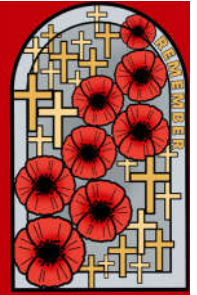
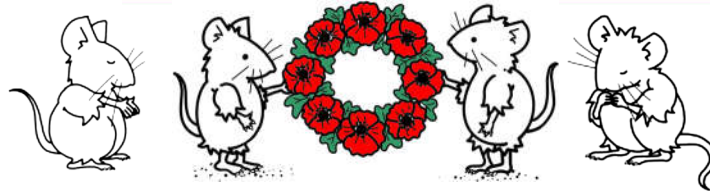




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MOURNING THE LOSS OF A GOOD FRIEND OF ECO

On the 26th October, we were greatly saddened to learn of the death of Dave Lucas, co-founder of the online church The Ordinary Office which has shared worship with ECO a number of times and who has been a good friend and supporter of ours for some time.

Dave trained to be a Roman Catholic priest and had been ordained as a deacon, but a fortnight before he was due to be ordained as a priest, he discovered and reported sexual abuse by a Roman Catholic priest in the community in which he would be serving, and was expelled from his seminary for whistleblowing.

Dave lost his sight more than 30 years ago and went on to found The Ordinary Office, which broadcasts daily prayers using 'Widget Symbols' for people with restricted sight. It has many thousands of followers on Twitter

A strong campaigner for the group Disability in Jesus, Dave and his guide dog Abbott (below) were welcomed to the Vatican by Pope Francis who blessed Abbott, borrowed some dog biscuits from Dave to give to Abbott but forgot to return them, and had to send them back to him via the Archbishop of Canterbury !

The story of Dave's journey of faith was explored recently by the Anglican Podcaster Revd Alex Frost in his *Godcast* series. To hear more of his fascinating life story, please visit

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JdOTd-8ATxQ>

We ask you to hold in your prayers Dave and his wife, Denise, as well as all his colleagues at The Ordinary Office, who will continue his mission and ministry.



ADVOCATES FOR THE ORDINATION OF ROMAN CATHOLIC WOMEN DEACONS CONDEMN VATICAN REJECTION



Women protestors marched through Rome on October 4th as the Catholic Church began its month-long synodical gathering - the culmination of a year-long global exercise initiated by Pope Francis to consider the future of the Church.

A day earlier, the head of the Vatican's doctrinal department, Cardinal Victor Manuel Fernandez, told a room full of bishops and Catholic representatives gathered for the summit that the female diaconate was "off the table".

Deacons are allowed to preach during Mass, lead funeral processions and perform baptisms, but unlike priests, they cannot hear confessions or anoint the sick. Last year, Fernandez was tasked by the Pope with overseeing a study group on the issue. Pope Francis, he said on Thursday, "does not consider the question mature" and his commission could not decide in favour on women deacons.

For the women who have been mobilizing and speaking in favour of women's empowerment and the female diaconate, the cardinal's comments were a hard blow. But despite the Pope's and the Vatican's recalcitrance on this issue, they indicated they "are in it for the long run."

"As we marched through the streets of Rome on Friday, there was a renewed sense of energy that this message needs to be heard now more than ever," said Kate McElwee, Executive Director of Women's Ordination Worldwide, who was among those leading the march.

For McElwee, Fernandez's comments felt like "a betrayal" and pointed to the "lack of transparency" of the study group he oversees. When bishops and Catholics gathered in October of last year for a Vatican summit on synodality, which promised to usher in "a new way of being church" and focused on welcome and inclusion, women's ordination as deacons was one of several controversial issues discussed.

After last year's summit, Pope Francis created 10 study groups of theologians, canon lawyers and experts to address the most controversial issues that emerged, including the female diaconate, which was handed over to the rather opaque doctrinal department at the Vatican. The groups were asked to present the work they had done so far to participants at this year's summit and issue a final report in 2025.

Fernandez did not close the door completely to the female diaconate and encouraged more study of the issue, which has already been the subject of numerous studies and reports, including two commissions created by Pope Francis in 2016 and 2020. But many delegates at the Vatican summit reported being disappointed by the study group reports.

Ellie Hidalgo, co-director of Discerning Deacons, a network aimed at informing Catholics on campuses and in parishes about the female diaconate, has said that she will continue to press forward on this issue.

In May, the Pope answered with a resounding "no" to the possibility of ordaining women deacons when asked by Norah O'Donnell of CBS for "60 Minutes." But for Hidalgo, Fernandez's statement shows that despite Francis' hesitation, it is not a closed question. The Cardinal spoke of new ministries to be studied, including a ministry of listening and for preaching, which would allow laypeople to take on new roles. Hidalgo said she hopes the study group will issue guidance on how to pave the way toward women becoming deacons.

"We knew coming in that this question of women was not going to get resolved this month," Hidalgo said.

On September 30, a representative of Discerning Deacons met with Pope Francis at the Vatican accompanied by two Canadian Indigenous women, a young adult minister and a nun assisting Indigenous communities in Australia. The group spoke to the Pope about the work and ministry women are already doing in the church.



What's The Big Idea ? - St Mark

Over 2 years, Canon Paul Hardingham, Vicar of St Peter's, Bolton and a regular contributor to ECHO, is writing a series of monthly articles about the books of the Bible. This month Paul continues looking at the New Testament with St Mark's Gospel.

Mark is the second of the synoptic gospels, along with Matthew and Luke. Traditionally this gospel is ascribed to John Mark, a close associate of Peter. It was written for Gentile readers, probably in Rome during Nero's persecution of the church (c AD 64-7).

Mark unveils Jesus' public ministry with the words: 'the beginning of the gospel about Jesus Christ, the Son of God' (1:1). The gospel provides a succinct and vivid account of Jesus' ministry, concentrating on what Jesus did rather than what He said. Mark moves quickly from one episode to another, often using the word 'immediately' which is characteristic of his gospel.

For Mark, understanding the true identity of Jesus is fundamental to his gospel. Jesus asks the disciples, 'Who do people say I am?' (8:27), to which Peter replies, 'You are the Christ'. This is evident in Jesus' role as teacher, the call for discipleship and the account of Jesus' death and resurrection, which occupies the last third of the gospel.

A key verse which helps us to understand the nature of Jesus' mission and how we might live in the light of it is: *"Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be slave of all. For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."* (10:44,45). As the Suffering Servant, Jesus gave His life on the cross, that we might know and share his love.

Mark is understandably in a hurry to tell us about Jesus: the one who reveals the truth of God to us, that we might live in reality, not ignorance!

Bishop of Aberdeen & Orkney Faces New Complaint



The Right Reverend Anne Dyer, who has recently told she will no longer face allegations of bullying which had left her suspended from her post since 2022, is now facing a fresh complaint.

Bishop Anne had been suspended in 2022 after a number of clergy and church employees claimed that she had made their working lives intolerable.

Earlier in October, proceedings brought against Bishop Anne were dropped by the senior legal officer of the Scottish Episcopal Church, Paul Reid KC.

Mr Reid, who acts independently, announced that he did not feel that proceeding with the prosecution was in the public interest.

He had said that although "I remain of the view that there is sufficient evidence to provide a realistic prospect of conviction in respect of each allegation" he had weighed this against the effect that continuing the process might have on the complainants, for whom, he said, the prospect of giving evidence was a "source of anxiety".

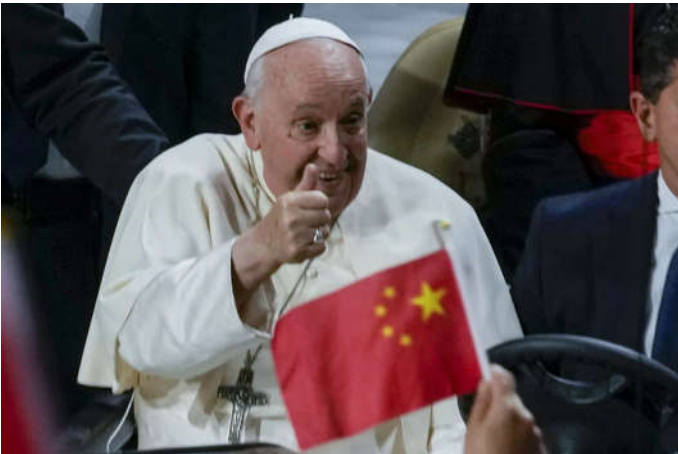
One of the complainants, Revd Professor David Atkinson, who is a minister in the SEC said that one alleged victim whom he had been supporting had been ready to give evidence. He said "The idea that justice shouldn't be done because it might make a victim anxious is extraordinary. A horrifying range of different types of abuse could be swept under the carpet on the same basis."

Following this decision, which opened the way for Bishop Anne to return to work in the diocese, 4 Bishops in the SEC issued a public statement that they no longer had confidence in her, and urged her to consider "whether she is the right person to lead the Diocese".

Bishop Anne had been on holiday and had been expected to return to her diocese when she came back. As a result of the latest complaint against her, however, she will probably be unable to do so and will have to remain suspended pending an investigation, although this is subject to a final decision by the Primus of the SEC, Most Revd Mark Strange (who was one of the signatories of the letter saying he had no confidence in her).

We will report on this matter further as it develops.

VATICAN AND CHINESE GOVERNMENT AGREE TO EXTEND AN AGREEMENT ON APPOINTING CATHOLIC BISHOPS



In last month's edition of ECHO we reported on tensions between the Chinese Government and Christian Churches over what we described as *Sinicization*. This has led to tens of millions of Christians opting to worship independently of the state-controlled churches.

The Vatican have now reported that after "appropriate consultation and assessment," the Holy See and the People's Republic of China have agreed to extend the Provisional Agreement on the appointment of Bishops for another 4 years.

"The Vatican Party," the statement says, "remains dedicated to furthering the respectful and constructive dialogue with the Chinese Party, in view of the further development of bilateral relations for the benefit of the Catholic Church in China and the Chinese people as a whole."

This is the third renewal of the Agreement that, with the signing on 22 September 2018, opened a historic chapter in relations between the Vatican and China, and within the Church itself in China, allowing all bishops to be in full hierarchical communion with the Pope.

The Provisional Agreement ended decades of episcopal ordinations without papal consent, leading to a radically changed scenario in the last six years. Since then, about ten bishops had been appointed and consecrated, and Beijing officially recognized the public role of several previously unrecognized bishops.

A sign of the progress being made is that Catholic Bishops from China have attended Synod meetings at the Vatican as well as other meetings in Europe and the USA. Young people from China also came to the World Youth Day in Portugal earlier this year.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND DECLARES 20 NOVEMBER "RED WEDNESDAY"



On 20 November, Westminster Abbey and Lambeth Palace in London will be bathed in red light as part of a campaign to highlight the persecution of Christians around the world.

The initiative, developed by the Church of England, stems from a motion passed in their General Synod in July 2024 calling for a national focus on prayer and action for the persecuted Church. It also encourages ecumenical collaboration in standing together against religious repression.

A set of resources aim to help parishes and individuals from various Christian traditions understand the realities of religious persecution globally and join together in prayer and advocacy. These include prayers, reflection guides, and suggestions for practical actions such as participating in Red Wednesday (20 November), an initiative instigated by Aid to the Church in Need (ACN), which involves lighting up church buildings and signing an open letter to the UK government. Christians are also encouraged to participate in other notable days throughout the year, including Contemporary Martyrs Day (15 February) and the UN International Day Commemorating Victims of Acts of Violence Based on Religion or Belief (22 August).

The resources put particular emphasis on Red Wednesday, a day of global prayer and action to highlight Christian persecution and stand in solidarity with people of all faiths facing repression. As part of the Church's commitment, key buildings such as Lambeth Palace and Westminster Abbey will be lit up in red alongside numerous churches from different denominations.

The Bishop of Winchester, Philip Mounstephen, said: "Religious persecution remains one of the gravest issues of our time, affecting millions of people around the world. Through prayer and advocacy, we can stand alongside those suffering for their beliefs, working together for freedom of religion or belief for all.

We hope these resources will stand as an invitation for parishes and ecumenical partners to join in this important effort, raising their voices and hearts in prayer and action."

EL SHADDAI

Janet Varty

· Hebrew Names of God ·

EL SHADDAI - GOD ALMIGHTY

The Lot Group opened their worship in October with some moments of contemplation by listening to Amy Grant singing El Shaddai, here are a few of the lyrics.

“El Shaddai, El Shaddai
Age to age You're still the same,
By the power of the name ...
El Shaddai, El Shaddai
I will praise and lift you high...
Through the years you made it clear,
that the time for Christ was near.
Though the people couldn't see
what Messiah ought to be..
Though your word contained the plan
they just could not understand.
Your most awesome word was done
Through the frailty of your Son.”

You can listen to Amy Grant's performance at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qjMI95lb9k>

El Shaddai is one of the early identifications for God in the bible. Traditionally translated into English as Almighty God, Deus Omnipotens in Latin, Allah Ash-Shadid in Arabic. El means God in the Canaanite languages but the literal meaning of Shaddai is the subject of debate.

“When Abram was ninety nine years old, the Lord appeared to him and said
‘I am the Almighty God, {El Shaddai } obey me and always do what is right.’” Genesis 17 v1

“I appeared to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob as Almighty God {El Shaddai} but I did not make myself known to them by my Holy name, the Lord.” Ex 6 v3

Shaddu in Arkadian means mountains which have since ancient times been associated with the presence of God. Logically they are 'closer to God' who dwells in the heavens. In Hinduism Shiva stands tall as Lord of the Himalayas. In the Navajo homeland there are 4 sacred mountains and Uluru is the mountain sacred to the Pitjantjatjara people in Australia.

I believe that humanity is hard wired to seek a relationship with God and it cannot be wrong when so many have found that connection through creation itself.

In the Judeo/Christian cultures we see the same. Think of Mount Ararat with Noah, Sinai with Moses, Mount Carmel with Elijah, Mount Tabor with the Transfiguration of Jesus and Mount of Olives with Jesus in the garden of Gethsemane to mention a few. So before God shared his name he gave a location!

Shaddai in Hebrew is formed from the Hebrew word Shad, the breast, invariable used in scripture for a woman's breast. “Why did my mother hold me on her knees? Why did she feed me at her breast? {shad}”

Job 3 v12 “You grew strong and tall and became a young woman. Your breasts {shad}well formed and, and your hair had grown but you were naked.” Ezekiel 16 v7

One scholar notes that the early use of shaddai in Genesis is mainly in connection with fertility blessings for the patriarchs and that this meaning may have gone adrift in later biblical references. If we choose this option we may like to think that God shares His purpose before His name, His purpose to increase humanity and to nourish and satisfy the needs of his people. To care for the people as a nursing mother holds the child to her breast.

In later Jewish tradition this same word was used in the Passover Haggadah, a traditional song that emphasises and celebrates the various miracles God performed while liberating the Israelites from Egyptian captivity. The over riding message being it should have been enough. Indeed those interventions should have been enough but as we know belief and understanding of God had along way to go after that.

The Christian re- working of the song by Amy Grant and others connects us to the distant past, those early spiritual encounters deep within the psyche of humanity and the present reality of living with God through Jesus Christ today. I hope you connect with this song.

continued overleaf.....

A Prayer for November 2024 Revd Daphne Kitching

Dear Lord,
November can be a dreary month. Even the first syllable is negative and reminds us of all the things we are missing; the long light days, summer breaks, blossom and fresh green leaves.

As we walk through the dark days, help us to remember that You brought light into this dark world. You sent Jesus, who is that light in person, Your positive who overcame all negatives by His death on the cross.

November leads us closer to the time of celebration of His coming. Lord, thank you for Jesus. Thank you for November! In Jesus' name.

Amen.

THE LOT GROUP CONTINUED.....

Our worship continued with a short liturgy from the Corrymeela Community, where we are asked to embrace possibility, respond graciously to disappointment and hold tenderly those we encounter. Our prayers came from the charity Embrace the Middle East, who support projects across that region which is in such need at this time.

We had a guest speaker this month - Veronique Rossi an Icon painter.

Veronique was inspired by Icons from experiences of being taken to the Greek Orthodox mass in Paris as child.

Later in life she had the opportunity to study the skill under the Master Icon painter Jean Deudon, who himself was asked to create the Icon for John Paul II on the occasion of his visit to France.



Veronique held us enthralled all afternoon with her personal story and explanation of the intricate process of painting Icons according to the Russian School. As all iconographers do, she prayed before she began each icon and, once finished, they were blessed by a priest.

Prayer of the Iconographer:

You, divine Master of all that exists, enlighten and direct the soul, heart and mind of your servant. Lead these hands so that they may worthily and perfectly represent your image and that of your holy mother and that of all the saints. For the glory, joy and the beautification of your holy church.

Amen.



"...and don't forget we're coming into Nativity Play season – make sure we have extra tea-towels in stock!"



By convention, each year Beaujolais Nouveau is released on the third Thursday of November, which means this year it will be placed on sale on the 21st.

From a slightly novelty wine, Nouveau is now marketed in over 100 countries, and in 2022 6.6 million bottles were consumed.

The wine will only have been fermented for 6 weeks after the grapes were gathered, which makes it very light, with a low alcohol content of only 10%.

Nouveau is well-known for having an aroma and a slight taste of bananas. This is caused because in order to ferment it so quickly, it is subjected to a process known as *carbonic maceration* in which whole bunches of grapes are placed in a sealed container which is then filled with carbon dioxide, which causes the grapes to ferment from the inside rather than as a result of the juice being added to yeast.

This process, which is credited to two French scientists - Michel Flanzy and Jules Chauvet, causes the grapes to begin to produce alcohol which can reach a concentration of 2%, after which they burst their skins, releasing the now semi-fermented juice which can then be fermented with yeast in the traditional manner.

This process, however, also creates the chemical compound Isomyl Acetate which has a strong banana flavour, which is why this is also discernible in Beaujolais Nouveau.

Although around half of all Nouveau will be drunk in France, it is also very popular in Japan, where about 1 bottle in 5 will be sold.

Nouveau was first produced in 1951 when stocks of French wine were running low because of interruptions to production caused by World War 2. It has had a chequered history after the scandal which arose in the 2000's when it was discovered that producers had been adding sugar to speed up fermentation. In 2001, the French Government ordered 1 million cases of wine to be destroyed because prices were collapsing owing to over-production.

French law prohibits the sale of other wines in the year of production before 15 December, so 21st November marks the countdown to the availability of other 2024 wines. Santé !

SEEN ON CHURCH NOTICE BOARDS

Church car park sign...This is for MEMBERS ONLY. Trespassers will be baptised!!

No God - No Peace. Know God - Know Peace.

Free Trip to Heaven. Enquire inside for details !

Searching for a new look? Have your faith lifted here!

Outside one church is a picture of two hands holding stone tablets on which the Ten Commandments are inscribed. A headline reads: 'For fast relief, take two tablets.'

When the restaurant next to a church put out a big sign with red letters that said, 'Open Sundays', the church reciprocated with its own message: 'We are open on Sundays, too.'

A singing group called 'The Resurrection' was scheduled to sing at a church. When a big snowstorm postponed the performance, the minister fixed the outside sign to read, 'Resurrection is postponed - due to snow.'

Come in and pray today. Beat the Christmas rush!



When the time came to replace the old vacuum cleaner, Revd Jones felt that after so many years' service, it deserved to be laid to rest with due ceremony

11th November - The Poppies of Remembrance Day (UK) and the Cornflower (France)



In late 1914, WW1 erupted across Northern France and Flanders. Great swathes of previously green fields and forests were blasted and bombed, leaving them bleak and barren, with seemingly every living thing destroyed.

But then in the Spring of 1915, something beautiful began to come out of all the destruction. Tens of thousands of bright red Flanders poppies began to put out tentative shoots across the endless vistas of mud. These resilient little flowers had actually flourished in the middle of so much chaos and destruction, because their seeds grow when exposed to sunlight, through disturbances to soil.

We all know that these endless fields of cheerful poppies, growing in the midst of such misery and destruction, were what inspired the Canadian doctor, Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae, to write the now famous poem 'In Flanders Fields'.

In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie,
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.

And it was McCrae's poem which inspired an American academic named Moina Michael to adopt the poppy in memory of those who had fallen in the war. She got it adopted as an official symbol of Remembrance across the United States, and worked with others who were trying to do the same in Canada, Australia, and the UK.

A French woman, Anna Guérin who was in the UK in 1921, caught the same vision, and planned to sell the poppies in London. There she met Earl Haig, the founder of the Royal British Legion, who was persuaded to adopt the poppy as its emblem in the UK.

The Royal British Legion, which had been formed in 1921, ordered nine million poppies and sold them on 11 November that year. Ever since then, the red poppy has been a symbol of Remembrance, of support for the Armed Forces community, and also of hope for a peaceful future.

Meanwhile, in 1925 two nurses at the Hotel National des Invalides wanted to help French service personnel left permanently injured in World War 1. They opened a workshop in Les Invalides where residents manufactured fabric cornflowers to be sold to help raise money to support them. Very quickly, the cornflower was adopted as a national symbol of remembrance for those who had died in the service of the Republic.

In 1934 the cornflower was sold on the streets in Paris. More than 128,000 of these flowers were sold in the first year. In 1935 the French Government gave official approval for these flowers to be sold each year for 11 November. After the Second World War, in 1957, the Government approved them also being sold on 8 May when the end of the War in Europe is celebrated.

Since 1991, the Office National des Anciens Combattants et Victimes de Guerre (ONACVVG), have organised the sale of the Bleuet with the help of more than 20,000 volunteers.

On 10 November, ECO will broadcast a special service to mark Remembrance Sunday. This will include a 2 minute silence at 11:00 am as we remember all those who have died or been injured in war, and pray together for peace and justice throughout the world.



ANOTHER TALK BY NEIL BATCOCK 19 November 2024

During October, Neil Batcock gave a fascinating talk about the unknown sculptor referred to as The Master of Cabestany in support of Languedoc Solidarité Avec Les Refugies (LSR) established in 2015 to help refugees coming to the region from a variety of countries. This is now available to watch on YouTube at

<https://youtu.be/c7xcbs5A3ow>



On Tuesday 19 November, Neil will be speaking about the Flemish painter Pieter Bruegel the Elder, again by kind invitation at La Domaine de Capiès, 11300 on the D262 near Limoux. This will again be in support of LSR and there will be a hat if you would like to make a donation. Refreshments will be served after the talk.

If you would like to come, please contact Neil at
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PROGRAMME OF AUDIO RETREATS FOR ADVENT 2024



If you would like to undertake some spiritual preparation for Christmas this year, St Augustine's College of Theology have announced a series of audio retreats for Advent which you can view for free on YouTube.

On each of the 4 Sundays of Epiphany, a member of the College will share a reflection on an aspect of Advent.

The Programme is as follows:

1 December - Episode 1: Longing and Hope, with Simon Stocks (Senior Tutor for Biblical Studies)

8 December - Episode 2: Fear and Faith, with Guido de Graaf (Director of Studies for Christian Doctrine and Ethics)

15 December - Episode 3: Fury and Love, with Alan Gregory (College Principal)

22 December - Episode 4: Vulnerability and Peace, with Jenny Corcoran (Tutor for Lay Education, Practical Theology and the Old Testament)

The retreats will be available on the College's YouTube Channel which you can find at

[https://www.youtube.com/
@staugustinescollegeoftheol9801](https://www.youtube.com/@staugustinescollegeoftheol9801)

More details can be found at

[https://staugustinescollege.ac.uk/
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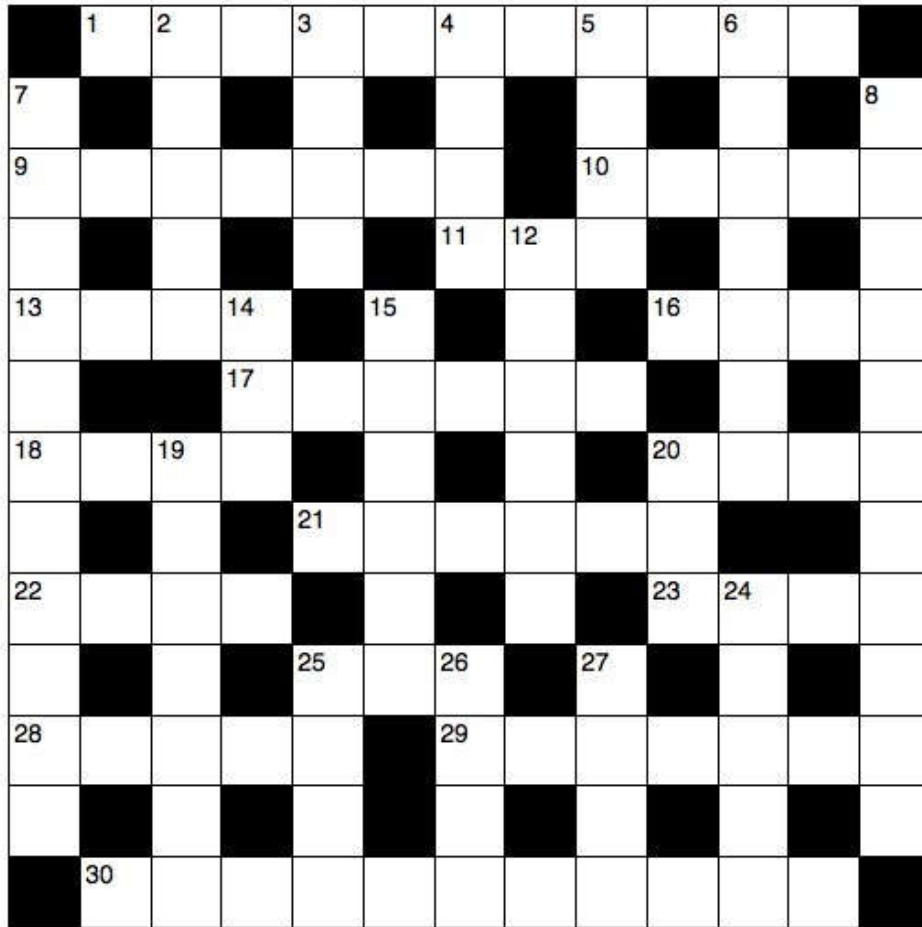
Church Mice

Karl Zorowski



The ECHO Church and Bible Crossword

Can you solve this crossword ? Answers are at the bottom if you get stuck
with thanks, as usual, to our crossword compiler John Capon



Across

- 1 In David's battle with the Arameans, 700 of these were killed (2 Samuel 10:18) (11)
- 9 'No — , impure or greedy person has any inheritance in the kingdom of God' (Ephesians 5:5) (7)
- 10 City on the banks of the River Nile (5)
- 11 Stamped addressed envelope (1,1,1)
- 13 Taverns (4)
- 16 'Be on your guard; stand — in the faith' (1 Corinthians 16:13) (4)
- 17 'He will not always — , nor will he harbour his anger for ever' (Psalm 103:9) (6)
- 18 and 27 Down Where the magi came from and what guided them (Matthew 2:1-2) (4,4)
- 20 Ancient Celtic alphabet of 20 characters (4)
- 21 She married Esau when he was 40 years old (Genesis 26:34) (6)
- 22 A great-grandson of Noah (Genesis 10:7) (4)
- 23 Title accorded to certain Roman Catholic clerics (abbrev.) (4)
- 25 'My house will be a house of prayer; but you have made it a — of robbers' (Luke 19:46) (3)
- 28 Annie (anag.) (5)
- 29 Plead with (Zechariah 7:2) (7)
- 30 Tenth foundation of the new Jerusalem (Revelation 21:20)

Down

- 2 'We have a building from God, an eternal house in heaven, not built by — hands' (2 Corinthians 5:1) (5)
- 3 Uncommon excellence (Proverbs 20:15) (4)
- 4 'You have exalted my horn like that of a wild ox; fine — have been poured upon me' (Psalm 92:10) (4)
- 5 — Homo ('Behold the Man') (4)
- 6 'He has given proof of this to all men by — him from the dead' (Acts 17:31) (7)
- 7 'Our — is in heaven' (Philippians 3:20) (11)
- 8 'This is a day you are to — ' (Exodus 12:14) (11)
- 12 Assault (Psalm 17:9) (6)
- 14 'Jesus found a young donkey and — upon it' (John 12:14) (3)
- 15 Liverpool dialect (6)
- 19 'Remember the — day by keeping it holy' (Exodus 20:8) (7)
- 20 Nineteenth-century German physicist after whom the unit of electrical resistance is named (3)
- 24 Nazirites were not allowed to eat this part of a grape (Numbers 6:4) (5)
- 25 'If anyone would come after me, he must — himself and take up his cross and follow me' (Mark 8:34) (4)
- 26 Evil Roman emperor from AD54 to 68, responsible for condemning hundreds of Christians to cruel deaths (4)
- 27 See 18 Across

ACROSS: 1, Charioteers. 9, Immoral. 10, Cairo. 11, SAE. 13, Inns. 16, Firm. 17, Accuse. 18, East. 20, Ogam. 21, Judith. 22, Seba. 23, Msgr. 25, Den. 28, Inane. 29, Entreat. 30, Chrypsrase.

DOWN: 2, Human. 3, Rare. 4, Oils. 5, Ecce. 6, Raising. 7, Citizenship. 8, Commemorate. 12, Assail. 14, Sat. 15, Scouse. 19, Sabbath. 20, Ohm. 24, Seeds. 25, Deny. 26, Nero. 27, Star.

ECO WORSHIP CALENDAR NOVEMBER 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2 20:00 Special Service for All Souls' Day
3 10:30 Online Morning Prayer for All Saints Day	4	5 20:00 Service of Evening Compline	6	7 20:00 Online Service of Prayer for Healing	8	9
10 10:30 Special Service for Remembrance Sunday	11	12 20:00 Service of Evening Compline	13	14 20:00 Online Service of Prayer for Healing	15	16
17 10:30 Online Morning Prayer for 2nd Sunday before Advent	18	19 20:00 Service of Evening Compline	20	21 20:00 Online Service of Prayer for Healing	22	23
24 10:30 Online Communion the Feast of Christ the King	25	26 Service of Evening Compline	27	28 <u>Afternoon</u> Lot House Group Meeting <u>20:00</u> Online Service of Prayer for Healing	29	30

AS THE REVD RICHARD COLES' NEW MURDER MYSTERY NOVEL IS PUBLISHED
DAVE WALKER ANALYSES THE THEME OF:

THE ECCLESIASTICAL DETECTIVE

THE DETECTIVE



THE
VICAR

THE SIDEKICK



THE
PARISH
ADMINISTRATOR

THE NEMESIS



THE
ORGANIST

THIS WEEK'S CRIME SCENE



THE CHURCH HALL:
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THE
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THE
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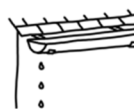


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A CONSTANT
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A MUSTY
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THE AGENDA
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