



**20 SEPTEMBER
2026**



With prayer & faith in God we seek to engage with the community - *inside* we enrich & equip: *outside* we give & care.

Come and join us with our community of faith at St Mary's!

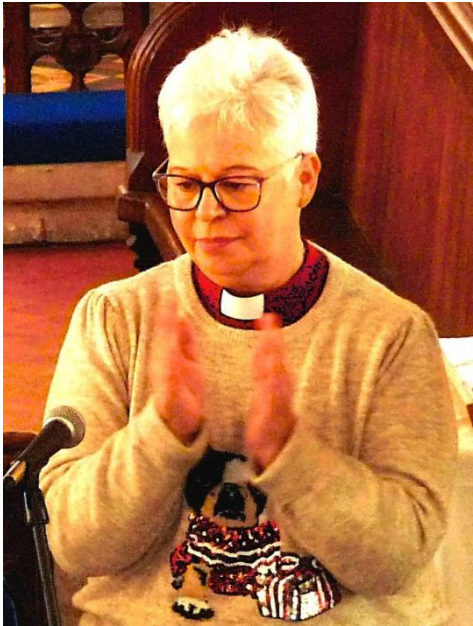
**TODAY'S LINK NEWSLETTER FOR:
20 SEPT to 4 OCTOBER.**

A polite reminder to us all:



Are Rev Sally's days of rest each week - no contact unless essential please:

"Every day we are given is a new start" Rev Sally Letman



A message from Val Bridgman

I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone who helped me following my fall on Thorney Road, to the neighbours who assisted me, who called the ambulance and kept an umbrella over me to shield me from the blazing sun - and to all my friends and neighbours who have visited, brought fruit and flowers, ran errands, watered my plants , did my washing, sent cards and thoroughly looked after me.
I am so grateful to you all, and of course to Brian and Yvonne whose front drive I adorned whilst waiting for the Ambulance to take me to hospital to mend my broken Femur! Val B





WORSHIP TIMELINE

St Mary's is open for private prayer every day.

2026

19 Sept, 12.30pm, St Mary's *Wedding
of Anna Marie and Dan.*

20 Sept, 9.30am, St John's, *Holy Communion.*
10.45am, St Mary's, *Harvest Festival with Choir*

21 Sept, 2.00pm, St Mary's Hall. *Compassionate Cafe*
7.00pm, The Rectory, Bible Study Group

23 Sept, 10.00am, St Mary's, *Benefice Holy Communion.*

26 Sept, 3.30pm, St Mary's, *Wedding of Grant and Julie.*

27 Sept, 9.30am, St John's, *Family Service,*
10.45am, St Mary's, *Holy Communion.*

28 Sept, 7.00pm, The Rectory, Bible Study Group

30 Sept, 10.00am, St Mary's, *Benefice Holy Communion.*

4 Oct, 9.30am, St John's, *Holy Communion.*
10.45am, St Mary's, *Holy Communion.*

5 Oct, 7.00pm, The Rectory, Bible Study group

7 Oct, 10.00am, St Mary's, *Benefice Holy Communion.*

9 Oct, 12.00pm, St Mary's *Wedding of Joe and Melissa.*

11 Oct, 9.30am, St John's, *Harvest Festival*
10.45am, St Mary's, *Holy Communion.*

12 Oct, 7.00pm, The Rectory, Bible Study Group (final)



NEW TESTAMENT READING - 20 SEPT, SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Matthew 20: 1-16.

For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire workers for his vineyard. He agreed to pay them a denarius for the day and sent them into his vineyard.

About nine in the morning he went out and saw others standing in the marketplace doing nothing. He told them, *'You also go and work in my vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.'* So they went.



He went out again about noon and about three in the afternoon and did the same thing. About five in the afternoon he went out and found still others standing around. He asked them, *'Why have you been standing here all day long doing nothing?'* *'Because no one has hired us,'* they answered. He said to them, *'You also go and work in my vineyard.'*

When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, *'Call the workers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last ones hired and going on to the first.'*

The workers who were hired about five in the afternoon came and each received a denarius. So when those came who were hired first, they expected to receive more. But each one of them also received a denarius.

When they received it, they began to grumble against the landowner.

'These who were hired last worked only one hour,' they said, *'and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the work and the heat of the day.'*

But he answered one of them, *'I am not being unfair to you, friend. Didn't you agree to work for a denarius? Take your pay and go. I want to give the one who was hired last the same as I gave you.'*

'Don't I have the right to do what I want with my own money? Or are you envious because I am generous?'

So the last will be first, and the first will be last.

Sally's Reflection

Matthew 20: 1-16

"Heavenly Father, through weak human words, give us grace to hear your true and living Word, Jesus Christ our Lord" Amen

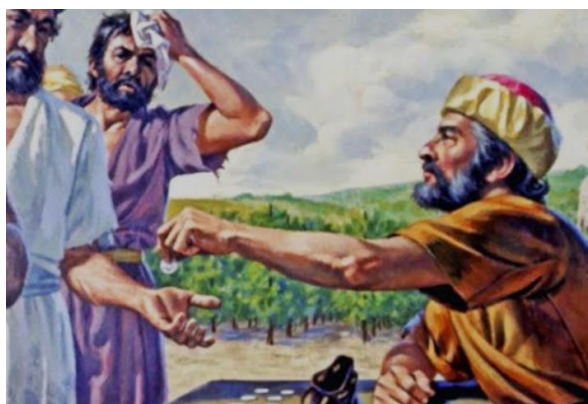
Jesus' story comes after Paul exclaims in fear and frustration in the previous chapter *"We have left everything to follow you! What then will be in it for us?"* Jesus recognises the disciples have left houses, brothers, sisters, fathers, mothers, children and fields to follow him but promises thrones, wages a hundred times and eternal life.

But he warns him, '*that those who are first will be last, and the last will be first.*' Then follows the story, is it a riddling warning to the disciples, they have been the closest to the Lord but may have the most difficult, dangerous time ahead?

The story makes little economic sense: the workers who start early in the morning are promised one denarius for the day. This small silver Roman coin was worth a week's wages to the crowd listening to the story.

Later others standing in the market place are offered "*whatever is right*" by the landowner. And the same again in the sixth, ninth and eleventh hour, about two, three and five o'clock.

All day the landowner actually seeks the workers out, returning to the village square where men stand all day waiting to be hired for piecemeal work, encouraging them to his fields, he asks them "*why have you been standing around all day?*" *Even towards the very end of the day he sends them to his fields, promising them work.*



Finally, at the end of the day the landowner sends out his foreman to call them "*pay them their wages, beginning with the last ones hired and going onto the first.*"

Everyone received one denarius. Those who had been working all day in the hot sun grumbled, looking around and comparing themselves to those who had worked just an hour for the same wage.....but the landowner repeats again, you got your denarius, go and think me generous that the last will be first and the first will be last.....

Economically the story doesn't make sense, the landowner is not looking for a return on his investment but giving his money away liberally, although the harvest may be gathered in quickly with all those men in the fields.

The men look around and compare their work with others, jealous that men got paid for less work.

Matthew had been a money lender before he became a disciple of Jesus. He recognises the power of money and the human weakness we have to want more and to look to see what others have. He knows we will cry, but it's not fair!

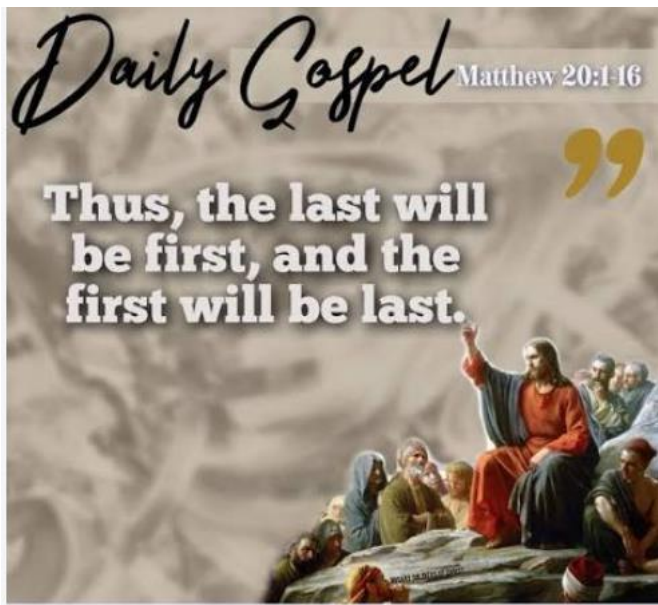
We often compare ourselves to others and we like to be noticed doing our good works, to receive affirmation. It feels good. We love a pat on the back and please, don't stop patting each other.

But God's Grace is not something you can bargain with or store up. We are given a glimpse of what the Kingdom of heaven will look like.

When we serve God and his kingdom here on earth, it is not a 'wage' at all, we cannot bargain for a better deal. It's not about buy one, get one free!

Perhaps too, Jesus is telling us that life is not fair. Notice that the land owner says in verse 13, '*friend, I am doing you no wrong*', it is his generosity that makes us all equal.

Paul tells the Philippians ' *live your life in a manner worthy of the Gospel of Christ.*' We all work hard for this church both inside and out in the community, because it is our job to reflect Jesus' life and to go out into the market-place and to invite others in, without counting the cost.
Amen



ST MARY'S HALL BOOKINGS with thanks to Valerie Franklin

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
SEPTEMBER						
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
10.45 Communion Rev Sally	10.00-12.30 Art Club	12.30 Ladies Meeting Point AGM	10.00 Midweek Communion 17.00-20.00 Street Dance	9.30-10.30 Pilates (All day – fashion show prep)	19.30 Fashion Show	
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
10.45 Communion Rev Sally 14.30-17.30 Irish Dancing	10.00-12.30 Art Club 18.15-19.30 Brownies	18.00-19.00 Rainbows	10.00 Midweek Communion 17.00-20.00 Street Dance	9.30-10.30 Pilates (Upstairs) 11.00 Funeral (Hall afterwards)		12.30 Wedding
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
10.45 Harvest Festival Jim	10.00-12.30 Art Club 18.15-19.30 Brownies	18.00-19.00 Rainbows	10.00 Midweek Communion 14.00 PCC Meeting 17.00-20.00 Street Dance	9.30-10.30 Pilates		15.30 Wedding
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JULIE'S BRILLIANT BOUTIQUE EVENT

*Major coup for The Friends as clothes sale raises over
£2,000 towards our roof-repair charity*



*Left: Gill, Julie and Beverley get ready to greet the guests.
Below: Mo and Rev Sally man the raffle table.*



Left: Ben's Proseccos are proffered by Pauline and Vivien.

Right: Rev Sally is, as ever, our finest welcomer and greeter...



Left: Chairman Jim introduces the evening to a packed house - and announces its dedication to its originator, Sue Dale.



Top & right: Julie, the mastermind of the show, receives a bouquet then introduces the fashion show & sale.

There were over 1,000 goods for sale but meanwhile the catwalk show displayed five outfits each in modes of: summer casual, super smart, winter casual, winter smart and Christmas evening wear.



Let the modelling begin!



A novel use for the nave....





*Below: Now let the sale
begin....*



*Below: "Are you sure that's all you want?
We don't want to be left with too many
goods"*





VIEWPOINT

Toby Young says: No Sacred Cows - What Zanzibar can teach the CofE about slavery

I have a suggestion for those opposed to Project Spire, the Church of England's plan to put £100 million into an investment fund to benefit those communities 'affected by historic slavery'.

Bear in mind that none of the arguments against it has had an impact to date. Suggesting that this money would be better spent repairing roofs and stained-glass windows has left the Church Commissioners unmoved.

Trying to assuage their guilt by pointing out that the Church's financial investment in the transatlantic slave trade was negligible - and yielded a loss, not a profit - also falls on deaf ears.

So why not club together and pay for a trip to Zanzibar instead?

I've just returned from the East African archipelago, which was a slave trading hub in the 18th and 19th centuries, and was struck by how well-disposed the locals are to the British, particularly the Anglican Church.

On a family trip to a spice farm, our guide lit up when he discovered we were from the UK and told us that Zanzibar was far better off as a British protectorate from 1890 to 1963 than it had been under Omani or Portuguese control.

He was particularly effusive about Edward Steere, the third Anglican Bishop of Zanzibar and a prominent abolitionist, who arranged for the purchase of the former slave market in Stone Town, Zanzibar's capital. In its place he built a cathedral, cementing his status as a local hero.

Admittedly, the C of E didn't actually pick up the tab - the land and building were paid for by the Universities' Mission to Central Africa. But the notion that the Church should pay reparations for its complicity in the slave trade would come as a shock to Bishop Steere.



National self-loathing

The museum didn't produce a sense of national self-loathing as slavery exhibits in English and Scottish museums are designed to do.

We visited the Cathedral of Christ Church, often referred to as the 'slave market church', which stands as a monument to Anglican abolitionists. Steere himself is buried behind the altar, while beneath a window is a large

gold plaque memorialising David Livingstone and 'other explorers... who set free the slave'.

A wooden cross made from the tree that grows next to Lake Bangweulu in Zambia, where Livingstone's heart was buried, sits in the chancel.

Next to the cathedral is a small museum devoted to the East African slave trade that, among other things, pays tribute to the Royal Navy's West Africa Squadron, which was established in 1808 to enforce the ban introduced by the Slave Trade Act a year earlier.

A photograph in the museum shows the captain of a ship surrounded by freed slaves with an African child sitting on his shoulders.

The only duff note is struck by the accompanying text which says Britain's commitment to abolishing slavery was 'ironic' given that it established the transatlantic slave trade in the first place.

In fact, it was Portugal that first started transporting enslaved Africans to Europe in the 1440s, with Spain expanding the trading routes after colonising the Americas in 1492.

Yes, the British dominated the trade in the 18th century, but we didn't start it. On the contrary, we paid a heavy price to end it, with 1,600 sailors in the West Africa Squadron losing their lives in the 60 years it spent patrolling the seas, intercepting slave ships.

Strengthens your patriotism

Visiting the museum was harrowing, particularly reading the witness accounts of the Arab caravans that transported the slaves sold by East African chiefs across vast distances, with many dying on the way.

But it didn't produce a sense of national self-loathing as slavery exhibits in English and Scottish museums are designed to do. On the contrary, it strengthened your patriotism. *'I feel proud to be British,'* said my most thoughtful son when we left the museum.

Would a visit to the archipelago have the same effect on the Church Commissioners?

One would hope so, although I daresay they'd decline the invitation. They've stubbornly refused to engage with my friends Nigel Biggar, Charles Wide and Alka Sehgal Cuthbert, who demolished the rationale behind Project Spire in a Policy Exchange paper published last year.

It's hard to avoid the conclusion that this hand-wringing gesture is not based on a careful analysis of the evidence and is just an exercise in performative self-flagellation.

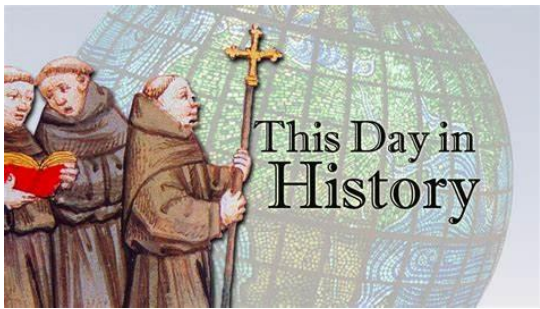
The poor misguided Commissioners probably think that committing £100 million for the descendants of slaves - although not to Europeans captured by Barbary Pirates, obviously - will make the Church more popular.

In fact, the only resurgence in Christian worship is taking place on the right, not the left.

If the Archbishop of Canterbury visited Zanzibar, immersed herself in its history, then announced the abandonment of Project Spire, it might actually trigger a national revival in church attendance.

Toby Young was writing in The Spectator.

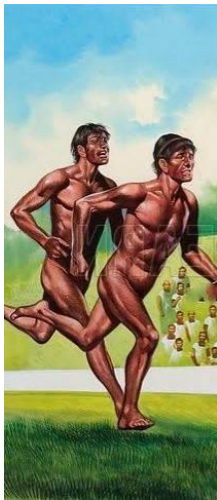




20 SEPTEMBER 1720

OXFORDSHIRE

Nothing like a good nude race



Yesterday was a great foot-race at Woodstock, for £1,400 between a running footman of the Duke of Wharton's and a running footman of Mr Diston's of Woodstock, round the 4-mile course.

Mr Diston's man, being about 25 years of age, (& the Duke's about 45), got it with ease, outdistancing the Duke's near half a mile.

They both ran naked, there being not the least scrap of anything to cover them, not so much as shoes or pumps, which was look'd upon deservedly as ye height of impudence & the greatest affront to the ladies, of which there were a very great number. *Thomas Hearne.*

20 SEPTEMBER 1802

First ever parachute jump

The skies are clear for the first ever parachute descent, by Andre Jacques Garnerin, in a field in Marylebone in 1802.

But after he's cut the cord from the hot air balloon ("with a hand firm from a conscience void of reproach") wind begins to oscillate Garnerin's parachute violently.

Because early parachutes did not have an air vent at the top to let air escape smoothly, the basket swung wildly and violently from side to side during the entire descent, making him severely airsick

Garnerin was luckily not thrown out. Instead, after cutting a weight, which broke the fall, he landed in a field behind St. Pancras Church. When it touched down everyone — ladies, gentlemen, horsemen, footmen, all of classes — rushed and leaped over ditches and mud to get to the scene. With equal violence, on landing the French pioneer is **violently sick** over his admirers.



ST MARY'S CHURCH IS:



The Great St Marys Melt Down continues

Jim Kelland explains this important new fundraising initiative:

Here at St Marys, we are starting to oil the wheels of the mission that has been set before us.

Raising funds for the new repairs that the church requires are starting in earnest.

One such way you can help is to have a look around for any pieces of gold jewellery.

We are looking literally for any odd pieces: broken items, odd earrings or cufflinks and the like,

We are not looking for anything that is precious to you but things that you have forgotten about sitting in a drawer somewhere.

We have had our first melt and will be collecting throughout the whole process.

May thanks in advance

STOP PRESS!! - to date Jim has converted almost £10,000 of your gold into cash savings towards the roof repairs.

PLEASE KEEP SEARCHING FOR THAT OLD UNWANTED GOLD!

If you have something to donate, please contact Jim Kelland on 07803133183





NEWS from the PEWS



*Beverley says;
"Our next meeting*



*is on Wednesday 14
October from 1.30pm
to 3.30pm."*

MAKE & MINGLE

*From 1.30pm to 3.30pm in
St Mary's Church Hall on the second Wednesday monthly.*



Beverley says: "This is an opportunity for us to come together for two hours to Make and/or Mingle. At our last meeting some 13 of us came together and we had a go at decoupage and some people worked on their own projects. Good conversations over tea and biscuits.

Next meeting 14 October at 1.30pm

Knitting, crochet, sewing, cross stitch, tapestry, decoupage, banner making or anything you enjoy making. Bring your own craft project to do while chatting, share your skills with others and just have fun or come and have a go.

If you are not into craft making just come and enjoy some company.

Open to all - No charge just a donation towards tea and coffee.

REGARDS AND HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE! BEVERLEY



St. Mary's Church, Capel St. Mary



An Afternoon of Light Classical Music



**FREE
ENTRY**

An hour-long selection of light classical pieces and popular tunes written for two different groups, one a wind quartet and the other a brass quintet.

Come and listen to Bach, Mozart, Schubert and Ivor the Engine from a new perspective!

3pm on Saturday 17th October 2026

Retiring Collection for Church Roof Repair Fund

Refreshments available after the
concert in the Church Hall



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Whispers of Autumn

7.30pm Saturday 17 October 2026
St Mary's Church, Stoke-by-Nayland



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NEWS

At-A-Glance



13 September: Jim and Christina celebrate the commissioning of first stage of ordinand training at St Edmundsbury Cathedral, with the support of their friends.





St Mary's Church East Bergholt on Ride'n'Stride Day

Fiona (second from right above) said: "Last Sunday was Suffolk Historic Churches Trust Ride and Stride Day. Folk around the county (and in other parts of the country too) were cycling, walking, horse-riding and classic car driving from church to church to raise money for our wonderful historic churches and ensure their future.

"We are very grateful to James Cartlidge MP for choosing St Mary's East Bergholt this year as his sponsored church, and we were very pleased to welcome him this morning.

"We need to raise £500,000 as part of our £2.8m building project (visit securethefuture.org.uk for further information) and half of James's sponsorship money will come to St Mary's."

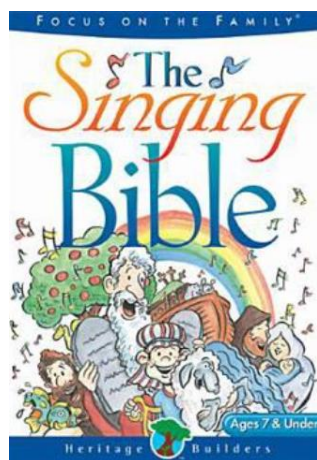




The Singing Bible' - every chapter sung in 16 musical styles, from sea shanty to hip-hop

A new website The Singing.Bible offers each chapter of the Bible set to music, from a selection of 16 styles including Jazz, Praise, Country, Hip-Hop, Sea Shanty and Barbershop Quartet. Sometimes the words are sung and sometimes they are read with a musical backing.

The collection holds 38,048 chapter recordings of all 1,189 chapters in all 16 chosen musical styles. Launched on 25 August 2026, the site has already attracted more than one million plays across 194 countries.



It was created by a businessman from Colorado, Ron Forseth, who engaged a team of producers, engineers and managers, working alongside AI.

He told the Religion News Service: "Music has an extraordinary capacity to make words stay with us. Our hope is that TheSinging.Bible helps scripture find its way into hearts, places and moments where people might not otherwise sit down and read".

The Singing.Bible is free and comes with resources for use in worship and ministry

Experience God's Word

TheSinging.Bible (pronounced "The Singing Dot Bible") was created to help people experience Scripture in a fresh, engaging, and memorable way—through song!

From Genesis through Revelation, every chapter of the Bible has been presented through a wide range of musical styles, voices, moods, and settings.





**£500k Suffolk Heritage Project
Launches at St Peter's Church,
Copdock**

St Peter's Church in Copdock lowered six bells last week, for restoration to launch a major project reconnecting the community with local history, nature, and inclusive spaces.

But the bells are just the beginning - this is the start of a £500,000 project supported by The National Lottery Heritage Fund to restore the 15th-century tower and transform the church into an accessible community hub.

The Grade II* listed tower - suffering from roof timber rot and severe Death-watch beetle damage - will undergo structural stabilisation. The deteriorating 19th-century timber bell frame, which currently causes dangerous movement when the bells are rung, will also be replaced to safeguard the ancient building fabric.

To make the building more accessible, a new level York stone pathway will replace the uneven churchyard terrain. For visitors unable to climb the narrow tower stairs, a permanent camera will stream live footage of the ringing bells directly to a ground-floor.

The Revd Natalie West, said: *"We are absolutely thrilled to begin this transformative journey at St Peter's. Lowering our historic bells is a momentous, highly visual first step in restoring our 1478 tower and safeguarding our rare 1614 Miles Graye bells for future generations.*

"However, this project is about far more than bricks and metal - it is about restoring the heartbeat of Copdock. Thanks to National Lottery players and our incredible local supporters, we are creating a welcoming, fully accessible community space where heritage, nature, and wellbeing meet."



The project represents a total investment of just under £500,000, including the £250,000 National Lottery Heritage Fund grant, £147,000 in match funding and substantial volunteer support

Project Lead David Lincoln added: *"This project represents years of intense preparation and extraordinary dedication from our community. Watching these bells come down marks the start of an exciting 2-year programme. For the first time in their history, our 400-year-old bells will be tuned together, and with the addition of two new bells. This is a massive engineering and cultural milestone.*

"But just as exciting are the community benefits. From behind-the-scenes 'hard hat' restoration tours to school wildlife monitoring, stargazing nights, and local history exhibitions at the University of Suffolk, there will be countless opportunities for everyone to get involved. We cannot wait to welcome residents of all ages to share in this heritage."



ST MARY'S PRAYER LIST



PRAYER LIST
13TH September 2026

We pray for Nepal and Tibet flash floods as the death toll exceeds 1,300 people.

Prayer is needed for the escalating war between the United States and Iran which is driving up oil prices and destabilizing global markets.

We continue to pray for the war in Ukraine and also for David Jacobs as he bravely travels to and from Ukraine.

LONG TERM SICK AND HOUSE-BOUND

Pat Gladwin, Becky Carpendale, Rachael Martin, Brenda Green,
Zoe & family.

SICK

Kevin Austin, Penny & David Thompson, Rev Stephne,
Molly Johanesen, Geof Cox, Sandy Mansfield, Pauline Stark,
Andrew Skinner, Barbara Rogers, Doreen Parker, Eric Doe,
Malcolm & Chris Fenn, Jane Hubert, Glyn Terry,
Canon Jim Pendorf and Sharon Pendorf, Lisa Manning,
Bill Hayward, Brian Cartwright.

FOR THOSE MAKING A RECOVERY

Laura Towels, Peter Ellis (Methodist), Norman Peartree
Rosie Waller, Val Bridgeman, Michael Hole.

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

Sue Dale

Please contact Maureen Hill mo.hill02@live.co.uk for new entries - or if people have made a recovery.
And with thanks to St Mary's Prayer Team





Our Giving is an Act of Worship

Perhaps the most powerful text in the Old Testament concerning **giving** can be found in Malachi 3:8-10, where God accused the Israelites of robbing Him.

God's chosen people questioned this claim and asked, "*How do we rob You?*"

God's response was, "*By not making the payments of the tenth and the contributions.*"

God then went on to make a powerful challenge: "*Test Me in this way. ... See if I will not open the floodgates of heaven and pour out a blessing for you without measure*" (v.10).

That is a powerful promise from our gracious, giving God!

When it comes to the New Testament, the actual word tithe is no longer mentioned, so does this mean the strong message of giving to God in the Old Testament is no more? Nothing could be further from the truth! In light of what Christ has done for us on the cross and the amazing grace we receive, our giving should be a reflection of what our heart treasures.

"For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also" (Matt. 6:21). Our giving should be viewed as a part of our worship to the Lord.

If we are just giving to mark off a line on our spiritual checklist, we are merely involved in charity and we are missing out on the great joy of being a cheerful giver.

This idea of our giving being a part of our worship is expanded upon in 2 Corinthians 8-9 as the apostle Paul makes the following points:

- *Those who follow Jesus should excel in the grace of giving;*
- *Giving is an expression of the love one has for Jesus;*
- *God loves willing and cheerful givers;*
- *A willingness to be generous in giving is more important than the amount given;*
- *Our giving will result in praise and thanksgiving to God; and*
- *Our giving should be a natural response to God's gracious gift to mankind.*

In light of what Christ has done for us, why would we not want to give Him our best? I am blessed to be able to speak to many groups on the subject of biblically-based giving. It has been my experience that once people hear this lesson, they respond in one of three ways.

The first response is **understanding** — their giving is a joyful act of worship, and they are greatly blessed to be part of God's sovereign plan by making kingdom-significant investments. These people are filled with the joy of the Lord.

The second response is **conviction**. There are many reasons why a person cannot give. Conviction for a Christian comes from the Holy Spirit, and it is actually a good thing. God's love for us is so great. He wants us to turn in a different direction and exhibit different actions or behaviours. It is wise for the believer to take heed when conviction comes over us.

The third response is **irritation** — people are upset that they had to sit through a message on money in a church environment. I can understand people being disillusioned, because we all know how false teachers have taken advantage of good-hearted people.

This problem dates back to the church in Ephesus as the apostle Paul instructed Timothy to address this issue of false teaching on money; but, Paul encourages the church to be generous and ready to share, thus storing up treasure for themselves as a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of that which is truly life in heaven (1 Tim. 6:18-19).

Ron Kelley was writing in Lifeway.



Rev Sally adds:

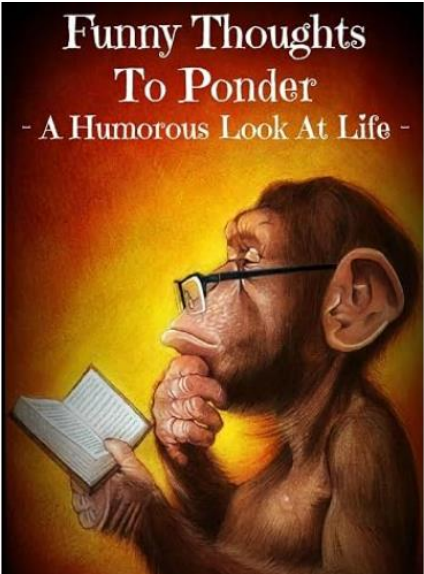
Someone once said that on average we give less than we pay for our daily newspaper, although I think Capel gives more than average. If you consider other religions it is expected that a percentage is tithed.

In Acts, everyone shares everything and in Acts 5: 1-11 Annias and Sapphira drop down dead for lying to the disciples and keeping some money for themselves!

Giving is generosity and worship, when we hold up the collection, we say, 'all things come from you and of our own we give you'.

Proverbs reminds us in 11:24 and 25 that generous people prosper,





When I was born



I was so mad at my parents, I didn't talk to them for 2 years



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AND FINALLY- HOW WE INTERPRET THOSE CONFUSING OLD PICTURES

*Workers refilling the earth's core with molten lava during the Great
Lava Shortage of 1912....*



Me every time I try to get a moment alone....



We need to start worrying about what kind of world we are going to leave Keith Richards.....



EDITOR'S NOTE

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