive community and cannot thank you all enough. All the money raised, which will be in excess of £6,700, will go straight to the upkeep of our historic church and its grounds.

There are so many wonderful people who helped us we cannot possibly name

you all, but we say a huge and heartfelt 'Thank You'.
We truly hope you enjoyed the weekend as much as we did.
Your "Mission Control" ladies

Marguerite, Deidre, Rosemary, Anne Marie and Sascha x





A selection of photographs to remind you of the Flower Festival. For the past couple of years I have produced a photograph album, but having gone away on holiday a few days after the event I haven't produced this year's yet. In the meantime you will find a further selection of photographs on St Peter's Facebook page www.facebook.com/southhanningfieldchurch
Robert Andrews

South Hanningfield Village Hall

No Parking on Pavement by Hall South Hanningfield Village Hall Management Committee requests that vehicles don't park up on the pavement outside the village hall because of the health and safety risks. Neighbouring residents will have seen hi vis volunteers outside the hall supervising parking at our own fundraising events. Unfortunately, recently there have been

some private party/events hirers of the hall who have allowed some of their attendees to park on the pavement even though on the booking form that they signed they have agreed that once the car park is full, they park on the street down Middlemead. The committee have put up signage as well as other measures to stop this from happening. Please alert the volunteer committee if you see such vehicles parked in this way outside the hall on 07891 653238.

Our next events are:

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

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

To book tickets and/or to sponsor a race, please contact Sandra Graves, our Bookings Secretary on 07396 546050 or email shvhall@gmail.com

Christmas Fayre on Saturday, 23 November from 10.00am to 4.00pm.

There will be lots of Christmas crafts and gifts on sale as well as festive refreshments and a Raffle. There will be over 36 craft and gift stalls including Books, Beauty, Cards, Cakes, Chocolates, Clothing, Crochet craft, Flowers, Christmas decorations, Crystals, Homeware gifts, Jewellery, Knitted craft, Personalised Christmas items, Sewn crafts, Sweets, Wooden items and More! There will be a Free entry and refreshments available including Mulled Wine!

Christmas Shopping Trip to Ashford Outlet on Saturday, 30 November. We will be going to Ashford Outlet for Christmas shopping! The cost will be £25 per person and include a seat on the coach as well as Prosecco and mince pies! Pick up and return to South Hanningfield Village Hall.

To book, contact Sandra Graves, our Bookings Secretary on 07396 546050 or email shvhall@gmail.com

Mobile Library

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

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

Next visit date is 15 October.

Dates for your diary 2025:

Charity Ball Fundraising Ball at Stockbrook Manor on Saturday, 25 January

After the success of last year's event, bookings are being taken for another event!

£80 per person Posh Evening Frocks and Dinner Jackets.

Proceeds to South Hanningfield Village Hall and St Peter's Church. Tables of 8 -10 and cost includes pre-dinner drinks reception after dinner all-inclusive evening bar including house spirits, wines, beers, lagers & soft drinks; 4 Course Luxury Dinner Menu including wine, beers and soft drinks; DJ entertainment, Raffle. For more information, call Emma on 07961 963914.

St Patrick's Ceilidh We are planning a Ceilidh on Saturday 15 March from 7.00pm with The Yardarm Ceilidh Band in attendance, ceilidh dancing and a Raffle. Tickets cost £8 per person.

For further information, email vallisc@aol.com or phone 07891 653238. We will include further information in future editions of *The Herald*.

South Hanningfield Summer Show on Saturday, 12 July from 12.00noon to 6.00pm.

After last year's successful show, our committee decided to have a Summer Show biannually as a lot of hard work goes into organising an outside community event like this. In 2025, it will be the 40th Anniversary year of the rebuilding of South Hanningfield Village Hall so there will be even more reason for a celebration and bringing the local community together. This Free Entry village event will be outside either on the tye green (by kind permission of South Hanningfield Parish Council) or in the field beside the village hall by kind permission of the landowner. The village hall will also be open to showcase its use on that day. There will be local entertainment as well as various crafts, traders, community stalls, children's activities and food and drinks stalls.

If anyone would like a stall space, please contact Clive on email vallisc@aol.com or phone 07891 653238. Further details of the Summer Show will be in future editions of *The Herald*.

Regular Activities

Coffee Morning

Second Wednesday of each month from 10.30am – 12.30pm
(Wednesday, 9th October)

Please call the listed contacts below to book a place.

Pilates & Keep Fit

Monday 9.45am – 10.45am

Thursday 10.30am – 11.30am

Contact Hayley on 07758 427379

Strollercise Dance

Monday 11.15am – 12.15pm

Tel: 07952 791183

Email: lynne.strawford@sky.com

No booking is required, just turn up.

Puppy Dog Training Classes

Monday from 6.00pm and 7.00pm

Dog training for puppies of all ages

Contact Rachel on 07484 706085 or

email Rachel@PuppyPotentialDogTraining.co.uk

1-1 Ballroom and Latin lessons and wedding dance lessons

available with Callie every Wednesday afternoon and evening from 3.00pm £30 for a 45 minute lesson.

Please contact Callie on 07885 630241

Yoga and Zumba Thursday night

Zumba 6.30pm to 7.20pm and

Vinyasa Flow Yoga 7.30pm to 8.30pm

Pay as you go

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

Upholstery Class

Friday morning 9.30am – 1.00pm

Contact Fiona on 01621 776586 or 07887 507208

Zumba Saturday mornings

Zumba 9.20am to 10.20am

Pay as you go

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

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

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

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

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

All in the month of October

It was: -

250 years ago, on 26 October 1774 that the Colony of Massachusetts Bay began building up its militia of 'minute men', who could respond to the growing British threat at a moment's notice. The American Revolutionary War began a few months later.

200 years ago, on 21 October 1824 that British mason, bricklayer and cement manufacturer Joseph Aspdin was granted a British patent for Portland cement. His son William went on to develop a stronger version and is regarded as the inventor of modern Portland cement.

175 years ago, on 17 October 1849 that Frederic Chopin, Polish composer and piano virtuoso, died.

125 years ago, from 11 October 1899 to May 1902 that the Second Boer War in South Africa took place. 22,000 British forces were killed, and nearly 100,000 wounded. More than 6,000 Boers were killed, and more than 46,000 African civilians died in concentration camps.

100 years ago, on 15 October 1924 that the Statue of Liberty in New York Harbour was designated a US National Monument.

90 years ago, on 16 October 1934 that the Long March took place. Chinese communists led by Mao Zedong began a year-long 8,000-mile march from south-east China to north-west China to evade the armies of the Chinese National Party and establish a new base. It led to the founding of the People's Republic of China.

Also 90 years ago, on 24 October 1934 that the earliest known recording of the song Santa Claus is Comin' to Town was released. Performed by banjo player Harry Reser and his band and sung by Tom Stacks, it has since been recorded by more than 200 other artists.

80 years ago, on 2 October 1944 that the Warsaw Uprising in Poland was ended. The Germans destroyed the city, killing 200,000 civilians and expelling 700,000.

Also 80 years ago, on 9 October 1944 that British Prime Minister Winston Churchill and Soviet leader Joseph Stalin met to discuss the future of post-war Europe.

Also 80 years ago, from 23 to 26 October 1944 that the Battle of Leyte Gulf took place as part of the Pacific Campaign. Allied victory, considered to be the largest naval battle in history. The Japanese Navy was eliminated from the war.

75 years ago, on 1 October 1949 that the People's Republic of China was founded by Mao Zedong.

70 years ago, from 30 October to 13 November 1954 that the first Rugby World Cup was held in Paris. Great Britain beat France 16-12 in the final.

65 years ago, on 11 October 1959 that Britain began introducing postcodes. They began in Norwich, and by 1974 had been rolled out across the whole country.

60 years ago, on 14 October 1964 that the American civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr. was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize for combating racial inequality in the USA without violence.

50 years ago, on 2 October 1974 that US researchers announced that smoking cannabis causes lasting brain damage. More than 50 medical schools and research centres took part in the year-long government-funded study.

Also 50 years ago, on 9 October 1974 that Oskar Schindler, Austria-Hungarian-born German businessman, died. He saved more than 1,100 Jews during the Holocaust by employing them in his factories. The story is told in the film Schindler's List.

40 years ago, on 12 October 1984 that an IRA bomb exploded during the Conservative Party Conference at the Grand Hotel in Brighton, killing five people. Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher was apparently the primary target, but she escaped injury.

Also 40 years ago, on 16 October 1984 that South African Anglican bishop Desmond Tutu won the 1984 Nobel Peace Prize for his role in the opposition to apartheid.

30 years ago, on 13 October 1994 that the three main loyalist paramilitary groups in Northern Ireland announced a ceasefire following the IRA's ceasefire announcement on 31 August.

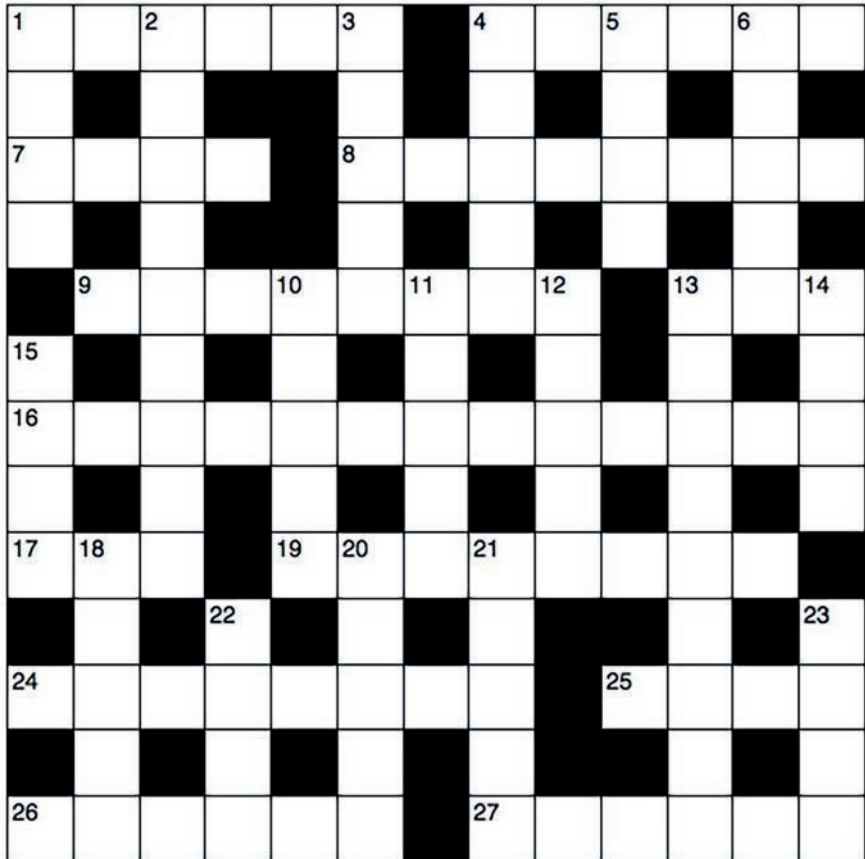
Also 30 years ago, on 14 October 1994 that Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat, Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, and Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres jointly won the 1994 Nobel Peace Prize.

25 years ago, on 12 October 1999 that the United Nations announced that the world's population had reached six billion. It reached seven billion in 2011/12.

Also 25 years ago, on 27 October 1999 that the House of Lords voted to end the automatic right of hereditary peers to sit and vote in the upper chamber of Parliament. Of over 700 hereditary peers, only 92 would remain, chosen by election.

20 years ago, on 2 October 2004 that the first Parkrun was held in Bushy Park, London. Parkruns are now held every Saturday morning at more than 2,000 locations in 22 countries.

Puzzle corner



Across

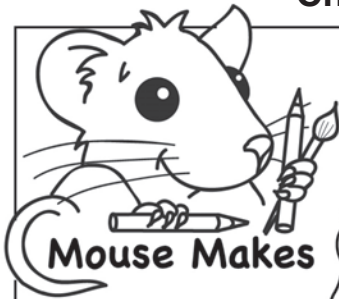
- 1 He must be 'the husband of but one wife and must manage his children and his household well' (1 Timothy 3:12) (6)
- 4 'For we must all — before the judgement seat of Christ' (2 Corinthians 5:10) (6)
- 7 'They reeled and staggered like drunken men; they were at their — end' (Psalm 107:27) (4)
- 8 See 19 Across
- 9 It concerned who among the disciples would be the greatest (Luke 9:46) (8)

- 13 Formed by the Jews in Thessalonica to root out Paul and Silas (Acts 17:5) (3)
- 16 'He has sent me to bind up the — ' (Isaiah 61:1) (6-7)
- 17 Moved rapidly on foot (Matthew 28:8) (3)
- 19 and 8 ' — a great company of the — host appeared with the angel' (Luke 2:13) (8,8)
- 24 Hindrance (Romans 14:13) (8)
- 25 Comes between Luke and Acts (4)
- 26 Empower (Acts 4:29) (6)
- 27 'Get these out of here! How dare you turn my Father's house into a — !' (John 2:16) (6)

Down

- 1 Sunrise (Psalm 119:147) (4)
- 2 The part of the day when Cornelius the Caesarean centurion had a vision of an angel of God (Acts 10:3) (9)
- 3 He was one of those who returned with Zerubbabel from exile in Babylon to Jerusalem (Nehemiah 7:7) (5)
- 4 'No one can see the kingdom of God unless he is born — ' (John 3:3) (5)
- 5 Animal hunted or killed as food (Ezekiel 22:25) (4)
- 6 'He encouraged them — — remain true to the Lord' (Acts 11:23) (3,2)
- 10 Ruses (anag.) (5)
- 11 Jewish priestly vestment (Exodus 28:6) (5)
- 12 Visible sign of what had been there (Daniel 2:35) (5)
- 13 This was the trade of Alexander, who did Paul 'a great deal of harm' (2 Timothy 4:14) (9)
- 14 'This is my — , which is for you; do this in remembrance of me' (1 Corinthians 11:24) (4)
- 15 One of Noah's great-great-grandsons (Genesis 10:24) (4)
- 18 Traditionally the first British Christian martyr (5)
- 20 Relationship of Ner to Saul (1 Samuel 14:50) (5)
- 21 Jacob had one at a place he named Bethel while on his way to Haran, fleeing from Esau (Genesis 28:12) (5)
- 22 Bats (anag.) (4)
- 23 'You strain out a — but swallow a camel' (Matthew 23:24) (4)

Children's pages



WALK WITH THE LORD

"Teach me your way,
O Lord, that I would
walk in your _____."
Psalm 86:11

Mouse Makes

"For we **walk** by

 not by sight."
2 Corinthians 5:7

"**Walk** by the _____"

Galatians 5:16



Jesus said:
"I am the light
of the world.
If you

 me you won't
have to **walk**
in darkness
because
you have
the light
that leads
to life."
John 8:12



"**Walk** in _____
as Christ loved
us and gave
himself up for us."
Ephesians 5:2

"**Walk** in
a manner
worthy of the
Lord, fully pleasing
to him, bearing

 in every good work
and increasing in
the knowledge
of God"
John 8:12

 is everyone who
fears the Lord,
who **walks** in
his ways."
Psalm 128:1

GOD • JESUS • LORD • WALK

WAYS • STEP • FEET • PATH • GO • TEACH • KNOWLEDGE • LIGHT

Find the words from the questions too!

Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in
Mk 5:1-17, Lk 8:26-39, Mt 8:28-34

In Gerasa was a man filled with demons
He tore off any clothes or chains put
on him, and he lived in the graveyard.



Jesus and his disciples
arrived and the man ran to him.

What do you want
with me, Jesus?



What is your name?



Legion, for there
are many of us.

There were some pigs near by



Let us go into the pigs.

Go!



The demons
left the man and
went into the pigs.

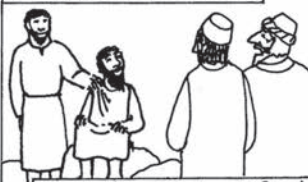
The pigs stampeded
over the cliff into
the sea and drowned.



The pigherds ran to tell
everyone near by.



They came to see ...



...and were terrified.

They begged Jesus



Please! Leave! Now!

But the man begged Jesus ...



Can I come with you?

But Jesus said



Go home and tell
everyone what happened.

So he did.





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- After Sunday morning coffee, please empty the teapot and stand upside down on the draining board.
- Hymn of Invitation: 'Whoever He Leads I'll Go'
- Our visiting monster today is the Revd Jack Bains.
- Church toilet out of order. Please use floor below.
- Worshippers are asked to wail, until the choir has been served Holy Communion.
- Pray for continual growth for our teens, that a food foundation will be laid in their lives.
- We are always happy to have you sue our facility.
- The activity will take place on the church barking lot.
- Hymn: 'I am Thin, O Lord.'

How many church members does it take to change a light bulb?

What do you mean CHANGE??? That light bulb was given in memory of my grandmother! My father installed it with his bare hands! He donated his time AND the use of his ladder to do it, too! My family's been members of this church for four generations! And if you think you're going to come in here and make a bunch of changes all of a sudden, Vicar, you've got another think coming!

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HYMN: A song of praise usually sung in a key two octaves higher than that of the congregation's range.

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Mouth

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DOWN: 1, Dawn. 2, Afternoon. 3, Nehum. 4, Again. 5, Prey. 6, All to. 10, Users. 11, Ephod. 12, Trace. 13, Metalwork. 14, Body. 15, Eber. 18, Alban. 20, Uncle. 21, Dream. 22, Stab. 23, Gnat.

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