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**October 2026**

**GREETINGS  
FROM  
LUDLOW  
METHODIST  
CHURCH**



**Special Air Service Memorial in Hereford Cathedral**

Jesus travelled through all the towns and villages of that area announcing the Good News about the Kingdom. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them because they were confused and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. He said to his disciples, "The harvest is great, but the workers are few. So pray to the Lord who is in charge of the harvest; ask him to send more workers into his fields."

Dear Friends,

**L**udlow Methodist Church needs workers.

We need at least two Stewards and a Property Steward. Is it possible that you are being called to one of these roles? The Stewards are welcoming and work well together in consideration of each other's needs. The Property Steward is actively supported by the Property and Finance Committee and by Sarah, our Administrator. If you cannot help in this way then please pray for more workers. However, this doesn't mean that we can abrogate our responsibilities – we have all been given gifts and graces to be used in God's service.

Jesus travelled through towns teaching and healing people. He felt deep pity for the large crowds because they looked lost and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Jesus compared the people who needed spiritual help to a ripe crop ready to be gathered (the harvest). There were not enough followers (labourers) to help share the message and care for the people. Jesus told his disciples to pray to God (the Lord of the harvest) to send more workers into the fields (church and community).

But this passage isn't only about workers in a church setting. It's about going out and stepping up to the plate about sharing our faith and love of Jesus with other people.

Most scholars agree that this passage means many people are open to hearing about faith, but very few believers actively step up to share it. It serves as a call to action for people to participate in spreading a message of hope and helping others.

With love and blessings,  
Denise

## Remembering St Francis of Assisi

Eight hundred years ago, on 3<sup>rd</sup> October 1226, St Francis of Assisi, the Italian friar, deacon and mystic, died. One of the most venerated religious figures in Christianity, he founded the Franciscan Order.

He died at the age of about 44 of severe illness, including eye disease, malaria and exhaustion, possibly following a 40-day fast. He was declared a saint by Pope Gregory IX two years later.

Francis' father was a wealthy silk merchant, Pietro di Bernardone dei Moriconi, and his mother a noblewoman from Provence. He was one of seven children – called Francesco by his father, who was an enthusiast for France. At first, he behaved as a typical son of a wealthy merchant, but several things changed his attitude – one of which was his capture and imprisonment for nearly a year after fighting in a war against Perugia.

He also had visions and underwent a change in character leading him to a strong commitment to help the poor – an attitude which led to estrangement from his father, whom he eventually renounced.

He aligned himself strongly with the poor, on one occasion begging with them at St Peter's Basilica in Rome. He also spent times in lonely places, seeking divine illumination, and was said to have received the stigmata during an angelic vision.

Often pictured wearing a plain brown habit tied with a rope of three knots, symbolising poverty, chastity and obedience, St Francis is one of the most honoured people in Christianity. He is a joint patron saint of Italy with Catherine of Siena, and in 2013 Archbishop Bergoglio of Argentina chose the papal name of Francis in his honour, becoming Pope Francis.

Many pilgrimage routes lead to the tomb of St Francis in Assisi, and he is honoured by many churches, including Lutherans and Anglicans.

## The Mysterious Cross

Recently Geoff was admitted by ambulance into Hereford Hospital's A&E Acute ward because if he hadn't have been he would not be here now. He was very poorly and didn't recognise me when I visited him the following day. However, one night I was



informed by a doctor that Geoff had been moved into a one bed ward because he had suffered three seizures. I believe it could have been then when this mysterious cross appeared as I hadn't seen it when visiting the previous ward. Geoff came through that trauma and was moved to Wye Ward. When I visited the next day I noticed the cross on his bedside table for the first time and asked who had left it. Geoff thought it had been left by an old woman but as he had been so poorly he said he wasn't sure. Well, the cross became a talking point. One male nurse asked if Geoff was a Christian to which he replied "Yes, I'm a Methodist". The nurse replied that he was a Roman Catholic. Another Indian nurse said she belonged to a particular Indian faith and so it went on.

Geoff got better and came home after spending nine days in hospital but he made sure that his cross was packed in his bag before leaving. It now has pride of place propped up against a lovely photo of Geoff and myself.

Whoever left the cross didn't know whether the recipient was a believer or not or if he would live or die but he or she knew that the risen Christ would be watching over him and keeping him forever in his eternal healing love.

*Maureen.*

## **Trip to Sidmouth, Devon**

Earlier this year we had a short trip to Sidmouth. We had been there in January 2025 to celebrate Geoff's birthday and thought we'd like to see it in warmer weather. So from snow, hail and storms in January we arrived in May during the first heat wave of 2026, but the sea breezes made it bearable, and we enjoyed exploring the town again – and certainly enjoyed the ice cream!

When we were there last year we had attended the Methodist Church on the Sunday and had planned to do so again until I saw on the website that Sunday was listed as Pentecostal Jazz. It was Pentecost Sunday and, what we hadn't realised, there was a Jazz Festival in the town. Not being lovers of jazz we decided to go to Exmouth Methodist Church instead. This is a small church on the outskirts of the town and it is about to launch into a big redevelopment scheme. It was a good service and we were given possibly the warmest welcome we have ever received anywhere. I know we believe we are very welcoming in Ludlow, and we are, but others do it well too.

On another day we went along the coast to Budleigh Salterton, where there is a fossil beach, as an attraction for Geoff. They have a Wesley's cafe at the Methodist Church so we enjoyed lunch there. The town museum is nearby with an interesting geology/fossil section and an exhibition on Big Chief I-Spy. I expect most of us had some of the I-Spy books in our childhood. Big Chief I-Spy, real name Charles Warrell, retired to Budleigh Salterton and lived there for some years. My interest in him is that he was my parents' head teacher at Higher Wych school on the Wales/Cheshire border, near Whitchurch, Shropshire. Mum and Dad had great respect for him. He also wrote books on handwriting, the correct way to address people and etiquette. He died in 1995 at the age of 106 and at that stage was living in Matlock, Derbyshire.

*Elizabeth Wright*

## 2. More than enough

Last month I wrote about how God sees us all as being good enough for his service. Is that enough!?

This series has come out of a sermon I preached on the feeding of the five thousand. A large crowd had followed him into the remote countryside to hear him teach. As the day drew to a close, the disciples started to get anxious; the situation was not good enough for them. The people would need food and shelter.

Jesus simply turned to his disciples and said: “*You give them something to eat*”. All they could find were five loaves of bread and two fish. “*It’s not good enough*” they said. But for Jesus, this small offering was plenty and he miraculously turned it into more than enough for the huge crowd that had gathered. So much more than enough that there were twelve basketfuls of scraps left over! ‘Good enough’ was sufficient for all; it was good and there was enough ... more than enough.

Some people like to explain this story by claiming that many of the people in the crowd had their own supplies of food with them, but they were initially reluctant to share what they had. This version of events is justified by saying it was a miracle that turned selfish folk into generous people. When moved by Christ, people are willing to share.

That interpretation of the story would be only just good enough, but Jesus wanted to make the whole incident good enough to show his power and good enough to demonstrate God’s generous love. He took what was good enough and made it more than enough, and there were twelve basketfuls of scraps lefty over!

God is like that in all his dealings with us. When we sow a packet of seeds we usually have to thin the plants out and throw away far more than we keep. In nature plants spread far more seeds than they need for simple regeneration. God created a world where there is more than enough for all if we learn how to

share it. Our generous God is an amazing God, who takes our humble gifts and transforms them.

We need to be faithful in small ways in order to see the bigger picture. We may see ourselves as hiding in a big crowd clutching at our meagre gifts, hoping not to be noticed and asking “How can I make a difference in this troubled world?” But what we have and who we are is good enough for God to use, he can transform us into ‘more than enough’.

**Mike Owens**

*Next month: Enough for God*

God is here

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### Book the date

Our new curate was very eager to please. When I asked if I could have a church service when I eventually die, he responded with enthusiasm. “Of course,” he said, grabbing his date book. “What day do you want?”

### God is here

When our minister and his wife visited our neighbour, her four-year-old daughter answered the door. “Mum!” she yelled toward the living room. “God’s here, and He brought His girlfriend.”

### The cow and the Bible

A religious farmer lost his Bible out in the field. A few days later he went to answer a noise at his door. Standing there was a cow, with his Bible in its mouth. The farmer raised his eyes to heaven and thanked the Lord for this miracle. “It’s not really,” said the cow. “Your name was written inside.”

### Others

If it’s true that we are here to help others, then what exactly are the others here for?

## UNDERSTANDING THE WEATHER

Who knows? By the time you read this, the chatter on the street may be along the lines of how cold it is for the time of year. As I write however, this is day 12 of consecutive temperatures over 30°. I was very grateful when a neighbour watered my garden one day recently, without my giving a thought to how fortunate we are to be able to turn on the tap, use the flush and press 'start' on the washing machine, regardless of who pushes the button. If the system fails we are on the phone immediately. How is it for the billions who live in countries that experience constant tropical temperatures but have no infrastructure or systems to mitigate the challenges such a climate presents.

My mind turned back to Ethiopia and Dallol, the hottest habitable place ever in the world. Does the town have a reliable electricity supply to power air cons and fans?

In Their Lifetime (ITL) is an innovation and learning hub within Christian Aid, driven by creative ideas from inspiring local organisations. Since it was created in 2019 it has worked to create a sustainable producer-owned hibiscus enterprise in Nicaragua, to secure land rights in Bolivia, to enable communities to tap into the global cocoa market and to help women in Sierra Leone to secure governance roles to drive community-led change.

In Nicaragua ITL works with a local charity exploring ways to make a sustainable impact on communities and to share learning. They reach 300 rural farms where people depend on growing

coffee, cocoa and honey for their livelihoods. Understanding the weather is vital so funds invested through ITL equip families with the tools to anticipate and adapt to climate change.

Nahomi Romto, is a volunteer weather station monitor. She monitors weather data and feeds this into the weather forecast used by the community to help increase yields from farming. 'Through this project, I have learnt the importance of adapting to climate change, as we cannot avoid it. The training I received helped me understand what it means to be a resilient family.'



*Nahomi Romto, weather station monitor*

Let us pause in the middle of our short-lived discomfort and remember those in the global south with so little support in such circumstances. This tropical and arctic weather highlights the importance of weather forecasting. It also alerts us to the part we must play in our support of such communities.

Thanks to all who supported the coffee morning particularly to Anthony for his generosity in donating the coffee.

*Claire*



# Green Pages

A round-up of environmental  
and climate-change news

October 2026

## Reducing our Carbon Footprint

There is no doubt that we all need to cut our carbon footprint by a significant amount, but how can we do this? Shropshire Climate Action offers the following tips. Perhaps you are already doing some of these; are you able to do more?

**Food:** Eat less meat and dairy, eat more plant-based foods.

Buy local food in season.

Plan meals to avoid waste.

**Travel:** Walk or cycle for short journeys.

Holiday close to home and cut down on air travel.

Use public transport when possible.

Drive a small, fuel-efficient car, or switch to an electric car.

**Home:** Turn down your thermostat; even one degree will make a difference.

Insulate, seal up draughts and have double-glazed windows.

Use LED light bulbs and energy-efficient appliances.

Dry clothes outside instead of in a tumble dryer.

Buy electricity from 100% renewable sources.

If you can, install solar panels and a heat pump to replace gas and oil.

**Reduce your consumption:**

Buy less; ask yourself if you really need it?

Repair items instead of throwing them away.

Buy second-hand.

Avoid fast fashion.

Keep items longer – do you really need an upgrade?

Be inventive in reusing things for new purposes.

Avoid buying things with lots of packaging.

Recycle everything you can.

Support local businesses.

You can calculate your personal carbon footprint with an online calculator such as [carbonfootprint.com](https://carbonfootprint.com), [carbonindependent.org](https://carbonindependent.org) or for a quick estimation use [climate-calculator.climatehero.org](https://climate-calculator.climatehero.org)

*Shropshire Climate Action*

## Pilgrimage Walk

In August this year Methodist Lay worker Marie Lumb and her husband Lee organised a party of 33 people, aged between 8 and 80 years old, to complete the final leg of the 135-mile North Wales Pilgrim's Way from Tudweiliog to Aberdaron, and then sail to Bardsey Island, an ancient place of pilgrimage.

In 2024 Marie was inspired to walk the North Wales Pilgrim's Way. While visiting her mother-in-law in Holywell, Flintshire, she had discovered a mural depicting the old pilgrim's path, from Basingwerk Abbey working its way through North Wales, stopping by ancient chapels, Celtic crosses, mountains, valleys and coastline, to Aberdaron, and then on to Bardsey Island.

Marie, Lay Worker for Crewe by Farndon Methodist Church, thought that some of the families who attended the children's groups may like to try a walk. (Crewe by Farndon is a tiny chapel in the South Cheshire Circuit.)

Little did she know that one walk would rapidly lead to more, so from April 2024 to August 2026 local families from the Holt, Farndon and Malpas area, walked the Pilgrim's Way, in the summer months, averaging one walk per month of between 8 to 14 miles.

Most of the children were aged six to nine years old when they started walking in 2024, so covering such long distances was a huge achievement.

But it hasn't just been a walk; the chapel congregation has grown as fresh conversations about faith, community and belief happened along the way. The spirit of pilgrimage has been so transformational that they have recently decided to change their name to "Celtic Chapel", with their commitment to pilgrimage, and journeying with people foundational in their vision.

The final day's walk from Tudweiliog to Aberdaron, a 12-mile section, culminated in a service of celebration at St Hywen's Church in Aberdaron, where the congregation was warmly welcomed by Lay Minister Susan. The next day they completed their pilgrimage with a boat trip to Bardsey Island..

Marie said: "The whole experience from beginning to end has been transformative for the whole chapel, giving opportunities for faith conversations. As well as marvelling at the wonders of nature and visiting ancient chapels, we got to know each other on a deeper level. We also realised that each one of us has strengths and weaknesses when walking such a challenging pilgrimage, and that collectively we each had something to bring to the group. We became a team! We are now far more likely to reach out to one another, for not only practical help in our everyday lives, but with prayer requests too."

"You would have thought we would have been ready to hang up our walking boots, but the pilgrimage bug has well and truly bitten, and the question now is, what next?"

*Methodist News*

## Working Towards Net Zero

Great Britain is famously a rainy island, but the prevailing weather conditions in recent months have forced many of us to reconsider whether this will remain the case in a warming world. Like much of Europe, the summer of 2026 has been marked by exceptional heat, unprecedentedly low rainfall and wildfires. While warm and dry conditions are not new, the science is clear that climate change has made this summer hotter and dryer than it would otherwise be.

The numbers paint a dramatic picture. The average temperature in June was almost 3°C above average for England. In July, Wales received just 8% of its average rainfall. In England and Wales horrific wildfires have raged, destroying homes and leading to an emergency alert from the Government. In Scotland, a wildfire in the Cairngorms burned for almost two weeks and destroyed 25 square kilometres of forest and moorland.

We once talked about the climate crisis in the future tense, as a scary and unknown future on our horizon. It is now undeniable that the climate crisis is here. In the Methodist Church we are committed to reducing our contribution to this crisis by taking all reasonable steps to become a net-zero Church.

Many Methodist churches have installed solar panels, switched to heat-pumps, improved the insulation of their buildings, and taken other steps to reducing the greenhouse gas emissions associated with their buildings. Some churches have changed who they bank with, others have made greater use of online meetings. Worship outlines and liturgies have been developed that put care for creation front and centre.

Of course, the Methodist Church is fundamentally nothing more or less than the sum of the people who make it up. And in many ways, we have each been working to reduce our own emissions: taking public transport, eating less meat, flying less, recycling our waste.

We can see the possibility of what a net-zero Methodist Church will look like. It is not here yet, but there is a trace of what the future will be that we can discern in the present.

But we must move faster to make that hoped-for future a reality. As serious as the situation is here in Britain, the urgency of the climate crisis in other parts of the world is even greater. This injustice is compounded when we consider that many of those most affected by the climate crisis have done the least to cause it.

The summer of 2026 should be a wake-up call for those of us in Britain. The climate crisis has arrived, and if we are serious when we say we are called to do justice then climate action must be central to everything we do.

*Jack Slater-Wells, the Methodist Church's Net Zero Engagement Officer*

## Responding to extreme weather

This summer we have lived through a string of heat waves. There have been alarming and destructive fires across the UK. Locally, the Long Mynd was closed due to fire risk and fires broke out across the county in fields, hedgerows and campsites. Homes in Stourbridge, our close neighbour, were destroyed.

Increasingly, people are looking for ways to become more resilient in response to these changes.

In the garden we can maximise water collection, by investing in as many water butts as you can, or find other ways to collect and store water. If you have lost plants this summer, replace with more drought resilient alternatives, but it's worth waiting to see what will recover now we have had some rain.

Consider alternatives to the traditional rye grass lawn such as introducing or encouraging wildflowers or ground cover plants. Increase areas of shading with trees or by letting hedges grow. You will also help wildlife in the garden with these measures and trees can also help shade buildings.

Gardeners this year faced the dilemma of whether to water or not and despaired of brown, crispy lawns. Barbara Mark from Ludlow Quakers, says, "I think naturalists and environmentalists might have to work fast to stop our country being covered with false lawns. I have seen and felt them. The false lawn industry has done a good job. These lawns feel soft and nice to touch and walk on. But what a disaster! Nowhere for birds to find food. Or insects to live. And just think how much plastic goes into them."

Artificial grass provides no food for living creatures. It restricts access to the soil beneath for burrowing insects and to the ground above for soil dwellers such as worms. It restricts access to natural materials like leaf litter and grass clippings, which are essential for feeding soil organisms like worms and microscopic animals, keeping the soil healthy.

Artificial grass reaches significantly greater temperatures than those reached by natural grass under the same weather conditions. Plastic lawns can overheat in hot weather making them unusable.

*Shropshire Climate Action, and other sources*



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# House Groups

## re-start in October

Led by Rev Denise Hargreaves

Looking at the Gospel of Matthew

**October and November dates for your diary**

**5<sup>th</sup> October at 2.30pm** at the home of Jo & Nigel Gibbon  
(Hopton Bank & Melville, **SESSION 8**)

**23<sup>rd</sup> October at 3.00pm** at Wyson Chapel  
(Orleton & Wyson, **SESSION 8**)

**28<sup>th</sup> October at 3.00pm** at the home of Ruth & Mike Owens  
(Ludlow, **SESSION 8**)

**2<sup>nd</sup> November at 2.30pm** at the home of Jo & Nigel Gibbon  
(Hopton Bank & Melville, **SESSION 9**)

**20<sup>th</sup> November at 3.00pm** at the home of Sara & Paul Burnham  
(Orleton & Wyson, **SESSION 9**)

**25<sup>th</sup> November at 3.00pm** at the home of Ruth & Mike Owens  
(Ludlow, **SESSION 9**)



Anyone can attend any group, but please let the host know,  
so they can cater better and have enough seating.  
There will be handouts for each person.

NEW NEW NEW NEW NEW NEW

## AND YOU ARE INVITED...

As you know, the Wesley's Café space is available on Thursdays.

At Church Life, it was decided to utilize this space from 10.30 a.m. – 11.30 a.m.ish to introduce

## Living In Faith Together - L.I.F.T.

It's an informal, free discussion on faith, living in today's world, and Biblical context.

The dates and facilitators are:

1st October – Denise = Personal testimony

5<sup>th</sup> November – Mike Owens =

3<sup>rd</sup> December – Stephen Dalton =

7<sup>th</sup> January – T.B.A

4<sup>th</sup> February – T.B.A

4<sup>th</sup> March – T.B.A

1<sup>st</sup> April – Roger Clayton = Myths and Legends

May 6<sup>th</sup> – T.B.A.

## Living In Faith Together - L.I.F.T.

### You are invited to a NEW initiative

As you know, Wesley's Café is now not open on Thursdays, so the space is available for other activities.

At the Church Life meeting it was decided to utilize this space for a monthly informal discussion on faith, living in today's world, and Biblical context.

It will take place on the first Thursday of the month commencing October 1<sup>st</sup> from 10.30 a.m. for about an hour over a cup of tea or coffee.

Anyone and everyone is welcome, so why not invite a friend. Bring your doubts and questions, and share your experiences.

It isn't a Church Service, it isn't a Bible Study, it is open for all to share our experiences of faith in today's world.

## 100 years of Winnie-the-Pooh

One hundred years ago, on 14<sup>th</sup> October 1926, the children's book Winnie-the-Pooh, by A A Milne, was published.

It was set in the Hundred Acre Wood, an innocent world described as "largely Edenic" but based on Ashdown Forest in East Sussex, which the Milne family often explored from their home in nearby Hartfield. It came about through the encouragement of E H Shepard, Milne's colleague on the humorous magazine Punch, who provided the beguiling illustrations.

Alan Alexander Milne was firstly a playwright and occasional mystery story writer who, again with Shepard, wrote the book of children's verse When We Were Very Young, which contained the seeds of Winnie-the-Pooh and its sequel, The House on Pooh Corner, all of which proved extremely popular.

It was apparently during a family visit to London Zoo, where Christopher Robin encountered a tame bear called Winnipeg, that the book was conceived. Winnie's literary friends, such as Piglet and Eeyore, were originally toys of the real Christopher Robin.

Sadly, the book eventually had an adverse effect on the Milne family. The author said that he felt "amazement and disgust" at the fame his son had had thrust upon him: "I do not want C R Milne to ever wish that his name was Charles Robert." Nevertheless, the son did become estranged from his parents, especially following his marriage to his mother's niece.

The effect of the book on others has been happier. A plaque at Ashdown Forest declares that Milne and Shepard "captured the magic of Ashdown Forest and gave it to the world".

Despite creating a kind of Eden, Milne, who was a pacifist, said little about religion. But he did say on joining the Home Guard that "in fighting Hitler we are truly fighting the Devil, the Anti-Christ ... Hitler was a crusader against God."

The four Winnie-the-Pooh books went on to sell more than 50 million copies worldwide. The first book became the first-ever foreign-language book on the New York Times bestseller list.

The day has barely started and it's already six in the evening.

Monday has barely arrived and it's already Friday.

-and the month is almost over

-and the year is almost over

-and already 40, 50, 60 or more years of our lives have passed;

and we realise we've lost our parents, our friends,

and we realise it's too late to go back.

So let's try, despite everything, to enjoy the remaining time.

Let's keep looking for activities we like,

Let's put some colour in our grey,

Let's smile at the little things in life that put balm in our hearts.

And despite everything ,

Let's try to enjoy with serenity the time we have left.

Let's try to eliminate the 'afters'. 'I'm doing it after.' Let's say 'later' I'll do it later'

We leave everything for 'after' like 'after' is ours.

Because we don't understand is that

Afterwards the coffee gets cold. Afterwards priorities change.

Afterwards the charm is broken. Afterwards health passes.

Afterwards the children grow up. Afterwards parents get old

Afterwards promises are forgotten. Afterwards day becomes night.

Afterwards life ends and then it's often too late.

So let's leave nothing for 'later.'

Because still 'waiting to see later', we could lose the best moments,

the best friends, the best family

The day is today. The moment is now.

We are no longer at an age when we can afford to postpone what needs to be done right away.

It looks an eternity-but its a short trip.

Enjoy life and always be kind.

*Caitriona Loughrey. Submitted by Stephen Dalton*

Father,

Thank you for your written Word to us in the Bible, inspired and interpreted by your Holy Spirit. Thank you that from beginning to end it reveals Jesus, the living Word, sent by you to rescue us from the mess of selfishness and disobedience. May we treasure your revelation to us and allow you to guide us by it through the confusion and pain of this world, confident that your Word is unchanging and powerful and trustworthy.

In Jesus' name, Amen.

*By Daphne Kitching*

### **Prayer for harvest**

Dear Lord,

As we give thanks for the harvest and pray for the farmers who have struggled through the summer's drought and heatwaves, we also give thanks and pray for those who work to share the good news of Your kingdom, to bring in Your harvest of people who are searching for You.

May we, who know You, join those workers and share the good news that Jesus brings. So many people are lost and without hope or direction. Help us to reach out to them, maybe with an invitation, or simply a smile, or an act of kindness. May they see Your love reflected in us and turn to You.

May they put their trust in Jesus, who alone is the answer to all life's great questions.

Lord, may we be workers in the harvest field where You have placed us, for Your glory. In Jesus' name. Amen.

*By Daphne Kitching*

An angel was showing a group of newcomers around heaven and they came to a very high wall. "What's in there?" asked a newcomer. 'Ssh,' said the angel, that's for the (Anglicans, Baptists, Catholics, Methodists, take your pick.) They think they're the only ones here.

A Yorkshireman was visiting the Holy Land and arrived at the place at the Sea of Galilee where Jesus walked on the water..

'How much is a return trip across the lake? he asked the boatman. '£50,' was the reply.

'No wonder Jesus walked,' the Yorkshireman replied.

It was the annual Heaven versus Hell football match. Jesus was asked about his team's chances, 'very good,' he said, 'we've got the best players.' 'Put your money on us,' said the Devil, 'we've got all the referees.'

*Stephen Dalton*

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... it's strange to me  
How very full the church can be  
With people I don't see at all  
Except at Harvest Festival

**John Betjeman**

### **With Animal Welfare Sunday in mind:**

I really don't think I could consent to go to Heaven if I thought there were to be no animals there.

**George Bernard Shaw**

Change will not come if we wait for some other person or some other time. We are the ones we've been waiting for.

**Barack Obama**, former US President.