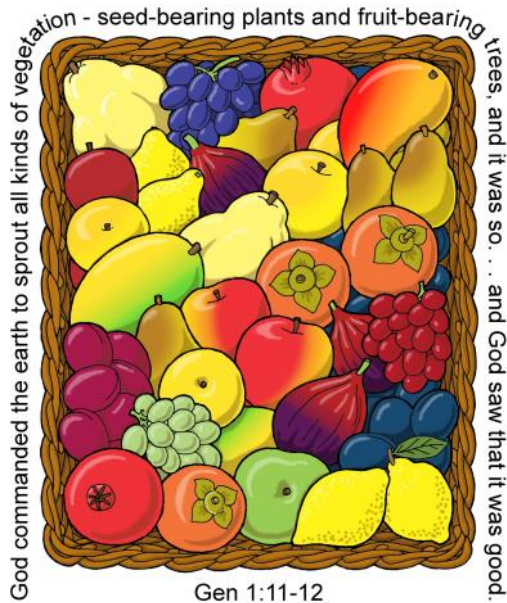


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BATHWICK NEWS

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St John's
(*opposite the fire station*)



St Mary's
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OCTOBER SERVICES

ST MARY'S CHURCH (*Bathwick Hill roundabout*)

10.30am every Sunday, Parish Eucharist & Sermon

10.30am every Wednesday, traditional language Eucharist

9.30am every Friday, said Eucharist

Sunday evening services at 6pm:

- Choral Evensong: 4th October

- (said) Evensong: 18th October and 25th October



ST JOHN'S CHURCH (*opposite the Fire Station*)

9am every Sunday, Parish Mass & Sermon

9.30am every Tuesday and Saturday, said Mass

10.30am every Thursday, said Mass

Sunday evening services:

- Evensong & Benediction: 11th October 6pm

St Francis of Assisi

On October the 4th we will have marked eight hundred years since the bodily death of my personal hero (aside from Jesus of course) St. Francis of Assisi.

St. Francis is probably one of the most widely known and influential saints of all time, lending his name to everything from major cities to popes, and without his Franciscan order the Church itself may not have made it out of the trials of the thirteenth century. Yet all too often when his story is retold it is oversimplified into a cartoonish depiction of a kind of passive proto-hippy who is known for being that guy in the brown habit who loves nature and refers to things like the moon and wolves as his brothers and sisters — but there is so much more to him than this and I feel like the world needs his example more today than it has for a long time. Yes he was a man of love, but also of deep passion and conviction for the suffering he saw all around him in this fallen and often cruel world.

Volumes have been written on the spiritual conversion of St Francis, but the most famous part of his story came during a time of contemplative prayer at the chapel of San Damiano just outside of the city walls of Assisi. In this small holy place Francis was kneeling in prayer while gazing up at the San Damiano cross, when he entered a kind of ecstasy where the image of Christ crucified came to life and commanded him to 'Rebuild my church for she is in ruins.'

Francis took this command literally and he immediately began the work of restoring a dilapidated Byzantine chapel in Perugia, begging for materials and single handedly

rebuilding this little church which became known as the Porziuncola. Little did Francis know that his example, his order of friars and his spiritual reforms would go much further than his local horizons, and that God was speaking of a much larger church.

Francis shows us that we don't need a big master plan to do good, but rather an openness to obedience to Christ, and a desire to share in His love and self-sacrifice to the best of our ability and understanding in all places. This is where real change happens.

If God can take a man as simple as Francis and restore His entire Church in a way which would go on to influence billions of Christians and unbelievers alike throughout the centuries, just imagine what He can do with all of us when we have ears which listen and hearts ready to respond. Francis never imagined that we here in the UK 800 years later would know His name, but when we walk where our Saviour leads he can do amazing things with us, just like He did with the Twelve.

So what are the core lessons we can learn from St Francis? To me they are humility, brotherhood (towards all creation) and poverty. He calls us to shrug off our fears of discomfort, instead seeking the Lord in all times, trusting our Father to provide all things requisite and necessary (consider the lilies of the field). If we can see God in all things, from brother tree to sister bodily death, remembering that He hates nothing He has created, we can begin to see that all of creation is a kind of living parable — in all things we can see a microcosm of the Gospels and the very character of God.

All too often it can be very easy for us to get caught up in heady theology and over-intellectualizing our faith, yet the Gospel wasn't first entrusted to philosophers and theologians but to fishermen and peasants. And although systematic theology and philosophy isn't a bad thing, it can sometimes distract us from the fact that Jesus came to give us a new way of living as well as a new way of thinking, and very few have truly embraced Gospel life quite like St. Francis.

Francis invites us to share in a renewed awareness of the harmonies in the song of creation, and through them to partake in the gift of God's revelation (which can tell us as much about the character of our creator as any Scripture, after all Jesus Himself used nature to teach us all throughout the Gospels), and the key to opening up the heart to such things is always humility and love. Humility teaches us that sometimes casting down mountains may be something as simple as being ready to serve and love others in openness and purity of intention, with no desire for reward or recognition. Whether it's calling a friend we haven't seen for a while, helping a bug trapped indoors, or giving to a beggar, Jesus calls us to be a light to the Gentiles — and just like St. Francis rebuilding that old Byzantine chapel we never know what our seemingly small deeds may go on to do in the lives of others as we help His Kingdom come by making sure His will is done.

As Francis himself said 'All the darkness in the world cannot overcome the light of a single candle,' so let us be candles in this fallen world, for even the smallest and most humble acts of charity are an extension of God's infinite love.

Callum Houston



Dorothy House



The Cream Teas in aid of Dorothy House Hospice was well attended and it was a superb afternoon. The weather was warm and dry, the conversations were flowing, as was the tea; and everyone seemed to be having a great time. Thank you to all who attended and supported the raffle as well. Thank you to our bakers and those who helped on the day. We have made over £300 for Dorothy House which is a wonderful donation to give them. We'll do this again next year maybe!

Chris and Di

WALSINGHAM PRAYER GROUP

Prayer meetings are usually on the 2nd Sunday of each month at 5pm.

The next prayer meeting will take place on:

Sunday 11th October at 5pm at St John's.

See Chris Plummer at St John's for more information or telephone her on 01249 712894 *All welcome.*



St John's Dedication Festival

St John's Dedication Festival is on Sunday 25th October 12 noon, followed by lunch in the hall - All welcome to attend. Bp Michael Langrish (former Bishop of Exeter) will officiate. Sung Mass will include the baptism of Theo Rumming-Pain and his confirmation, along with the confirmations of Patrick Hemming, Bear Lloyd and Szabi and Lotti Szigethy.

Please keep these candidates in your prayers.

Chris Plummer

FRIENDS OF THE HOLY LAND

Presentation slides and items for sale will be hosted by both St John the Baptist and St John Kronstadt Churches on Saturday 3rd October at 3pm in St John's Church, St John's Road, Bathwick.

Followed at 5pm by an Orthodox Vespers, finishing at 6pm.

Speaker Edmund Adamaus is Advocate and Engagement manager for the Friends.

Tea, coffee and cake will also be available.



Please come along and support this afternoon and hear all about the good work that Friends of the Holy Land are doing in the land where Jesus was born and walked.



Friends of
the Holy Land



St John the Baptist Church, Bathwick
(just below Cleveland Bridge)

invite you to a

**PRE-CHRISTMAS
COFFEE MORNING**

**Saturday 14th NOVEMBER
10:30am - 12:30pm**

with

Home Produce & Cake Stall,
Christmas Stall, Bric-a-Brac,
Cards and Raffle

Please come and join us

A NEW PIANO FOR ST MARY'S

For some years now we have been aware of the need for a change of piano at St Mary's as the Schiedmayer baby grand had an unsatisfactory key action and this, coupled with a hard tone, meant that it had become unsuitable for recital and concert work.



Our search for a replacement took a major leap forward during a conversation with Michael Painting, the conductor of the University Chamber Choir and occasional member of our choir, when he mentioned that he knew of a piano shut away in a cupboard at the University which hadn't been used for years. The fuse had been lit!



Sometime later, we both visited the campus to see this instrument and found it to be a Steinway Model D concert grand piano! Clearly, the possibility of acquiring this for use at St Mary's had to be investigated as soon as possible.

Fortunately, the son-in-law of our dear friend Tony Crossland – David Widdecombe – is the Technical Services Manager at Steinway in London and he was asked to come down to Bath to



view the piano and give us a written report on its condition. On receipt of this, it was obvious that we would be fortunate indeed if we could come to an arrangement with the University for it to be given a new home at St Mary's.



A long period of negotiation then began, ably led by Stephen Howard and, to our delight, news came in early June this year that all the legal issues had been agreed by both parties and signed off by the Vice Chancellor.



The piano was then removed to Steinway Hall in London for a service and thorough check and I had the pleasure of seeing and playing it in the workshop during August. It was subsequently delivered to church on 2nd September.



Interestingly, David was able to tell us that their records show that the piano was built in Hamburg and shipped to Steinway Hall, London on 15th November 1955. It was first sold to the BBC and was used at Maida Vale Studios until 1982. It does make one think about which famous fingers played it during those years!

We now have a wonderful 'new' acquisition to the musical arsenal at St Mary's and we hope to arrange some recitals in the near future to welcome it to Bathwick.

I am immensely grateful to all those who have helped to bring this about during the past two years, especially Stephen Howard and Amanda and Michael Painting.

Gary Desmond



THURSDAYS, 12.30pm-1.10pm 2026

October 1st

Quercus Wind Quintet, Bath

*Light refreshments available before and after each recital
Retiring collection in support of Music @ St Mary's*

CONCERT IN EARLY NOVEMBER



VIERNE

MESSE SOLENNELLE

Lucis Choir

Musical Director - Francis Faux

Jervaulx Singers

Musical Director - Charlie Gower-Smith

SATURDAY 7 NOVEMBER
ST MARY'S, BATHWICK
7.30PM



Tickets available from www.bathboxoffice.org.uk
or from choir members
Visit www.lucischoir.com for further details

SOME CHARITY FOR OTHERS IN OCTOBER

ST JOHN'S CHURCH gives away 10% of its general income at the end of each year to support 6 charities. Each month we remember the work of one of these charities. Please support these good causes.

Charity for October: DOROTHY HOUSE

It may be hard to believe but Dorothy House is celebrating its 50th anniversary this year. It was founded by Prue Dufour (Clench) who saw the need for palliative care in people's own homes. It was literally founded round her kitchen table in her home in Bloomfield Road, and this focus of delivering care in the community continues today. To quote the current Chief Executive, Wayne de Leeuw:-

"With the launch of our three-year strategy entitled 'It's personal', we are ensuring our services remain at the heart of the community and neighbourhood teams, working closely with GPs, District Nurse and community partners, whilst also reaching into our local hospitals where people need us."

Although Dorothy House did benefit from an additional £886,978 in capital funding (for buildings and infrastructure) from the Department of Health and Social Care's national £100 million government hospice grant, it still only receives 20% of its annual running costs from the NHS.

ST MARY'S CHURCH make weekly collections during the Sunday services using the "Alms" envelopes which are given away to a different charity each month.

In October we will be supporting the Goa Anglica Centre. Here is the latest report from Richard Lees:-

"The Goa Anglican Centre has had another successful year of prayer and fundraising around England to support the work of locally run charities in Goa. These charities provide vital housing, education, food and support for some of the most vulnerable in society, living the gospel imperative to care for those in need. From orphans and abandoned children to those suffering for HIV and addictions, our local partner charity partners are there when nobody else is.

Here in England, the Goa Anglican Centre continues to grow, with new partner churches and individuals joining out family of prayer and practical commitment. We are working towards a long-term aim of providing a permanent home in Goa for volunteers from India and around the world who want to offer their time, skills and love to those in need. Thank you so much for your generosity and please continue to pray for our charity as we do for you all at St Mary's."

Robin and Sarah Davies

Welcome back to our.....

CHARITY PARISH BREAKFASTS

The first one back will be held on:

SATURDAY 10TH OCTOBER



Enjoy a delicious traditional English breakfast followed by a talk by a representative from a local charity.

Charity speaker: David Holden-White from Good News for Everyone! (Formerly known as Gideons UK).

Time: 9.00am – 12.00pm

Breakfast – donations of £5 appreciated

All welcome so don't forget to bring a friend!

Hope to see you there.

FUTURE CHARITY PARISH BREAKFAST DATES ARE:

- Saturday 21st November
- Saturday 20th February
- Saturday 20th March

Food items Bath Foodbank are currently in need of:

Custard (tinned), rice pudding (tinned), vegetable meals (tinned), tomatoes (tinned), fish (tinned), fruit (tinned), curry sauce (jars) and squash / long life juice.

Non-food items Bath Foodbank are currently in need of:

Deodorant, shampoo and dental.

MONTH'S MIND FOR OCTOBER

Please pray for those whose anniversary of death falls in October

- 1st Margaret Avery (1965), Charles Willoughby (1965), Basil Dean (1978)
- 2nd Lilian Coward (1968)
- 4th Emily Moore (1940), Dudley Roessler (2019)
- 5th Joyce Roberts (1965), Mary Sciabica (1992)
- 6th Nancy Fry (1977)
- 7th Annie Dawson (1943), William Hunt (1962)
- 8th Ethel Luke (1966), John Mant (1993)
- 9th William Turner (1944), Albert Wright (1966)
- 10th Stuart Eames (1945), Francis (Dick) Ledbury (1971), Alice Eades (1989),
Gwendolene Windsor-Aubrey, Laurence Hanks (1995), Sylvia Shortall
- 11th Jeffrey Lefroy (1985)
- 12th Douglas Ashfield (1964), Ernest Atkins
- 13th Albert Pullen (1944), Ronald MacDonnell (1965), Kathleen Germy (1994), Joan Porteous (2007)
- 14th Leveson Hamilton (first PP of St John's 1862-64) (1869), Ivy Freeman (1996)
- 15th Gertrude Toone (1981)
- 16th Martha Young (1955), Mary White (1963), Gloria Onions (1977), Frances Wells (1986),
Antoinette Gardner (1994)
- 17th Katharine Hodgkinson (1955), Ethel Jemmett-Brown (1956), Harry White (1965),
Charles Sherwin, John Turnbull (Pr.) (1989), Ralph Clark (2017)
- 18th Matilda Harris (1931), Michael Thorold (Vicar St John's 1951-56) (1956), Andy Clay,
Peggy Ridout (1994)
- 19th Sidney Lynn (1932), Florence Clifford (1964), Arthur Hunt (1973)
- 20th Norah Hanks (1987)
- 21st Joan Davies, Bessie Bath (1954), Edith Powell (1960), Florence Nicholls (1977), Betty Terry (1996)
- 22nd Henrietta Brady (1929), Matilda Danson (1967)
- 23rd Florence Cox (1958), Muriel Willoughby (1967)
- 24th Frank Pearce (1938), Mary Mactiar (1944), James Heap (1964), Joan Pitt (1965),
Florence Mundy (1973), Ronald Broackes (Pr.) (1993)
- 25th Mary Hutchinson (1950), Charles Francis (1952), Sidney Lacey (1960), Henry Francis,
Marionne Gibbs (1994), Mervyn Hanks (1999)
- 26th Elizabeth Bailey (1978)
- 27th John James (1973), Edwin Bailey (1977), Patricia Hawkins (1993), Richard Pegrum (2002),
Margaret Pepper (2003)
- 28th June Jones (1951), Dennis Carver (1981), Hazel Sleigh
- 29th Alfred Ledden (1928), Ernest Say (1968), Gladys Skrine (1973), Josie Watts (1993)
- 30th Cecilia Ledbury (1950)
- 31st Jane White (1942), Hylda Hobbs (1957), Ann Maslen (1957), Gilbert Mapstone (1959),
Dulcibel Parsons (1962), Charles Kirtland (Pr.) (1975), Harriet Gillespie, Gordon Hussey (1979),
Thea Sambourne (1992)

***Rest Eternal Grant To Them O Lord and Let Light Perpetual Shine On Them
May They Rest In Peace and Rise In Glory.***

**If you would like a name included in the Month's Mind,
please speak to the Clergy or leave a message at the Parish Office
These will be remembered by name at St John's Church 10.30am Mass
Thursday 29 October**

Green News

Trees have evolved from the earliest plants which began their lives on dry land 445 million years ago. All life depends on chemicals and water for their very existence and trees have evolved over time to develop complex root systems for this very purpose.

Many have developed the ability to grow very deep into the earth. A wild fig in South Africa has been found to have a rooting system of 121 metres which means that it has grown down beyond the soil level through solid rock in order to find the chemicals and moisture it needs for growing. This is indicative of the amount of pressure these tiny roots have to exert in order to keep the tree alive. These days this is evident in pavements where trees have been planted and roots have lifted the pavement.

Once tree roots start to grow and digest the rock, minerals are available to them which are essential for their growth. The top of the tree supplies the bottom with energy from the sun, and the bottom uses this to grind through the rock to supply the top with phosphates.

Trees have their own individual ways of reproducing. Sycamore, horse chestnut and oak trees all produce very different seeds but all their tap roots grow straight down in order to provide stability and water. Most trees develop heart roots and tap roots which then search in the soil and rock especially for large amounts of nitrogen and phosphorus, as well as many trace elements.

Keith and Helen Moss

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

Peace comes not by establishing a calm outward setting so much as by inwardly surrendering to whatever the setting.

Hubert van Zeller *Leave Your Life Alone*

PRAYER OF THE MONTH

Father, I realise now that I want to see before I believe. Please help me to believe even though I cannot see.





The next meeting of the Bathwick Book Club will be
on
Tuesday 27th October
at 3pm
in St Mary's Church Hall.

The book we will be discussing will be decided at the
September Book Club and will be included on the
weekly notice sheet soon.

See you there and why not bring a friend?

Restoration Action Group News:

RAG is running another of our special **Coffee Morning's Plus on Saturday 28th November, from 10-12 noon**. The idea of these is to combine the social aspect of a coffee morning with the opportunity to get some early Christmas Gifts. There will be three main stalls. The first will feature a selection of my **soft toys**. There will be plenty of seasonal favourites such as Penguins and Teddy Bears, but if anyone would like a particular animal or bird let me know and I will see what I can do! The second is Karen Slegt's **costume jewellery stall**, which proved very popular at our Summer Fete and last, a **Crafts and Produce Stall**, so it would be **great if people could donate any craft items** to ensure we have a good display and **get making those jams and chutneys!** Please speak to Nicky Parker or me if you can help in any way.

Also, if you have any **unused items suitable for Christmas Gifts**, such as toiletries, candles, mugs, chocolates etc, these would be very welcome. Finally, there will also be a **raffle**, so if anyone can donate something for this we would be delighted. We will also need **cakes** and **mince pies** to enjoy with our coffee and possibly sell as well.

There will be **fliers at the back of church**, so please take some and pass on to friends and neighbours to help publicise this event more widely.

Marilyn Kirby
Secretary of RAG



**PRE-CHRISTMAS
COFFEE MORNING PLUS!
St MARY'S CHURCH BATHWICK
SATURDAY 28 NOVEMBER
10-12 am**

**Including stalls with Cuddly Toys, Crafts,
Cakes and a Raffle**

(In aid of St Mary's Restoration Appeal)





Every story honoured

In August I had the immense privilege of meeting Lynette Richards-Lorde who came to Flourish House with her daughter Chrissy Richards-Levi and Susann Savidge, Chair of Somerset African Caribbean Network. Hearing Lynette's story of faith, courage, and public service was a joyful and humbling experience. She came to Taunton, aged just 19, in 1959 in answer to an invitation from the British government to come to the UK to work in the NHS. Initially training as a nurse at Musgrove Park Hospital in Taunton, Lynette then became a midwife and, during a distinguished career in hospitals across the UK, became the UK's first Black divisional nursing officer for midwifery. And it all started right here in Somerset!

You can read more about Lynette's story on the diocesan website but, for me, the most moving part about meeting Lynette was seeing how extraordinarily humble she is, and what a great impact she has had on the lives not just of the mothers she helped during pregnancy and delivery, but on British society as a whole.

October is Black History Month. It's easy to think it's solely about learning more of the history of Black people across the world, and that's an important part of it. But more than that, it's about acknowledging and celebrating the history of those of Global Majority Heritage who have played, and continue to play, an integral part in British society and churches for centuries. Black History Month teaches us all more about our collective story.

Rt Revd Tim Wambunya, Bishop of Wolverhampton, invites us all, however we mark Black History Month, to allow our celebrations to, "help us become more truly intercultural communities, where every story is honoured, every gift welcomed, and every person cherished in Christ."

We'd love to hear about your plans to do just that, wherever you are across our diocese.

Fiona Gibson - Bishop of Taunton

Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in
Matthew 24:44-51, Luke 12:40-46

Jesus warned his disciples to be always
ready for his return at the end of time
by telling the story of two servants

The good servant



My master could be away a long time; I will work as if he was here



When the servants came for their food, he had it ready



He made sure everyone got their full amount every day



Then his master came back



I am putting you in charge of everything I have



The bad servant



My master could be away a long time; I can do what I want!



When the servants came for their food, he chased them away!



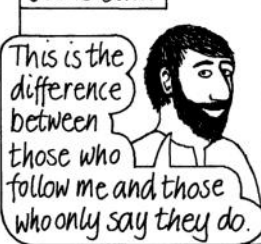
He had friends come round, and they ate and drank as much as they liked.



Then his master came back



Jesus said



The Importance of Place

Some time ago I thought I would stop at the church I knew, to say Evensong. It was shut and I encountered a villager who told me that the church building had been sold. She was saddened.

I know that it has been often said that “The church is people, not the building,” but I have come to think that is not the whole story.

It is true that the New Testament does not say anything about buildings, but Jesus and His disciples attended the Temple and were regularly at the synagogue. Indeed the Psalms talk about the place of worship where they meet God and the gospels say that a Temple is built on Christ.

Christianity is a historical religion, and the impetus to gather in places of communal memory resulted in shrines of martyrs and places of pilgrimages.

Churches are signs of holiness of God manifested in particular places, histories and memories. They should be loved and preserved, it bears witness to those who have worshipped in that place, who have lived and died. A church building is the gospel in wood, glass and stone and as such it witnesses to the Incarnation.

Christ chose to dwell in a real place!

To abandon a church building is to close down a memory of Christian presence. It is also part of the community that makes it what it is, it is always available to all; including people of little faith to be in place of quiet away from the busy changing world.

As the bible puts it;

“O how awesome is this place. This is none but the house of God, and this is gate of heaven.” (Genesis 28:17)

Fr Robert Webb

October 18th - St Luke's Day



We all know that St Luke wrote the third book in the New Testament, one of the four Gospels, as well as the Acts of the Apostles. This is largest portion of the New Testament by any single author as it comes to almost 24% in total, with his Gospel containing famous parables and accounts found nowhere else, for example, the Prodigal Son and the Good Samaritan.

But what else do we know about him? □

Luke was a Greek, born in Antioch, Syria, making him the only non-Jewish writer of a New Testament Gospel. He worked as a physician with St Paul famously referring to him as "the beloved physician". He became a close companion to Paul, travelling with him on several missionary journeys and staying with him during his imprisonment. After his death Luke left Rome to continue his ministry by preaching, writing, and travelling through regions like Greece, Boeotia, Libya, and Egypt.



Luke never met Jesus but explains in his gospel that he did not witness the events himself. Instead, he wrote after carefully investigating stories handed down by those who were "eyewitnesses and servants of the word". Tradition and history suggest that he interviewed original disciples, apostles, and close figures like the Virgin Mary to learn intimate details about Jesus's life. It is most likely that he completed the *Gospel of Luke* and the *Acts of the Apostles* after Paul's death around 67–70AD.

During his later years, Luke is also credited with painting some of the earliest icons of the Virgin Mary and Jesus. Because of this, he became the patron saint of painters and artists, as well as physicians.



He died aged 84 with some accounts suggesting he had a peaceful death full of the Holy Spirit, while others view him as a martyr who suffered greatly for the faith. However, during the 4th

century his remains were taken to Constantinople and eventually to the Basilica of Santa Giustina in Padua, Italy. His feast day is celebrated on October 18th because it marks the traditional date of his death or the moving of his relics to Italy.

*Chapter 10 v37 - He said 'the one who showed him mercy.'
Jesus said to him 'Go and do though likewise'*

Jenny Jones



St Mary's Churchyard, Henrietta Road

Jeanne, Peter and I went to the Bath in Bloom Awards this evening, and The Friends of St. Mary's Churchyard won a GOLD Award! We are so thrilled that the hard work of our group of dedicated volunteers has won this recognition - a community effort for a community space that is enjoyed by so many.

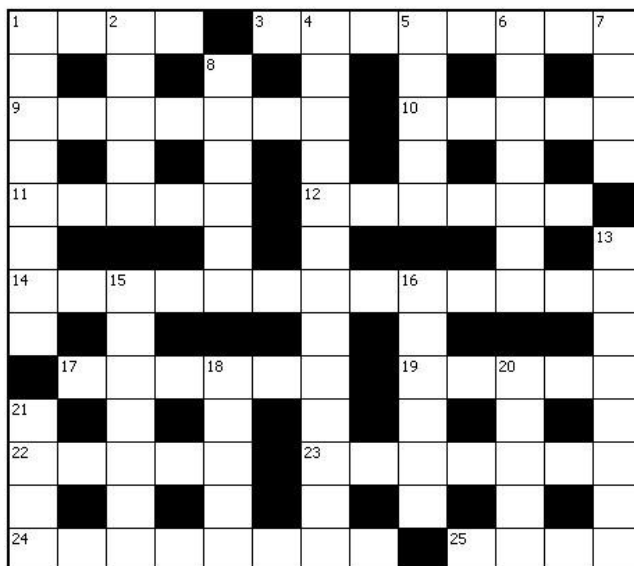
For the first time each of the certificates has feed back from the judges which I will quote.

“Beautiful, natural space, encouraging indigenous species.
Introduction of acers to contrast with deep green canopy, and allowing light in.
Small number of volunteers determined to sustain natural ecosystem.”



Penny

CROSSWORD



Across

- 1 'Those who were standing near Paul said, "You — to insult God's high priest?"' (Acts 23:4) (4)
- 3 They were assigned to guard the tree of life (Genesis 3:24) (8)
- 9 'Elkanah son of Jeroham, the son of Elihu, the — of — , the son of Zuph, an Ephraimite' (1 Samuel 1:1) (3,4)
- 10 Surrender (Joshua 24:23) (5)
- 11 Where American livestock can be reared (5)
- 12 Listen (anag.) (6)
- 14 Alternative name for Kiriath Jearim (2 Samuel 6:2) (6,2,5)
- 17 He founded Westminster Abbey, — the Confessor (6)
- 19 Hebrew word for the place of the dead (5)
- 22 Allies of Persia in the fifth century BC (Esther 1:3) (5)
- 23 Where John Wesley was forced to preach a lot (4,3)
- 24 Rebellion against God; abandonment of religious belief (8)
- 25 Note (anag.) (4)

Down

- 1 Give an account of (Mark 4:30) (8)
- 2 'I — — the path of your commands, for you have set my heart free' (Psalm 119:32) (3,2)
- 4 'He took the ephod, the other — — and the carved image' (Judges 18:20) (9,4)
- 5 'You are a chosen people, a — priesthood' (1 Peter 2:9) (5)
- 6 The meek, the merciful and the mourners are all this (Matthew 5:4–5, 7) (7)
- 7 Musical Instrument Digital Interface (1,1,1,1)
- 8 He was the son of Nun (Deuteronomy 34:9) (6)
- 13 'Let the little — come to me' (Matthew 19:14) (8)
- 15 'About three thousand were — — their number that day' (Acts 2:41) (5,2)
- 16 In John's vision, the wall of the new Jerusalem was made of this (Revelation 21:18) (6)
- 18 'Our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly — a Saviour from there, the Lord Jesus Christ' (Philippians 3:20) (5)
- 20 'Glorify the Lord with me: let us — his name together' (Psalm 34:3) (5)
- 21 Young Men's Christian Association (1,1,1,1)

That they may be one... so the world will believe that you have sent me. John 17:21

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My constant Friend is He:

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And I know He watches me.*



"Let not your heart be troubled,
His tender word I hear,
And resting on His goodness,
I lose my doubts and fears;
Though by the path He leadeth
But one step I may see:

*His eye is on the sparrow,
And I know He watches me.*



Whenever I am tempted,
Whenever clouds arise,
When songs give place to sighing,
When hope within me dies,
I draw the closer to Him,
From care He sets me free:

*His eye is on the sparrow,
And I know He watches me.*



I sing because I'm happy,
I sing because I'm free,
For His eye is on the sparrow,
And I know He watches me.

*His eye is on the sparrow,
And I know He watches me.*

*Are not
two sparrows
sold for a penny?
Yet not one of
them will fall to
the ground apart
from your Father.*

Matthew 10:29



*You are always seen,
always known,
and deeply loved.*



Answers to September crossword

ACROSS: 1, Labour. 4, Autumn. 7, Stay. 8, Darkness. 9, Reasoned. 13, Act. 16, Presbyterians. 17, Sat. 19, Ridicule. 24, Reproach. 25, Abib. 26, Celtic. 27, Intend.

DOWN: 1, Lose. 2, Blamerest. 3, Radio. 4, Agree. 5, Tend. 6, Music. 10, Sober. 11, Noted. 12, Doric. 13, Available. 14, Test. 15, Apes. 18, As Eve. 20, Isaac. 21, Ishvi. 22, Fret. 23, Ebed.

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PUBLIC WORSHIP WITH THE CHURCH DAY BY DAY

SUNDAYS

ST JOHN'S



9.00am MASS & SERMON

followed by breakfast in the hall

6.00pm EVENSONG & BENEDICTION

*(usually 2nd Sunday of each month;
4pm November-March)*



ST MARY'S

10.30am EUCHARIST & SERMON

followed by tea/coffee and biscuits in the hall

*(this service is live-streamed whenever possible
on YouTube—search 'YouTube Bathwick parishes')*

6.00pm CHORAL EVENSONG *(usually 1st Sunday of each month)*
or **(SAID) EVENSONG** *(usually 3rd/4th/5th Sunday of each month)*

*For changes and details of other services please see the weekly Sunday leaflet
and p.6 of this magazine*

USUAL WORSHIP ON WEEKDAYS

TUESDAYS: St John's	9.30am	MASS
WEDNESDAYS: St Mary's	10.30am	TRAD. LANGUAGE EUCHARIST
THURSDAYS: St John's	10.30am	MASS
FRIDAYS: St Mary's	9.30am	EUCHARIST
SATURDAYS: St John's	9.30am	MASS

Morning Prayer is usually said around 9am and Evening Prayer around 5.30pm

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