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The Ryburn Benefice Magazine **October 2016**



St Luke's Day - Sunday 16th October

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St Mary's Cottonstones, St Luke's Norland, St Peter's Sowerby

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Revd Jeanette writes

Dear Friends,

at the time of writing this, the end of September beckons and soon we will be into October. It is the time for Harvest Festivals and for giving thanks, not only for what the land provides and for those who work it, but for the abundance of the One who creates it all, God.

It is always a reflective time for me, as we see the tractors ploughing the fields, getting them ready for planting and the whole cycle of the crops: sowing, sleeping and growing will begin again.

At Harvest we give thanks for all that we have, all that we have been given, and for the abundance of God's grace and provision. There always is enough to go around if it is shared fairly, as God knows what we need to survive. In today's world however, we are plagued by greed, not just on an individual front, but on a global scale. Some nations are rich and have much, and they are this way at the expense and cost of other smaller countries.

By saying this, I am in no way seeking to be political. I am trying to be faithful to the words of Jesus, who taught us that to look after the orphan and the widow, the poor and the meek is our prime directive as Christians and His followers. The values of the Kingdom of God are justice, peace and mercy. That all may have enough to live, and each of us in the human family needs food, water, clothing and shelter. Sadly, so many in the world do not have these basic needs met and are struggling just to survive.

If you rearrange the letters of the word 'HARVEST', one of the words you will make is 'SHARE'. This Harvest time, be thankful and try and share, even if it's just a little. Why not support our local foodbanks in Halifax and Todmorden, or any other worthwhile cause. Give a little back with a grateful heart, at this special time of year.

The Regular Church Calendar for September

Sunday

- 10.00am Holy Communion St Peter's
All Age Worship 2nd Sunday in the month
- 11.30am Holy Communion St Mary's
All Age Worship 3rd Sunday in the month
- 3.30pm Holy Communion St Luke's
All Age Worship 4th Sunday in the month

Monday

- 9.15am Morning Prayer St Luke's

Tuesday

- 12 noon Lunch Club St Luke's, 1st Tuesday in the month

Wednesday

- 9.15am Morning Prayer St Mary's

Thursday

- 9.15am Morning Prayer St Peter's
- 10.15am Holy Communion White Windows, 2nd Thursday in the month
- 12 noon Lunch Club St Peter's Centre 1st & 3rd Thursday in the month
- 1pm – 3pm Crafty Aftly St Peter's Centre 2nd & 4th Thursday in the month

Saturday

- 9.30am Prayer Breakfast St Peter's, 1st Saturday in the month,

Don't forget to look us up on the web:

www.ryburnbenefice.org



SaintPeter's Church Sowerby

For details of Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals, Home Communion,
Holy Unction, and Confession, please contact the Vicar:
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Particular events to note in October

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| Sun 2 nd | Harvest Festival | 11.30am St Mary's Cottonstones |
| Wed 5 th | Ladies Evening | 7pm St Peter's Centre |
| Sat 8 th | "1766 & all that" with Jim Berrow | ????????? |
| Sun 9 th | Harvest Festival | 10am St Peter's |
| Mon 10 th | Events Group | 7.30pm St Peter's Centre |
| Sat 15 th | Melody Bells | 7pm St Luke's |
| Sun 16 th | St Luke's Day Joint Benefice Service | 3.30pm St Luke's |
| Thurs 20 th | Christian's Together | 8pm St Patrick's |
| Sat 29 th | 'Last Night at the Proms' Lightcliffe & Clifton Brass Band | 7.30pm St Luke's |
| Sun 30 th | All Saints Day | Normal service times at all Churches |

WEBSITE

The website for the Ryburn Benefice is -

<http://ryburnbenefice.org>,

from where you can access the websites for each of the three churches. It is a great way to keep up to date with all our news and upcoming events, and find links to other local groups and organisations. Work is ongoing to add content to some of the pages so keep visiting over the coming months to stay connected with your church community.

From the Registers



Congratulations on your Wedding go to:

Leo Higgins and James Saltenstall

I lam at St Mary's Cottonstones

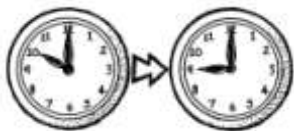
Baptisms ...

Congratulations go to:

Reye Scarlett Steventon at St Mary's ,Sunday 9th October

Thomas Benjamin Anyon at St Peter's, Sat.15th October

Don't Forget!!!!



Clocks go back on 30th October!

Front Cover Picture Puzzle

Editor : The September picture was of the old side entrance to St Peter's School, now St Peter's Centre. Congratulations to Mrs Lynne Wheale who was the first to let me know and who wins the free chocolate bar. Try your hand at the next photo on the cover, again courtesy of Mrs Vera Kerridge .The first person to tell the editor where it is wins the next chocolate bar. Good luck in getting in first!

Local amateur historian John Kerridge has more on the

Ancient order of Henpecked husbands.

Boulderclough Branch, Sowerby

Continuing the story

The father of the club, as president, gave a cheerful greeting to his colleagues. There followed an hour's chat over the hardships of the year, and another hour was spent journeying to the edge of the moor in order to get a glimpse of the far flung Pennine hills, clothed in there richest garb of spring.

At the business session the new secretary submitted a report which earned for him the comment that his effort was worthy of his noted predecessor. When a suggestion was made that the balance be invested, it was pointed out that such a proposal was impossible for no henpecked husband has ever been known to have a banking account.

Just a little friendly fracas



The “Mayor” elect of the ancient order shook his head disdainfully when it was reported that the henpecked husbands of Dinnington near Rotherham intended to treat their wives to special Christmas parties. “ These people of Dinnington are treating the matter too lightheartedly. We are the original and only real Henpecked Club and our only branch is in Austria where one of our members has formed a

club branch. “ Membership is open only to those who can pass stringent examinations both oral and medical they then receive certificates signed by the Mayor, president and secretary.

The rules clearly lay down that we are slaves for 364 days (365 in a leap year) and that one day, Easter Monday, is our own, it is certainly not our intention to take our wives to our annual meeting.

At the 5939th annual day of freedom it was said that housecraft was a dying art even amongst the henpecked and that men, like women, were no longer adept at pegging out clothes now that there were spin driers; they did not know how to sprinkle water on dry clothes or blow up a charcoal iron now that there were steam irons; black leading was no longer necessary; electric warming of rooms had cut out such jobs as chopping firewood, getting in coals and emptying the ashes; electric blankets had superseded the filling of hot water bottles, and with modern mattresses there was no longer an art in making beds.

A suggestion was put forward that two of the veteran members of the club should be asked to take part in a film demonstrating various old time household jobs so that it could be shown to members in years to come.

It was agreed that modern appliances supplemented by the adoption of time and motion study methods had helped to ease the lot of men folk in the home.

It was asserted however, that feminine intuition was as subtle as ever. The women folk were all in favour of labour saving devices, but when they got them in the home they were frightened of using them and more and more work fell on the men. It was contended that more men were doing the weekly wash in these days of the electric washer and spin drier than ever before. That more and more men are becoming henpecked was evident from the number of recruits for membership, the largest for a long time! All proved before a medical board their physical fitness to do twelve months strenuous housework and their sponsors testified to there being thoroughly domesticated.

To be continued in the next issue

Recipe Ideas

from Miriam Asquith of St Mary's Church Cottonstones.

Why not Upgrade your ...

Cream of Tomato Soup. This is very good as it is, BUT to your normal recipe choice add some creamy goat's cheese, some fresh basil and and a few twists of black pepper.

Thursday Dinner

Boil up a pan of potatoes, fry an onion, chop up a can of corned beef & add to the onions with a can of baked beans (the beans not the can!).

Mash the potatoes with butter, milk & seasoning. Put the corned beef & beans in a dish, top with mash. If you wish, add grated cheese and tomatoes. Put in a hot oven until very hot. Quick, cheap, filling!

Custard

One Sunday, looking in the cupboard – O heck – no custard powder. What to do! Quick! Put some cornflour, a tablespoon of sugar, a nob of butter and an egg yolk into a pan, add ½ pt or so of milk and bring slowly to the boil, whilst whisking briskly. Add some vanilla essence & more milk until you get the required consistency – I have never bought custard powder ever again.

You can vary this :

Make a desert by making the custard thicker; adding vanilla or almond essence, or cocoa powder. You can top with cherries, or toasted almonds, or grated chocolate, or walnuts Better than buying 'choccy pots' at the supermarket.

Salad

Yoghurt, finely sliced cucumber, paprika, & black pepper. This came from Brittany.



St FRANCIS

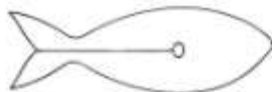
4th October is the feast day of St Francis of Assisi. When Francis came to God people thought he had gone mad and even his own father disowned him. But Francis' simple way of life soon attracted others. He and his companions went out to preach two by two. Unlike the preachers and priests that people were used to, they wore sackcloth and went barefoot. They were different in other ways too; they lived a very simple life and celebrated God's creation.

And to Francis all of God's creation was equally important. In one famous story a wolf had been eating people. The town wanted to kill the wolf but Francis talked the wolf into never killing again. And the townspeople made sure that the wolf always had plenty to eat.

Even blindness did not discourage Francis' spirit when he wrote his beautiful 'Canticle of the Sun' praising God through the miracle of His creation. Francis died aged only 45, worn out with years of poverty and wandering.

SWIM, FISH, SWIM

How do you make a paper fish swim? Cut a fish shape from a sheet of ordinary writing paper. Make it 10-12cm long, and decorate it making sure that the colours won't run when the fish gets wet. In the centre of the fish's body cut a small circle and then a very narrow slit from the tail to the circle.



Now, keeping its surface dry, gently lay the fish on the surface of a bath or large bowl of water and carefully place a few drops of cooking oil into the central hole. The oil will expand through the slit and drive the fish through the water.



What's black and white and goes round and round?

A zebra stuck in a revolving door.

Why did the homeless turtle cross the road?

To get to the Shell station.

Hello God

The Waterfall

The noise and power of a waterfall is probably one of the most spectacular attestations of God's creative power that there is. It calls to mind the words of Psalm 66:

Shout for joy to God, all the earth! Sing the glory of his name; make his praise glorious. Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds! So great is your power that your enemies cringe before you. All the earth bows down to you; they sing praise to you, they sing the praises of your name. Come and see what God has done. (Ps 66:1-5a) Waterfalls bring out the poet in the onlooker:

We hear the roaring water
We see the foaming spray
The mighty pow'r of nature
Compels us all to pray
"O Mighty Lord, Creator
"O Maker of us all
"The finest work thou makest -
"The tumbling waterfall!"

The spray refracts the sunlight
Into the rainbow hues;
We feel the water shaking
The ground beneath our shoes!
We gaze into the torrents
Unto the Lord we call
"O Praise thee, God our Father
"For this, Thy waterfall!"

by Nigel Beeton

Just a thought ..



If you see the funny side
you'll stroll along the sunny side
While other folks are walking in the shade.
Things will never harass you
Embitter or embarrass you
A sense of humour is the finest aid.
To wisdom and philosophy
In trouble and adversity
It brings you through the stress and strife
So cultivate the power to see
a little touch of comedy,
behind the trials and tragedies of
life



Thanks to technology, replacing the worn-out hymn books didn't cost a penny

What's on in Sowerby and Cottonstones ...

Organised in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support, registered charity in England and Wales (241017), Scotland (SC039907) and the Isle of Man (604). Also operating in Northern Ireland.

**WORLD'S
BIGGEST
COFFEE
MORNING**



At The Community Café

Please come and take part in the World's Biggest Coffee Morning in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support:

Bring a cake/buy a cake.

Guess how many icing spots are on the cake.

Cake/biscuit decorating for children.

Our usual splendid café fare will be available, spend time with your friends, all for charity.

On Saturday 1st October between 9am and 1pm.

In St. Peter's Community Centre, St. Peter's Avenue, Sowerby.



St. Peter's Community Centre, Sowerby

**COMMUNITY CAFE
AND
BY DESIGN HANDMADE CARDS**

ON SATURDAY 1ST OCTOBER
BEV WILL BE HOSTING HER
BY DESIGN HANDMADE CARD
STALL DURING THE COFFEE
MORNING.
9am-1pm

YOU'RE VERY
WELCOME TO COME ALONG.



St Peter' Church are supporting **Operation Christmas Child**.

Collect your box and instructions from the back of Church.

Give a child in need of a little joy, a special Christmas Gift



ST PETER'S CHURCH SOWERBY

LADIES' NIGHT

WEDNESDAY 5 OCTOBER 7-9PM
ST PETER'S COMMUNITY CENTRE
(St Peter's Avenue, opposite church)

- ** Body Shop ** Luma Jewels **
- ** Vix Mix ** Party Lite Candles **
- ** Gemz Jewels handbags & accessories **
- ** BP Designs greetings cards **
- ** handmade gifts **
- ** MeTime Massage Therapy **
- ** Darfin Nails **
- ** Refreshments ** Raffle **



Browse for early Christmas presents
or a treat for yourself

Admission Free

Fundraising for St Peter's Church, Sowerby
<http://st-peters.ryburnbenefice.org>



SaintPeters Church Sowerby



Weekly groups at St. Peter's Community Centre

Community Café

Monday – 8.30am-noon. Term time. Join us for inexpensive bacon butties, omelettes, home made cakes, treats, colouring table for children. Free housing benefit advice available.

Tai Chi

Monday – 1.00pm-2.00pm

2.15pm – 3.15pm NEW BEGINNERS' CLASS

Ryburn Art Club

Tuesday - 10am-12.30pm. Term time.

Rainbows, Brownies and Guides

Tuesday - 5.30pm-9pm - for girls aged between 5 and 14 years.

Term time.

Chatterbox

Wednesday – 9.30am-11.30am parent/carers and toddler session.

Term time.

Lunch Club

Thursday – Noon-1.30pm - first and third Thursday of each month.

Crafty Aft

Thursday – 1pm-3pm - second and fourth

Thursday of every month.

Let's Get Creative

Friday – 9am-10.30am - a free, messy group for parents and toddlers. Sensible parenting advice given if asked for.



play

Community Café

Saturday – 9am-1pm-join us for inexpensive bacon butties, soup, home made cakes, treats, colouring table for children. Free housing benefit advice available. Monthly surgeries with Rob Holden, your local councillor.

Coming to the cafe soon - 15th October, Stephanie selling Younique make-up

Future stalls to look forward to:

Maria selling Body Shop products.

Carly selling Christmas Me to You Bears

St Peter's Centre Community Café Naming Competition

An attention grabbing name is wanted to market our Community Café.



The prize of a bacon buttie will be awarded to the best café name that is submitted to the panel before the end of October.

So far the first suggestions are :

Pete's Pantry

(after St Peter, in case you were wondering who Pete was) &

7th Heaven

(which has an attractive, modern, new age feel to it)

Alternatively, if you have a lightbulb moment of what you think it should be then please contact Fiona Butterworth

(Tel 01422 836448 dfbutterworth@hotmail.com)

Alternatively, there will be a suggestion box ready to receive your idea out in the Community Café on Saturdays and Mondays, so best of luck! It will be really interesting to hear what people come up with.

(No, 'Cannibal Corner' won't do, Brian)

Choice

Why do Americans choose from just two people to run for president, and 50 for Miss America?

What's On at St Luke's Norland

St Luke's Day Joint Benefice Service at Norland will be held on Sunday, 16th October, at 3.30pm

St Luke's church welcomes



Presenting

'A Night at the Proms'

Saturday 29th October at 7.30pm

***Tickets £5 , including a drink.
(Children under 18 £1.50; Under 8's free)***

CICS - ready to go, New School Year...



Our New workers were pleased that their first task for CICS was to be given a meal in order to sign the contracts. Angie Stradling, Nancy White and Karen Hill signed their contracts as our new Primary school/church links team, working 6 hours a week in various parts of Calderdale. We are also pleased that Neil Harris our Secondary School worker has signed a contract for his second year with us, and, so that we can continue to increase work in Secondary Schools, have given him a few more hours a week! We are sad to be saying 'goodbye' to Laura Woodfine but wish her well in her new work with Mercy UK.

CICS is planning to impact more and more young people in both Primary and Secondary Schools across Calderdale. We are thankful to every single person, business and church who stand with us in our vision to do this. To support us:

Donate into our Bank Account: Santander –

Sort Code: 09 01 53

Account Number: 41984485 –

Account Name: Christian Initiative in Calderdale schools

CICS invites you to a Supporters and Vision Evening

Wednesday 5th October, 6pm - 7.30pm
Cafe 816, Dean Clough, Halifax, HX3 5AX

Meet the new Primary School Workers, Angie, Karen and Nancy

- Hear from Neil our Senior School Worker
- Find out more about exciting new ideas
- Enjoy a buffet meal
- Meet new friends
- Fun activities, presentations, goodies and more!

The evening is free but an offering will be taken for the work of CICS. This evening is ideal for supporters, church leaders, teachers and those working in schools, parents, grand-parents, etc.
RSVP office@cicscalderdale.org.uk / 07725501465 (Paul)

OPEN THE BOOK TRAINING:

A morning training session around Open The Book - Tuesday 20th September, 9.30am - 1pm at St Mary's Church, Luddenden.

The morning will include an outline of the basics of the scheme especially for the benefit of new teams & anyone interested in starting one, an opportunity to practice delivering an assembly & an opportunity to share experiences & learn from one another.

Contact Daphne Cansdale for more details and to book.

IGNITE YOUTH CONFERENCE:



Books to try

Trick, Treat – or Truth? *David Winter takes a dim view of ghosts...*

At the very end of this month, and just into the first two days of November, we shall endure the annual nonsense of ‘Hallowe’en’. The supermarkets will be full of revolting ghost masks and children will be practising scaring the living daylight out of their friends and, worse, their elderly relatives with screeching imitations of hag-ridden spooks.

Somehow this annual business, complete with ‘Trick or Treat’, has tied itself to the Christian festivals of All Saints and All Souls. Insofar as it has any rationale at all, it is based on the idea that at that time of the year lost souls excluded from heaven appear on earth to remind us of their fate.

I’ve just published a book on heaven (**Heaven’s Morning by David Winter**), so I’ve spent the last couple of years researching what the Christian faith really does say about death and the hereafter. I can confidently say that there is no known version of the Christian faith (or, so far as I know, any other recognised religion) that endorses this weird scenario. I don’t want to stop innocent fun, but let’s be clear that those we have known and loved who have died are not destined to be ghosts, nor are they coming back to haunt anyone.

On the other hand ...

Half of UK Christians claim a supernatural experience in the past year

More than half of all practising Christians in the UK claim to have experienced the supernatural in the past year, according to a recent survey.

Conducted by Christian Research to launch a new book * the survey found that:

* Two in three Christians said they had had a personal experience of the supernatural.

* More than half of those with an experience said it happened within the past year, one in four within the past week.

* Two thirds believe the supernatural may be caused by occult or evil forces as well as divine.

The actual experiences of respondents ranged from a feeling of God’s presence during prayer, at Holy Communion or Mass, to observance of physical effects of the supernatural or miracles. Several respondents reported being visited by angels. The great majority of experiences involved answered prayer and healing.

“Clearly, a significant number of people believe the supernatural should be a part of Christians everyday experience,” said the book’s co-author Andy Croft, “but they are also instinctively wary of over-emphasising certain aspects of the supernatural.

Everyday Supernatural aims to explain how and why the supernatural should be part of the lived experience of all believers. It gives biblical foundations and practical guidance, helping us come alive in the Spirit in our ordinary, everyday lives.”

***Everyday Supernatural: Living a Spirit-Led Life without Being Weird by Mike Pilavachi and Andy Croft (David C Cook), £9.99**

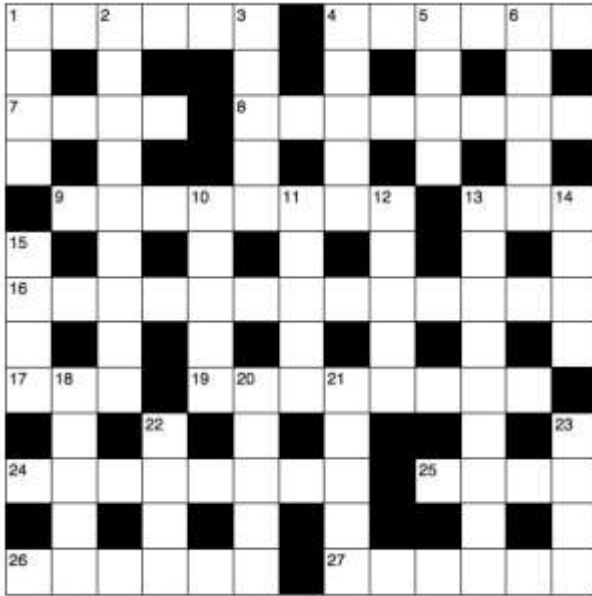
October 2016 Crossword Competition

Across

- 1 He must be 'the husband of but one wife and must manage his children and his household well' (1 Timothy 3:12) (6)
- 4 'For we must all — before the judgement seat of Christ' (2 Corinthians 5:10) (6)
- 7 'They reeled and staggered like drunken men; they were at their — end' (Psalm 107:27) (4)
- 8 See 19 Across
- 9 It concerned who among the disciples would be the greatest (Luke 9:46) (8)
- 13 Formed by the Jews in Thessalonica to root out Paul and Silas (Acts 17:5) (3)
- 16 'He has sent me to bind up the — ' (Isaiah 61:1) (6-7)
- 17 Moved rapidly on foot (Matthew 28:8) (3)
- 19 and 8 ' — a great company of the — host appeared with the angel' (Luke 2:13) (8,8)
- 24 Hindrance (Romans 14:13) (8)
- 25 Comes between Luke and Acts (4)
- 26 Empower (Acts 4:29) (6)
- 27 'Get these out of here! How dare you turn my Father's house into a — !' (John 2:16) (6)

Down

- 1 Sunrise (Psalm 119:147) (4)
- 2 The part of the day when Cornelius the Caesarean centurion had a vision of an angel of God (Acts 10:3) (9)
- 3 He was one of those who returned with Zerubbabel from exile in Babylon to Jerusalem (Nehemiah 7:7) (5)
- 4 'No one can see the kingdom of God unless he is born — ' (John 3:3) (5)
- 5 Animal hunted or killed as food (Ezekiel 22:25) (4)
- 6 'He encouraged them — — remain true to the Lord' (Acts 11:23) (3,2)
- 10 Ruses (anag.) (5)



- of me' (1 Corinthians 11:24) (4)
 15 One of Noah's great-great-grandsons (Genesis 10:24) (4)
 18 Traditionally the first British Christian martyr (5)
 20 Relationship of Ner to Saul (1 Samuel 14:50) (5)
 21 Jacob had one at a place he named Bethel while on his way to Haran, fleeing from Esau (Genesis 28:12) (5)

Down clues continued...

- 11 Jewish priestly vestment (Exodus 28:6) (5)
 12 Visible sign of what had been there (Daniel 2:35) (5)
 13 This was the trade of Alexander, who did Paul 'a great deal of harm' (2 Timothy 4:14) (9)
 14 'This is my — , which is for you; do this in remembrance

- 22 Bats (anag.) (4)
 23 'You strain out a — but swallow a camel' (Matthew 23:24) (4)

**September 2016
 Crossword Solution**



And Finally...

A WC worth visiting

Years ago a young couple were house-hunting in rural Somerset, and so visited an elderly clergyman who had a cottage for sale. Later they could not remember seeing a bathroom in the property, and so wrote asking where the WC might be.

The minister was not familiar with the term, and decided they must be asking for the nearest Wesleyan Church. And so he wrote them this reply:

'Dear ... I regret to inform you that the nearest WC is fifty miles away, which is most unfortunate if you are in the habit of going regularly. This one is situated in a beautiful valley, and many local people make a day of it, setting off in early morning and taking picnics with them. Some travel by car, others by bus, and some (on foot) arrive just in time. A bell rings 20 minutes before the WC opens, and there is plenty of standing room if you are late.

Inside, there are 40 plush seats, and beautiful carvings on the walls. The children sing as they process in, and there is even an organ accompaniment. I hope this will encourage you to visit it, and enjoy what it offers. I myself have not been for five months, and you can imagine this pains me very much. Yours faithfully...

If you have enjoyed reading our magazine, and would like to advertise the activities of your group or business in our next edition, please contact the editor, Revd Lesley Ennis tel 01422 832747, or email your request to lesleyennis@hotmail.co.uk

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