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A Reflection



While weeding recently I picked up a little green acorn in a flower bed. If I were to give this to a child, I wondered, and asked it to draw what this acorn would be when it grew up, what would he or she draw? Would it be our oak tree, over 400 years old? We know some in the village played in its branches

as children. For our squirrels, it is home, a larder and a place of fun. Birds nest in it and seek shelter from the sparrow hawk. We're not sure who lives at the base of the trunk, Mr Badger perhaps? We watch it sprout bright green leaves in spring, give shade in summer, turn glorious colours in autumn, and fascinate with the tracery of its branches in winter. We are fortunate to have it in our care.

This is the time of year, as we look around and celebrate harvest, that our thoughts turn to the wonders of Creation.

The earth is the Lord's and all that in there is. (Psalm 24, verse 1)

At our harvest celebrations we give thanks for all we have received. We are lucky and privileged to live in a part of the world, where extremes of temperature with their droughts and floods – and despots' greed and violence – have not threatened our ability to put sufficient food on the table to sustain us. And we remember all those whose labour enables this. We think of the farmers, those who fish, those who in so many ways prepare the produce for our consumption, those who transport it, the shopkeepers and Food Bank volunteers. And let us not forget the

policy makers and legislators, who have the responsibility to take decisions affecting the production and distribution of food.

And what about us? Do we not now spend more time looking at labels, thinking about where our food has come from, considering the distance it has travelled and air miles, and the frightening economics of commodities such as meat, wheat, soy beans, oats and rice, listed in August 24 as good investments? So many issues, including the one which should tax us daily: how are we managing our impact on the climate? This is a hugely challenging pre-occupation, particularly for our young people.



However, God has given us many gifts. That includes our brains and understanding to work out solutions to current challenges. There certainly are positive ways forward. We have the ability to communicate, in many ways, and can use that to share ideas and information, and to reach agreement about what we should be doing. We are the inheritors of Creation, and we have the responsibility for its safeguarding. Do we not need to get on with the job?

K Kimber

Benefice Lay Worship Leader

Rota for October

<u>Ocober</u> <u>2024</u>	<u>Old</u> <u>Testament</u>	<u>New</u> <u>Testament</u>	<u>Gospel</u>	<u>Sidesmen</u>
October 4th	Harvest Evensong 7PM			Peter Frank Roy Mansell
6th	Harvest Meet and Eat Pant Memorial Hall 10 am til 12 noon			
13 th 20 th Sunday after Trinity	Job 23: 1-9, 16-end Trevor White	Hebrews 4: 12-end Trevor White	Mark 10: 17- 31	Jeffery Kendrick
20 th 21 st Sunday after Trinity	Job 30: 1-7 Berni Dolan	Hebrews 5: 1-10 Berni Dolan	Mark 10-35- 45	Dave Hinton
27 th The last Sunday after Trinity	Benefice Service At Llanyblodwel 11 am			
3 rd November 4 th Sunday before Advent	Meet and Eat Pant Memorial Hall 10 am til 12 noon			

Flowers And Cleaning for October

Cleaning for the month- Douglas and Jane Woods

From The From The Registers

Baptism: *“God has received you by Baptism into his Church; we therefore welcome you into the Lord’s family”*

Service at St Philip & St James conducted by Canon Robert Parsons
Sunday 15th September 2024

Mathew and Alfie Meakin

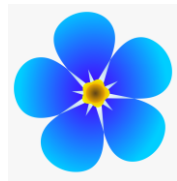
Funeral: *‘Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord’*

Service at St Philip & St James Church, Morton. Conducted by
Canon Robert Parsons on Thursday 5th September. Followed by
internment in Oswestry Cemetery

Margaret Williams

SOFA Club -October 2024.

Last month I said that for next year or so we would be following in the path of someone living with dementia. I thought for the next few months we would look at the senses as I know some churches have decided to make your churches more dementia friendly. I hope you may pick up little tips to help you.



Looking at Vision

“It’s not our eyes that are the problem, it’s the way the brain interprets the messages received from them.”

Standing at the top of a staircase the steps and the surrounding area are covered in the same carpeting or surface. Each individual step becomes all the same. Is it an escalator or even a children's slide? Is it going to move when I step on it? I am unsure where to put my feet, then I may fall.

The best of all are steps outside which are clearly defined, often with coloured tape marking the edges. Yellow is the best.

Patterned carpets are completely disorientating because all the shapes just seem to come alive, the floor is moving around, it will be moving when I try to walk on it. Sometimes the patterns turn into little wriggly creatures. This can make people living with dementia have a wobbly gait, they will tend to look at the floor to make sure they don't tumble. Shiny marble floors look like a swimming pool and we all know we can't walk across water! Black is the worst colour of all. A black door mat looks like a great hole and I will fall in. People dressed in black it can make it look like just a head floating in mid-air, which is very frightening.

To help look at your churches and perhaps make them more dementia friendly take a photograph in black and white. If the contrast between the shades of black, white and grey is obvious then it should be OK. Introduce something of colour. the best shades are black writing on a yellow background this works well, or NHS blue on a white background is clear. If you are caring for someone suggest to them some bright colours, this may just make life so much easier. Please remember not everyone is the same, just as we are all individuals so are people living with dementia.



If you have anything you may wish to share to help others who are on this journey or would like to know more, please contact Lizzie (Churchwarden Morton) 07713083002

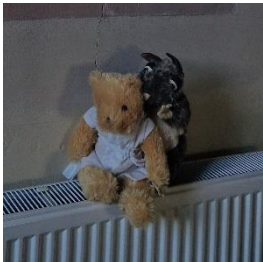
Our meetings in October are 3th and 17th at 2.30 -4. pm, Llanymynech Church Hall.



This year our Church in Morton is coming together for 'Gifting and Generosity Week'. It is an opportunity for us to invest, what we are able, so that in Morton we have a sustainable Church for today, tomorrow and into the future. Our generosity can be expressed in many ways: some provide gifts at Festivals, give freely of their time or expertise, others, give financially. Together, through generous 'living and giving' we enrich our community and by maintaining our Church we will always have a special place for us to come together in worship prayer, and fellowship. Many already contribute in a myriad of ways, but the demands upon the services of the Church continue to grow. Every penny we receive we will put to good use for the benefit of Morton.

A £30.00 gift allows us to light our Church for two weeks or to heat it in readiness for our weekly services. A £40.00 gift facilitates our outreach programme which provides a warm, safe space for fellowship and coming together. A £50.00 gift ensures the grounds of the Church are properly maintained on a biweekly basis so that the Church and its environment is conducive to reflection, prayer and contemplation. This year we have chosen the 2nd of November as 'Gifting and Generosity Day'. The Church will be open for gifts between 10 am and 3 pm. Please call in and see us, you will be made very welcome, a cuppa and cake and a chat all will be waiting for you.

Morty's Squeakbook page – Morty and Ted Get More Than They Bargain For!



Morty loved this time of year – harvest time, lots of fruit, vegetables and more, lots to sample and enjoy, be thankful for and of course, to give away. (Although, if truth be known, he wasn't too good at the last bit, and often chose to give away the things he didn't

particularly like and that was why Ted had reminded him about the Forest Church in the hope that he might look at things differently).

'Morty, you have remembered it's Forest Church this afternoon, haven't you?' 'Of course', said Morty, I am looking forward to it, they usually have lots of nice goodies to eat!' Ted rolled his eyes and said, 'You and your stomach!'

They hurried lunch so they would be in good time for the service and sure enough, before too long, their friends from church started to arrive and get ready. Morty sniffed the air and said 'Chocolate and cake if I am not mistaken' his mouth watering in expectation.

Lizzie began the service and Morty and Ted settled down to listen what was being said... 'Please let Morty be able to think of others and sharing the gifts he has, not just keep them all for himself to enjoy, ' he sent up the arrow prayer as Lizzie started talking about what we receive from God all around us, that we almost take for granted let alone thanking God for them or indeed to give him anything in return and with that, she asked everyone to go out and bring something back that God had given for us and offer thanks to him for those first fruits. Morty took off at a speed of knots out in the churchyard, so fast that he missed so much, Ted on the other hand too his time, marvelling in creation, and giving thanks for it all before selecting a bramble with a blackberry. 'What did you bring?' panted Morty, 'I brought a feather, I bet I am the only one to bring one of those!' 'It's not a competition' reprimanded Ted.

A little too sharply, for which he apologised straightaway but it all went over Morty's head. Morty's face fell when others produced a feather too and Ted said, 'God gave the birds but look at all the other things too, He gives us so much' which was exactly what Lizzie had moved onto in the next part of the



service, all 'the milk and honey'. 'Morty's nose started twitching, there was cake, he could smell it, so he started to pay more attention, as he didn't want to miss any chance of cake! Lizzie was talking about the generosity of God, giving us enough to eat and for all of our needs from the earth and everything in it - enough and to spare, all the gifts and

talents he gives us and more, sweet and sustaining but he did not want us to keep those gifts just for ourselves, but to share them so there is enough for all and to show what she meant, the cake that Morty had smelt earlier was being given out. 'I knew there was cake, yummy! Oh, Ted, they've forgotten me, and why have some people got two pieces and I haven't got any, that's not fair!' Morty was really worried, he was going to miss out as he could see it had all been given out and he was very upset! 'Maybe, that's the point Morty, there is enough for all but some take more than they need!' 'I want cake' wailed Morty under his breath. Just then someone who had two, gave him a piece of theirs, 'Oh, thank you' said Morty feeling very ashamed of his thoughts a moment ago, and he then thought... 'isn't that what I usually do with what I have, there is enough for all from God if we learn to share things fairly, to give as well as receive? Maybe I should do things differently' he mused, as he tucked into the gift of cake given to him. 'Mmm yummy' said Morty savouring his gift



Which fitted in with the next part of the service when they were encouraged to give to God by giving to others, investing in God's gift, giving generously without thought of a reward so there would not just be enough to share now but into the future too. When it came to the seed planters for others and for church, Morty vowed 'to make it the very best for the one he would give it to, thinking about his own hands outstretched to receive from God and also to give to others and sow

God's seeds of love for now and for all time. He knew exactly who he was going to give it to, the s mouse he sometimes saw when he went for a walk because he wanted to do something nice as at this time of year, he knew the little field mice worked hard and it was quite dangerous for them at times!

Morty looked at his gift of the seeds in the pot plus his time and effort in it and he thought he now understood and wanted to keep on doing it, so was really pleased when he had to write a prayer on a hand of thankfulness for what he receives and received from God, and also his commitment to being equally generous to others freely not because one thought one ought to and as he added his prayer to the banner he thought about the seed of hope and action that had been sown and began to shoot in him and would hopefully grow.

'Thank you Ted for being my friend, encouraging me to go to the Forest Church today. I not only enjoyed it, and yes I got to eat cake and chocolate, it also taught me about God's generous love to each and every one of us, his whole creation and that we too have to be generous in our giving and our commitment, to ensure those gifts can keep being enjoyed by others and that is better than anything' 'You'll get no argument from me, there Morty' Ted said, a quick arrow of thanks to God for all that had happened and giving an extra piece of chocolate to Ted from his own share.



A lesson for us all...

Squeaks for now.

Meetings of PANT WI at Pant Memorial Hall at 7.15 pm

Next Meeting November 7th

Members Evening

Competition:	Baby photograph for members to identify
Refreshments:	Gaynor T. Anne K & Amanda
Vote of thanks:	Sandra H.

Morton Quiz

October Questions

1. Which famous singer would you have been a fan of if you were referred to as a “smiler”?
2. Which Author created the character ‘George Smiley’?
3. Which Oscar winning film featured a character called “smiles a lot”?
4. Which famous British Rock Band were originally called “Smile”?
5. Taking place in 1974 “Operation Smiling Buddha” was the codename of which countries first successful Nuclear Bomb test?
6. Who was David Beckham’s best man at his wedding to Victoria Adams?
7. What colour wedding dress do Sikh brides traditionally wear?
8. In the film “Muriel’s Wedding” what song does Muriel walk down the aisle to?
9. Why are engagement and wedding rings traditionally worn on the fourth finger?
10. Unscramble this MY GRAFTING BIKE WEDGED a famous wedding film?

Answers to September Quiz

1. 14 Paralympics 49
2. 776 BC
3. Dr Ludwig Guttmann
4. Citius, Altius, Fortius. We move forward when we move together.
5. Left to right – Blue, Yellow, Black, Green, Red.
6. Joy of effort, fair play, practicing respect, pursuit of excellence, balance between body, mind and will.
7. Spyridon Samaras. (John Williams’s version played since 1984)
8. Greek Poet Kostis Palamas
9. London the only city to have hosted 3 times.
10. 65 nations.

NEWS FROM PANT MEMORIAL HALL OCTOBER 2024

THE MOST IMPORTANT THING:

AUTUMN BAZAAR – THE PANT POP UP SHOPPING MALL!

Saturday 5th October, 2pm-4pm at Pant Memorial Hall.

- 12 local trader stalls: crafts, food, cards, gifts and more!
- Plus fundraisers for the hall including bric-a-brac, bargain bookstall, tombola and the exclusive mice!
- Enjoy a chat over tea and cake, catch up with friends, see what’s new at the hall!
- Please bring cash and a bag for your purchases. Free entry. Assistance dogs only.

Donation drop off Friday 4th October 5pm to 7pm, we'd really appreciate books (especially children's books and novels), tombola prizes and bric-a-brac. (sorry, no electrical items, clothes or personalised items – thank you)

Help wanted: we could do with some extra volunteers on the day to staff the hall stalls, serve tea/coffee and cake plus help set up and clear away. If you can help, please get in touch to bookings@pantmemorialhall.org.uk. You don't need to be part of the committee to volunteer with us.

ALL THIS DOES NOT HAPPEN BY MAGIC: We are also still in need of someone to be chair of trustees – we are currently operating with this position vacant which is not ideal for a charity. Please contact secretary@pantmemorialhall.org.uk if you are interested in this position. We have four evening committee meetings a year plus interim 'goings on' – it's not a huge time commitment and means that our modern, affordable and accessible community venue keeps going.

Meanwhile the hall is there to be used, for your family events, meetings, classes, sewing sessions, band rehearsals, dance practice or whatever fits in! Have a look at our website to find out more about our facilities – our little hall has a huge number of things to offer, all for a bargain £12.50 an hour.

All the above things only happen if we have enough trustees, please don't leave it all to others. Please get in touch to find out more, all the contact details are below.

To contact us:

Bookings: email bookings@pantmemorialhall.org.uk or call/whatsapp 07913 565708. Please look on the website first (if you have internet access) to check timeslots and information.

Website: <https://pantmemorialhall.org.uk/> or scan this image into your phone:



All other enquiries (including prospective committee members):
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Pant Memorial Hall

SUNDAY MEET AND EAT.

Sunday 3rd November

10 00 -12 noon.



**Tea, Coffee & fruit juice. Toast, Teacakes
& Jam.**



Short Act of Worship.

For more information contact Lizzie Lawrence on 07713083002