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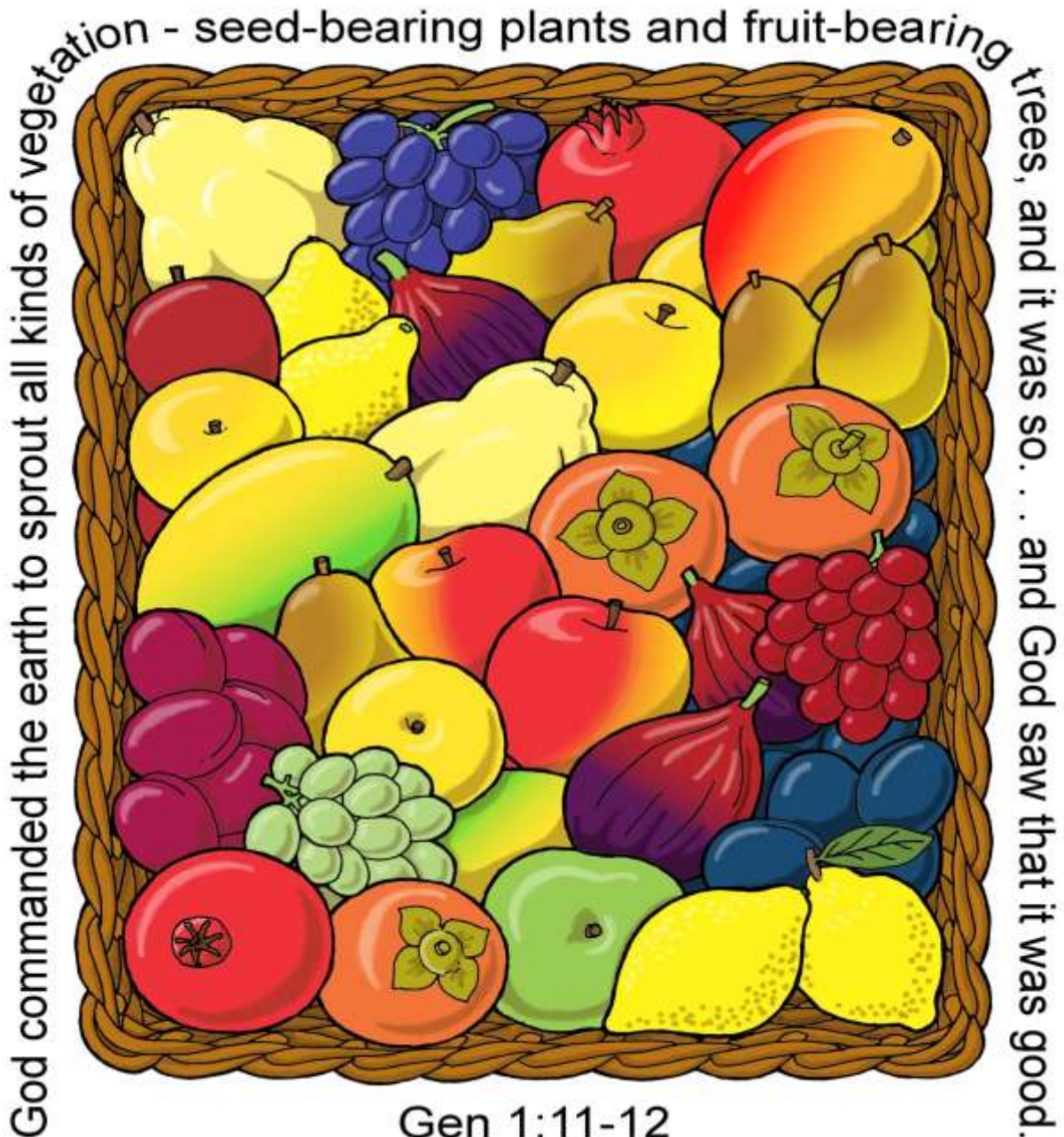
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Pastoral letter...

Blessings

Greetings

I am so pleased to be able to write to you this month, as Simon and I are now settled into the Holme Valley. Thank you all who have made us welcome and eased our path into Yorkshire life.

For those of you who are not yet aware we are living at 3, Vicarage Meadows, which is near to where Cinderhills and Sandy Gate come together. You are very welcome to visit us there.

I wonder if you can recall the feeling of satisfaction that comes at the end of good meal, prepared with love and care, or the end of good book or film, where we are lifted out of ourselves for a while. The sense for a moment that life is good, and we ourselves are in the right place to enjoy it.

I am sure that is at least part of the sense of blessing which God gave us at the beginning of life, and desires for us here and now. Blessing is very much part of the church's life – at the end of every service in church the priest offers God's blessing to those attending. It is part of every day life too – 'Bless you', when we hear someone sneeze, or when we offer sympathy, or someone else has offered kindness.

I hope and pray that in the parish the church is a blessing, providing a place to meet one another, to encounter God, to hold memories, to find peace

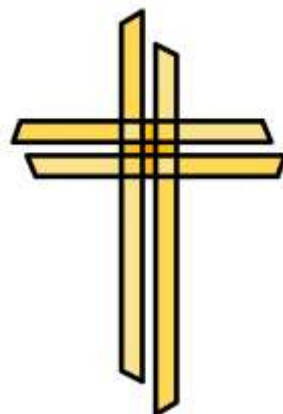
and quiet. I would love to hear from you how the church can best be a blessing. So do get in touch if you have any thoughts.

You are probably aware that the parishes of Hepworth, New Mill and Thurstonland now function as one 'benefice' or group of churches under a single vicar. We still hope to work closely with other churches in the Valley. It is only an administrative convenience and does not affect long term friendships and partnerships which continue to bless and benefit the Holme Valley.

I look forward to meeting many more of you over the months to come as we look forward to Remembrance and to Christmas.

God bless you and give you peace

Sarah



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General Synod, York: 10–14 July 2026

The July group of sessions in York was the final meeting of this five-year Synod, known as a quinquennium.

We began with a presidential address from the Archbishop of York, Stephen Cottrell, who encouraged us to recentre on Jesus Christ and continue the Church of England's vision of becoming a Christ-centred, younger, more diverse, missionary church. He reminded Synod of our call to be "simpler, humbler and bolder". It was good to hear him reference the Brighthouse and Rastrick Band in his closing remarks!

After hearing from our ecumenical guest, Archbishop Luc Terlinden of Mechelen-Brussels, and receiving the Business Committee report, Synod moved to its first major debate: *All Kinds of Minds – Affirming Neurodiversity in the Life of the Church*. Speakers highlighted both the gifts neurodivergent Christians bring and the need for more consistent inclusion, training, and practical adjustments across parishes and dioceses. The motion passed overwhelmingly. This was followed by a session addressing the 239 questions submitted by Synod members.

Saturday opened with a Private Member's Motion calling for a review of digital communications across the Church of England. The motion did not pass, as Synod recognised that the national communications team is already undertaking substantial redevelopment work, including a major overhaul of the Church of England website.

We then received an update from the Legislative Committee on the National Church Governance Measure. The Church has been reassessing its governance structures in recent years, with some of this work led by the recently retired Bishop of Leeds, Nick Baines. The aim has been to consolidate and streamline governance across the national Church. However, when the new arrangements, previously agreed by Synod, were submitted to the Government's Ecclesiastical Committee, they were judged "not expedient",

meaning the proposals will need to be reworked before they can proceed.

After agreeing the new Clergy Conduct Rules, Synod heard a presentation titled *Promoting Unity in Our Nation*, which encouraged the Church to model a calmer, more gracious public voice and help rebuild trust in a society increasingly marked by division.

Sunday began with a Eucharist at York Minster. The Archbishop of Canterbury preached on nurturing trust and hope, using the image of tending good soil from Isaiah 55 and the Parable of the Sower. After the service I visited the Chapter House for *Called As We Are*, a photographic exhibition of disabled, deaf, and neurodivergent clergy and lay leaders, created by Ruth Samuels as part of the Church's Disability Project.

The afternoon turned to environmental theology with a presentation on *Hope for All Creation* from the Faith and Order Commission. Synod then agreed to add two new observances to the Church's calendar: the Festival of Creation in Christ, proposed for the Sunday between 20 and 26 September, and the Commemoration of the Twenty-One Martyrs of Libya, proposed for 15 February, the date of their martyrdom in 2015. This was followed by an update on the Church's progress toward net zero.

On Sunday evening we debated a Diocesan Synod Motion responding to *Kairos Palestine*. The motion called the Church to stand in solidarity with all who suffer in Israel and Palestine, to advocate for a just peace, and to deepen its commitment to prayer, humanitarian support, and ethical reflection. Concerns were raised about some language in the *Kairos II* document, including objections from members of the UK Jewish

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community. A small but significant amendment changed the wording from “we receive” to “we hear”, allowing the motion to pass.

Monday began with the completion of the Kairos Palestine business, followed by the Archbishops’ Council Annual Report, budget, and apportionment proposals for 2027.

We then debated a Private Member’s Motion stating that committed, faithful, intimate same-sex relationships can be compatible with Christian discipleship. This issue has been a major point of division throughout my five years on Synod. Although I strongly support the view expressed in the motion, I had reservations about debating it at this stage in the quinquennium. A well-worded amendment from the Dean of Peterborough was carried, but the motion itself was lost: it passed in the Houses of Clergy and Laity, but four bishops abstained, meaning it fell in the House of Bishops. A close friend of mine on Synod, who is gay, was deeply hurt by the outcome and the message it sent. We must do better in the next quinquennium.

Later on Monday we debated support for looked-after children and care-experienced young adults, in a moving session introduced by Billy-Jo O’Leary. Synod agreed to appoint a lead bishop with a specific brief for this area of ministry.

The day concluded with business on the appointment of bishops, a report from the Audit and Risk Committee, and a presentation on trust and trustworthiness in the Church.

Tuesday’s legislative business included the rules for the new redress system for survivors of abuse. Our final debate concerned the protection of nature on Church Commissioners’ land. The original motion proposed that 30 per cent of church land be protected for nature by 2030. While well-intentioned, it became clear that such a target could adversely affect tenant farmers and

food security. The Bishop of Norwich’s amendment instead called for greater accountability from the Commissioners regarding the environmental implications of their decisions. The amended motion passed comfortably.

Alongside the formal debates, there are many opportunities to connect with other members of Synod. I enjoy helping to shape the worship that



bookends each day, singing in the Synod Choir, and playing piano. Meal times, conversations in the bar, and fringe events like the Synod Quiz (where the Leeds Diocese team came a respectable third!) are all part of the experience.

At the end of Tuesday morning, we shared communion together and Synod was prorogued. Elections for the next quinquennium will take place over the summer, and I intend to stand again. I have learnt so much over the last five years and valued experiences like serving on committees and representing the Church of England at the Methodist Conference. In May I was elected by Synod to the Church Buildings Council, which supports and guides parishes in caring for their church buildings so that they remain places of worship, mission, and community life. Continuing on Synod would allow me to carry this work forward.

If you have any questions about General Synod, please do get in touch. Further information and videos of all debates are available on the Church of England website.

Catherine Stephenson

General Synod Representative, Diocese of Leeds



Key to Sunday Services

Said Communion uses modern words, but has no hymns or other music.

Family Communion (usually the 1st Sunday of the month) will aim to have activities or interest for children in addition to adults; the choir and music group will usually lead the singing.

Family Service (usually the 3rd Sunday of the month) is similar to Family Communion but does not include Holy Communion.

Matins is a traditional service using the words of the Book of Common Prayer (1662).

Holy Communion uses modern words with traditional music led by the choir.

Morning Prayer is normally said in church every Monday at 9.00am.

Informal Communion takes place weekly at 10.00am on Wednesdays in the Gallery Room and is followed by coffee.

All are welcome at any of the services - just come along and try one. Refreshments are served after most services.

Readers and Intercession Leaders for October 2026

4th October: Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity 11.00: Harvest Thanksgiving 16.00 Choral Evensong	Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9' 12-20 OR Isaiah 5:1-7 Philippians 3:4b-14 Matthew 21:33-46	Reader: David Brooke Intercessor: Lesley Gale Reader (Evensong): David Kaye
11th October: Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity 11.00 Matins	Exodus 32:1-14 OR Isaiah 25:1-9 Philippians 4:1-9 Matthew 22:1-14	Reader: Allison Coventry Intercessor: TBC
18th October: Twentieth Sunday after Trinity 11:00 : Family Service		Reader: Simon Barrans
25th October: Twenty first Sunday after Trinity 10.00: Joint Service at New Mill	Deuteronomy 34:1-12 OR Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8 Matthew 22:34-46 <i>Alternative readings for Bible Sunday may be used</i>	

October Services at St Thomas', Thurstonland

Sunday 4 October	10am Family Service
Sunday 11 October	9.30 BCP Holy Communion
Sunday 18 October	9.30am Holy Communion
Sunday 25 October	10am Joint Service at New Mill



4 October Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity 11am Harvest Thanksgiving 16.00 Choral Evensong	Fri	2	6.30pm	Faith on Friday - Beetle Drive
	Wed	7	10am	Informal Communion
	Thurs	8	2.30pm	Social Afternoon Tea at New Mill Club
11 October Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity 11am Matins	Wed	14	10am	Informal Communion
	Sat	17	7.30pm	Holmfirth Musical Festival Gala Evening in Holmfirth Civic Hall. (sessions also on 15th, 16th evenings, and 17th morning and afternoon)
18 October Twentieth Sunday after Trinity 11am Family Service	Wed	21	10am	Informal Communion
25 October Twenty first Sunday after Trinity Bible Sunday 10am Joint Service at New Mill	Tues	27	2pm	Hepworth MU meeting in Hepworth church. Revd. Sarah will speak on the MU in Uganda.
	Wed	28	10.00am 12.30	Informal Communion Welcome Lunch in the Gallery Room
Regular weekly meetings Monday 7.30pm: Choir Practice Wednesday 10am: Gardening Group in the Community Garden Friday 7.30pm: Bell Ringing in the Tower All services and events are at Christ Church, New Mill, unless otherwise stated				

October Services at Holy Trinity, Hepworth

Sunday 4 October	9.30am Holy Communion
Sunday 11 October	9.30am Holy Communion
Sunday 18 October	9.30am Service of the Word (no Holy Communion)
Sunday 25 October	10am Joint Service at New Mill



BIBLE STUDY – Mark Chapter 16

And a look back at the whole of Mark's Gospel as we read the final chapter.



WHEN Wednesday 14th October 2026

TIME 7pm

WHERE 2 Chapelgate, Scholes, HD9 1SX

Everyone welcome

Contact: Revd Lorna Allies 07706482284

Christmas Market 28th November 2026

I hope it's not too early to mention the Christmas word!

Plans for this year's market are well underway with all stalls booked by the end of August. Preparations are now being made for publicity posters and fliers.

We now need your help as our own church stalls need planning. This year we have:

- Santa's grotto
- Café
- Barbecue
- Hamper raffle
- Chocolate tombola
- Water/wine
- Mulled wine
- Guess the name knitted toy
- Cakes
- Pickles and preserves

We are looking for donations for the chocolate tombola and the raffle hampers. A box will be in the church porch for donations. Nearer the time we will need cakes and volunteers to help with stalls on the day. If you feel you can help in any way please speak to Janet, Jo, Claire, Brigitte or Julia. This is our main fund raising event of the year. Please help support it.

Janet Abbott



Bible Sunday 25th October 2026

How Tyndale affects what you say - today

It is 500 years since William Tyndale printed the very first English translation of the New Testament and hundreds of millions of people today are still quoting him, though they don't know it. For in 1526 Tyndale invented what would become some of the most famous idioms in the English-speaking world.

For instance –

"The salt of the earth"; "Go the extra mile"; "The powers that be"; "Eat, drink and be merry"; "A city on a hill"; "The apple of his eye"; "In the twinkling of an eye"; "Signs of the times"; "My brother's keeper"; "Fight the good fight"; "Broken-hearted"; "Fallen flat on his face".

These phrases were all invented by Tyndale, during his translation from the original Greek of the New Testament.

As a young Catholic priest in England, Tyndale had been inspired by Martin Luther's groundbreaking translation of the Bible into German, and he went to work doing the same for English speakers. No wonder that the Bible Society describes Tyndale as a 'background radical' during Henry VIII's reign (he's mentioned in *Wolf Hall* but doesn't get involved in the action).

Tyndale invented words, too, when he couldn't find a direct English equivalent for a Greek or Hebrew concept. Here are just some:

Scapegoat: To describe the goat burdened with the sins of the people and sent into the wilderness.

Atonement: Literally "at-one-ment", created to describe being at one with God.

Passover: Coined to describe the Jewish holiday where the angel of death passed over the homes of the Israelites.

Busybody: Invented to describe someone who meddles in other people's business.

Tyndale's work has survived multiple revisions of the Bible down the centuries. It is found in the Authorised Version of the Bible, the RSV, the ASV or the ESV, among others.

You can find out more at Bible Society's website:
<https://www.biblesociety.org.uk>

Just type 'Tyndale' into its 'search' box

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The next meeting will be on

Tuesday October 27th

at
2.00pm

Revd. Sarah Has kindly offered to speak about MU in Uganda. If you would like to come along, you will be very welcome.





MUSIC SCENE

October 2026



In the last issue of Parish News, I mentioned the value of music in our worship (and I posed a question too, to which I haven't received any answers or even comments). We welcomed Revd Sarah Cawdell in August, and she chose the music for her installation service, including Parry's setting of words from Psalm 122, "I was glad when they said unto me: We will go into the house of the Lord". This was sung by our choir, slightly augmented for the occasion, with organ and timpani accompaniment. The feedback I had from this service indicated yet again the power of music, in this case reinforced by the drums, in worship.

Our choir will sing Choral Evensong on Sunday 4th October - the date of our Harvest Thanksgiving - at 4:00pm. The music will be of a festive nature, including traditional harvest hymns for all to join in. Do come along!

Holmfirth Musical Festival takes place at Holmfirth Civic Hall on Thursday October 15th, Friday 16th and Saturday 17th, ending with a Gala Evening at 7:30pm on 17th. This is a competitive festival, and I'm told that there has been another bumper entry this year. Do pop in and enjoy the sessions - you will also be supporting the young musicians of our area. There's more information at hmf.org.uk

Looking further ahead, Holme Valley Orchestra have their first concert scheduled for Saturday 14th November, 2:30pm in St. David's hall,

Holmbridge church. This includes Alex Berry as violin soloist playing Bruch's popular violin concerto, plus a Beethoven symphony and a Brahms overture.

Later, on the same day, Holmfirth Choral Society have their concert in our church, when they will perform Matthew Coleridge's "Requiem" and other items. Details from holmfirthchoral.org

Having retired as conductor of Holmfirth Choral, I do recommend this concert, but to be fair, I should point out that there will also be a concert in the Civic Hall at the same time for which The Mastersingers have been booked. All three of these concerts include performers from our church family.

Geoffrey



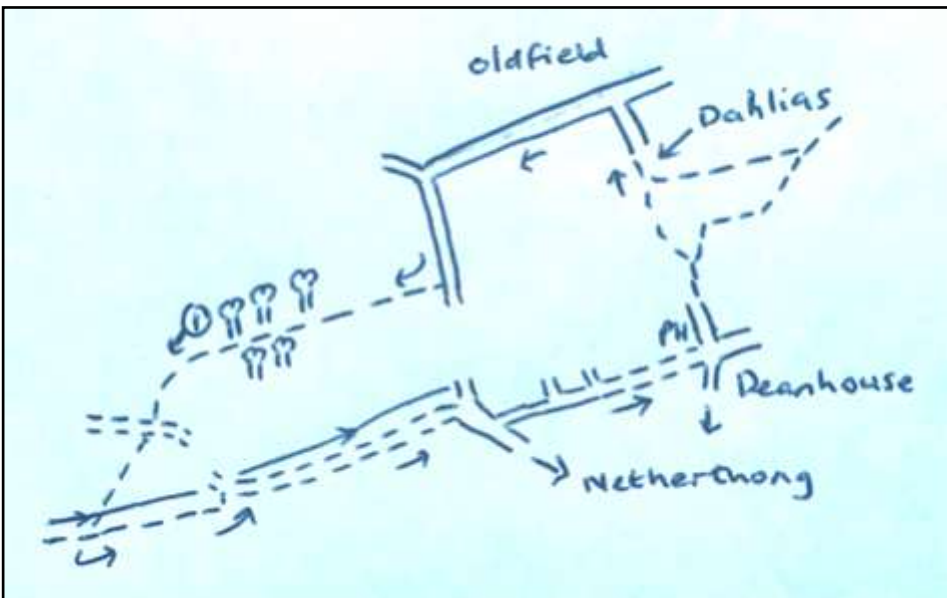
Holme Valley Rambles

63. Flowers of the valley: Dahlias

The essentials: Moderate / 2 miles / 400' climbing

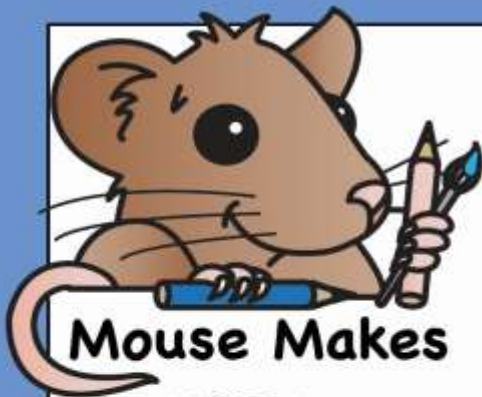
Early autumn – before the first frost arrives – is the time to celebrate dahlias. The walk starts by the Cricketers pub in Deanhouse, Netherthong. Although the Cider Press café is sadly no more, the pub now has an outlet that offers refreshments including breakfasts. Go past the former café, and take either path up the hill. The routes converge next to a garden with a remarkable annual display of dahlias. There is an excellent view over to Thurstonland Bank from here too!

In Oldfield, go left up the road, and then take the minor road on the left. Before the steep downhill section, hop over the stile on your right. The path leads through two fields and then a wood. At the house, avoid the temptation to follow the lane which is not a right of way. Instead, go straight across the lane, and over the field. After another stile and a small stream, turn left through the field. After another stile, you rejoin the lane which will take you back alongside the stream to your starting point.



Children's Page

(for all ages)



The **Bible** is a collection of books, written by many different people who were helped and inspired by God. The **Bible** includes books of history, law, poetry and songs, wisdom, testimony, letters and prophecy.

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2. Which book of the Bible has the shortest title?

1. How many books are there in the New Testament?

3. The Word of God is sharper than a two edged

Hebrews 4:12



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4. He was an Old Testament prophet that has a book named after him.

5. The first book of the Bible.

6. God's word is like?

A _____ and a _____
Psalm 119:105



8. The last book in the Bible.

9. The Old Testament book of poetry and songs.

11. The last book in the Old Testament.

10. Who wrote the third book of the New Testament?

7. What are the first four books of the New Testament known as?

12. Which book tells the story of the spread of Christianity?

13. The Bible is also known as the

14. A book of the Bible named after a woman

of God.
Hebrews 4:12



Steve's Book Review

The Little Book of Psychology

Emily Ralls and Caroline Riggs. 2019. London: Summersdale

The old adage 'A little knowledge is a dangerous thing' should make us wary of reading a short summary and then thinking we are experts. However, this brief introduction fulfils the useful function of alerting us to major issues concerning the fundamental question, why do we think and act the way we do? Its authors are both lecturers in West Sussex. Emily Ralls previously studied Psychology, specialising in evolutionary psychology and primate communication and Caroline Riggs studied Human Psychology with Professional Training. In its 126 pocket-sized pages their book summarises the history and major movements of psychology, its key figures, its controversies and ethics and gives the reader insights into factors that may shape their thoughts and actions. As the way we think about the world, ourselves and each other and the how we act are crucial to Christian discipleship, some awareness of psychology is clearly of relevance to it.

The scientific study of the brain, its structure and functions has provided a solid **biological approach** to our understanding of thought. Psychoanalysis, whose most famous exponents were Freud and Jung, brings another set of factors into play – the effects on our thoughts, feelings and actions of the subconscious, leading to what Ralls and Riggs term the **psychodynamic approach**. The theories of Freud and Jung have been subject to re-evaluation, but their insights about the influence of innate biological urges, childhood experiences and the collective unconscious remain important in understanding ourselves.

The **behaviourist approach** examines the way that experience shapes behaviour, most obviously through conditioning. Famously, Ivan Pavlov induced dogs to salivate in response to a buzzer (not a bell!) which they had been 'conditioned' to associate with food, but conditioned responses apply equally to humans. How much of the experience we have in worship is conditioned? Conditioning is about stimulus and response, but the **cognitive approach** explores what happens between these two – our thought processes. A disturbing finding in this area is the unreliability of memory. Evidence shows that "we will fill in gaps in our knowledge with likely, but not always correct information." (p74). Also, the vocabulary used to ask about events, as well as leading questions can influence our 'memories'. One wonders what questions were asked by those who first undertook to 'compile a narrative' about Jesus, how they asked them, and how the evangelist Luke interrogated his sources (see Luke 1:1,2). **Social Psychology** examines the urge to conform

to the group – a prominent feature of all communal situations, including faith communities. Solomon Asch showed how individuals could be led to endorse obviously incorrect answers simply because the rest of the group did so; and Stanley Milgram notoriously induced participants in an experiment to administer supposed electric shocks to subjects in obedience to an authority figure who 'took responsibility' causing the participants to surrender theirs. In faith communities with strong authority figures and conformity ethics, this is clearly concerning.

The approaches sketched above are largely deterministic, denying humanity free will. However, the authors conclude by outlining the **humanistic approach** which asserts individualism, claiming that not everyone responds to the same influences in the same way and that we have sufficient control over our actions to take responsibility for them. The conflict between determinism and free will is one of the ongoing controversies in psychology. A compromise is 'soft determinism', which suggests 'there are biological and environmental mechanisms that underlie our behaviour, but that, ultimately, we still have a choice regarding the impact they have on our thoughts and actions.' (p124). So, there is still room for freely chosen faith!

Steve Dixon

St Francis of Assisi whose Feast Day is celebrated on 4th October

You'll have heard of Giovanni di Pietro di Bernadone, although he is more probably familiar as Francis of Assisi. On 4th October we will mark 800 years since his death; such was his fame, influence and holiness that he was declared a saint by the pope less than two years after his death.

Francis was born into a prosperous family of silk merchants in Assisi, central Italy, probably in 1181. As a young man he loved clothes, spent money lavishly, and enjoyed a reputation of a jack-the-lad, pleasure-loving and irresponsible. But experience both as a prisoner of war and of illness led him to think deeply about his life, although it took some time for this reappraisal to bear fruit.

Just outside Assisi was the ruined chapel of San Damiano, and it was here that he felt God speak to him, asking him to "repair my church, which as you can see, is falling into ruin". Little did Francis know at that point that 'repairing my church' meant much more than repairing this simple chapel - a task he set about doing.

Francis became known for his devotion to Christ and also his commitment to the poor and bereft. Others were attracted to join him in preaching the gospel and serving the poor. Eventually this was organised into a congregation of poor men (friars),

which today we know as the Franciscans. He established a Rule of Life for these men, later revised as more joined them. A sister organisation, the Poor Clares, was founded for women who wanted to give their lives to God and the service of the poor.

Two years before his death, in a period of intense prayer, he is said to have displayed the *stigmata* - the wounds of Christ - in his hands and side. By then he was increasingly ill; blindness and malaria took its toll. He died aged just 45.

Simplicity was a hallmark of his life, which has come down to us in a number of ways. Care for the environment is one way; patron saint of animals is another. World Animal Day is the marked on the same day as Francis' death.



May God grant you courage -

message of solidarity with the people of Ukraine

The Bishop of Worcester, Hugh Nelson, who is the C of E's Bishop to the Armed Forces, recently went to Kyiv to join Ukrainian church leaders, other religious leaders and government officials at the National Prayer Breakfast in Kyiv. Bishop Hugh also met with the leader of the Orthodox Church of Ukraine, His Beatitude Metropolitan Epiphany.

Bishop Hugh brought a message from the Archbishop of Canterbury, Sarah Mullally. She promised that the Anglican Church would continue to "stand in prayerful solidarity" with Ukraine, and she acknowledged the "immense sacrifices" which the Ukrainians are making "in defence of your country, its people and the values of freedom and human dignity".

Archbishop Sarah also commended Ukraine's constitutional commitments to freedom of religion and conscience. She rejected the language of "holy war" used to justify the attempts to occupy and subjugate Ukraine by the current regime in Moscow.

"We pray for those who have lost their lives, for those who mourn, for the wounded, the displaced, and all who live under the daily shadow of violence and fear. May the peace of Christ, which surpasses all understanding, guard your hearts and minds in the days ahead."

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Don't attack Ukrainian refugees

It appears that this country is not alone in having some sections of society openly showing hostility towards asylum seekers. "Don't attack Ukrainian refugees" is the clear message of leading clergy in Poland, who are deeply concerned at the increasing attacks on Ukrainians who have sought refuge in Poland.

The Archbishop of Krakow, Cardinal Grzegorz Rys says: "Not a day goes by without the media reporting new acts of violence: against children and youth, against women and against migrants - particularly Ukrainians."

Up to 3.4 million Ukrainians sought refuge in neighbouring Poland, a country of 37.7 million, in the months after Russia's invasion in February 2022.

The cardinal is appalled at the current political and social relations in Poland, which he describes as

being "rife with aggression, grievance, abuse of power and force". Instead, he urges Poles to show concern "for the little ones rather than the great and powerful".

Meanwhile, dozens of Roman Catholic clergy have signed an open letter which praises the sacrifice of Ukrainians in "defending their freedom" and calls for an end to the "hatred and contempt".

"Words of contempt lead to threats and acts of violence — a person becomes an enemy just because they speak a different language, pray by a different rite, or were born on the other side of a border," the letter from "Ordinary Sisters and Ordinary Priests" says. "We do not want a Poland in which a person is afraid to speak their own language, send their child to school, or work honestly."

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For the November Edition of Parish News

**Please keep Parish News lively and topical
by letting us know about events that have
happened or are being planned. Progress
reports, ideas, opinions, experiences, don't
wait to be asked—drop me an email. All
your contributions are welcome.**

editor@newmillpc.org.uk.

Deadline for November issue :

Friday 23rd October 2026

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Many thanks (ed).

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Tail piece



I got a call from a scammer who said, "I've got all of your
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I said, "Great. What are they? I'll grab a pen."