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MINISTER'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends

Can you believe it! A year has now passed since you welcomed Graeme and myself as ministers of Lidgett Park. Where did that time go?! And now we change again. Graeme left to go to South Bradford in August, and on 1st September we welcomed Palo Tshume into the new Leeds North and East circuit, to share ministry with me here at Lidgett and the other churches in our section. I know that you will make Palo as welcome as you made Graeme and I, so we look forward to another step in our life and faith journey together.

Change is all around us and whilst it may at times make us feel uneasy or worried, ignoring it won't make it any easier to deal with, and it certainly won't go away. Let's think about change in a very British way for a moment. There is no greater example than the weather we've been having recently. For a long time we didn't know from one day to the next what we would be presented with; actually on occasions it seemed like one hour to the next. We had no control over that and had to deal with it as best we could.

We often talk about *the firm foundations* that our faith and systems in church are built upon, a bit like a human building, which in some places recently have struggled to survive because of extreme weather. So I think we need to move our thoughts in a more dynamic way, a way that deals better with change and doesn't find it's strength solely on what it was built upon. More maybe like a spiders web, which can at times be fragile, but pound for pound the silk of a spiders web is ten times stronger than steel. Unlike the human structure which finds its strength in what it is resting on, the web's strength is in the connections of the strands. Even when some of it breaks it still has strength. Abraham Lincoln is quoted as saying "*The best way to predict your future is to create it.*" Later on in this issue of the Link Jennifer Dalton writes about Pastoral Care at Lidgett and how we need to look again at how we will do this in the future. One of the strengths I have found in my year with you is that Lidgett already has good strength in the connections already there between each other. I hope this is something we can build upon as we look at the future of how we care for one another and I hope each one of you will be

willing to have your say, and maybe play a part in creating the future here at Lidgett.

Till next time

Andrew

WORSHIP IN SEPTEMBER

01	10.30 Rev. Andrew Atkins	Holy Communion
	4.00 Rev. Robert Creamer	United/Circuit Service
08	Racial Justice Sunday	
	10.30 Mr. Roger Richardson	
	6.30 Chapel Allerton	
15	10.30 Rev. Francesca Rhys	
	6.30 Rev. Andrew Atkins	Holy Communion
22	10.30 Mr. David Laycock	
	6.30 Rev. Robert Creamer	
29	Back to Church Sunday	
	10.30 Rev. Andrew Atkins	Harvest Festival/Parade Service
	6.30 St Edmund's	Ecumenical Service

PASTORAL CARE – THE FUTURE?

Our present pastoral system was set up about 20 years' ago. Each member and person on our community roll has a pastoral visitor. At the start of the new system, visitors visited three times a year with membership cards. When membership cards were issued annually, visitors took Christmas cards and Easter cards.

It goes without saying the pastoral visitors visit whenever there is a need, whether through illness, personal circumstances or loneliness. The ethos of pastoral visiting hasn't changed, even if the rules and regulations affecting it have. The pastoral care at Lidgett is amazing and having twice been the recipient of its special care I know how very important it is.

At our last pastoral visitors' meeting it struck me that all the pastoral visitors attending were at least 5, if not 10, years' older than myself. A consequence of this is that in the near future the church will be faced with a significant reduction in the number of people able to visit and an increase in the number of people who need visits. This church can either hide its head in the sand and wait for the crisis to arise or start planning now for the future. We will soon

be a church with fewer pastoral visitors to look after a congregation with greater needs. We NEED to start planning for this eventuality NOW.

I ask each of you to recollect the moment when there was a knock on your door and there was your pastoral visitor with a smile ready to help, either with friendly conversation or more practical help. Do not let us lose something very precious because we have not the foresight or application to face the future now.

Jennifer Dalton Pastoral Secretary

HAPPY NEWS!



On August 3rd John Gilyead and Anne were married in Addingham Methodist church. In a very relaxed and happy service watched by family and friends. We wish them every happiness together.

Val Faint

LADIES' GROUP MEETINGS

The first Meeting of this session will be on 5th September at, 7.45 pm in the Youth Hall.

Our speakers this month will be Bill Mitchell telling us about his "Experiences as a Speaker at Home & Abroad, and on the 19th Sept Christine Rayner on "The Art of Patchwork".

ALL Ladies, regular attendees and any prospective new ones (hopefully!) are very welcome to join us for some pleasant and interesting evenings at the very modest cost of £2. Tea and biscuits are included.

Lynne Pullein

LADIES GROUP 2012/13

Another year has passed and we have had a successful happy year with a varied programme. Our numbers at meetings tend to vary between mid 30s and late 20s depending on the time of year etc.

We have heard about Cambodia and Vietnam, been on a walk along the Leeds/Liverpool Canal and learnt more about Abbey House Museum. Our skills have, hopefully, been improved as a result of an excellent flower arranging demonstration by some of the church's flower arranging ladies and a first class demonstration of cake decorating and scone making.

Our popular Carol Service raised nearly £300, which we made up to £400. This money was given to our President Margaret Leake's chosen charity – Methodist Homes for the Aged.

A very warm welcome was given to John Gilyead when he came to entertain us one evening. David Pickering brought a pilgrim or two with him when he came to tell us about the small Church pilgrimage he led to the Hebrides. What an experience. Like true pilgrims we gathered that comfort was not included but prayer certainly was.

We had a thoroughly enjoyable New Year's party, led by Serendipity, with a Victorian feel. Some members dressing in an appropriate style,

We have had talks on D. S. Lowry, heard about Colditz and puzzled over "Who killed Sarah Jane". Hopefully eventually someone will solve this mystery.

Our coffee evening raised £249.85, Margaret Wilks donated a further £100 from the sale of Phoenix cards, thank you Margaret, and finally, we made this up to £400, which was given to the Church charity Simon on the Streets.

The Audio Visual Experience Mr. Spence gave us was so good that members have asked to have him back. Whilst this relaxed us Mrs Poppa's talk on

Retirement – What Retirement? positively enthralled us but left us feeling exhausted! Another excellent evening was provided by Ms Oakshott who, with the aid of costumes, ‘acted’ for us.

As usual our year ended with luncheon at Thomas Danby. The very last lunch to be held there before they closed prior to moving to new premises in September. We are left to wonder where we will go next year.

We thank Margaret Leake for her friendly care and love for us all during her year as President. Margaret Lee is taking over as our President in September. Hazel and I have now stood down as joint Secretaries after 11 years of working together and wish our successors Lynne Pullein and Margaret Huskisson all the best as they take over. We hope they will enjoy doing the job as much as we have over the years.

Hazel Rayner and Joyce White

ACTION FOR CHILDREN

The street collection on 29th June raised £519.95p.

Roundhay and Lidgett raised £85.65p.

Thanks to all who helped.

Peter Bennett

CAPTION COMPETITION



“By gum, it’s Compo”.

“I told you to go to Specsavers”.

Gilbert Jarrett came up with this.

Thanks Gilbert it’s a cracker – two for the price of one!

TOWN TRAILS

It is now more than two years since I tentatively enquired whether any of the congregation would like to have a day out once a month exploring a town within the West Riding using public transport. The response was amazing. So far I have taken two groups of people to twenty locations, in sunshine, rain and cold. I leave you to decide in what proportions.

Each town had has a distinctive street pattern- interesting in itself- and many different styles of architecture.

We have visited parks, moors, workhouses, libraries, galleries and a castle; looked at wells and walked alongside canals and rivers; seen mansions and factories of wealthy industrialists and considered the difference between benefactors and philanthropists.

We've been to caves of saints and mystics as well as merchants' warehouses and university campuses.

Some places have magnificent parish churches, minsters and cathedrals, but the West Riding is rich in nonconformity, so Methodist chapels of all shapes and sizes nearly always feature in our trails. Most are between two and three miles in length – the trails, not the Methodist chapels!

From September I intend to offer a new trail to two groups one month, and a repeat of one of the twenty old trails the next. If you would like to join us add your name to the list on the Town Trails poster at the right hand end of the Lounge noticeboard.

Proposed dates:-

<u>September</u> (new)	Bingley.	Tuesday 10 th , Friday 20 th .
<u>October</u> (repeat)	Manningham (Bradford)	Wednesday 16 th .
<u>November</u> (new)	TBA	Monday 11 th , Wednesday 20 th .
<u>December</u> (repeat)	Wakefield	Friday 6 th .

Ideas for suitable destinations are always welcome.

See you soon.

Margaret Summerwill (2697895)

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

“We have in fact two kinds of morality, side by side: one which we preach but do not practise, and another which we practise but seldom preach”

George Bernard Shaw

(Mind you old George was a bit of a nutter)

PRAYER FOR CHANGE

This prayer appears in the magazines of Lidgett Park, St Andrew's and St Edmund's.

Children are beginning a new academic year at school.
Young people are beginning a new course, a new college.
Young adults are beginning a new phase in their lives at college, at university,
at work, at home, unemployed.

We are all beginning each new day of our lives.
For some it will be wonderful. It will be full of promise.
For some it will be dreadful. It will show no future.
For some it will hold fear, anxiety, pain, loneliness.

For some it is another day to thank God for our personal blessings.
To pray God's blessing on those near and dear to them.
To ask God's forgiveness and renew their commitment to allow God
to walk with them.
To pray God's blessing on those who have no one near and dear to them.
To continue the day sharing the love of Jesus, sharing with those who
wonder, dread, fear, those in pain and those in joy.

You are invited to share this prayer this month

Mary Patchett

FLOWER FESTIVAL

The flower festival, based on the theme "Streets of Leeds" was an outstanding success, both artistically and in terms of raising money for the Church project.

It's just a pity we can't show all the exhibits, but scattered through this issue you will find various pictures which may give some idea of the wonder of it all.



Believe it or not these beautiful cakes are not edible. They are the creations of Audrey Gabbitas; truly amazing examples of I don't know what – needlecraft? stitchery? Whatever the correct name is they are truly beautiful pieces of work; and they look good enough to eat!

**Roundhay Quaker Meeting Open Day and Autumn Fair
Saturday 28th September 2:30pm – 5pm**

Roundhay Quaker Meeting House, 136 Street Lane, Roundhay

Find out about Quakers – a simple, radical and contemporary faith community in your area. Charity stall in aid of St George's Crypt, Refreshments, Children's activities, Peace Wall

The North Leeds Green Fair – Saturday 28th September 2013

St Edmunds Church Hall, Lidgett Park Road 10am to 3pm

Save on carbon, save on costs, have fun. Come and find out how you can reduce your bills **AND** enjoy a fun and informative time out for all the family. Are you considering a wood burning stove, a new-style efficient boiler or an electric car? Would you like to grow your own food? The Green Fair will help you decide and learn from local people who have already invested in green improvements. And finally, even if such major changes are not for you, everyone can enjoy growing something.

You can also enter a **free draw** to win one of three £50 vouchers for products from one of the exhibitors and pick up some free product samples. Delicious vegetarian refreshments will be available and for children there will be Peanuts the clown, a juggling display and other activities.

LETTER FROM PETER HARPER

Dear Editor,

I have been interested to see so much religious comment in letters and articles in the past three issues of The Link. It is heartening to know Lidgett Park's congregation is questioning all aspects of faith, belief and authority. For that is what we should be doing. That is what Jesus did. He caused the people with whom he came into contact to think. He used stories and "the authority of scripture" to get his point across.

"The authority of scripture" raised in The Link in May lies in its age and in the beauty of much of its language but that should not mean we are to accept it all verbatim. Jesus didn't. The writing of the Old Testament are the scriptures of Jesus – which is why they are still of value. The books of the Law in the Old Testament are all about justice and mercy and are just as relevant today as they were thousands of years ago. Jesus' main concern in his teaching was "with the inequalities prevalent in society where the poor (the majority) and underprivileged were exploited and dominated by privileged spiritual and political aristocracy (the few)". *Gerry Leake June 2013*

Jesus didn't reject the Law but he went further than the Law. "You have heard that they were told, 'Love your neighbour and hate your enemy.' But what I tell you is this: Love your enemies and pray for your persecutors..." *Matthew 5.43, 44.* If we could only follow his example and concentrate on love, justice, mercy and compassion we could ditch the doctrines – they don't really matter.

Yours sincerely,

Peter C. Harper

Peter, thank you for a very profound contribution. I'm sure you have much more to say on the subject and hope you will in future issues.

TEXT FOR THE MONTH

My idea of people sending in their favourite prayers has been greeted with a resounding silence. So here's another idea – let me have your favourite texts. This month's comes from the lady who has suggested the idea –

I will bless the Lord at all times, his praise shall be continually in my mouth.

Psalm 34, verse 1

MOSES



Today on our way home from Bridlington we visited St John the Baptist Church, Stamford Bridge. There we saw this beautiful stained glass window picture of Moses with horns coming out of his head.

On June 2nd John Summerwill told us in his sermon that the horns were there to show how Moses' skin shone with "the glory of God" when he wrote down the ten commandments (Exodus chapter 35 verse 29).

John told us to look for the "horns". So we did!



Joyce Wood

Thanks for this Joyce. I understood that the "horns" were due to a mis-translation of Moses' skin shining. John can you tell us whether or not this is true. (I'm truly sorry but I was on holiday when you preached this sermon).

THE FINAL PEN PUSH by Colin Watson

Ed, nice to know that you are now happy with BT (*I'm not sure where Colin got this unlikely idea from*), at least until the next technological development, and that normal service may have been resumed.

As we have had a couple of items recently on paradoxes surely your second paragraph in "The Great Link Disaster" is one such example. Having to apologise for the possible lack of beautiful written pieces that may have been omitted due to technical error I would humbly suggest that if I had hand delivered my Luddite and quill pen written article by the due date it would, maybe, have eliminated the necessity for filler items. As I keep reminding you the only time that I had a piece typed and emailed to you it did not reach you so a hand delivered draft had to be submitted. Once bitten!

Sorry to hear of your intention to step down from being editor of The Link in September 2014 after 10 years at the helm. I assume, notwithstanding your comment that all is now well with your internet service, that quill pen pieces will still be accepted. Go on give me something to do over the next few months as I have little (or no) intention of becoming computer literate by the time you hand over the reins.

Colin Watson

What can I say other than that Colin is the only man I know who when he buys a new car always asks "And where is the starting handle?"

NEW COMPETITION: THE MOST EXCITING PHOTO



As you know I'm always looking for ways to get you to contribute and this one's a cracker in my opinion. Reading a local newspaper I realised it likes to illustrate its articles with exciting pictures to arouse the reader to a pitch of apathy. The one I liked best is on the left. Can you find even more exciting examples? If so send them in and we'll publish the "best" ones.

FLOWER FESTIVAL REVISITED



Of course, being a Methodist “do” the flower festival would not have been complete without plenty of tea and buns. The festival raised an amazing £1500 for Simon on the Streets and attracted a lot of visitors unconnected with Lidgett. But in the above photo you can make out the usual suspects tucking in!



There was also a display of the wonderful photos of our greatly missed friend Donald Nicholson. The picture on the left is obviously a poor reflection “as through a glass darkly” of them. But I felt you would like to see them and remember Donald.

WAS IT THE STUPIDEST THING WE EVER PRINTED?



When I said I only put that silly tale in the last issue because I was scared of the lady who ordered me to some of you assumed this must be my dear Barbara. A strange idea – I'm not scared of my wife. (Well ok, just a bit).

Obviously journalistic ethics mean that the person I was referring to must forever remain anonymous

On a totally unrelated matter I just happen to have this nice photo of Jenny Dalton which I thought you would like to see.

EVERYBODY'S FREE TO LOVE GOD: A farewell from Graeme

Ladies and Gentlemen of the Leeds North East Circuit

If I could offer you only one tip for the future, remember that God loves you would be it. The fact God loves you has been proved by the death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ, the rest of my theology has no basis more reliable than my own meandering study and experience...I will dispense this theology now.

Enjoy the power and beauty of real worship; oh never mind; you will not understand the power and beauty of real worship until it has faded. But trust me, in boring services you'll think back to moments of challenge and recall in a way you can't grasp now how much possibility lay before you and how fabulous God really is....You're not as worthless as you imagine. Don't worry about the future; or worry, but know that worrying can not add one single moment to your life. The real troubles in your life are apt to be things that never crossed your worried mind; so worry about nothing but pray about everything. Do one thing everyday that scares you.

Sing, Don't be reckless with other people's hearts, place your heart into the care of God our father.

Pray, Don't waste your time on jealousy; sometimes you're ahead, sometimes you're behind...the race is long, but the first shall be last and the last shall be

first. Remember the compliments you receive, forget the insults; if you succeed in doing this, tell me how. Keep your old orders of service, throw away your old minutes of meetings. Meditate, Don't feel guilty if you don't know all the answers all of the time...the most intelligent people I know didn't know at 22 the explanations to the mysteries of faith, some of the most intelligent 70 year olds I know still don't.

Attend plenty of communions. Be kind to your children, you'll miss them when they're gone. Maybe you'll marry, maybe you won't, maybe you'll have children, maybe you won't, maybe you'll divorce at 40, maybe you'll dance the funky chicken on your 75th wedding anniversary...what ever you do, know that you should always have a place where you can feel welcomed and accepted – your differences make you, you just like everybody else's. Enjoy your body, use it every way you can...don't be afraid of it, or what other people think of it, it's the greatest instrument you'll ever own.. Dance...even if you get funny looks from the person in the pew next to you. Read the hymn words, even if you don't sing them. Do NOT judge other people, it will only make you feel judged.

Get to know your local preachers, you never know when they'll be planned again. Be nice to your lay workers, they are the ones who often work far more hours than they should to look after the needs of your church. Understand that ministers come and go, but we hope we share memories that will last. Work hard to bridge the gaps between church and community because Gods love is not just for you but for everyone in the whole of creation. Worship in large congregations sometimes and enjoy the loud singing; worship in small congregations sometimes and enjoy the close fellowship.

Give thanks. Accept certain inalienable truths, hymns will change, pews are uncomfortable, you too will get old, and when you do you'll fantasise that when you were young hymns were all epic, pews were wonderful and children were quiet in services. Respect your tradition, but understand that it is a tradition of risk and movement. Maybe you enjoy a five hymn sandwich maybe you like messy church but understand that one should always support the other. Don't interfere with the flower ladies, they know what they are doing and you certainly do not!. Be careful whose advice you buy, but, be patient with those who supply it. Advice is a form of nostalgia, dispensing it is a way of fishing the past from the disposal, wiping it off, painting over the ugly parts and recycling it for more than it's worth.

But trust me God loves you

Graeme Dutton

FOREST HILL – TWENTY YEARS OF ECUMENICAL SERVICES

On the second Tuesday of each month an ecumenical service is held in the communal lounge at the Forest Hill sheltered housing in Park Crescent. This started from a suggestion by Brenda Lockwood, the then manager. Maureen Williams (St. Edmund's) assembled a small group from St. Edmund's, St. Andrew's and Lidgett Park to meet on the first Tuesday of each month to plan the service for the following week. This has been, and still is, greatly valued by many residents over the years and particularly so for those who are unable to attend church on a Sunday.

The service in July was one of celebration for the twentieth anniversary of this monthly event. The celebration took the form of recalling how the group came into being; how the services helped not only the residents who attended but also those leading the worship. The most notable of past highlights was the occasion when two ladies in their 90's were confirmed by the Bishop of Knaresborough. For a number of reasons they had missed out when they were younger. This has been the only time when clergy have taken part in a service. The services have had a variety of pianists to lead the hymn singing over the years and it was good to welcome Brian Robinson for this particular service.

The present group of Maureen, Barbara Mary (St. Andrew's) and Peter Harper (Lidgett Park) led the service to which the clergy (the Revs David Paton-Williams, David Pickering and Andrew Atkins) had been invited together with Sue Drake, the past manager and previous members of the group. Sheila Miller (St. Edmund's) and Tess Watach, the present manager, were both away and unable to attend.

The following week, there was a service of Holy Communion to celebrate 50 years of communion services at Forest Hill led by St Edmund's. These began when Richard Talbot was vicar and all denominations are invited to attend.

Peter C. Harper

SONGS OF PRAISE

St Edmund's held a "Songs of Praise" service on 28th July. The congregation included members of St Edmund's, St Andrew's, Lidgett Park, Immaculate Heart and the Quakers. Eight hymns were chosen by members from four of the churches and each person nominating a hymn said why it was special to them. The stories included: a hymn sung while on a boat on a lake in Israel during a pilgrimage; a hymn sung to local children in a small church on a visit to East Germany; a hymn which finished every Women's World Day of Prayer; and a hymn which recalled a father's positive influence on his daughter's life. So as well as singing wonderful hymns we heard heartening stories of the memories they invoked. If you don't usually attend any of the evening services, the next time there is a "Songs of Praise" I can heartily recommend it. **Gillian Clements**

LIDGETT PARK LADIES' GROUP CONCERT

Margaret Leake, the Ladies' Group Chairperson, introduced her end of term open meeting, with thanks for the privilege of her position, and to introduce her musicians for the evening, David Wilks and Rebecca Todd. David began with an apology for the advertised 'David Wilks and Friends' as we could see, he brought but one friend and her brass section, Rebecca, (*some friend!*)

David introduced each part of the programme with some biographical words about the composer and first up was Henry Purcell. Born into a musical family in London in 1658, he became a boy chorister of the Chapel Royal and at 14 (when his voice broke) he was appointed assistant keeper, mender, repairer of instruments then from 1679 he became organist at Westminster Abbey, and at the Chapel Royal from 1682. And so to the music, David and Rebecca played a sonata arranged for Organ and Trumpet. David then turned to the piano to play a Minuet and Trio from J.S.Bach's 3rd French Suite noting that Bach had never visited France and that the name French was not used by Bach himself, and its origins remain obscure, though it appears on some early copies. The next keyboard item was the 'Raindrop Prelude' in D flat by Chopin, born near Warsaw to a French father and Polish mother in 1810, he died in Paris in 1849. Then followed two movements from 'Petite Suite' for trumpet and organ by Andrew Carter who, born in Leicestershire, now lives in York and had 'threatened' to come to the concert, but was away in New York at a friends wedding (Rebecca wiped her brow in relief). Works for the organ by Alfred Hollins (Maytime Gavotte) and Sydney Nicholson (Impromptu No.2) were next and then the duo returned with the 3rd movement of the Concerto in D minor, by Vivaldi, and an Elegy composed by George Thalben Ball arranged for flugelhorn and organ. David next played a 'Flourish for the Flutes' and a 'Fanfare for St Gregory' both by Christopher Tambling then turned to the piano for two works by Billy Mayerl, 'Bats in the Belfry' and 'Look Lively'. The beat continued and the concert finished with David and Rebecca playing the traditional 'Charleston'.

As someone said, "if they'd gone on any longer we'd have been dancing in the aisles". Accomplished and precise playing accompanied musicianship and the evident joy of performing a programme of works from ancient to modern. What a good idea the Ladies Group had when they sent out their invitation. A sincere vote of thanks was given on behalf of all the audience by Joyce White.

Michael Bowers

SECULAR GOVERNMENT AND EDUCATION

The ousting of Egypt's President Morsi in July prompted this piece, although the opinions expressed in it I've held for some time.

I believe that Government and educational establishments should be secular and should not have affiliations to a specific religion/denomination.

If a government is overtly connected to a specific religion then the members of that society who have a different religious persuasion will automatically feel disenfranchised. I consider it will be almost impossible for that government not to let their religious beliefs influence their decisions which could then be inimical to the people of other faiths. Individual members of a government have their own beliefs/ethics which they bring to the decision-making of that government. This should be a sufficient influence of faith/beliefs without the majority party actively promoting one religion over all others.

As far as schools are concerned I would like to see pupils educated in ethics, the moral responsibilities involved in being a member of human society and given an idea of the beliefs held by the major religions in the world. If children are only educated in the same religious beliefs as their parents they are not given a good enough chance to make their own choices and form their own opinions. Brainwashing children does not strike me as an admirable thing to do.

People of faith need to remember that faith is just that – faith. No matter how right you think your beliefs are, they are not provable and it is wrong to impose them on others. By all means inform others of your beliefs but the best advert for your beliefs is your behaviour.

Gillian Clements

ANSWERS TO THE BUMPER SUMMER QUIZZES

Quiz 1

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| 1. You musn't rage in a tomb. (4,5) | RAVE, GRAVE (G) |
| 2. Harvest the material. (4,3) | REAP, REP (A) |
| 3. Applaud the bowler. (4,3) | CLAP, CAP (L) |
| 4. Don't hit the Buddhist priest. (3,4) | LAM, LAMA (A) |
| 5. Is it in this place or that place? (4,5) | HERE, THERE (T) |
| 6. The sprite was a Zulu warrior. (3,4) | IMP, IMPI (I) |
| 7. The fish came to a conclusion. (3,4) | COD, CODA (A) |
| 8. What cost royalty? (5,6) | PRICE, PRINCE (N) |
| 9. Eliminate the euphorbia. (5,6) | PURGE, SPURGE (S) |

GALATIANS

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Quiz 2

1. Spot the agent. (4,3) ESPY, SPY (E)
2. I assume the summary is correct. (7,6) PRESUME, RESUME (P)
3. The filament floated in the atmosphere. (4,3) . HAIR, AIR (H)
4. The sheep ate a lot of paper. (3,4) RAM, REAM (E)
5. Look at the weed. (5,4) STARE, TARE (S)
6. The last king of Troy looked silly in the baby buggy.(5,4)
PRIAM, PRAM (I)
7. Don't hit him in the stomach. (5,6) PUNCH, PAUNCH (A)
8. The adolescent held the golf ball. (4,3) TEEN, TEE (N)
9. I carried the slate over the steps in the wall. (4,5) . TILE, STILE (S)

EPHESIANS

Quiz 3

1. An inexpensive pile. (5,4) CHEAP, HEAP (C)
2. Put it where the Queen lives. (5,6) PLACE, PALACE (A)
3. The fruit is normal. (4,3) PEAR, PAR, (E)
4. Talk about the herb. (6,7) PARLEY, PARSLEY (S)
5. The first man was a mother! (4,3) ADAM, DAM (A)
6. The shellfish looked silly on the chessboard! (5,4) PRAWN, PAWN (R)
7. Paradise is a sanctuary. (6,5) HEAVEN, HAVEN (E)
8. A liquid measure of emulsion. 4,5) PINT, PAINT (A)

CAESAREA

Quiz 4

1. The joke is in French. (4,3) JEST, EST (J)
2. You can't get an infection from a chimney! (3,4) FLU, FLUE (E)
3. A potato stuck in the pipe. (5,4) TUBER, TUBE (R)
4. Get rid of the parasite. (4,5) LOSE, LOUSE (U)
5. A spread or a spread. (5,4) PASTE, PATE (S)
6. Attempt to carry it on the salver. (3,4) TRY, TRAY (A)
7. The colours don't match but it still cost money. (5,4) CLASH, CASH (L)
8. Make a wooden box. (6,5) CREATE, CRATE (E)
9. Tell a tall tale about the citrus fruit. (3,4) LIE, LIME (M)

JERUSALEM

Quiz 5

1. At first he was hanging around and then he started enticing people. (7,6)
[1]

LURKING, LURING (K)

2. The valley had worth to the community. (4,5) [1] VALE, VALUE (U)

3. This beetle is wicked. (6,4) [2] WEEVIL EVIL
(WE)

4. He could have passion, but was sometimes grim. (6,4) [2]

ARDOUR, DOUR (AR)

5. I had an idea I should do it. (7,5) [2] THOUGHT, OUGHT
(TH)

6. The woman held the bed cover. (3,5) [2] SHE, SHEET (ET)

7. Lucky (colloquial) bird. (5,3) [2] JAMMY, JAY (MM)

8. I was creeping up on it, but it suddenly hurt. (8,5) [3]

STALKING, STING (ALK)

MATTHEW, MARK, LUKE (JOHN IS MISSING)

THIS MONTH'S QUIZ

Each clue gives rise to two words which differ by one letter. The differing letters spell out a place where they care for life.

1. Down the pit they like this sort of Christmas pie. (4,5)

2. This feline wore a long jacket. (3,4)

3. The lady loved footwear. (3,4)

4. The small bloodsucker gave me a twitch. (4,3)

5. It is always the day before. (4,3)

6. Moving the medal. (5,4)

7. The herb made me poorly. (4,3)

8. A spectre was the one running the pub! (5,4)

9. There were soap suds on the hide. (6,7)

MONEY LENDING

I'm writing this in July 2013 after the Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, proposed that the Church of England will set up Credit Unions (or something similar) to help people who currently feel driven to use the commercial businesses offering loans at extortionate interest rates (eg 5,000%pa). Good for him!

When companies such as Wonga started advertising on TV I was surprised to see the interest rates quoted as I had always understood that usury was illegal. Clearly I was wrong, but perhaps usury should be illegal.

It's easy to dismiss people who seek these loans as feckless but those who have never had a good income find it next to impossible to accumulate savings for a rainy day, and if they do not have relatives to turn to for a loan, they are stuck. Also, a sudden change of circumstances can completely derail people who were previously managing quite well.

The Archbishop was discomfited to discover that some of the C of E investment portfolio was in Wonga. A few months ago Mary Patchett led an evening service at Lidgett which looked at ethical shopping. It showed how difficult it was to make the right decision when deciding which goods to buy. I guess it is similarly difficult to ensure that investments are ethical. It's something for everyone to consider, not just the C of E.

Gillian Clements

TWO MORE FROM THE FLOWER FESTIVAL



ANOTHER THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

“A saint is a person whose life has been under-researched”.

Henry Chadwick

FINAL RAMBLINGS

This has been a bumper issue with, I hope, a mixture of serious and humorous articles; our contributors have certainly used their summer wisely.

One of our congregation told me that while I've been editor she's enjoyed the magazine “although it is sometimes controversial”. I hope so as I'd like to think that when Charles Wesley said we should “cordially agree” he didn't mean that we should all believe the same things (although I suspect he did). But I'm sure that we can say with John Wesley-

Is your heart right, as my heart is with yours? I ask no further question.
If it is so, give me your hand.

