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I hope, that despite the changeable weather, you had a lovely time if you managed to get away. We love to complain about the British weather but when you see the heat, fires and storms destroying other areas of the world we really have had nothing to complain about this year.

As usual the magazine contains info about the many activities going on in and around the parishes and as you will see we are now including the dates and times of church services for Meopham and Nurstead too (Page 19).

Luddesdowne church will be having its final open day of the summer (Page 6) and remember that Cobham Church is open every day, from 9.30 to 4.30.

Thank you to those of you that have provided me with articles already I look forward to receiving further news and info to help me fill our, now, bumper magazine!

Best wishes Tina



"Er... vicar – does the church have a position on the donation of GM vegetables for the Harvest Festival?"



Forthcoming
TWO WOMEN
music events

14 September
BOWIESQUE

12 October
FIL STRAUGHAN

9 November
FLEETWOOD BAC

30 November
ABBA Revival

A letter from our Priest-in-Charge – The Rev'd Canon Alyson Davie

Here in the UK, the early autumn has traditionally been the time for the major harvest of fruits, vegetables, and grain. Before the days of international transport of food, the success of these harvests was enormously important if a hungry winter was to be avoided. In this context harvest was traditionally celebrated and in the 19th century, Harvest Festival or Harvest Thanksgiving Services were introduced into the life of the Church of England. At this service examples of both the grain harvest and all the other harvests of fruit and vegetables are brought into Church as a visual reminder of God's goodness in providing the harvest for another year. Thanksgiving is offered to God for the harvest and at the end of the service the examples of the harvest are distributed to those in need.

This practice of holding a service of thanksgiving for the harvest is an important reminder of our wider need to offer thanks to God not just for the harvest, but for all that he has done for us.

There is a prayer used by the Church of England that sums up the things for which we should remember to be thankful. This prayer runs:

'We bless thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for thine inestimable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ, for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And we beseech thee, give us that due sense of all thy mercies, that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful, and that we shew forth thy praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives; by giving up ourselves to thy service, and by walking before thee in holiness and righteousness all our days.'

The language of this prayer is traditional, but its meaning is clear.

God has created us and preserves us in existence, and all the good things we enjoy in life ultimately come to us from his Fatherly hand. In addition, through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus, God has made it possible for us to be in a right relationship with him as our heavenly Father and has given us the sure hope that we shall one day live with him for ever in the new world that is coming at the end of time.

How then, should we respond to all that God has done for us?

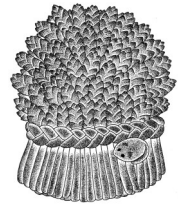
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First, we should be truly ('unfeignedly') thankful. We know we should be thankful to our fellow human beings for what they do for us, and we should be even more thankful to God.

Secondly, we should show our thanks by living God's way (what the prayer calls 'walking...in holiness and righteousness') and this means in practical terms that we should obey the two great commands to love God and love our neighbours. Our neighbours are all those we come across during our lives, and to love them is to do whatever we can to help them to flourish in every area of their lives. God wants them to flourish, just as he wants us to flourish, and he wants us to be his people who help make this happen.

The challenge before us, as we head into an autumn and winter when living costs will continue to concern us, is to remember to look up and give thanks to God for all his goodness to us and to look around and discover how we can be the means God uses to bestow his goodness on the people we meet, as we journey through life.

Yours thankfully Alyson Davie



HELP WANTED

Cobham Church is in urgent need of a Treasurer to manage its finances.

Do you have the necessary skills and experience to help us?

You do not need to be a member of the congregation, but will need an enthusiastic approach and a knowledge of book-keeping.

We would be very happy to hear from you.

Please contact either The Reverend Pam Davies on 01474 394515

Or Hilary Savage on 01634 723027 Thank you.

MORE HELP NEEDED

Cobham Church needs some help with managing it's churchyards.

Jon Pye has been doing a magnificent job for many years with some help from John Jackson and others. However, the time has come to ask for a few new people to help out for a few hours each month.

Many hands make light work, so please let us know if you could help maintain our beautiful churchyards.

Again, we would love to hear from you. Please contact either Jon Pye on 01474 814555 or 07890 083940 or The Reverend Pam Davies on 01474 394515 or Hilary Savage on 01634 723027 Thank you.



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Luddesdowne church Vestry Roof Repairs

Hopefully by the 15th September the vestry roof repairs will be completed, which means inevitably a clean-up process is required inside the church ready for the Harvest Thanksgiving Service on the 24th September.

We would value your help enormously if you could offer a couple of hours on any of the following days:-

Saturday 16th September

Tuesday 19th September or

Thursday 21st September

It would be helpful if you could come equipped with cleaning materials and feather dusters. We will provide brooms, hoovers and brass polish, coffee or tea and biscuits. Please contact Sue Huntingford on 01474 812696 with your offers of help.

Luddesdown & District Rights of Way Group.

We are a small friendly group that usually walks from The Cock Inn, Henley Street, Luddesdown, Gravesend DA13 0XB, at 11am on Wednesdays. We walk at a gentle pace for some 90 minutes in beautiful countryside. Occasionally we lead weekend walks.

With four Socials a year in Luddesdown Village Hall and a twice yearly Newsletter, we would be delighted if you joined us for a walk or two. Becoming a member costs £7 per person a year.

Please contact Walks Co-ordinator Janet Ferguson, preferably by email janetferguson@hotmail.fr . Or Chairman Gerry Minister on 01474 813 376.

SOLE STREET WI

Despite the unseasonable August weather, our Walking Group has continued to pursue weekly walks from Jeskyns and our members the Annual Garden Meeting.

Summer activities during the holiday month of August were largely confined to helping in the St Mary's Church Room with the community tea to raise funds for Ukraine and then with the Local Funding Group supporting the Garage Sale Trail.

Our members' first excursion in September is planned for 6th when we will be attending a Bottle Cutting workshop held by "Fancy Tat" and learning how to make items from old wine bottles - think storm lanterns, hand bells, LED lights.

The speaker at our main meeting on Tuesday 26th September (7.30 pm in the St Mary's Church Room) will be Dee Larcombe on the subject of "Living and Working in India". Members traditionally also bring home grown fruit & preserves or items they have purchased to make up harvest hampers to this meeting as raffle prizes. On 4th Tuesday of following month, 24th October, we will be hearing from the Women's Institute Green Team about "Climate Change and Sustainability".

The memory quilt pictured here was created in tribute for our dear friend and long established WI member Min, who very recently passed away and will be sorely missed. It represents a distillation of many of the crafts and hobbies we enjoyed together, at once an inspiration and celebration of our sisterhood.



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THE TUESDAY POP-IN

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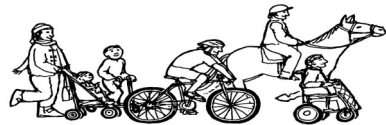
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COMMUNITY COFFEE MORNINGS
10.30 – 12.00 Everyone is welcome

<u>Day</u>	<u>Organisation</u>	<u>Contact</u>
14 th September	Local Funding Group	Su 814560
12 th October	Scrabble and Board Games	“
9 th November	Local Funding Group	“



RIDE and STRIDE 2023

Yes it is here again! On Saturday 9th September, Rosemary Dymond will be cycling across Kent endeavouring to visit 60 churches in a day to raise money for our three churches, St. Peter & St. Paul at Luddesdowne, St. Mary Magdalene at Cobham and St. Mary's Church Room at Sole Street. Last year due to your marvellous generosity she raised over three thousand pounds so each church could use a portion of that for their own use and half went to the Friends of Kent Churches who give out grants each year to Kent churches. Each of our churches has repairs or maintenance needs so they could apply for grants towards that need and because each of them has always been involved in R&S their application would be favoured.

Overall in Kent last year R&S raised £124,565 in one day, enough to support grants for this year. So please give generously this year to Ride and Stride. The sponsor forms are in each church or you can contact Rosemary on 01474 814143 so she can add your name to the sponsor form as I hear she has several at home! Your contribution is worth even more if you are an UK taxpayer and are willing to gift aid your donation and this too can be added to the form. A special thank you to Mary Palmer, Janet Weaver and Su Rowe who will be at the churches on the day to welcome visiting riders and striders and new sponsors.

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Sunday 3rd September will
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tors 11am to 5pm.

North Kent Embroiderers



Hello Everyone, Our ladies recently had the opportunity to sit and stitch in Rochester Cathedral, which at present is hosting the Fenland Oak Table. This magnificent table is made from a piece of a giant black oak tree that was discovered in East Anglia in 2012. The original tree was thought to have been a whopping fifty-five metres tall. A section of it was preserved naturally in the peat bog for five thousand years and as Black Oak is our nation's rarest and therefore most precious hardwood, it was imperative that it should be preserved. Consequently, using immense skill and modern technology, the 13.2metre

long section was transformed over the course of ten years into what has been called The Jubilee Oak Table. The finished table was dedicated to the late Queen Elizabeth II in 2022 her Platinum Jubilee year as a "Table for the Nation". We were privileged to be able to sit at this beautiful piece of craftsmanship. Members took along a variety of their own pieces of embroidery to work on as well as some finished work.

The staff at the Cathedral made us very welcome and we really enjoyed chatting to the visitors that passed our way. One American lady commented on how lovely it was to see a group of ladies sitting a sewing together as we were. Another visitor showed great interest in our group and may come to join us. Oh, and the cake in the café in the crypt was excellent!

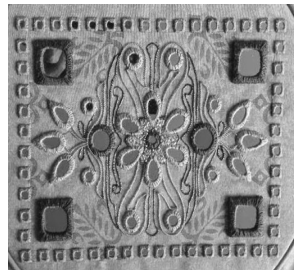
At our last meeting I had been asked to talk about my recent travels in India. I enjoyed showing my embroidery and textile related slides and some of the samples I had produced as a result of my adventures. This piece was produced using shisha mirrors and block printing.

During the summer we have been given a challenge to produce a postcard sized piece of embroidery on the theme of our holidays. This will be brought to the next meeting and swapped with a piece stitched by another member. We have done this kind of challenge before with a different theme each month. It will be fun to see what everyone brings along.

If you would like to join our group or would just like to find out a bit more about us then please pay us a visit - look at our website

or email us at: info@northkentembroiderers.co.uk

or contact our Chairman, Eileen on 01474 324734



Happy stitching, Karen

BELL RINGING by Peter Hartley

“Ringing in the changes” is a familiar saying that comes from the unique English art and science of full-circle change ringing where the order in which the bells sound is constantly changing in an orderly progression. It is odd that the English developed this way of ringing when generally we have no great enthusiasm for change.

I am sitting in my ancient home in Cobham College and thinking about Owletts and remembering Henry and Helen Baker, and Michael and Caroline, and David and Bella. Now amidst change I wonder how the future will evolve under the National Trust’s care for Sir Herbert Baker’s home. The Keltek Trust is a charity which responds to change with funds and reallocating bells. In 2022 the Trust had about 100 bells available to towers. Some come from redundant churches and Trinity House buoy bells can also be used.

Sometimes a bell is donated to augment an existing ring; often from 5 to 6. Funds are always needed for any scheme. A cracked or oddly sounding bell can be recast or replaced. Four bells went out from England to give the Australian cathedral in Darwin a ring of six bells. St. James, Church Kirk, Lancashire was being repurposed and the unwanted bells are now ringing in the church at Over Kellet in the same county. At Hoxne in Suffolk the unringable ring of 5 bells is being replaced by the ring of 8 bells from Glanadda, Bangor. Change is a constant.

In my College calm I have just enjoyed another Alexander McCall Smith novel which ends -

“ ‘That pass our understanding.’ Jamie echoed the words that Isabel had just used, and thought of their source – the great trove of poetic language that had been left to us by Thomas Cranmer and others from all those centuries ago. He thought of how people handed language down, generation to generation, as a gift.

There was no more beautiful form of English than the prose of that time. We had never improved on that language, Isabel thought, and we never would. We needed poetry in our lives – poetry and love”

May we, us, the Church of England, the National Trust, cherish the best amidst change while the bell ringers continue to ring the changes.

From the Cobham Register



Burial of ashes

Audrey Mary PAGE died on the 4th February 2023 aged 89 years old. Audrey's ashes were buried in with her husband's, Robert Henry PAGE, on the 17th July 2023 in Cobham's garden of remembrance. The short service was conducted by our Priest-in-Charge The Rev'd Canon Alyson DAVIE. Our sympathy and prayers go to Audrey's family and friends.

James Anthony HUTCHINSON died on the 1st May 2003 aged 60 years old. James' ashes were buried on the 20th July 2023 in Cobham's garden of remembrance. The short service was conducted by our Priest-in-Charge The Rev'd Canon Alyson DAVIE. Our sympathy and prayers go to James' family and friends

Wedding

Nathan Brian Edmund MANNING and Leanne Nicole GABBITAS were married in Cobham church on the 30th July 2023. The service was conducted by our Associate Priest The Revd Pam DAVIES.



LOCAL FUNDING GROUP COFFEE MORNING FOR UKRAINE

Thank you to everyone able to attend this event on
Thursday, 10th August at St. Mary's Church Room.

With the Raffle, Bring and Buy, Donations and Entry,

£400 was raised.

Susan Rowe, LFG

Cobham, Luddesdowne and Sole Street
Church Services during September



Sunday 3rd September

10:30am Family Service with Baptism, Cobham

Sunday 10th September

10:30am Holy Communion, Luddesdowne

Sunday 17th September

10:30am Holy Communion (BCP), Cobham

Sunday 24th September

10:30am Harvest Thanksgiving with Baptisms,
Luddesdowne

*(All packets and tins will go to those in need, fresh produce will go to the
Ellenor Hospice and the collection will go to TEAR Fund.)*

Midweek services in Sole Street Church Room

9:30am 6th September - Holy Communion,

13th , 20th & 27th Informal Morning Prayer

**Meopham with Nurstead Church Services
during September 2023**



Sunday 3rd Sept

9.45am Morning Worship & Baptism at St John's
11.30am Holy Communion at St Mildred's

Sunday 10th Sept

9.45am Parish Communion at St John's
11.30am Mattins at St Mildred's

Sunday 17th September

8am Holy Communion at St Mildred's
9.45am Morning Worship at St John's

Sunday 25th September

9.45am Harvest Thanksgiving at St John's
11.30am Harvest Thanksgiving at St Mildred's

Wednesday 27th September

10am Holy Communion in St John's Centre

Sunday 1st October

9.45am All Age Worship & Baptism at St John's
11.30am Holy Communion at St Mildred's

The Jubilee (or Fenland) Oak Table—Veronica

Last March, the Fenland Oak Table arrived at Rochester Cathedral. In case you haven't seen it or don't know about it, here is a very brief piece about it and perhaps, you will be tempted to go and see it as it is truly magnificent! (also mentioned in the article on page 15).

The photograph shows a team of people, folding down a leaf ready to move the table, which only needs two people!



When you go to have a look, make sure you see the two plaques at each end, they aren't very large but interesting, like the table!!

You may wish to visit the website at www.thefenlandblackoakproject.co.uk/the-table

The photograph shows a beautiful display of mauve birds which are Peace Doves, an initiative by Rochester Cathedral for people to fill in their prayers for peace! Then they were hung as shown!!



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1st South Street Boys Brigade and Girls Association Company

Boys and girls aged 5-18 years are invited to join us for ball games, table tennis, cooking, painting, craft, indoor archery, map reading and outdoor activities. The Company meets every Friday evening during term time, from 6pm until 7.30pm at South Street Baptist Church, Wrotham Road, **DA13 0QJ** (next to Hope Hill Scout Camp). Please ring 01474 813379 for more information or visit the website: **www.BOYS-BRIGADE.ORG.UK** The new term begins on Friday 8th September at 6pm and the weekly subscription is £2. The boys and girls will be walking to all the churches in Meopham on Saturday 9th September as part of the Ride and Stride sponsored event.

In June, we camped at the Boys Brigade Honey Hill Camp in Maidstone, which has adventure playgrounds and a climbing wall. We also visited the Water Activities Centre in Tonbridge, for canoeing, kayaking and stand up paddle boards with a team of qualified leaders. For more information, please visit: **www.thewac.org.uk**

The young people in the company will be taking part in the Harvest Festival and Operation Agri Service on Sunday 24th September at 10.45am at South Street Baptist Church. Everyone is very welcome to join us and refreshments will be served afterwards. SONG TIME begins again on Monday 11th September at 9.45am until 11am for families with babies and children under five. There are lots of toys as well as art, craft and singing. Family admission is £1. The next all ages Family Games Afternoon will be on Saturday 16th September 2pm-4pm and everyone is very welcome to join us. Entry is free. For more information about all our family activities please visit: **www.southstreetbaptist.org.uk**



September – Late summer progresses into autumn

September is generally a cooler month than August! While there's not as much to do in the ornamental garden at this time of the year, if you have a fruit or vegetable patch, you'll be busy reaping the rewards of harvest. It's also time to get out and start planting spring-flowering bulbs for next year and you can collect seeds for next summer's colour too. Make the most of the remaining warmth while you can!

RHS - Top 10 jobs this month

- 1 Divide herbaceous perennials
- 2 Pick autumn raspberries
- 3 Collect and sow seed from perennials and hardy annuals
- 4 Dig up remaining potatoes before slug damage spoils them
- 5 Net ponds before leaf fall gets underway
- 6 Keep up with watering of new plants, using rain or grey water if possible
- 7 Start to reduce the frequency of houseplant watering
- 8 Clean cold frames and greenhouses so that they are ready for use in the autumn
- 9 Cover leafy vegetable crops with bird-proof netting
- 10 Plant spring flowering bulbs

Cobham Gardeners' Society Next Events *Both At The Meadow Rooms*

Saturday 16th September 2023 Autumn Show & Plant Sale from 2pm to 3.30pm. Members will exhibit their home-grown flowers, vegetables, and preserves. Non-members are welcome free of charge to view the exhibits between 2pm and 3.30pm. Plants plus tea, coffee and homemade cake will be on sale.

Wednesday 11th October 2023 – 7pm for 7.30pm expert speaker talk. **Plants Around The World - Bob Potter** gives an entertaining talk showing many species of plants found on his travels. Entry is free to members; non-members are welcome and pay just £3.

You can sign up for Membership of Cobham Gardeners at any time ... and get savings at local garden centres straight away to help with all of those garden jobs. You can apply for membership at the show, talk or by email. It's only a modest £10 for the year – money you get back from free entry into all Gardeners' expert speaker talks and massive savings of up to 50% on quality plants at local garden centres.

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Come the autumn and we all have an impulse to make our gardens tidy for the winter, but we should fight this urge and put some thought in what we will leave for the benefit of the wildlife. Don't cut back perennials and grasses in autumn, leave them over the winter! Apart from teasels and thistles taking the winter stage it is more than that. The reason is that these 'dead' plants are the winter homes for lots of beneficial insects. Insects are in need of our help at the moment as they are in steep decline. They use rough vegetation to either overwinter themselves or lay eggs to be hatched next spring. Those eggs will hatch before aphids and other pests appear. The adults from this first round of eggs will lay their eggs in time to control the aphids etc.

Another reason not to cut back the vegetation is that many of the flower heads contain seeds that can nourish our birds over the winter. It is the same reason you should stop deadheading roses so that they can set hips which are a great source of food for many animals.

While some butterflies migrate to warmer climates for the winter, many stay for the winter at a suitable stage of their life cycle, staying in the chrysalis form for the cold months attached to stalks or leaves. Some spend the winter as caterpillars sheltering under leaf litter or in seed pods.

Dead plant stalks left standing until new growth begins in the spring also provide overwintering habitat to some species of native bees. An overwintering queen bumblebee may find shelter deep in the crown of an ornamental grass plant rustling in the winter wind.

The vegetable garden should be cleared to prevent fungus taking hold there. Sweeping leaves from the lawns is a must but they can be heaped behind that thick shrub to rot down there and create another rich habitat for all sorts of creatures. The fashionable meadows of wildflowers thrive on a short autumn trim, but leaving a proportion of the meadow long will benefit the insects and seed heads nourish hungry mammals.

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Monday	Monday Club for the retired	Every week 2-4 pm	Brian Williams 814049
Tuesday	U3A Choir Singing Group	1 st and 3 rd in the month 9.45-11.45. am	Sheryl Diddams 813476
Tuesday	WI	4 th in the month 7.30-10.00 pm	Yvonne Martin 813455
Wednesday	Midweek Worship	Every week 9.00-10.45am	Ron Chamberlain 814250
Thursday	LFG Coffee Morning	2 nd in the month 10.30 - 12.00	Su Rowe 814560
Friday	U3A Sign Language	2 nd in the month 2.00-3.30pm	Roy Lingham 815908

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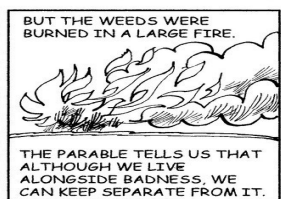
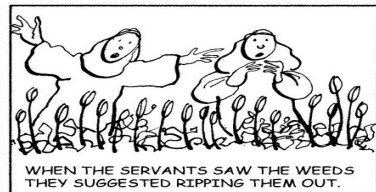
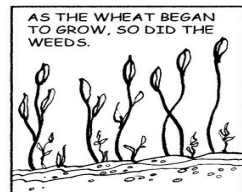
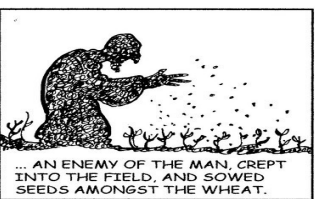
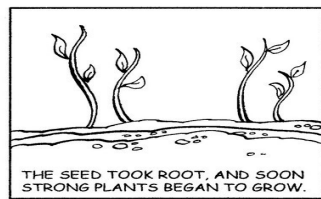
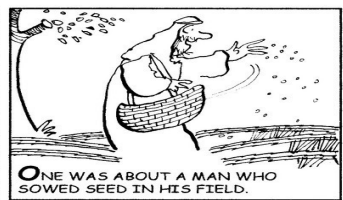
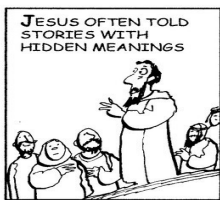
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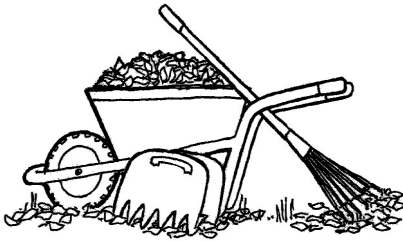
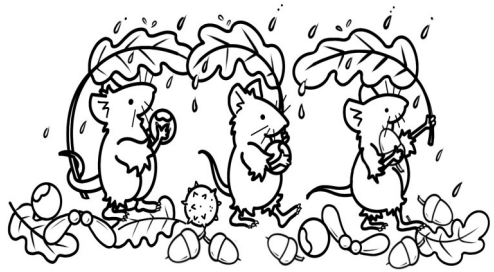


Hello there lovely parish peeps!
 Well it has been 10 months since I arrived in the parish and I love the place and my new friends more each day. It's September and I know that some of you will be starting a new school and I recognise that going to a new place can be scary – new buildings, new people and new smells (perhaps not the smells). Try to think of it as an exciting adventure; that is what I did when I left the RSPCA centre to move to Sole Street. At first I was nervous but now I have new friends and I am learning lots of new things everyday just like you will. Good luck!
 I know you will make us proud. Love and licks Paddy



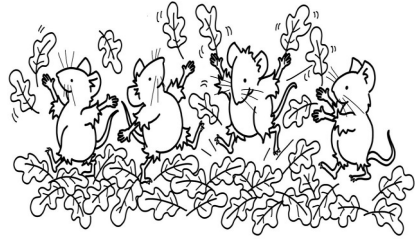
When Autumn Comes

Should we be sad
When autumn comes
And winter looms ahead?
Is it so bad
That days grow short
And verdant leaves grow red?



We'll miss the sun
And long, hot days
We'll miss the sea and sand;
But soon will come
The starry nights
And wintry landscapes grand!

Perhaps it's best
That nature sleeps
And things no longer grow;
We get a rest
From vibrant weeds
And grass we need not mow.



So celebrate
The equinox
The autumn season's here!
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For some reason, the Church gives thanks for angels in September. The 29th is the feast day of Michael and All Angels. Since the days of Genesis, these messengers of God have been sent many times to intervene for the good in human affairs. Angels guarded the Garden of Eden, they led Lot away from Gomorrah, they helped Gideon, they stopped Balaam, they closed the mouths of lions for Daniel, and, most important, the archangel Gabriel was sent to tell Mary that she would mother the Messiah. Angels sat in the empty tomb of Jesus, and told of His Resurrection. Revelation is teeming with angels, sent on all sorts of missions by God in the last times. Today, many Christians in the world's hot spots report having had angels help them when in mortal danger.

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