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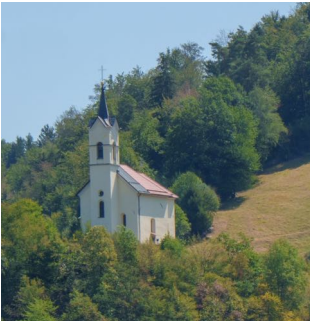
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Thoughts for the Month

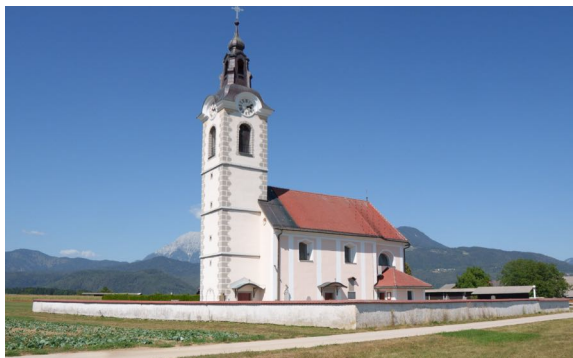
Plain or Fancy?

Linda and I have recently had a very interesting holiday in Slovenia. It's a very picturesque country and also very clean (no roadside rubbish whatsoever - a striking difference to what we saw when we returned home!). It was the height of the tourist season when we went, so it was also very busy. As a whole, the country is very strict on parking regulations and parking spaces, so we had to rely on hotel parking and then use either our feet or buses!

We visited several churches in different parts of the country, some small village churches and some large cathedrals and large town churches. Christianity is the major religion in Slovenia, with Roman Catholicism as the largest denomination. Around 71% to 73% of the population traditionally identifies with Catholicism and 17- 18% of the population is secular, being either agnostic, atheist or unaffiliated. There is a very small minority of Protestantism concentrated heavily in the northeastern region (which we didn't visit). About 3-4% of the population practice Eastern Orthodoxy, primarily linked to Serbian and other Balkan immigrants.



Many national traditions and the rural landscape are shaped by the thousands of churches. We often saw small churches situated in the middle of a field or high up on a hill with no discernible surrounding habitation.



The Roman Catholic Church in Slovenia, like many denominations in this country, faces a severe recruitment problem for priests. Back in the 1970's their church would have dozens of new ordinations annually, but recently that has dwindled to just a tiny handful or even single digit numbers. I'm not sure, therefore, how they

man the thousands of churches that are there.

The majority of the churches we visited were extremely ornate. There were lots of murals and frescos depicting saints and angels, with representations of Mary, God and Jesus. There were very ornate side-chapels with altars surrounded by fancy stone constructions. There was a lot of gold paint. Usually above the altar was a large picture of a particular saint or a picture of Jesus. The interiors, we saw, struck a very marked difference to our own church in Rother Street!



I could appreciate the decorations in terms of works of art, but I didn't see the relevance to worship. In fact, for me it felt that that they could be distractions to worship. It's bad enough for us in our church to be distracted by all the wooden beams in the ceiling, during a sermon, but the ornate murals would be something else!

The theory behind church decoration is that it is rooted in theology and education. Some people say that it is designed to transform a physical building into a threshold of heaven. It is all intended to lift the human soul from the material to the divine. Some people maintain that using material beauty, gold and stone affirm that the physical world is good and can reflect the holy. The grand scale and intricate detail humble the visitor, clearly marking the interior apart from the mundane outside world. However, a point that occurred to me was that nobody knows what heaven is like. What we see in the frescos is one man's view of heaven. Who knows whether that is correct? Personally, I suspect not.

It is often quoted that architects and church builders erect great monuments 'To the

Glory of God'. It's their way of showing God's might, power and magnificence.

But, of course, we are always saying that 'The Church' is not the building: it's the people that attend it, who make the church what it is. I am very happy with the community that we have at Rother Street. Our community urges me on in my mission and my worship.



I see a parallel here with different forms of the Bible. Clearly the King James version is a masterpiece of literary beauty, and again I can appreciate that. But it doesn't, personally, enable me to understand God and scripture any better. As you know, I prefer very plain English - easier to understand! - easier to see what the writers are trying to convey.

For me the ornate interiors of the churches, we saw, didn't change my view of my God. In fact, they made me somewhat distracted.

If people say to me, "How should I choose which church I should go to?", then my reply always is: "Find a church where you feel comfortable with the other people who attend, and comfortable in the building. That comfort is a very personal thing and if people find solace and inspiration in a particular church building, who am I to criticise their choice?"

I suppose it's 'horses for courses'. Personally, I'm very comfortable with the horse that is Rother Street. If the Elders and F&F ever decide to install frescos and gold paint, I might have to move!!

Peter

6 hours in A&E after getting covered in camouflage paint, and I still haven't been seen.

Family News

Fran is dealing with multiple serious issues following her recent PET scan. She is extremely grateful for all our prayers.

Brian has become a great grandfather for the first time and was very proud to be introduced to Raphael on a recent visit to his home near London.

I bumped into Heather (Margaret Simpson's daughter) in Stratford recently. She asked me to send her best wishes to everyone.

Ileen Fisher

What's on at the Bear Pit

Home I'm Darling: 18th to 26th September at 7.30pm

Matinees on 19th & 26th September at 2.30pm



A Bear Pit Theatre production.

Judy and Johnny seem to have perfected the art of living the dream, the 1950s dream, that is. Their home is a pastel-coloured shrine to vintage domestic bliss, complete with immaculate dresses, homemade cakes, and a strict devotion to traditional roles.

Judy has left the modern workplace behind to become the ideal housewife, while Johnny heads out each day as the family breadwinner.

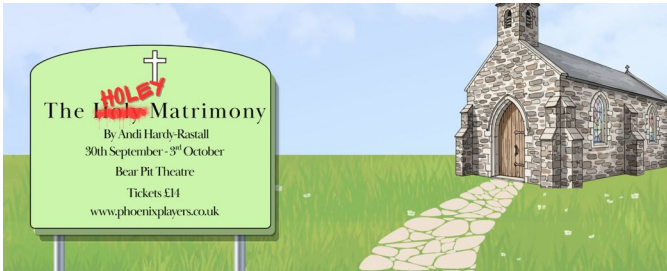
But beneath the polished surfaces and retro charm, cracks begin to show. The couple's finances are strained, Johnny's career is faltering, and Judy's idealised vision of the past starts to collide with the realities of the present. As friends and family question their choices, the pair must confront what their nostalgic fantasy is really costing them, and whether the life they've built is liberating or quietly suffocating.

Witty, sharp, and emotionally astute, Home, I'm Darling explores the seductive pull of nostalgia, the pressures of perfection, and the complexities of choosing your own

version of happiness in a world that keeps moving forward.

Tickets: £15 (under 25's £10)

Holey Matrimoney: 30th September to 3rd October at 7.30pm



A Phoenix Players production.

From the writer of Nana's Knickers, a new poignant play, showcasing, the highs, lows and frankly ridiculous moments that come with grieving!

"Married life seems blissful for Sally & Vicar Alan until, after Alan's untimely death reveals a dark secret. Can Sally ever get over it, and why should men have all the fun?

Join Sally and the WI as she embraces single life and wonders where she fits in now she's the Vicars Widow"

Tickets: £14

Community united – Amazing!

It took Covid to unite roads in our village and now an eclipse to unite a village.

We arrived at the designated horseshoe shaped lay-by to meet with our neighbours after the matinee performance of The Cherry Orchard to find it filled with half the residents of the village; the other half were on the main road. Where to park?

Fortunately, a gentleman persuaded my husband to park behind the boot of a car and suggested we put our chairs in front, so that we could watch the eclipse.

The neighbours had found a place at the side by the back hedge and our male friend was waving from the open sunroof, so they also had a good view.

We sat down and were soon in conversation with a family from the other end of the village. The two little girls were chatty, so had soon wheeled their way into our



hearts and their eyes implied their need for the use of the Celestron Smart Solar Eclipse Glasses! How important THEY were and WHAT A VIEW...the moon almost covering the sun. It was a gradual process and took about an hour. The rest of the universe was blacked out except for the beautiful picture created by the glasses.

Created is obviously an inaccurate word in this context as it was Creator God who made this great phenomenon happen. The sun, the bright

star at the centre of the universe is a long way from Earth but as it's a hot ball of glowing gas it is our source of light and heat (enjoyed for so long this summer) and the moon, the only natural satellite of Earth, only a quarter of Earth's size, one sixth of our gravity and drifting further away from our planet every year are involved in the solar eclipse. This is when the Moon passes between Earth and the Sun so that we can't see the sun.



The night of the eclipse in 2026 was breathtaking and spectacular as a celestial phenomenon. But the most important aspect of the evening was the togetherness of a group of friends and strangers united in sharing this amazing moment.

Carole Sampson



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A World Record!

On 15th August Dave was part of a relay team who were attempting to break the world record for the 4 x 800m relay for men aged 75 +, at the Abbey Stadium in Redditch.



Dave had been very disciplined in his training, with a clear schedule of what he needed to do in the run up to the race. He ran the first leg in a time of 2.57, which was several seconds quicker than he expected, so the hard work paid off! The other three also ran very well and they succeeded in breaking the record, previously held by a team from Australia, by 14 seconds!



Adam, our friend Kate, and I were there to cheer him on and witness a remarkable achievement. He assures me that he will now be running 'just for pleasure', although I am not sure I believe him!

Ann Jones

A Thank You Letter from the URC

**To: All members and adherents of
United Reformed Churches
and our Local Ecumenical Partnerships**



Dear Friends,

This letter is designed to give you an indication of the denomination's central finances but is necessarily a brief over-view. Your church (or group) treasurer has a letter giving more detail which we are sure they will be delighted to share with you.

In recent years, on the Ministry and Mission (M&M) Fund, we have seen a gradual decline in church contributions and the shortfall on synod's pledges have been made up by the synods themselves.

We are hugely grateful to the synods for their generosity but recognise this is not sustainable over the long term. It is also of concern that the weakness of church contributions weakens the covenant that binds us together as a denomination, namely that those with resources contribute to supporting those who have less.

The central URC budget for expenditure (for 2026) includes a number of areas of expected costs reduction, significantly in staffing. Some very hard choices have been made and implemented. On the other hand, the URC needs to buy in expertise that we need for our world of increasing regulation and oversight, in view of the scarce resources available from volunteers. We hope that at local church level you will take a moment to reflect on the expertise (paid and unpaid) that steers the URC through all we have to do to be compliant with complex regulation. (Please pray for us!).

We know you have some of these challenges at local level too. We hope that one of the outcomes of the Church Life Review and Church Life Fund going forward will be the availability of URC resources and advice that can be accessed by local congregations. Ask your Church Secretary about these and look at this year's General Assembly decisions.

The annual audited accounts of the URC (for the year ended 31 December 2025) are now finalised and were published just before General Assembly. You can find a copy at <https://urc.org.uk/trustees-report-and-financial-statements/>

The accounts of the M&M Fund (the greater, but not only part of the URC Trust finances) show our total income £670,000 ahead of budget, but our costs were around £610,000 higher than expected. The deficit for the year on the M&M fund

was around £650,000. We had hoped for much better.

So, thank you to all who continued to contribute to your local church, thank you to all those churches who met their commitment for 2025 in full, and thank you to all those who, in adversity, continued to treat the M&M Fund as the first priority and paid what they could.

If you have any questions or comments arising from this letter, please speak to your church treasurer who has been provided with more detailed information. If they are not able to help directly then they can get in touch with the finance team at Church House.

Yours in Christ,

Alan Yates (Treasurer)

Vaughan Griffiths (Deputy Treasurer)

Forgiveness

Judith had made a beautiful pewter scarf ring for the Lady of the House. We had seen her work at an exhibition.

I remembered a special occasion coming up and I got in touch.

Admiring the finished product before it was boxed up, I asked her, “Why pewter? Why is that what you choose to work with?”

“It’s such a forgiving metal”, she replied.

In other words one mistake or accident didn’t mean the end of a piece of work.

Forgiveness. It’s important in so many aspects of Life!



Weeding



There’s an Australian man who films himself restoring overgrown areas with his mower, strimmer and leaf blower. He speeds up the transformation videos and posts them online.

Patches of ground that were covered by grass, weeds and shrubs are revealed to be paths, driveways, gardens, playgrounds and so on.

The difference is quickly made, even in real time.

But you can be sure the situations came about slowly, over years of neglect or just busyness.

“Weeds” sneak up on us a little at a time until they take over everything. I’m talking now about lives instead of gardens here.

Every once in a while, we need to find our own version of a “weed-whacker” and do some spiritual gardening. Just to get back to who God made us to be.

From the Friendship Book, submitted by Fran Maddy

Johnny's Dust

After church, Johnny tells his parents he has to go and talk to the minister right away. They agree and the pastor greets the family.

“Pastor”, Johnny says, “I heard you say today that our bodies came from the dust”.

“That’s right, Johnny, I did” he says.

“And I heard you say that when we die, our bodies go back to dust”

“Yes, I’m glad you were listening”, the Pastor replies. “Why do you ask?”

“Well, you’d better come over to our house right away and look under my bed, ‘cause there’s someone there, either coming or going!”



Submitted by Josie Bayliss

When people say “ Enjoy them while they’re young” ...

They are talking about your knees and hips

Not your kids



News from this Year's Charity



Naomi's **Zambian** News



Mulishani Friends!

Such a lot goes on under the sun that's for sure! Over the past few months I've been reading the books of the Bible penned by King Solomon, trying to gain more godly wisdom for life. There is so much that happens in a day and as I'm sure you will agree, lots of it is unplanned. How wonderful and reassuring to know that nothing that happens is a surprise to God. There is a definitely a perfect peace we can know in our hearts when our faith is deeply rooted in God's sovereignty. I've found that this takes away my need to comprehend and manage so many situations which are simply out of my control. I'm so grateful to all of you who have been praying for me with this extra workload of head teacher tasks and the various challenges that have come up recently. I know the peace in my heart and ability to pause and enquire of the Lord on the best way forward is a result of your prayers. God has also put the right people in the right place at the right time to help me which again has just reminded me that He is sovereign over all and sees all even when I do not understand what is happening or what to do next. I'm so glad I cannot comprehend everything under the sun as it helps me remain in awe of God and trusting in His ways.



Some of our dedicated guardians presented with a project t-shirt to thank them for their efforts and highlight them as role models

ARISE

We have once again been giving out blankets and hats this cold season. We also had socks and scarves as Kids Club prizes which were very popular. Thank you to everyone who has knitted items or given donations.

It's been really wonderful to have some great role model families emerging where the guardians and pupils are both serious about education and living for Jesus. They have been an inspiration to others and shown them that there is hope where people have been discouraged.

The guardians who have been knitting hats for sale in Denmark have felt so good about the products they are making and the money they are receiving. It's been fantastic to see their joy. Although all of our families have struggles it's great to go on visits and be able to personally encourage them. They are always grateful for our visit and love to share their story. What a privilege to be able to love and support so many in need.

KAPUMPE

The end of term is now just around the corner and both staff and pupils are looking forward to a little break. This term has been an unpredictable one with staff leaving and needing time off for different reasons so there has been a lot of covering for each other and sharing the load. What a great team the staff make!

As our theme for this year is 'Create', the teachers have been challenging themselves to deliver lessons and present their classrooms in different ways. The pupils have definitely loved the 3D things on the walls in class and more opportunity for doing practical lessons. We hope to see their creativity develop over the year, including the courage to share and test their ideas. The highlight of this term was probably Sports Day... well it was for me, I think it was for some others too. It was so great to see the teachers having fun with the children and hear so much cheering and encouragement. The teacher also said they will bring some of the activities into their lessons.



Ruth really enjoys school and the time to be a child

Ruth's Story

One of three siblings in the project, Ruth is a Grade 5 pupil with a lot of responsibility. She lives with her grandma and two brothers in a small house near a well. Her elderly grandma is a hard worker but due to her diabetes and hearing loss, relies on Ruth for lots of help at home. Ruth does most of the cooking and lots of the cleaning. She loves school but with little opportunity to practice English is struggling. We are encouraging her to start a study group at home with her brothers.



Security Lights

At night the sky is beautifully peppered with God's glitter and with very little light pollution the night skies are a marvel to behold. Having said this, it does mean that it is very dark at night. Walking round without a light is not possible. Using the gate was not so easy in the dark, neither was deterring unwanted intruders. We now have two solar security lights fitted which do a fantastic job. It really helps you to feel safe when you can see what is around you in the dark. All year round it is dark about 6pm so these lights are getting well used. They are rather high so I'm hoping they won't need any maintenance work.

What a mighty God we serve! Seeing how He is at work here in Zambia and then looking at how He is at work all around the world. We now need to remember this when our days do not go to plan and remember to ask God for the wisdom and peace that surpasses understanding. May you continue to know the presence of Jesus with you as you live each day for Him.

Naomi

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 Arise Kapumpe Orphan Project
 Kaniki Bible University College
 P.O.Box 250092, Ndola, Zambia

Why Teachers drink

The following questions were set in last year's examination. These are genuine answers (from 16 year olds):

Q: Name the four seasons

A: Salt, pepper, mustard and vinegar

Q: What are steroids?

A: Things for keeping carpets still on stairs.

Q: What is artificial insemination?

A: When the farmer does it to the bull instead of the cow.

Q: How can you delay milk from turning sour?

A: Keep it in the cow (Simple but brilliant!)

Q: Give the meaning of the term 'Caesarian section'.

A: The caesarean section is a district in Rome.

Q: What does the term 'benign' mean?

A: Benign is what you will be after you be eight.

Q: What is a terminal illness?

A: When you are sick at the airport (Irrefutable!)

Q: Name a major disease associated with cigarette smoking.

A: Premature death.



**MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS
POPE LEO XIV
FOR THE 11th WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE CARE OF CREATION
1st September 2026**

**“They shall beat their swords into ploughshares
and their spears into pruning hooks” ((Isaiah 2:4)**

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Our Lord Jesus Christ came so that we might have life and have it in abundance (cf. Jn 10:10). This gift of life lies at the very heart of our mission as disciples and of our shared calling to build a civilization of love. As we observe this World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, we are once again invited to contemplate the gift of life and to cherish the earth that sustains it, for they are tangible ways of offering praise to our Creator.



Today, we are witnessing many crises and much human suffering. At the same time, it seems that the disruption to the harmonious balance of creation is accelerating.

These phenomena are not unrelated; they are a single plea for healing and peace arising from a wounded world.

The God of life, revealed in Jesus Christ, offers a peace that the world cannot give: “Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you” (Jn 14:27). This peace is neither superficial nor fleeting; it flows from the enduring love of Christ and his care for every human person.

Yet this promise of peace stands in stark contrast to the realities we see in many parts of the world. The prophet Isaiah spoke of a time when nations “shall beat their swords into ploughshares” (Is 2:4), transforming what destroys life into what sustains it. But today, we too often witness the very opposite, as efforts continue to be directed toward violence and war.

War leaves wounds that extend far beyond the battlefield. It claims lives, tears families apart and forces millions to flee their homes, thereby deepening fear, injustice and division (cf. Gaudium et Spes, 77-82). War also leaves behind social and ecological destruction that endures for generations. Moreover, the interaction between armed conflicts and environmental degradation often creates a vicious cycle, which destroys ecosystems, contaminates essential resources, such as air and water, and undermines food security. This fuels poverty, inequality, and new social

tensions that can contribute to the emergence of further conflicts.

What is more, war creates wounds that damage the whole fabric of life, harming not only individual persons and communities, but also their broader network of relationships with the whole human family, and their harmony with creation. It reveals a deeper failure to live in God's image and likeness, to respect life and to care for the earth entrusted to us. This is not only a political failure, but also a moral and spiritual one. Rooted in distorted desires and the misuse of human freedom and power, war stands as a counter-witness to the Gospel of peace.

The above-mentioned crises call not only for responsibility but also for a conversion of heart that will bear fruit in a deeper fidelity to God, love of one another and respect for the gift of creation. Indeed, the discord we see in the world, such as violence, injustice and ecological degradation, is not simply the result of flawed systems or structures; it is a "symptom of the deeper dichotomy that is rooted in humanity itself" (Gaudium et Spes, 10). In fact, the human heart is the place where the deepest struggles unfold and our fallen condition reveals itself. It is not merely the seat of emotion, but the centre of the person — the place where reason, desire, will and conscience converge. It is here that we wrestle with the contradictory desires within us between love and indifference, truth and illusion, justice and injustice (cf. Jas 1:14–15). The wounds of war and the degradation of the earth, then, are profoundly linked to the condition of the human heart. The conflicts that torment humanity are in many ways the outward expression of interior discord and division. When the heart is distorted, relationships suffer, and the structures we build begin to reflect that disorder.

Pope Benedict XVI reminded us that "the external deserts in the world are growing, because the internal deserts have become so vast" (Homily for the Solemn Inauguration of the Petrine Ministry, 24 April 2005). This calls us to recognize that, in some way, what is broken around is also broken within us. In order to build a peaceful society, therefore, we must not only reform structures but also renew our hearts. The deep-set causes of conflict and the exploitation of creation stem from an ethical and cultural crisis, including the loss of a sense of limits, the desire for domination, the pursuit of immediate profit, and the inability to recognize the God-given dignity of each human person.

The prophetic call to "beat swords into ploughshares" (Is 2:4) is therefore not only a vision for nations, but a call to each person. It invites us to transform harm into life. Yet this transformation cannot be achieved through external change alone. It requires, through cooperating with God's grace, a deeper personal and collective conversion — a returning to God, who will reorder our desires, heal our wounds and

help us grow in virtue.

Without this inner transformation, peace will remain fragile and short-lived. But where hearts are renewed, new possibilities begin to open. What has been used for destruction can be redirected toward life, toward the care of the poor, the nourishment of the hungry, and the safeguarding of creation. This is the path of authentic ecological conversion, where the effects of our encounter with Jesus Christ become evident in our relationship with the world around us (cf. Francis, Laudato Si', 217). Peace, then, begins in the heart and flows outward to our relationships, communities and the broader world.

Although the challenges before us are enormous, God does not leave us without the means of healing and transformation. In place of the weapons of war, the God of peace grants us the strength to heal, to reconcile and to build a civilization of love. In this way, we are called to safeguard the many “ecosystems” entrusted to us: the ecosystems of creation, of human relationships and of the human heart itself.

Let us imagine a world in which the energies currently invested in war are directed toward integral human development, to overcoming poverty, protecting human dignity and reconciling divided peoples. Such a vision reflects faith in the coming of God’s Kingdom.

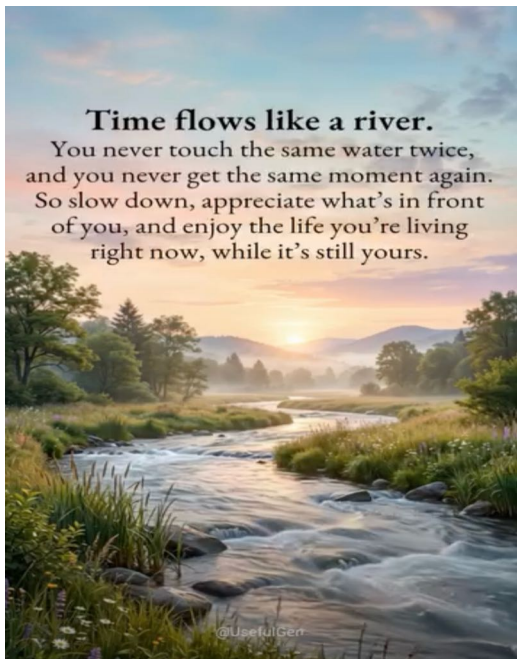
The true tools for building peace are not weapons of destruction, instead they are truth, dialogue, patience, goodness, justice, mercy, understanding, care and love. These flow from hearts shaped by the Gospel and sustained by God’s grace. Only these qualities possess the power to transform individuals, renew communities and heal the wounds of our world.

Dear brothers and sisters, the path before us is clear, though it is not easy. We are called to allow our hearts to be renewed, so that we might seek peace and care for creation. Scripture tells us to guard our hearts, for everything we do flows from them (cf. Prov 4:23).

If we take up this task with humility and faith, we will become collaborators in God’s work of renewal. We will move, slowly but surely, from desert to garden, from division to communion, and from violence to peace.

May the Lord grant us the courage to walk along this path, so that in our time, swords may indeed be beaten into ploughshares, and the promise of the Gospel may take deeper root in our world, and the peace of Christ may reign over all of creation.

Pope Leo XIV



The Temple and the Fig tree



Jesus was hungry, and he saw a fig tree covered with leaves, hoping to find fruit. But there was none, so he rebuked the tree.

Mark then adds a surprising detail: “It was not the season for figs” (Mark 11:13) So why would Jesus rebuke it?

Mark intentionally places this story around the cleansing of the temple. After rebuking the tree, Jesus went straight to the temple. There he found the same problem in a different form. The Temple was full of sacrifices, prayers, and worship. From a distance everything looked right. But Jesus said “My house will be called a house of prayer for all nations. But you have made it a den of thieves”.



The Temple had religious activity but lacked what God was looking for. Both looked alive from a distance. But when Jesus came close, he found no fruit.

That should make us examine ourselves. We can have the leaves: Christian language, church attendance, worship, bible readings and the appearance of devotion. But what does Jesus find when he comes close? Often, not what we appear to be, but what our lives actually produce.

It's possible to have all the outward signs of faith and still miss what God is looking for.

An article from Facebook by Gold Mathias

People's Emergency Briefing

On the climate and nature crisis

Stratford-upon-Avon

**At the United Reformed Church
Rother Street
25th September at 3pm**



www.nebriefing.org

Film screening and discussion

Lord,
if I accomplish
nothing else today,
let someone
walk away
having experienced
a little more hope,
a little more kindness,
and a little more
of Your love
because our paths crossed.

That is a day
well lived.

MINDFULCHRISTIANITY



Sunday Services at 9.30am

6th September	Holy Communion Creation in Christ	Peter Horrocks
20th September	Morning Service Harvest Festival	Geoffrey Hodgess Roper
4th October	Holy Communion Covenant Sunday	Peter Horrocks

F&F Rota May

Please report any problems with the buildings in September to:

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Flower Rota

6th September	Mairi
20th September	Harvest
4th October	Natasha

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Because of the way our Sunday services are now structured, the editors have decided that the physical copies of Link magazine will be available on the 1st Sunday of each month rather than the last Sunday of the month. The electronic version may well be available before then. When there are 5 Sundays in the month the Link will be available on that 5th Sunday.

The October edition of Link will be published on the 4th October

The deadline for submission to the next edition is Monday 28th September.

Please send us your articles, pictures, humour etc.

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Interfaith Forum



Respect and compassion
through dialogue and cooperation

Open Meeting of the Stratford-upon-Avon Interfaith Forum

You are invited to join together with people from different faiths, world views and cultures, as we aim to develop strong and positive links and relationships for the benefit of the community.



Monday 7th September 2026, 7.30pm



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≡ *Everyone Welcome!* ≡



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