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## Did you know about...

### PARAPROSDOKIANS

(Figure of speech in which the latter part of a sentence or phrase is surprising or unexpected; frequently used in a humorous situation. The word comes from Greek, meaning 'against expectation'. See some examples below.)

If I agreed with you, we'd both be wrong.

We never really grow up, we only learn how to act in public.

War does not determine who is right - only who is left.

Going to church doesn't make you a Christian any more than standing in a garage makes you a car.

Where there's a will, there's relatives.

She looks as though she's been poured into her clothes, and forgot to say 'when'.

A clear conscience is the sign of a fuzzy memory.

To steal ideas from one person is plagiarism. To steal from many is research.



## Fed up? Thanksgiving might help...

As we lurch from lockdowns to more relaxed conditions and then back to lockdown locally and then maybe nationally, it is not surprising that we feel confused about the instructions that we are supposed to follow which seem to change weekly, if not more frequently. Why this, and not the other, is allowed, we ask ourselves. Of course I would prefer to listen to the 'science' myself and use my 'common sense' to decide what needs to be done to protect me and others from the virus. As no doubt would everyone else. The problem is that all that would only work in stopping the spread of the virus if everyone used common sense in an informed way and unfortunately the evidence suggests that we don't. So we need firm directions, even when they seem over the top to some of us: the community stands or falls together.

In the editorial in the last issue I wrote about the potential for the virus combined with climate change to destroy community as we know it. This elicited the largest number of comments on anything I've ever written in *Around Langley*. To be honest, that was still a total of just TWO, but both suggested that it was a stark statement and wondered why I needed to make it. My reasoning was simply this: communities live in harmony only by consensus; if inequalities and disparities are so huge that sizeable proportions of the community feel disgruntled, the consensus to keep the status quo could quickly disappear. Then to the people who feel oppressed, a lawless society would be no worse than the broken one they find themselves in.

We don't feature all major anniversaries in *Around Langley*: for example, the combination of VJ day and the bombing of Nagasaki was left off, partly because it happened in August. The Mayflower crossing, that happened through the month of October 400 years ago, was too evocative of hazardous ship journeys, to leave out. I find that it is also instructive to reflect on—to 'compare and contrast' as my old school examination papers used to demand—the motivation, the plight and the reception experienced by voyagers from the Mayflower, Windrush and the migrant boats in the Mediterranean Sea.

There is also a thread of Thanksgiving, without any conscious planning, running through this issue. From the Pilgrim Fathers to us, through harsh times and loss, thanksgiving for our blessings might help us better to face the future.

**Anna Thomas-Betts**

# News from Around Langley



## Langley Neighbourhood Forum

Please see their website, [www.langleyforum.org/](http://www.langleyforum.org/) for news and updates.

## Langley Community Coffee Shop



As I enjoy glorious weather this September, my thoughts go out to all my friends at the coffee shop, because it is not too long to go to winter now. It is during the winter season that we look forward most to meeting and having a chat at the Coffee Shop, but COVID-19 has wreaked havoc with our social lives. Sad to say, it looks like we will not be restarting the coffee shop until after Christmas as too many volunteers have reservations about the risks involved to everyone.

However Wexham Park Golf Club is still keen to have our bookings for a Christmas Lunch on the 1<sup>st</sup> December, so if anyone would like to go, please contact me on 01753 541165 or 07805 335086. The lunch will be socially distanced and will be cancelled if there is a higher risk of infection. The meal will be subsidized for friends of LCCS so the cost of a two course meal

will be £10.50 and a three course meal will be £15.95. I need to confirm numbers soon with a maximum of thirty so please get in touch sooner rather than later if you are interested. I wish you all a safe autumn.

*Sheila Papali*

## All Souls Service Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> November, 6.30pm at St Mary's Church, Langley



The Feast of All Souls, on 2<sup>nd</sup> November, is a time of year when the Church traditionally commemorates the departed. Each year on the nearest Sunday we hold a special service at St Mary's Church to which we invite the families of those whose funerals have taken place recently. At this service we read out these names, together with any other names that may be requested on the day.

This year, sadly, we will be very limited for space in church and will need to do things differently, owing to restrictions imposed by the pandemic. The service will have the usual readings and prayers, but only the choir will be allowed to sing. During the service all will receive a prayer of blessing and can then light a small electric candle in memory of their loved ones.

Those who have been bereaved usually find this occasion a source of strength and comfort. If you would like to attend, please ring 01753 542068 or email [r.j.grayson@btinternet.com](mailto:r.j.grayson@btinternet.com), and we will book you a place on the basis of 'first come, first served'. The service will also be available online via the Zoom platform, for those unable to join us in church.

**Revd Robin Grayson**

## Environmental Studies in Slough

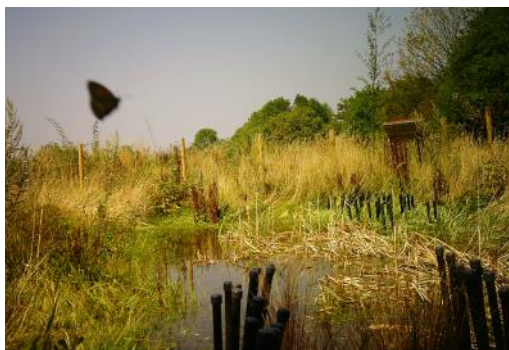
In *Around Langley* of April 2019 I wrote about the new forward-thinking environmental technology (Plant Microbial Fuel Cell system, PMFC) developed by Dutch scientists that Slough Borough Council (SBC) installed in Bloom Park in 2018. The system uses bacteria around the plant roots to produce electricity that is powerful enough to light up LED lights embedded in an interpretation board when you press a button.

This year PMFC technology is back with a set of motion trap cameras the company installed in Bloom Park, Baylis Park and

Scafell Park and we have already captured some images of local wildlife including foxes and butterflies. This new tool will help us to monitor Slough biodiversity and how it changes over time. It will also become a useful educational facility for local schools and colleges.

SBC is now working on an online platform that will record all aspects of environmental monitoring that SBC is conducting and can be used for maintenance of the urban forest and educational programmes. The data collected by the database will also be converted into digital art that will represent our natural environment and how it changes over time.

Bloom Park is gradually becoming a new local educational centre in the field of environmental technology that we expect to grow over time and become an outdoor classroom that schools can use as an interactive way to learn about Slough's environment and wildlife. It will be suitable for all ages and will increase



*A butterfly photographed by PMFC  
powered camera*

awareness of current issues and attract more interest in environmental studies.

We are still very keen to get together for constituting the new Slough Climate Action group. However, with the Covid-19 restrictions being introduced we would not want to put anyone at risk of contracting the virus. We will therefore continue to monitor the government guidance and might have to consider using online conferencing for our first meeting. As always, if anyone would like to get involved, please email [sloughcag@hotmail.com](mailto:sloughcag@hotmail.com) and we will be happy to welcome you to the group.

*Alisa Chukanova*

## The Mayflower

Another anniversary, this time the 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary of a sea-crossing: the Pilgrim Fathers crossing the Atlantic to reach the American Colonies in November 1620. The 300-year anniversary was marked in great style, but the ceremonies and celebrations planned for the 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary had to be abandoned, or at least put on hold, because of Covid-19. As a consequence, it is an anniversary that probably will go by without capturing our attention and giving us pause for reflection.

About 400 members of the Church of England, unable to accept what they saw as abuses and excesses of the church

had been practising a Puritan form of Protestantism at the beginning of the 17<sup>th</sup> Century. Increasingly feeling threatened, they eventually left England first for Holland and, after a few years, from there to the New World on the sailing ship Mayflower, via England; there were 102 selected 'Puritan Pilgrims' as passengers and 30 crew members on board when they set sail on 16<sup>th</sup> September, 1620.

The ship was crowded and living conditions unpleasant, and the sea very rough and stormy for much of the voyage. Huge waves crashing against the top deck and washing passengers overboard meant they had to remain below deck, in very cramped conditions, for many days at a time.

The Pilgrims saw themselves as a new Israel, being led by God to a new Jerusalem. They had permission to settle in the Colony of Virginia, but bad weather forced them to land at Provincetown near Massachusetts on 11<sup>th</sup> November. The harshness of the winter, with the ground already frozen in November and no shelter on land, forced them to stay on board the Mayflower until spring. Many Pilgrims and crew died in that winter of



scurvy, pneumonia and tuberculosis. By April around half of the passengers and crew of the ship had died.

In the first spring, they were able to cultivate the land and the



assistance of the native Indians was crucial for this enterprise to succeed. The colony was named Plymouth Colony and it lasted 70 years before it merged with other colonies and became part of the British Province of Massachusetts Bay, one of the thirteen original states of the US.



*The first thanksgiving, By Jennie Augusta Brownscombe—Stedelijk Museum De Lakenhal*

As they were not an expedition authorised by any government, it was crucial for survival that the Pilgrims developed a system of rules which they would obey by mutual consent. Theirs is said to be the first experiment in consensual government by mutual agreement between individuals, without a ruler or monarch.

The aim of the Pilgrims was to find a place where it was safe to practise their religious beliefs, rather than to trade or be entrepreneurial in becoming rich. The first thing they did on landing was that "they fell upon their knees and blessed the God of heaven, who had brought them over the vast and furious ocean ... "

It is difficult not to draw comparisons with the migrants crossing the Mediterranean Sea by boat in our day. They too are fleeing danger or persecution and looking for a better life, and in the process seriously risking their lives. The Pilgrim Fathers, unlike the British and Spanish Empires of the 17<sup>th</sup> century, were not coming to conquer. Nor are the boat-people of today, but they will undoubtedly make a big difference to the future story of the host lands, just as the

Pilgrim Fathers did over centuries after their arrival.

The Thanksgiving Day, now widely celebrated throughout USA and Canada (see below) is a cultural legacy of the Mayflower. It owes its origins to the Pilgrim Fathers, who celebrated their first harvest with a prayer event jointly with native Americans who had been so helpful to them, especially sharing their seeds with them.

*Anna Thomas-Betts*

## *A Season of Thanksgiving*

I have always loved the autumn - it is by far my favourite season. I love to watch the leaves change colour, the sense of newness and a fresh start that autumn brings, the time of harvest and giving thanks. As a proud and slightly homesick Canadian, I have been thinking fondly of Canadian Thanksgiving recently and how I might celebrate this year when there

doesn't feel like there is much to celebrate.

We Canadians celebrate Thanksgiving (yes – we have our own!) on the second Monday of October and it is more akin to the celebration of Harvest here in the UK than to that of our southern neighbours who celebrate at the end of November. Many Canadians will travel home for this weekend of family gatherings, to spend time outdoors if the weather is still generally warm and to watch Canadian football games.

Canadian Thanksgiving is a celebration of the harvest and the good things that God has given us over the past year. Churches would be decorated with pumpkins, gourds, cornucopias, corn and wheat sheaves. Traditional British and European harvest hymns would be sung.

Like all great celebrations, a large family meal is held, usually on the Sunday; most commonly on the menu will be roast turkey, mashed potatoes with gravy, sweet potatoes, corn, cranberry sauce, roasted and autumn vegetables, and to finish off, pumpkin pie and fresh whipped cream. Many families take time to go around the dinner table, with each person in turn being encouraged to share something that they are thankful for. This is always, at least in my family, good for a few laughs.

I think it is a beautiful way to share, say thank you and celebrate all that God has given to us. We might not have what we want, and the world isn't as it should be

right now, but there is much to be thankful for. It may feel like we are continuing to do the 'same old things' in new ways. Maybe we feel tired with it all? And all done with this Covid business? Unfortunately, it is not done with us. It can be challenging to keep up morale or find ways to be thankful in the current situation. I hope that in this season of harvest and thanksgiving we can find new ways to show our gratitude for the good things we have.

*Rev. Sue Lepp*

## ECCLESIASTES

Lo, as the last days of my schooling were numbered, I was called to present five consecutive readings of Scripture in the morning assemblies of the School. Surprisingly, it was also my task to select these readings. Searching for original choices, I came upon Ecclesiastes. After seven terms of arduous training for successive examinations, it appealed to my dark adolescent mood. I could hardly wait to stand next to the Grim Head (had anyone ever seen Him smile?) and declare loudly: 'for in much wisdom is much grief, and he that increaseth knowledge increaseth sorrow'(1:18). And perhaps 'of making many books there is no end; and much study is a weariness of the flesh' (12:12).

Ecclesiastes is a short, readable book, if somewhat repetitious, with many familiar phrases. There are no impenetrable tangles of names of people and places, events and regulations; no messianic prophecies; actually, not much God. It



purports to be written by Solomon, King of the briefly unified Israel, in the early 10<sup>th</sup> Century BC. It was not. Scholars surmise it was written around BC 450-200. No matter. The fictional narrator reflects on his long life as one who has had, done, seen, learned or tried it all; got all the tee-shirts. His conclusion: all is 'vanity'; that is, all is futility.

'There is no new thing under the sun'. Nothing really changes, nothing is really new, nothing is long remembered. We may live wisely and diligently, or foolishly and lazily, be good or evil. Bad things may well happen to us, anyway. In the end, we all die, like other beasts, dust to dust, and are soon forgotten (3:19; 9:5).

'To everything there is a season....a time to be born and a time to die.....a time to weep and a time to laugh...' (Ch 3). Enjoy what you do, eat, drink and be merry, for it is the gift of God (3:12). Being virtuous is better than being evil – but don't try too hard; be a good companion, even with your wife! (9:9); listen more than speak, envy not; be moderate. 'A good name is better than precious ointment' (7:1). Accept the authority of the ruler. (Well, 'Solomon' would say that, wouldn't he?) You cannot know the future; crack on, hope for the best, and don't moan if it does not happen.

The preacher-king's essential message seems to be: count your blessings and try to enjoy them each day, especially when you are young; life may seem unfair, but it is the only one you have. It is perhaps the first expression of this philosophy, echoed often in later writings. The Rubaiyat verses of Omar Khayyam, Montaigne's essays and Voltaire's novel 'Candide' come to mind. It was even plagiarised by the folk singer Pete Seeger, and the American rock band, the Byrds, in their song 'turn, turn, turn' in the '60s. Revisiting this sermon of Ecclesiastes, more than 60 years later and decrepit in the time of Covid-9, it still appeals to me.

Right at the end comes what seems like an afterthought, or somebody's postscript (12:13): 'Fear God and keep his commandments; for this is the whole duty of man. For God shall bring every work into judgment.'

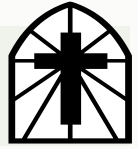
Back to my school days. Behold, on the fourth day the Head spake through His servant, School Captain, saying: 'Verily, let us tomorrow morn hear something cheerful from the New Testament.' Again I searched urgently for an unusual text, and the spirit guided me to Revelation Ch.6. It tells of Four Horsemen...

**Michael Knight**



*The book of Ecclesiastes is a book of the Old Testament in the Christian Bible, but it is also a part of Jewish Scriptures, in the Septuagint, where it appears in the section known as the Books of Wisdom. The word Ecclesiastes is of Greek origin, and is a translation of the Hebrew word 'Koheleth', which simply means teacher or preacher in an assembly.*

# Regular Weekly Service Times



## **Holy Family (Roman Catholic) (Trelawney Avenue)**

Sunday	10.00am	Webinar service
	5.00pm	Mass
Mon, Wed	11.00am	Mass or Service of the Word and Communion
Thursday	NO SERVICE	
Friday	11.00am	Mass or Service of the Word and Communion
Saturday	5.00pm	Mass

(Please contact [holyfamilylangley@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:holyfamilylangley@yahoo.co.uk) if you need any further details.)

## **Langley Free Church (Baptist) (Trelawney Avenue)**

Sunday	10.30am	Morning Worship (Also available on YouTube)
2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of month	10.30am	Holy Communion (Also available on YouTube)

## **St Mary's (St Mary's Road)**

Sunday	8.00am	Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)
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## **St Francis of Assisi (London Road)**

Sunday	11.00am	Holy Communion or Morning Worship (also available on Zoom)
Wednesday	10.00am	Holy Communion

## **Christ the Worker (Parlaunt Road)**

Sunday	9.30am	Holy Communion or Morning Worship
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*All group activities in our churches are suspended until further notice, but given above are the church opening times for public worship. See also Parish Directory on p. 19 for contact details for churches.*

## More puzzles for Lockdown ...

(Devised by Angus MacKenzie. Answers on page 16.)

### FOOD WASTE QUIZ

Every day in UK homes we throw away approximately;

**Whole Potatoes (fresh)**

A 3.5 million  
B 5.8 million  
C 9.4 million

**Whole Onions**

A 350,000  
B 560,000  
C 970,000

**Slices of Bread**

A 24 million  
B 15 million  
C 10 million

**Whole Tomatoes**

A 0.5 million  
B 0.7 million  
C 1.2 million

**Whole Lettuce**

A 78,000  
B 86,000  
C 93,000

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Starting with the word

**SHARE**

Can you follow the path to the top?

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ONE WORD AFTER ANOTHER

CARE  
DONATE  
EARTH  
GATHER  
GIFT  
GIVE  
HARVEST  
MOON  
SHARE  
THANKS



Can you find 8 differences?



## St Thérèse of Lisieux: The Little Flower

Flowers are among the most beautiful things that God has made. We use flowers for all sorts of occasions, to decorate, to celebrate, to express our love or our sympathy. Some people like to name their daughters after flowers: Rose, Lily, Violet and many more. One of the popular saints for Roman Catholics is St Thérèse of Lisieux, whose feast is celebrated on the 1<sup>st</sup> of October. She is commonly known as the Little Flower, because she did not want fame, and saw herself as a simple, wild flower, like those you see in forests and fields, unnoticed by most people, but growing and giving glory to God.

In its two-thousand year history, the Church has declared only 4 women 'doctor' of the Church (in contrast to 32 men). One of them was the German nun, Hildegard of Bingen (1098-1179), whose claim to fame is that, besides her writings, she did advise (and sometimes rebuke) popes and kings; another, Catherine of Siena (1347-1380), was a lay person, a mystic and spiritual writer who was instrumental in bringing the papacy back to Rome from Avignon in France after an absence of seventy years. The third, chronologically, was Teresa of Avila (1515-1582), a Carmelite nun in Spain, a mystic and great reformer who, during Reformation, was one of those who opted to stay within the Catholic fold.



While these three women are towering personalities in the Church, the fourth 'doctor' of the Church was Thérèse, a young French woman from Alençon (1873 -1897) in Normandy, France. As a teenager she joined two of her elder sisters in the cloister of the order of discalced (that is, bare-footed) Carmelite nuns at Lisieux, just 60 miles from her birthplace. The life in the cloister was harsh, with hardly any heated rooms and just one meal a day. She spent much of her time there in the sickroom with tuberculosis, and died nine years after, aged 24.

The name she took at her vows was 'Thérèse of the Child Jesus (and/of) the Holy Face' and she devoted her time meditating on the Face of Jesus. She

might have remained in obscurity were it not for the determination of her older sisters to publish her writing, notes she had jotted down in her diary at the insistence of her superiors. This scrappy notebook became her autobiography entitled 'The Story of a Soul'. In a surprisingly short time it became a best seller.

Thérèse never aspired to be a gorgeous flower but just an out of the way forest flower. But the Church recognised that Thérèse had grasped the core of the message of the Gospel of Jesus and lived it out faithfully. She called it 'the little way', doing the ordinary things of life, a smile, a word of encouragement, suffering in silence, a simple unnoticed task to brighten the life of another. She could see that the smallest action done with

love is more important than anything a person can achieve.

Her prayer was simple, childlike, addressing God as "daddy", but it was profound and human. She never had any visions. She did not need them. Instead, she wrote that during the last eighteen months of her life she was in a night of faith, a time when she felt Jesus was absent, a painful emptiness experienced at times by other Saints also. Sometimes she was tormented by doubts about the existence of God. But her faith was being refined and strengthened by God. Two days before she died she asked to be left alone at night. Her last words on her death bed were: "Oh....I love Him.....My God, I love you."

**Alfred Agius**

## *A bouquet of little flowers from St Thérèse's writings*



*God made me in order to give Himself to me, and He wants nothing of me, literally nothing other than to let Him love me, let Him pour out Himself upon me in everlasting joy.*

*I depend completely on prayer...I have observed my prayer touching people's hearts far more than any words I could tell them. just tell God what I want and somehow he always manages to understand me.*

*There is one suffering God never wishes us to bear, that of doubting whether He loves us.*

*Never say 'no' to God. Always look to Him to see what He wants. Accept to be totally poor, to have no holiness of your own.*

*God's face and presence could be experienced in every person and situation of our lives - if only we just attend with love and expectancy. Only the eyes of faith can reveal this to us.*

# Physics in our Hymns

My husband dislikes singing hymns and finds them 'boring' (except for the odd school favourites like Blake's Jerusalem, '*And did those feet in ancient days walk upon England's mountains green*'); whereas I enjoy not just the tunes and harmonisation, but also the poetry usually found in the lyrics. But as physicists, both of us like suddenly noticing a mention of physical laws in the hymns. I mention a few below, quoted from the New English Hymnal, and in no particular order!

Occasionally they invite us to reflect, and seek deeper understanding as in George Herbert's famous hymn '*Teach me my God and King, in all things thee to see*', a very laudable desire in itself; but it has the lines *A man that looks on glass, On it may stay his eye, Or, if he pleaseth, through it pass, And there the heaven espy*. I am sure we have all experienced this phenomenon of looking at windows in some lights, and the first thing that greets us is our own reflection and sometimes we have to squint and shade our eyes to see the outside through the glass. Spiritually also, we are invited to see beyond ourselves and see the world outside.

In '*The day thou gavest, Lord, is ended*', a great favourite hymn at Evensong (who remembers singing

them now?), reminds us of the earth spinning inexorably on its axis, bringing us our rhythm of days and nights. '*The sun that bids us rest is waking Our brethren 'neath the western sky*', goes the third verse, reminding us of the direction of spin of the earth. Indeed, readers might have seen satellite pictures of the earth with the western hemisphere going into darkness as the east is lit up by the sun. So, '*while earth rolls onward into light*', verse 2 says, '*As o'er each continent and island The dawn leads on another day*'. The purpose of it all for the hymn-writer John Ellerton is that *the universal church* is keeping her watch through all the world and *hour by hour fresh lips are making God's wondrous doings heard on high*'.

The beautiful hymn written around 1900 AD by John Chadwick, but usually sung to a lovely tune by Orlando Gibbons, '*Eternal Ruler of the ceaseless round*' is more subtle, and only hints at the solar system as it opens: '*Eternal Ruler of the ceaseless round Of circling planets singing on their way; Guide to the nations from the night profound Into the glory of the perfect day*'.

And to finish, a geometrical reference, from a Communion hymn written by William Turton 100 or so years ago, starting with the words '*O Thou who at thy Eucharist did pray that all thy Church might be for ever one*'. It goes on later: '*Draw us*





the nearer each to each, we plead, by drawing all to Thee...' Think of God at the centre of a circle and as we move towards him along smaller and smaller radii, we inevitably get closer to each other. Of course it could also be a gravitational force one thinks of here—if

we want to continue the idea of physics in our hymns. Either way, isn't it a lovely thought that by simply getting closer to God, we are also getting closer to our fellow human beings?

**Anna Thomas-Betts**

## **Celebrating Harvest in Lockdown**

As restrictions are tightened again, we are facing another season where our customary activities and celebrations have to be suspended. This time of the year we would usually be marking the 'harvest', with special services in our churches with displays of flowers and produce. That cannot be for now, but we can still find ways to address the twin harvest themes of *thanksgiving* and *responsibility*: being thankful for the many good things we enjoy; and acting responsibly towards our planet and our fellow human beings.

There is no doubt that the Coronavirus pandemic has affected the poor and disadvantaged disproportionately, and driven them further to the margins, both in this country and around the world. It has also drawn attention more acutely to the impact of climate change, again especially on the poorest. So, why not make this season an opportunity to exercise generosity? Everyone will have their favourite charities, but I would commend two to you:

**Slough Foodbank**, who have done such sterling work throughout the pandemic to support the needy in our community of Slough. <https://slough.foodbank.org.uk/>, and

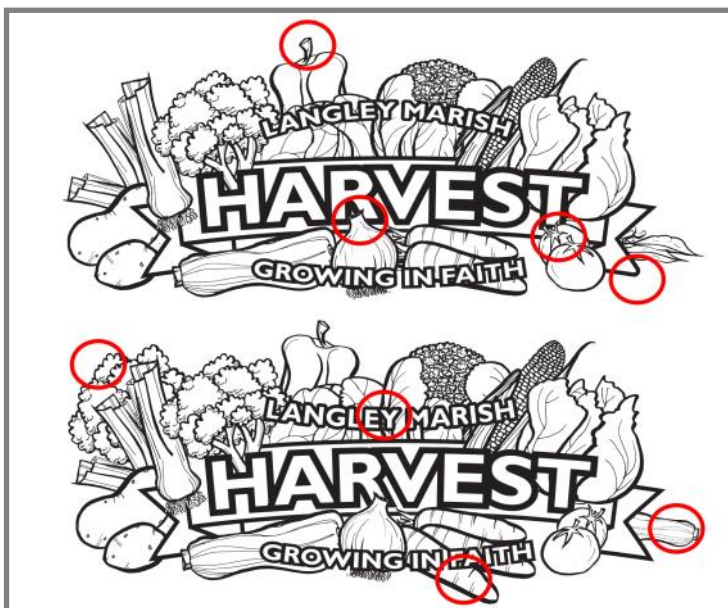
**Christian Aid**, serving the poor around the world, enabling them to become self-sufficient and campaigning for justice. <https://www.christianaid.org.uk/>

And, finally, why not take time to look around you – at leaves turning to Autumn colours, at people passing in the street, at loved ones at home – and be thankful for all that God has blessed you with!

**Rev. Robin Grayson**

## Answers to the puzzles on page 11

### Spot the Difference



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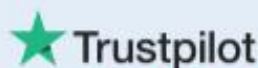
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