

**THE PARISH OF BELTINGHAM WITH
HENSHAW**

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**Woodland Trust, Tree of the Year
Competition**



You will recall from last month's newsletter that our yew in the churchyard in Beltingham was one of 12 trees shortlisted in the Woodland Trust "Tree of the Year" competition. Results were announced on 22 October, and our tree was 6th out of 12. The winner in England was the Happy Tree in Hackney.

Commenting on that tree, the Woodland Trust say "Currently earmarked for felling, the plight of this 150 year old Plane has awakened something in a community that couldn't bear to see it go. The dressing of the tree, and the signs behind it, are testament to the strength of feeling among the local campaigning. As an urban tree, it makes an important contribution to combatting air pollution and making grey city streets green. But the community sees it as more than just the sum of its parts – it's part of the estate, part of their collective history. The threat to the Happy Man Tree highlights how important it is that all housing developments are planned with existing and mature trees at their heart: we all deserve trees and green spaces around where we live, including in our most urban areas." Congratulations to Hackney – you can see pictures of the tree on the Woodland Trust website, www.woodlandtrust.org.uk together with photos of the winning trees in Scotland and in Wales.

By way of consolation, our yew tree will benefit from a survey done by a professional arboriculturalist, funded by the Peoples Lottery and will provide a written report on its health and condition, a service which would normally cost several hundred pounds.

Worship in our Parish

Over the time since our churches were allowed to re-open for worship, we have adopted a pattern of alternating between St Cuthbert's in Haydon Bridge and All Hallows' in Henshaw, at 10.30 am each Sunday. This has been in addition to the streamed 9am service on Facebook, with hymns and reflection. We have also continued to stream morning and evening prayer at 9 am and 6 pm each day.

The pattern of services is a Eucharist at All Hallows', Henshaw one week, followed by a service of Said Morning Prayer at 10.30 am, the following week, with the church remaining open until 12 noon for those who wish to come for private prayer. The Vicar envisages that this pattern will continue at least in the immediate future, but armed with the results of a recent survey, he will make any further proposals to the PCC for developments to our pattern of worship and support for our parishioners.

To help you plan, therefore, here is a list of the dates for October for live services in **All Hallows', Henshaw**. None of the services are currently taking place in St Cuthbert's in Beltingham, as we have maintained that to be available for use for small weddings and funerals.

Sunday, 1 November at 10.30 am All Saints and All Souls, Morning Prayer with Reflection and lighting of candles in memory of those who have died*******Please ring Carol Adams on 344398 to add names to the list of those to be remembered**

Sunday 8 November at 9.30 am, Remembrance Sunday, Benefice Eucharist –**note earlier time of service.**

Sunday 15 November at 10.30 am, 2nd Sunday before Advent, Morning Prayer with Reflection

Sunday 22 November at 10.30 am, Christ the King, Benefice Eucharist

Sunday 29 November at 10.30 am, Advent, Morning Prayer with Reflection

Sunday 6 December at 10.30 am, Advent 2, Benefice Eucharist

Christmas Plans are in hand to arrange suitable services for the Christmas period, with due regard to social distancing and other measures for control of coronavirus.

From the Parish Registers

6 October – funeral service for John Dodd of Sillywrea, followed by interment in Haydon Bridge cemetery.

21 October – interment of Marie Josephine Nuttney of Melkridge, following a requiem mass in Haydon Bridge

Harvest Quiz with answers

1. Are the following fruits or vegetables:
Tomatoes, rhubarb, potatoes, olives, butternut squash.
All are fruits except rhubarb which is a vegetable.
2. Which country consumes the most onions?
Scotland, India or Libya? Libya
3. Who is the Greek goddess of the harvest? Demeter
4. Who is the Roman goddess of the harvest? Ceres
5. Gumtree is the common name of which tree? Eucalyptus
6. Which of the following are edible:
Chickweed, aconites, nettles, aquilegia, herb Robert, dandelion.
All except aconites and aquilegia.
7. Which acts of parliament created large fields in England, rather than the previous strips for farming? Enclosure Acts of 1836 to 1845.
8. What are Silkies, Dominique, Catalanans and Legbars? All varieties of chicken breeds.
9. Who painted The Haywain? John Constable

10. Which king was nicknamed Turnip Head? George 1
11. From which harvest hymn is this the beginning of the second verse?
“We ourselves are God’s own field,
Fruit unto his praise to yield”
Answer Come ye thankful people come
12. In which country is “crop over” the name for harvest festival?
South Africa, New Zealand, Barbados? Barbados
13. By what name do we know the flower called asphodile in French?
Daffodil
14. Who introduced the potato to England? Sir Walter Raleigh
15. Which herb is an emblem of remembrance? Rosemary
16. In which gospel would you find the comment “The harvest is plentiful but the labourers are few”? Matthew
17. Who wrote “One is nearer God’s heart in a garden than anywhere else on earth”? Dorothy Frances Gurney
18. What is the study of fossils called? Palaeontology
19. Who was the great Swedish classifier of plants? Carl Linnaeus
20. Name the birds of the corvidae family. (Raven, carrion crow, rook, jackdaw, magpie, jay, chough.)
21. The aromatic herb dittany is known by a two word name which in the Old Testament refers to the shrub by which God revealed himself to Moses. What is the two word name? The burning bush.
22. The monkey puzzle tree is the national tree of which country?
Chile
23. What is the name of the soft fruit which is a cross between a black berry and a raspberry? Tayberry
24. Who wrote The Secret Garden? Frances Hodgson Burnett
25. Which sea port in Sicily gives its name to a dessert wine?
Marsala
26. What is the common name of the fungus spread by bark beetle to trees of the Ulmus genus? Dutch Elm disease.

27. What is special about the harvest mouse? It has a prehensile tail.
28. Who is the patron saint of animals? St Frances of Assisi.
29. What is camellia sinensis more popularly called? Tea
30. From what song is the line Parsley, sage, Rosemary and Thyme?
Scarborough Fair.
31. Who wrote “when melancholy autumn comes to Wembley and electric trains are lighted after tea, the poplars near the Stadium are trembly..... Betjeman
32. Which great landscaper was born at Kirkharle in Northumberland?
Lancelot Capability Brown.
33. What is a belted Galloway? A cow.
34. What is autumn called in New England? The Fall.
35. What species of bird can be a Dartford or grasshopper? Warbler.
36. Which food of the Greek gods was supposed to confer eternal life?
Ambrosia
37. What is the plant belladonna more commonly known as? Deadly nightshade.
38. What does a dendrologist study? Trees.
39. What is the name of the scale for wind measurement? Beaufort wind force scale.
40. What do Letchworth and Welwyn have in common? They are both garden cities.