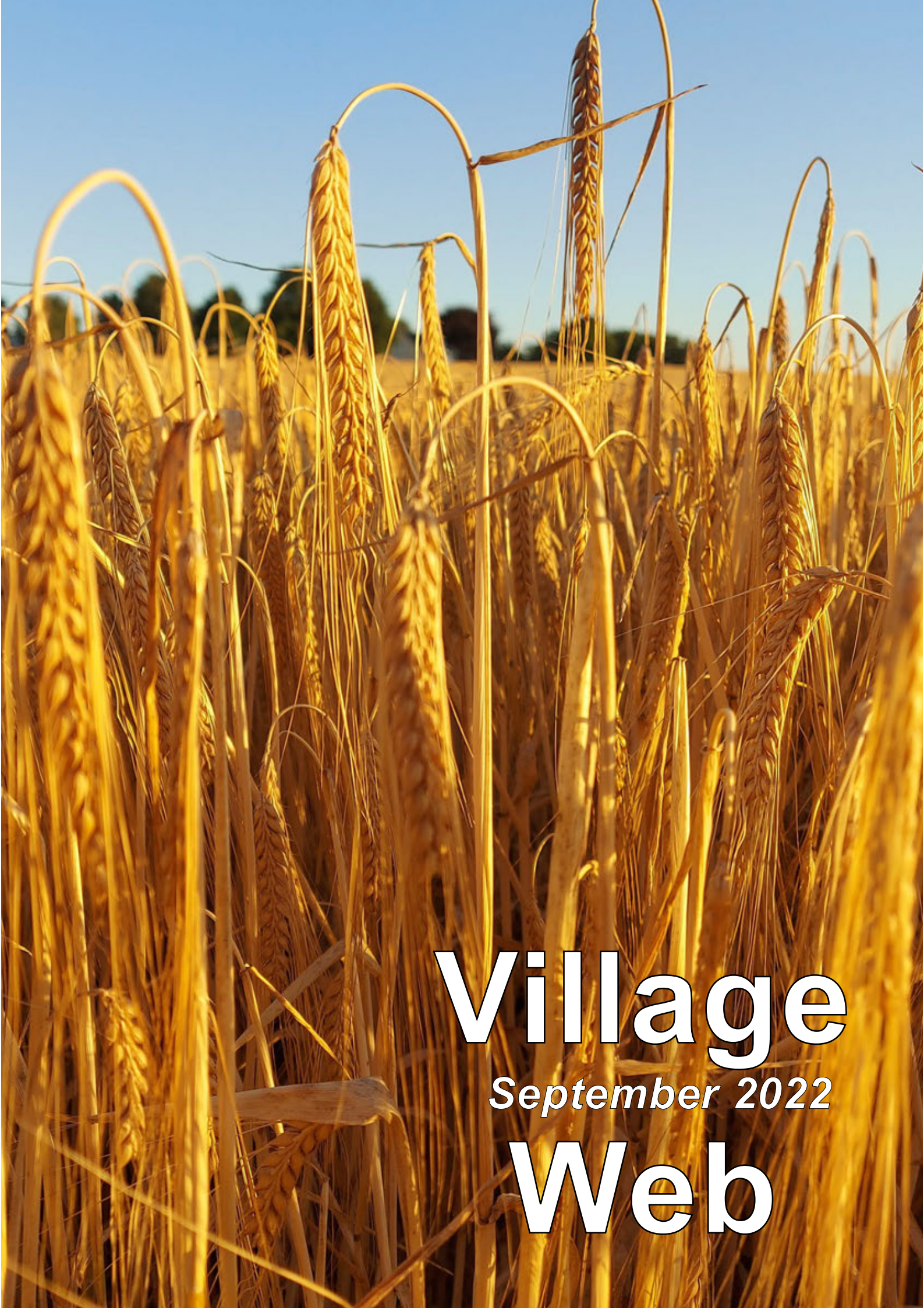


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Sunday 11

9.00am Holy Communion at Holy Trinity **Heydon** SG8 8PW
10.45am Family Worship at St Swithuns Church **Great Chishill** SG8 8SS

Sunday 18

9.00am Holy Communion at Hamlet Church **Duddenhoe End** CB11 4XN
10.45am Family Harvest service at Holy Trinity Church **Chrishall** SG8 8QU

Sunday 25

9.00am Holy Communion at St Marys Church **Strethall** CB11 4XJ
10.45am Harvest Service with Holy Communion at St Nicholas Church **Elmdon** CB11 4LT

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Parish News from Anand, our Rector



Dear All

I hope you all had a great holiday time during August. Sadly we lost a very faithful member of our parish, Janet Crouch, from Great Chishill. She served the church in Great Chishill for many years. Her Christian life stood as an example in the community. She was cheerful even in the last days of her life. The community both in Great Chishill and in the parish and from all over came to pay last respects to Janet at her funeral service held on the 10th of August. We also lost Christoper Cranwell from Chrishall whose funeral was held on 5th August.

As we start September with the new academic year, changes take place in families' life. Young children go to school for the first time, students go to universities for their studies and even families move to new places to start secondary school etc.

The time has come for me and Shaila to move to a new place. I have accepted a new job in the Diocese of Canterbury. Most probably we will be leaving the parish sometime in early November. Due to the summer season, the Bishops are not available to decide on a leaving date. In the light of my leaving my Sabbatical Leave is cancelled. The parish Bulletin will have more updated information. Shaila and I are very grateful for all your support during our stay in the parish.

Yours in Christ



Anand Sodadasi

Thought for the month

from Genesis 12 to 25

In the Old Testament, God is known as the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob (the patriarchs). When we read the stories of these three patriarchs we realise that wherever these nomadic people moved God appeared to them from time to time and lead their lives. God first appeared to Abraham and told him "*Leave your country, your people and your father's household and go to the land I will show you…I will bless you…*" Genesis 12:1,2. Such a call changed the history of Israel. Abraham took a faith step to obey God and did not even question where he had to go (Hebrew 11:8), but packed up everything and set off for an unknown future. God did not give him any land or nation, but he promised him his descendants would inherit the land and become a nation (Gen. 12:2).

Yet, his journey was not so easy because wherever he went there were famines, disputes with the neighbours and even his life was threatened. For instance, when he arrived in the land of Negev, passing through Ai in the land of Canaan, he saw that the land was struck with famine, so he went to Egypt (Genesis 12:10). There he also had trouble with the King of Egypt (Genesis 12:11-20), but God rescued him from the Pharaoh. But when he came back to the land of Canaan he had great difficulties with his neighbours (Genesis 13).

Abraham realised despite their troubles God was with him all through his life. One important thing we learn about Abraham is that whenever God appeared to Abraham in dreams, or heard His voice or appeared in the form of an angel or human, he listened to God and obeyed him (Gen.14). Through various experiences of seeing God's intervention in his life in rescuing or helping him, he named God by offering sacrifices by building small alters as a sign of God's appearance.

For instance, 5 kings attacked Abraham at once, but with the help of God, Abraham and his servants defeated them. Abraham called God "God, Most High and Powerful Deliverer" (Gen. 14:22). Abraham gave 7 names to God each according to his experience of how God related to him. We see the same pattern of experiences with Isaac and Jacob who also named

God with different names as he revealed himself to them in different ways. That is why God of the Bible is known as God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. For these patriarchs, God is very personal because God revealed himself to them wherever they went. He travelled along with them, including to other countries.

In the same way, God will reveal himself to us today when we seek Him in our lives. In Shaila's and my life, we have travelled and ministered in different places both in the UK and abroad. We experienced God's faithfulness. He stood up to His promises to us. When we asked God for a promise, he gave it to us and fulfilled it in His time. He gave us signs and fulfilled them.

Our journey with Ickneild Way Parish will end soon, but we realise there's another family of God where God is sending us to serve Him. God has taught us good insights through our parish experience here in IWP. We were warmly welcomed here and we were accepted as your family, and we have enjoyed our stay with you. Until Easter this year, Shaila and I never sensed that God would move us away from this place. What is important for us is wherever God sends we will go. God has His plans for our lives. I am very thankful to all the members who helped and supported me and Shaila in our ministry. May the Lord be with all of us as we sojourn on earth.

Anand and Shailaja Sodadasi

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URC News

Services will resume on
Sunday 4 September Evening Service 6.00pm
Sunday 18 September Morning Service 9.30am
Sunday 2 October Evening Service 6.00pm - Harvest Festival Service followed by the Village Harvest Supper, Promptly 6.45. All, everyone and children ,really very welcomed to a Pot Luck Supper with a vegetarian option.
All services led by Revd Sue Fender

FILM NIGHTS
These will, at last, resume once again. They will be held in the URC Schoolroom on the second Tuesday of every month at 7.30pm, However, the first film night of this season will be on the *Second Monday* which will be September 12 (due to Angus having a school commitment). We will show ***The Duke*** starting Jim Broadbent and Helen Mirren. Keep an eye on the Great Chishill website for further information.

SCOTTISH DANCING.
This will resume too, every Monday evening starting on 26th September, in the URC schoolroom at 7.30pm. A wee dram will be your reward! All and sundry are more than welcome. No experienced needed, just a sense of humour and the embracing of fun, company and comradeship.



'Still The Manse'
Hopefully by the time any of the events are upon us 'Still The Manse'will be completed and inhabited by us once more. What a fun project it has been, with a truly amazing band of very skilled and very charming tradesmen, all of which are to be highly recommended. We are also very grateful to our friends and neighbours for their kindness, patience and understanding!

Preparing for The New School Year:

Tips from a Primary Teacher



Have you ever got to the end of the summer holidays and wondered how you can help your child prepare the new school year and alleviate any worries or nerves they may have?

Moving up to a new school or to their new year group is naturally going to bring some nerves and questions from your child. There are plenty of tips to help you through this transition.

1. Ask your child how they're feeling. By getting them to talk about their nerves will automatically relieve their worries and give them the opportunity to ask questions about the new school year.
2. Talk about the routine that as a family you will get into – give your child a clear overview of school timings and what happens on a school day. When school starts, ask your child's teacher for a copy of the class timetable to help you with this. Being aware of the normal school day structure will help throughout the year when things change, which inevitably they do! As with many families, the summer holidays can mean later nights and longer lie-ins – in the last week of the holidays try resetting the routines to help with the early morning school wakeups.
3. If possible, arrange a couple of playdates towards the end of the summer holidays – spending time with their friends prior to returning to school will also help them on their return to school.
4. Go shopping together – most schools now, pre-covid, ask children to bring their own supplies into the classroom. Take your child with you when shopping for the school supplies – if they get a choice, they will become more excited about using their own equipment for their learning.

5. Be positive – children will always find a question to ask or have something to worry about. However small or obvious their question might be, always be positive when sharing your answers and listen to them, while it might not seem much, it is a big deal to them. Look at the school website to find further information about what they will get up to at school or even better, take 10 minutes to go through the school website with your child. You may also find information about after school clubs or out of school activities too!

6. Finally, remind them that school is fun. It is one of the best places to be as a child and they get to explore the world around them while making new friends along the way!

Amy Debnam (Year 2 Teacher



Michaelmas



Feast Day of St Michael and All Angels

Michaelmas Day is the feast of Saint Michael the Archangel, celebrated on 29 September. St. Michael is the patron saint of the sea and maritime lands, of ships and boatmen, of horses and horsemen. He was the angel who hurled Lucifer (the devil) down from heaven for his treachery.

Michaelmas Day is traditionally the last day of the harvest season. Michaelmas used to be a popular day for the winter night curfew to begin - the first hint that winter was on the way. Curfew took the form of a tolling of the church bell and was the time when household fires were supposed to be doused. The word curfew may derive from the French word couvre feu, meaning 'cover fire'. The bell was tolled every night, apart from Sunday, until Shrove Tuesday. Chertsey is one of the last places to still ring a Curfew bell at 8pm from Michaelmas Day to Lady Day (29 September to 25 March).

Michaelmas Day is sometimes also called Goose Day. Goose Fairs are still held in some English towns, but geese are no longer sold. A famous Michaelmas fair is the Nottingham Goose Fair which is now held on or around 3 October. In England it was the custom to eat goose on Michaelmas. One reason for this was said to be that Queen Elizabeth I was eating goose when news of the defeat of the Armada was brought to her. In celebration she said that henceforth she would always eat goose on Michaelmas Day. Others then followed her lead. Another suggestion is that, as Michaelmas Day was a Quarter Day, rents were due and bills had to be paid. Tenants seeking delay of payment traditionally bought a goose as a present for their landlord to help seek his indulgence. Geese were supposedly very tasty at this time of year.

It was said that the devil was kicked out of heaven on St Michael's Feast Day, but as he fell from the skies, he landed in a bramble bush! He cursed the fruit of that prickly plant, scorching them with his fiery breath, stamping on them, spitting on them and generally making them unsuitable for human consumption. Legend suggests he renews his curse annually on Michaelmas Day and therefore it is very unlucky to gather blackberries after this date.

19 September - final date for submission of articles for the October edition.

Parish Walk



Parish Walk, 2021

This year the parish walk will take place on **Saturday 17 September**. The complete walk is approximately 15 miles over our beautiful countryside. We will stop at each church for prayers.

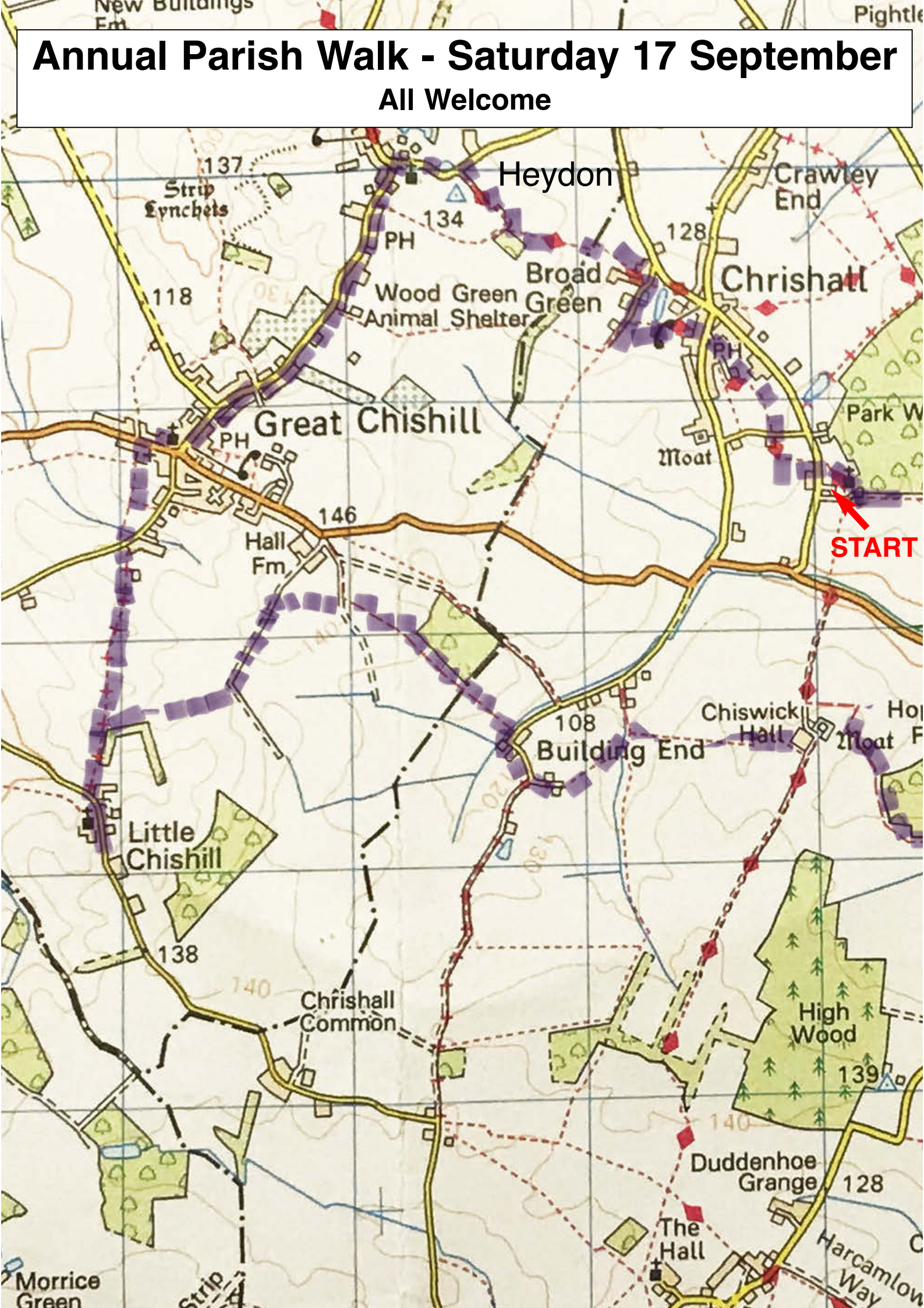
Please meet at Chrishall Church at 8.30am in time to begin the walk and leave promptly at 9am. Children are welcome to join the whole walk but if it is too far for them they are encouraged to join in at Elmdon to walk the last leg to Chrishall for tea! Dogs are also welcomed but we strongly recommend they are kept on leads for the walk to avoid canine chaos! Please note that toilet facilities are only available in Chrishall and Great Chishill.

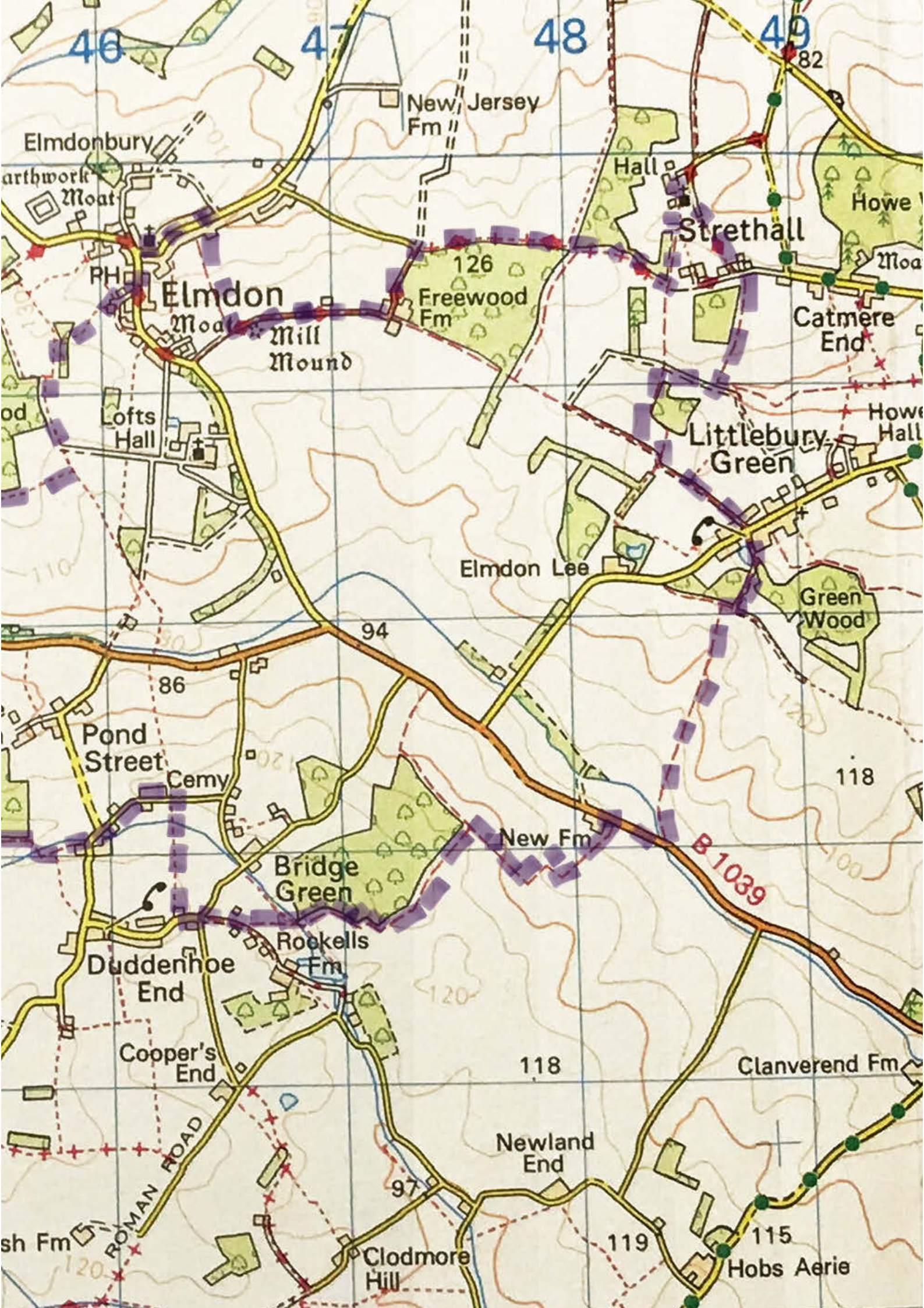
During our picnic lunch at Hamlet there will be a local history talk by Rosemary Gant. Rough timings are as follows:

Arrive	***Depart***	
8:30+	**9:00**	**Chrishall**
09.40	**09.50**	**Heydon**
10.10		*coffee*
	10.30	**Gt Chishill**
11.00	**11.10**	**Lt Chishill**
12.50	*own picnic lunch*	
	13.20	**Hamlet**
15.00	**15.10**	**Strethall**
16.00	**16.10**	**Elmdon**
16.40		*tea*
	17.00	**Chrishall**

Annual Parish Walk - Saturday 17 September

All Welcome




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September Seasonal Recipe



If you are wondering what to do with your blackberries, why not make some muffins?

Ingredients

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250g self-raising flour	200ml milk
1tsp baking powder	1 egg
½tsp bicarbonate of soda	250g approx blackberries

Make a batch of these fluffy muffins filled with the sharpness of summer blackberries to balance the sweetness of the batter.

Preheat the oven to Gas Mark 6, 200°C, fan 180°C. Grease a muffin tray or line with muffin cases and set aside.

In one bowl, cream the caster sugar and butter. In another bowl, pour the milk and crack in the egg and whisk with a fork to combine. Slowly add into the creamed sugar and butter, stirring for a few minutes. Then add the flour, baking powder and bicarbonate soda, stirring until you get a mixture that is somewhat lumpy – do not whisk until smooth.

Tip the blackberries into another bowl and lightly crush with a fork so that some remain whole and some break down. Stir into the mixture, making a ripple effect. Pour into the muffin cases and bake in the oven for about 20 minutes.

Remove to a wire rack and allow to cool before serving.

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Janet Crouch



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Harvest Festivals



We begin our Harvest Festivals in September with:

Chrishall Harvest service	18/09/22
Elmdon Harvest service	25/09/22
Little Chishill Harvest service	2/10/22
Gt Chishill Harvest service	2/10/22 (URC)
Heydon Harvest service	9/10/22
Hamlet Harvest service	16/10/22
Strethall Harvest service	23/10/22

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A Farmer's Prayer

by JM Kenyon

Make sunrise early and the sunset wait;
make summer early and the winter late!
Allow the crops to sprout and thrive
and give me hope to man the drive.

Please let the raindrops fall at night
and keep the ground firm in daylight.
Make all my callouses a bit more tough
when times are hard and life gets rough.

Please, bless the plow that parts the furrow
and earth in which our hopes shall burrow.
Supply enough of sweat and blood
to drive on when bad luck should flood.

Dear Lord, I ask you bless the seeds
and spare them from the choke of weeds.
Help them arise from in the ground
and bear enough to go around.

But most of all...

Please keep my spirit in your palm
my will intact, my body strong,
my family close, my faith untaxed,
my heartbeats tight, my laughs relaxed!

Saturday 10th September –
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From the Parish Registers

Funerals

Christopher Cranwell
on Friday 5 August at Holy Trinity, Chrishall

Janet Crouch
on Wednesday 10 August at St Swithun's, Great Chishill

Play Review *The Southbury Child*

by Stephen Beresford at The Bridge Theatre



Nicholas Hytner and the London Theatre Company are producing new plays at the The Bridge Theatre, London. Recently opened in 2017, it is comfortable, fully air conditioned with the stage projecting into the auditorium. It is situated immediately upstream of Tower Bridge on the South Bank, adjacent to The Ivy.

The Southbury Child is a story set in a modern vicarage, show the trials, tribulations and demands on a rural vicar and his family, including their adopted African daughter, now a successful model. Because of his own singular character and foibles (boozing, philandering, driving under the influence) the play encompasses a large landscape.

The actual Southbury young child has died of leukemia. Her mother wants the church and altar decorated with balloons at the funeral. The vicar says death is more meaningful - “It isn’t about Disney”.

This causes major ructions from the child’s family, a rough-cut uncle, some of the parishioners, even from members of the vicar’s family, the Archdeachon etc. A gay curate is sent in by the Archdeacon to help, which brings in further discussions. A very pregnant cop is also sent to sort the job out.

An excellent cast let by Alex Jennings showing how tough it is being a priest. This play is a painful, distinctly amusing comedy but with serious points and a very moving ending. Highly recommended.

Marcus West

The Hundred Parishes Society



You One pleasurable autumn task is the harvesting of ripened fruits from trees in your own garden. For most of us, our cooking apple will be a Bramley's Seedling and the dessert apple an Essex-bred Discovery or a Cox's Orange Pippin. Originating from central Asia, apples are incredibly varied with at least 2,000 named varieties! There are 150 named varieties in the gardens at Audley End.



In the 19th century the skilled horticulturalists at the Rivers Nursery at Sawbridgeworth bred and propagated many varieties of fruit trees, including the prolific Czar plum and Conference pear, both of which are still available today. The Conference pear features in Great Chesterford's 21st-century community orchard.



For commercial reasons, the range available from modern plant nurseries is limited to a few easy-to-grow varieties. However, hidden away in forgotten corners of long-established gardens within the Hundred Parishes there will be specimens of heritage varieties of orchard trees. If you have a flavoursome, but unidentified, variety, then the team at the East of England Apples and Orchards Project would be delighted to hear from you.
Further information on https://www.applesandorchards.org.uk
(telephone 01328 838403 or email: info@applesandorchards.org.uk)

There is something special about growing a unique or local variety, so if you wish to plant heritage fruit trees specific to your own county, this organisation's catalogue lists a surprising number of varieties for Essex,



Great Chesterford Community Orchard in autumn

Hertfordshire or Cambridgeshire apples and pears, as well as local plums, cherries and gages. This wide selection provides an opportunity to continue a long tradition of choosing something rather special to enjoy eating in future years.

The Whats On page at www.hundredparishes.org.uk often displays local apple events, for example at Rivers Orchard in Sawbridgeworth on September 4 and October 8 and at The Gardens of Easton Lodge on September 25. **Tricia Moxey, Trustee**



Sawbridgeworth's Rivers Heritage Orchard in springtime

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Wednesday 7 September

10am – 12pm



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Come and enjoy some tea, coffee, cake and chat at St Swithun's Great Chishill, taking full advantage of our wonderful new facilities. Children's corner available.

All welcome.

RACE NIGHT

10TH SEPTEMBER



Bar opens 7.00pm
First Race 7.30pm

£15 a head to include race goers supper

Chrishall Village Hall

Thank you for supporting Jonty, Harry & Amelia fundraising for their trip to the World Scout Jamboree next year in South Korea.

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