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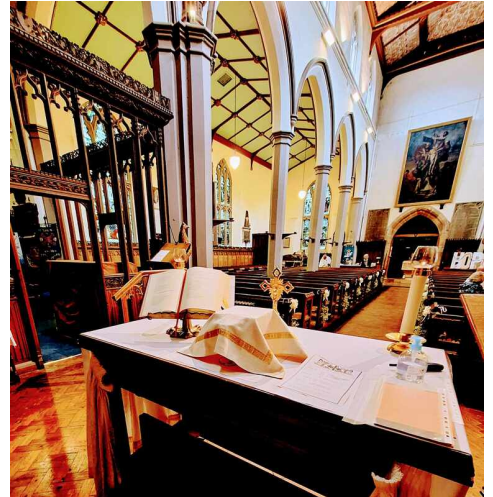
Hello, and I hope you are well.

September? September? Oh my goodness, our "summer" went quickly! Wishing all pupils a happy return to school, and teachers, TA's and all educational staff a great start to the next academic year. Well done to all who studied for GCSEs and A levels. I hope you are pleased with your results.

If you have been lucky enough to have had a holiday, hope you enjoyed it and are relaxed and rejuvenated. Even if you haven't been away I hope you've managed to find some time for "you", as we all need that every now and then.

Here is this month's newsletter. If you would like anything included in this, such as sharing good news, please let me know, either in church or via the message facility on our website.

Take care until next month. Alison



Our standard services:

9.00 am Sunday - Holy Communion

10.00 am Sunday - Communion Service

Thanks to those who participate in this service doing readings, prayers, singing, musical arrangements. Please contact Wendy if you feel you would like to participate in our services by doing one of the readings or saying the intercessional prayers. Please check the church website for weekday services amendments.

Please also note some services are now held as a group service with other local churches.

6.00 pm First Friday each month - Quiet Hour (at St Bartholomew's vicarage)

Past events –

CRAFT CLUB

There wasn't a meeting in August. The next meeting will be on September 2nd 2-4 pm, so this will be mentioned/reported in next month's newsletter. The one after that will be on September 7th.

OPEN TABLE.



Here are photos and details of last month's meal. Please let Joyce know if you will be attending the September meal (16th) at 1pm, or if you can help on the day in any way, thank you.



12th August 2023

Welcome to today's Open Table and we hope you are well.

Last month's menu.

PLEASE TELL ONE OF US IF YOU HAVE ANY FOOD ALLERGIES.

Today's menu:



Gammon, new potatoes, green beans and carrots with cheese or parsley sauce.
Vegetarian option – as above with Quorn crispy fillets.

Dessert |

Homemade tea loaf with/without butter

Tea / coffee / squash



As Autumn is not long away now, I feel spiders seem to be more prevalent in my home at this time of the year. I'm not their number one fan, but I wouldn't kill one. I thought I'd share some ideas from Saga on how to keep them out of your home.

1. Start by sealing off entry points

Block all nooks, crannies, cracks and gaps in your home. Outside, and inside, around windows and doors.

2. Keep your home and garden clean and clutter-free

Keep on top of dusting, vacuuming and de-cluttering that would be ideal spider's homes.

3. Choose scents that you will love, but that spiders will hate.

Lavender, mint, eucalyptus and citronella will help fend off spiders. Place these plants near entrances to your home, or have them as indoor plants on your windowsills.

4. Make a natural spider-repellent spray

You can purchase spider repellent sprays, but you can also make your own using any essential oil mixed with white vinegar, then spray.

5. Use cedarwood

Cedarwood is used in the making of moth balls. The natural repellent properties of cedar can be utilised in storage areas, wardrobes and other areas where spiders may reside.

6. Rethink your outdoor lighting

Spiders are attracted to moths/flyes who swarm to the light. You can reduce the number of insects that could become their prey by choosing yellow lights.

7. Get a cat

Keep spiders and other pests at bay with a new family member.....but of course, only if you are an animal lover who will be a responsible cat owner showing love and care.

This may be a little extreme, but cats are natural hunters and are often helpful at keeping pests, such as spiders, at bay. Spiders are sensitive to the scent of cats, so their presence alone can deter them.

The most humane way to remove spiders from the home involves using a glass and some paper to trap them gently, and then release them outside.

Good luck!



Don't forget the Food Bank – always in need of packet foods, tins with a long shelf life, personal hygiene products etc. A list of items always required is at the back of church, along with the box to put any donations in. Joyce is our contact if you require further information.

Thank you.

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Last month's answers and this month's quiz -

Quiz 78 – level 3

Questions	Answers
1. Which is the first building mentioned in the Bible?	The Tower of Babel
2. How many spies did Moses send into Canaan?	12
3. What valuable fruit did Solomon compare to good advice?	Golden apples
4. Who used a stone for a pillow?	Jacob
5. Which prophet experienced an earthquake, a strong wind and a fire all in one day?	Elijah
6. Which is the only talking bird on the Bible?	The eagle
7. What was special about a fish that Peter once caught?	It had a coin in its mouth
8. Who taught in the Temple in Jerusalem when he was only 12?	Jesus
9. Who spent a whole day and night floating in the sea after a shipwreck?	Paul
10. Who saw a sea of glass?	Jon (in Revelation)

Quiz 79 – level 3

Questions	Answers
1. Who had a vision of a man asking him to come to Macedonia and help him?	
2. Which animal is called the behemoth or water monster?	
3. What does the word “manna” mean?	
4. How many wives did King Solomon have?	
5. Which sad man had a name that means “he that weeps”?	
6. Which bird flies about crying “woe woe”?	
7. Who used his own spittle to heal a blind man and a deaf man?	
8. How did the friends of a paralysed man get him to Jesus?	
9. Who became a mother at the age of 90?	
10. To which city did Paul write his longest letter?	