



**CARLTON-IN-LINDRICK  
METHODIST CHURCH**

**CONTACT**  
**September 2022**

We're sorry to have start this issue on a rather sad note, having received news that Rev Angela will no longer be the minister at Carlton. Here's a letter from our Superintendent Minister, Rev Julie Coates, to explain the situation to you.

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Dear Friends

As you may have heard, my colleague, Rev'd Angela Potheary, has requested that her appointment be made part-time from 1st September 2022.

This change is a result of concerns about Angela's health and wellbeing, particularly in the light of her current family circumstances. (Her mum and her husband are both experiencing ill health.)

Steps are being put in place to reduce Angela's workload which means that she will no longer have pastoral charge of Carlton or South Anston Methodist Churches.

Angela will be honouring the preaching appointments allocated to her on the plan and taking the funerals, baptisms and other key events that are already in her diary. However, all other matters should be directed to me, or to the Circuit Admin Team, for the immediate future.

The members of the Circuit Leadership Team are praying for all of you at Carlton, we realise that this is a challenging time and that we are imparting some very upsetting news. We will be meeting with the Church Stewards and then the wider congregation as we seek to determine the best way forward.

Further details of the rearranged responsibilities for the Circuit staff will be prepared in time for the next Circuit Meeting at the end of September. However, there will be no pressure on the members at Carlton to make snap decisions about the future. Instead we want to prayerfully discern together the best course of action.

Angela wishes me to convey her sincere thanks to everyone for their understanding at this time.

Please continue to hold Angela and Phil in your prayers.

Grace and peace, Julie

**Rev'd Julie Coates, on behalf of the Circuit Leadership Team**

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We hold Angela and Phil in our prayers,  
together with the Julie, Emily and all the Circuit Leadership Team  
as they work through implementing the necessary changes.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### AUGUST

Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 am	At Dinnington – Rev Angela Potheary <b>No service at Carlton</b>
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 – 12 noon	Coffee Morning
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am – 12.30pm	August Fayre and Car Boot Sale at Parish Centre * Fellowship walk

**Fellowship Walk.** Corrie and David will lead a walk to Wallingwells, for members of our church and St John's Church, leaving the Fayre and Car Boot Sale at 10.30 am. All welcome.



### SEPTEMBER

Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup>	3.00 pm	Rev Angela Potheary – Holy Communion
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 – 12 noon	Coffee Morning
Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup>		
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 – 12 noon	Coffee Morning
Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup>	11.00 am	Morning Worship – Rev Alan Hindmarch
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 – 12 noon	Coffee Morning
Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup>		
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 – 12 noon	Coffee Morning
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup>	6.30 – 8.00 pm	* Youth Groups' Harvest Festival – all welcome

\* See below

**Youth Harvest** – We're looking forward to holding a Harvest Festival with all our youth groups on Thursday 29 September, from 6.30 pm – 8 pm. It will be good to be together again after the pandemic. All are welcome to join us. The young people will bring gifts for Bassetlaw Food Bank, which will be added to gifts from the Church Harvest Festival on 9<sup>th</sup> October. Full details of that will be in the next edition of Contact, including an up to date list of items required at the time.

A reminder that when there are no services here, there are always spare copies of worship sheets on the table at the back of church. You'll also find Contact newsletter, Circuit Chat, wordsearches and the Circuit Plan.



Many thanks to everyone who donated to Action for Children at the service in July. The total raised was £125 which will help to provide safe and happy childhoods for many youngsters.

Yvonne

### Bag 2 The Future

We will be having another clothing collection on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> November, so this is an advance notice if you'd like to clear your wardrobes etc to boost church funds, and also help those who receive the goods. They collect **good quality adults' and children's clothing, paired shoes, hats, belts, handbags, soft toys, bedding, curtains, and towels.** All items are for **RE-USE.** No bric-a-brac please. (They **do not** accept school or work uniforms, duvets, pillows and cushions.)



## AUTUMN FLOWERS (Yvonne)

**Michaelmas daisies** flower in the autumn. The Feast of St Michael and all Angels who protect against the dark of night and evil, is on September 29<sup>th</sup> close to the equinox and shorter days. Goose was often eaten on Michaelmas Day. The Goose Fair in Nottingham is held around October 3<sup>rd</sup>. The flowers give colour and warmth when most are finished as autumn and winter approach.

**Chrysanthemums** are native to China and Japan where they are a symbol of a long and happy life. Chrysanthemum wine is drunk in China on 9<sup>th</sup> day of the 9<sup>th</sup> month for peace, health and old age.

**Sunflowers** face the sun as they are growing. The tallest grew to over 30 feet – over 9 metres! A field full of yellow flowers is a magnificent sight. The seeds are used for healthy snacks, sunflower oil and bird food.

**Passion flowers** are exotic and unusual. They were first found in Latin America and missionaries saw them as a sign of the work of God. The parts represent Christ's passion. The 10 petals represent the 10 faithful apostles – minus Peter and Judas. The three bracts represent the Trinity. The corona of hair like rays represents the crown of thorns and the tendrils are the cords that bound Jesus. The five lobed leaves are the hands of his persecutors.



**Hydrangeas** have been wonderful this year with many showy heads of pink, white, blue and mauve, depending on the soil. They represent gratitude, grace and beauty, also love, harmony and peace. Horta in the Azores is known as the Blue Island as there are miles of hedges of blue hydrangeas.

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## RECIPE CORNER (Yvonne)



Blackberries can be scattered on a tray bake of sausages or chicken with onions, potatoes, parsnips and seasoning, drizzled with oil and baked for 30-40 minutes.

### Pork steaks with Blackberry sauce

1 tablespoon balsamic vinegar  
150 ml beef stock (Oxo)  
2 tablespoons of redcurrant jelly  
1 crushed garlic clove  
85g blackberries

Cook steaks in oil to your liking – 5 minutes or so each side. Add balsamic vinegar to pan, then stock, redcurrant jelly and garlic. Stir to blend. Add blackberries and cook until soft.

### Blackberry tea loaf

350g blackberries + extra to decorate  
150g oil + extra for greasing  
400g plain flour  
½ tsp baking powder  
200g sugar  
4 eggs

Oven 180°/160° fan/Mark 4.  
Mix flour, baking powder and sugar in a bowl. Whisk in eggs & oil until smooth. Stir in blackberries. Pour into greased loaf tin and bake for 55 min – 1 hour until golden. When cool, decorate with melted white chocolate or icing and scatter blackberry halves on top.

My grandma's recipe for elderberry syrup has berries, 6 pints of liquor, 4lb sugar, cloves & ginger. 'This will keep for years and is excellent for coughs and sore throats.' She made blackberry vinegar too for pancakes.



## AUTUMN

We've experienced unprecedented temperatures this summer, the second heatwave only just over, and now, all of a sudden, it's almost autumn. Tempus fugit (time flies), as my dear Grandad used to say.

On the meteorological calendar, the seasons have set dates in order to record and compare climate data, and the first day of autumn is always 1 September. Autumn, as defined by the earth's orbit around the sun, begins on the autumn equinox which falls on 22 or 23 September. From then on we have darkening nights, shorter days and cooler temperatures.

Probably the most obvious, and most beautiful sign of autumn, is the changing colours of the leaves. The shorter days are a sign to the trees to prepare for winter and there's plenty of science to explain how all that works! I've read only this morning that some trees are giving the impression autumn has come early, but experts have said it's a sign of a 'false autumn' because the heatwave and drought has pushed the trees into survival mode.

We've watched with horror the forest fires around the world, and also fires in the UK in the first heatwave, but this poem, entitled Autumn, speaks of another sort of 'fire'.

The fires of autumn smoulder down the lane,  
Gilding the hazels and the hedgerow elms.  
Lighting the lantern-berries of the briar,  
Staining the brambles with blood-red and gold.  
The bracken kindles on the hillside slope.  
The birches' flaring torches light the heath,  
The beeches flicker into towers of flame  
And all the drift of woodland is on fire.

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In America autumn is known as 'fall', but the word was actually in widespread use here right up to the 17<sup>th</sup> century, originally as a shortening of the phrase 'fall of the leaf'. The word autumn entered English from the French *automne* in the 18<sup>th</sup> century.

Fall leaves are beautiful!  
God's blessings are breathtaking!

Autumn leaves, Jesus doesn't.



Fall for Jesus!  
He is truly un-be-leaf-able!

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## Hilarious Exam Howlers

God created the world then  
he created Adam and Ebay.

The people who followed the Lord  
were called the 12 decibels.

The epistles were the  
wives of the apostles.



In Jewish churches they  
don't have vickers, they have rabbits.

## Fighting the Leaves

'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind'; and 'Love your neighbour as yourself.'

Luke 10:27

We acquired Milli, our new puppy, a Cavalier King Charles Spaniel, during the last days of autumn. She loves leaves. In her view, going into the garden has nothing to do with toilet training. It was just a glorious opportunity to fight the leaves as they lay quietly in corners but she was really waiting for the wind.

When it came, swirling the leaves, moving them, lifting them, she was ecstatic. Maybe she saw them as barbarian hordes to be attacked and repelled; she would leap and run and pounce on them. Sometimes it was just one particular leaf she'd follow and capture, then chew it to bits. It was fun to watch, although I'm sure there's a serious purpose behind it, an instinctive urge in her to practise and develop her agility and strength.

What impressed me most though, after the laughter, was the way she threw herself into the adventure. It was all or nothing. Fighting the leaves took all her attention, all her energy and commitment. I'm supposed to be training Milli, but I think she's training me. She's telling me that if I want to make a good job of all I do today I'd better use the same commitment and energy she uses. That goes for our friendships too.

And when it's all over, Milli knows just how to curl up and relax – on the sofa. I find that easier to do.

*Lord of love and laughter, I give myself to you without reserve.  
At least, that's what I aim to do. Give me a helping hand.*

Eddie Askew (2003)

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It's the first day of autumn!  
A time of hot chocolatey mornings, and toasty  
marshmallow evenings, and, best of all,  
leaping into leaves!

Winnie the Pooh

Anyone who thinks fallen leaves are dead  
has never watched them dancing  
on a windy day.

Shira Tamir

I loved autumn, the season of the year that God  
seemed to have put there just for the beauty of it.

Lee Maynard

If a year was tucked inside of a clock,  
then autumn would be the magic hour.

Victoria Erickson

To everything there is a season,  
and a time to every purpose under the heaven.

Ecclesiastes 3:1



## QUIZ TIME



### Miscellaneous Quiz Answers

1. An Officer and a Gentleman
  2. Breakfast at Tiffany's
  3. The Sound of Music
  4. The Wizard of Oz
  5. Fiddler on the Roof
  6. High Society
  7. Frank Sinatra
  8. Elton John
  9. David Bowie
  10. Chris de Burgh
  11. Aled Jones
  12. ... In hell, or earth, or sky
  13. ... till all the world adore his sacred name
  14. ... Heaven and earth and sea and sky
  15. ... Over the hills and everywhere
  16. ... Gave it a purpose in time and in space
  17. ... For the beauty of the skies
  18. Gustav Holst
  19. 1st June
  20. Balmoral
  21. Some tarts
  22. Last Sunday in March
  23. Thomas Moore
  24. London Bus
  25. 1896
  26. In The Summertime
  27. Bleak House
  28. Tennessee Williams
  29. Australia
  30. 1941-1945
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### Autumn Quiz

1. Which English Romantic poet composed "To Autumn" after a walk near Winchester one autumnal evening?
  2. Pumpkin fragments dated between 7,000 and 5,500 BC have been found in which country: China, Egypt, Germany or Mexico?
  3. Who did Autumn Kelly marry in May 2008?
  4. Bonfire Night takes place every November but in which year did Guy Fawkes try to blow up Parliament?
  5. And which king did Mr Fawkes try to blow up?
  6. What are hedgehogs' spines or quills made from?
  7. With around 400 players participating, what are the WCC, which are held annually on the second Sunday in October in Northamptonshire?
  8. In Australia, Autumn begins in which month?
  9. In 2009, Autumn was the 81st most popular name for girls born in which country?
  10. Name the pigment which trees stop producing, thus causing leaves to lose their green colour?
  11. Pheasant shooting season starts at the beginning of which month?
  12. Which federal holiday in the United States is often said to mark the end of summer and the start of autumn?
  13. In Britain, the autumn internationals or November internationals take part in which sport?
  14. The Oktoberfest is held annually in which German city?
  15. What term is given to the points in spring and autumn when the sun's path crosses the celestial equator, so that day and night are of approximately equal length?
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*We have to pray with our eyes on God,  
not on the difficulties.*

Oswald Chambers



**Closing date for items for the next Contact – Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September**

## CHILDREN'S PAGE

### The Good Samaritan

Hello

Jesus was approached by one of the Jews who was faithful. He kept the Law and worshipped regularly. He asked Jesus how he could go to heaven when he died. "What are the commandments?" asked Jesus. The Jew said, "Love God and love your neighbour." "You are right," said Jesus, "Keep these and you will live in heaven," replied Jesus. The Jew asked, "But who is my neighbour?" Jesus told him this story. (You can read it in Luke chapter 10 verses 25 to 37.)

A Jewish man was walking along a country road from Jerusalem to Jericho when he was attacked and robbed. He was left naked and unconscious at the side of the road. A priest came along the road. In those days there were no phones, police or ambulances. The priest was going to be late if he stopped, so he walked past on the other side of the road. A Levite (or lawyer) came past and walked on because he would have had to go through a special process to make himself 'clean' if he touched the man.

A Samaritan man who was a foreigner, from a tribe that most Jews would not touch, came along. He went to the man and cleaned his wounds with his own drinking water and bandaged them. He then lifted the injured man onto his own donkey and led it to an inn. He gave some money, called Denarii, to the innkeeper and said, "Look after this man and if it costs any more I will pay it next time I come."

"Who was neighbour to the injured man?" asked Jesus. "The one who helped him," said the Jew. "Go and do the same," said Jesus.

What would you do if you found someone injured? You might need to tell an adult, or you might be able to ring 999 for help.

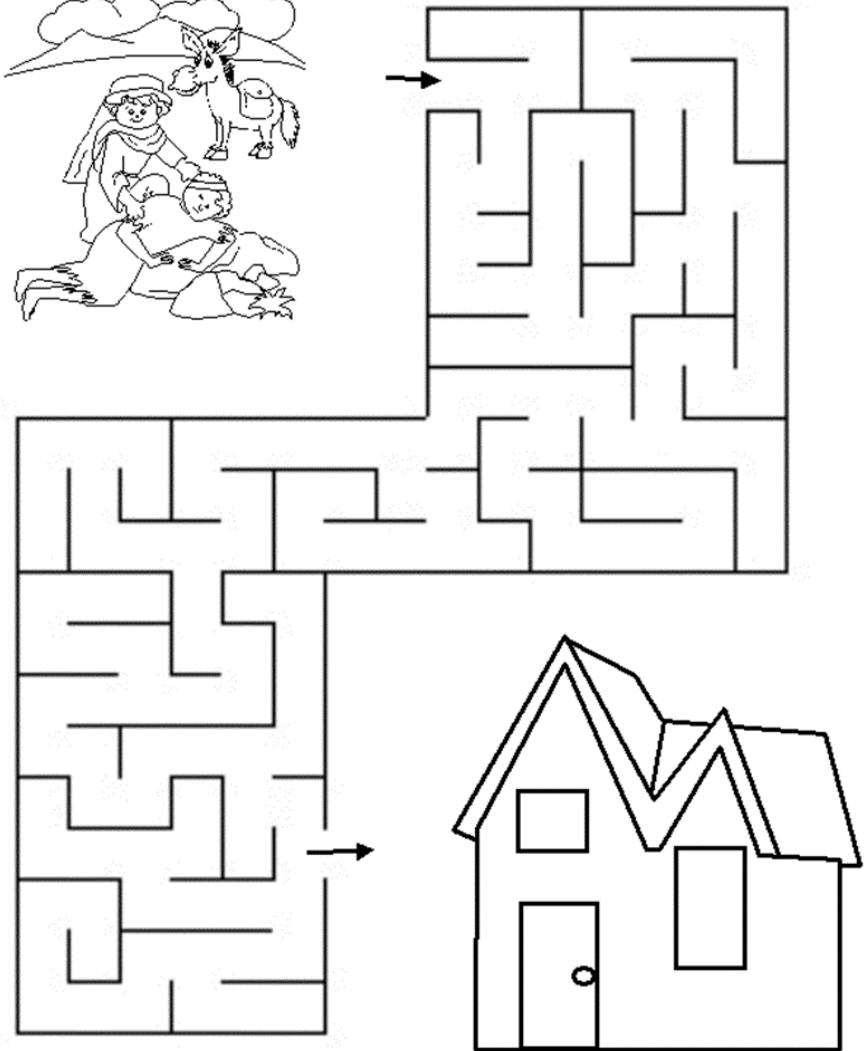
Can you think of any other ways that you can be helpful?

God Bless you.

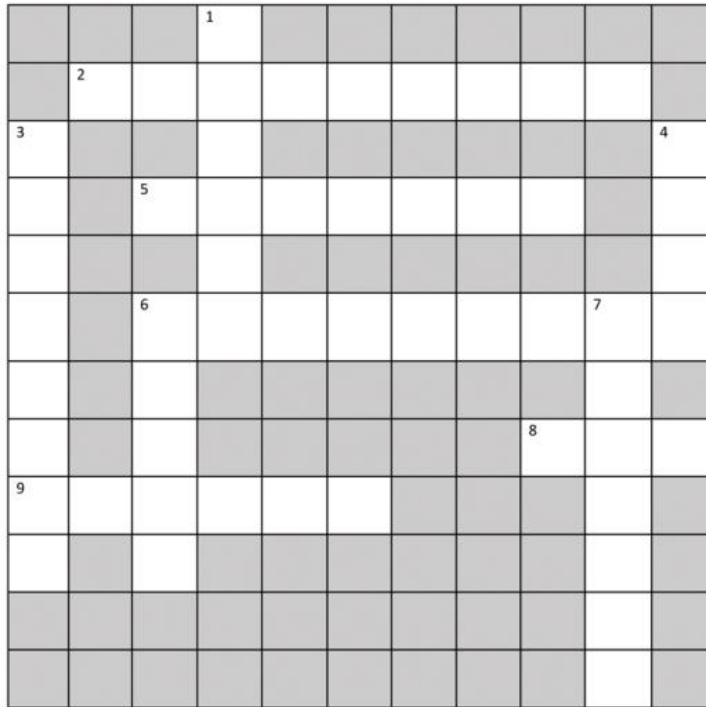
Rev Alan

# Good Samaritan Maze

Help the Samaritan find shelter for the hurt man.



You might need to check the Bible story for some of the answers



**Across**

- 2. Which city had the robbed man come from?
- 5. Where was the man going to?
- 6. The first 2 men crossed over the road and walked by on the \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ (5, 4)
- 8. Where did the Samaritan take the injured man.
- 9. Who was the second person to come across the injured man?

**Down**

- 1. Who was the first person to come across the injured man?
- 3. You must love your neighbour as you love \_\_\_\_\_ (8)
- 4. In what Gospel is the story of the Good Samaritan?
- 6. What type of oil might the Samaritan have poured onto the man's wounds?
- 7. What two coins did the Samaritan give the innkeeper?





The grass  
withers  
and the  
flowers  
fade,  
but the  
word of  
our God  
stands  
forever.

Isaiah 40: 8