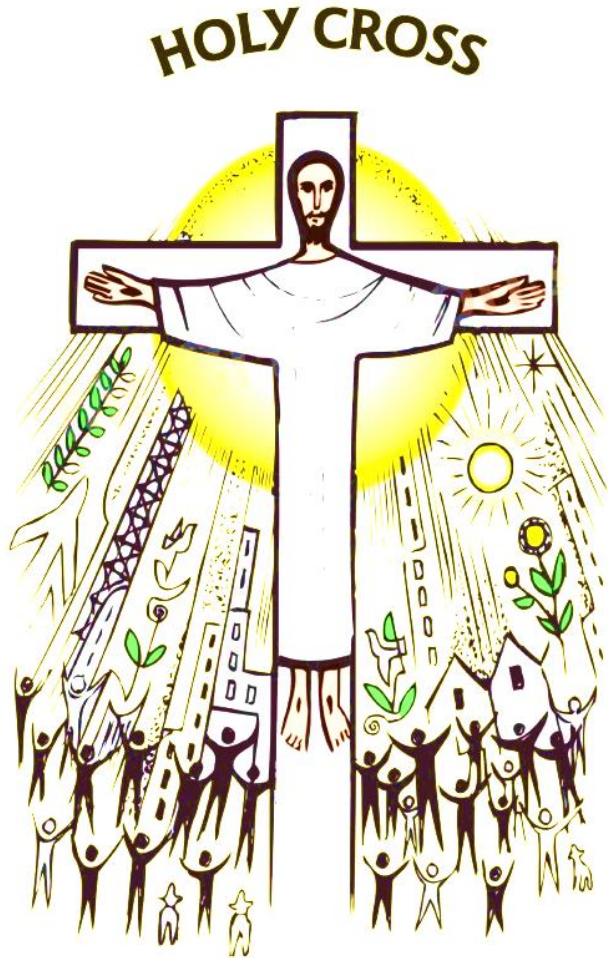


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SEPTEMBER



2023

FR JULIAN WRITES...

September in France is la rentrée. That's how it is regarded. The summer holidays come to an end and everyone leaves their fashionable seaside villas having had August off (not!), schools return, new TV programmes are scheduled, books launched – in fact September is a month of revival. This is not so much the case in the UK in August, though clergy do not look for extra work such as meetings, but if they're like me, will use the time for planning as well as a little R & R.

Most of us will in some way see September as a month of new, or renewed beginnings, girding our loins for the autumn and considering the long run of events, especially in the Church's year, with all sorts of festivals in the next four months. It is also a time to review the year so far, and see what we haven't done or over-looked in our general oversight for the year. I wouldn't mind betting that none of us even remember the New Year's resolutions that were made!

In the Jewish calendar Yom Kippur falls on the 10th Tishrei, which is 24/25 September (the Jewish days starts in the evening after the first star's out). Yom Kippur is the Day of Atonement, and in the days of Temple worship, a goat was sent out into the wilderness, symbolically bearing the sins of the Jewish nation (hence 'scapegoat'). So for the Jews, September is also a time for renewal, and of being put right with God.

We make plans and perhaps refocus our lives as we enter September. There are no public holidays until Christmas, and so we tend to put our heads down and get on with it. Well, certainly that's the case with our physical lives, but what about our spiritual ones?

I made mention of festivals that are occurring in the coming months, and each offer us an opportunity to refocus our practising of our faith – or at least they should do.

In September we have the feast of the birth of Mary, the mother of Jesus (8th). In how much regard do we hold Mary, not so much as in veneration, but in recognition of role in our salvation by giving birth to Jesus. We have the feast of the Holy Cross (14th); apart from Lent and Holy Week, how much do we stop to think about the instrument of Jesus' death and our salvation? And then on the 29th we keep the feast of St Michael and All Angels. What do we think about angels today, other than the stereotypical images which are often the sum total of people's understanding and knowledge of the ministry of angels.

Festivals in the Church are like birthdays and anniversaries in our lives. They're not just footnotes in our calendars such as new moons or public holidays in other parts of the UK or abroad. What do we do at birthdays and anniversaries? Primarily, our thoughts and attention are turned towards those people, friends, family and so on, who prompt the celebration. Cards and gifts, food and drink are all outward expressions of our celebrations, but chiefly it's their being remembered that makes them come alive for us. Even anniversaries of death.

So what about the saints' days or other feasts (same word as 'festival') that I mentioned? I fear that all too often, they pass by without even a second thought. All the saints' days are listed on the porch notices; perhaps they should be on the notice sheet, especially 'red letter' days. And our offering, our gift? Joining our prayers with them, and being united in the receiving of Holy Communion on their days. I haven't heard the expression 'holy days of obligation' for fifty years, and although there is no 'obligation' other than our consciences and the prompting of the Spirit, we shouldn't become lax and complacent.

With my prayers and good wishes

Fr Julian

MAGAZINE EDITOR FOR 50 YEARS!

Following his recent ill-health, George Coles has decided to step back from being the editor of 'Outlook' after 50 years. During that time, he has overseen a number of significant changes, from it being a broad sheet (the then Vicar had an off-set litho) to the current A5 booklet. This was initially prepared and printed professionally. More recently, with HTs ability to print its own booklets, the magazine has become an 'in-house' publication, with Jane Laurence doing all the typing and layout, with George receiving and writing articles as and when necessary.

We are most grateful to George for all his hard work over the years, and his maintaining an active archive of all the parish magazines. Jane will be taking over the role in the meantime, but her role is primarily that of typist (not that that term does justice to all that's involved). If anyone would like to take on the responsibility of editor (not that 'editing' is often needed - just the opposite!) in nudging people to write articles or to make contributions, please let Jane know. And we'd still be grateful to anyone to make any occasional contribution.

Fr Julian

SEPTEMBER SAINTS - Fr Julian's selection of this month's saints

1st St Giles (6th C) was a hermit or monk active in the lower Rhône. Revered as a saint, his cult became widely diffused but what is known of him is mostly legendary. A town that bears his name grew up around the monastery he purportedly founded, which became a pilgrimage centre and a stop on the Way of Saint James.



5th St Teresa of Calcutta (26th Aug 1910–5th Sept 1997), better known as Mother Teresa, was an Albanian-Indian Catholic nun and the founder of the Missionaries of Charity. Born in Skopje, then part of the Ottoman Empire, at the age of 18 she moved to Ireland and later to India, where she lived most of her life. On 4 September 2016, she was canonised.

8th Birth of the BVM The modern Biblical canon does not record Mary's birth. The earliest known account of Mary's birth is found in the Gospel of James (5.2), an apocryphal text from the late second century, with her parents known as Saint Anne and Saint Joachim. Mary and John the Baptist are the only saints whose births are celebrated because of their special places in God's plan of salvation.

14th Holy Cross In the Christian liturgical calendar, there are several different Feasts of the Cross, all of which commemorate the cross used in the crucifixion of Jesus. Unlike Good Friday, which is dedicated to the passion of Christ and the crucifixion, these feast days celebrate the cross itself, as the sign of salvation. There is a Society of the Holy Cross for Anglican priests, to which I belong.

26th St Cosmas & St Damian (c.3rd century–c.287 or 303AD) were Arab physicians as well as early Christian martyrs. They practised their profession in the seaport of Aegeae, then in the Roman province of Syria. Cosmas and Damian were third century Arabian-born twin brothers who embraced Christianity and practised medicine and surgery without a fee.



29th The Archangels Most are familiar with Michael (the warrior of God), Gabriel (the messenger) and perhaps Raphael (the healer). Also there is Uriel (the flame of God) who stood at the entrance to paradise to prevent Adam and Eve returning. The four are pictured in the poster by St Michael's chapel at HT. In addition there are a further 3 archangels who are less well-known or venerated.

30th St Jerome (342/7–420) Jerome was born at Stridon, a village near Emona (now Ljubljana, capital of Slovenia) on the border of Dalmatia and Pannonia. He is best known for his translation of the Bible into Latin (the translation that became known as the Vulgate) and his commentaries on the whole Bible.

Jerome attempted to create a translation of the Old Testament based on a Hebrew version, rather than the Septuagint, as Latin Bible translations used to be performed before him.



CALENDAR FOR SEPTEMBER

The Sundays, readings and themes, and Saints days for September are listed below.

- 1 Fri S. Giles of Provence, Hermit (710)
2 Sat Martyrs of Papua, New Guinea (1901 & 1941)
3 TRINITY 13 *Theme: Bearing the Cross*
Readings: Jeremiah 15.15-21; Romans 12.9-21; Matthew 16.21-28
4 Mon S. Birinus, Bishop of Dorchester, Apostle of Wessex (650)
5 Tue S. Teresa of Calcutta, Nun, Missionary (1997)
8 Fri BIRTH OF THE VIRGIN MARY
9 Sat S. Peter Claver, Priest, New World Evangelist (1654)
10 TRINITY 14 *Theme: Winning Back the Sinful Brother*
Readings: Ezekiel 33.7-11; Romans 13.8-14; Matthew 18.15-20
13 Wed S. John Chrysostom, Bishop of Constantinople (407)
14 Thu HOLY CROSS DAY
16 Sat S. Cyprian, Bishop of Carthage, Martyr (258)
17 TRINITY 15 *Theme: The Lord Will Exact as We Exact*
Readings: Genesis 50.15-21; Romans 14.1-12; Matthew 18.21-35
19 Tue S. Theodore, Archbishop of Canterbury (690)
21 Thu S. MATTHEW THE APOSTLE
24 TRINITY 16 *Theme: God's More Generous Way*
Readings: Jonah 3.10-4.11; Philippians 1.21-30; Matthew 20.1-16
26 Tue SS. Cosmas & Damian, Martyrs (4th C)
27 Wed S. Vincent de Paul, Founder of Lazarists (1660)
28 Thu S. Wenceslas, Duke of Bohemia & Martyr (929)
29 Fri S. MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS
30 Sat S. Jerome, Translator of the Scriptures (420)



HARVEST SUPPER



The Harvest Supper will be on **Saturday 30th September** at 7.00pm in the hall. Due to increased food costs the we've had to increase the tickets to £7.00, which is excellent value for a 3 course supper. Tickets will be available in September from Liz Hathway.

COFFEE MORNING FOR



A Coffee Morning is to be held in the Church Hall on **Saturday 23rd September** between 10am and 12 noon for Macmillan Cancer Support.



An assortment of cakes and refreshments will be on sale and also a chance to buy some Craft items and fancy goods which have kindly been donated.

We will also be holding a raffle and games, with lots of prizes to be won.



If you would like to help, or donate a cake or a raffle prize, please see me or Liz Hathway.

The Macmillan Support Line offers free, confidential support to people living with cancer and their loved ones and can be contacted via the website www.macmillan.org.uk or by telephoning Tel: 0808 808 00 00.

Please do come along with your friends and family to support this excellent charity. Many thanks.

Cheryl Grindle

HARVEST AND GIFT DAY

We will be celebrating harvest at the end of September/beginning of October, with the school having a harvest service in the week before the weekend of 30 Sept and the 1 October, when we shall hold our harvest services.

Our annual Gift Day will be on that Sunday, when we shall have the opportunity to thank God for all his gifts and further the work of the church by making donations.



A RECIPE FOR SEPTEMBER

ECCLES CAKES

Eccles cakes are remarkably easy and inexpensive to make. I buy the puff pastry sold by a well-known German budget supermarket. It cuts neatly into six pieces, they are not quite square but that does not matter. A teatime treat that I have found remarkably popular especially eaten freshly made but they also store well for several days in an airtight container.

Ingredients

1 sheet ready-made puff pastry cut into six pieces

For the filling:

60g/2oz butter, melted

60g/2oz soft light brown sugar

60g/2oz each of sultanas, currants and chopped mixed peel

½ tsp mixed spice



Method

- Mix all the filling ingredients together in a small bowl.
- Divide into six portions and place one portion in the centre of each piece of puff pastry.
- Draw the edges and corners of the pastry up to form a 'purse'. Pinch the edges of the pastry firmly together then place onto a very lightly floured work surface smooth side uppermost and press gently with the palm of your hand to form a slightly flattened ball.
- Then using a rolling pin roll to a roundish disc just under half an inch thick, try not to break the surface of the pastry. Lay out on a parchment lined tray, brush with water and sprinkle generously with granulated or caster sugar.
- Bake in a 180°C oven for 20 minutes or so until a deep golden brown but keep a close eye on them after the 15 minute mark or turn the oven down a little if the Eccles look as if they are getting too dark too quickly.
- Cool on the tray for ten minutes before removing to a wire rack.

Contributed by Alys Williams

CHURCH GARDENING

The gardening sessions between 2-4 on the 3rd Saturday each month will likely cease for winter in October depending on the weather. However, Kings College has asked if they can come along on some Friday afternoons during the autumn term to do some work in the grounds. Dates are to be confirmed, but it would be nice if someone from HT could be there to welcome, support and perhaps make a drink. More information will follow as soon as I know dates.

Wendy Burge

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



Sadly Traidcraft went into liquidation earlier this year, but I have limited stock, a few packs of Christmas cards and some gifts, that I will be selling after mass on the second Sunday of September & October.

Christmas Bazaar

This year's Christmas Bazaar is on **Saturday 2nd December, 11 - 2pm**. Draw tickets will be on sale from mid-September, please see Liz Hathway if you are able to sell any tickets. If you are able to provide a prize for the hampers please see the list at the back of Church, available from the beginning of September, I will start collecting items from October. Alternatively, if you are able to donate money towards purchasing a Christmas meat hamper as one of the prizes please see me. I will be contacting stallholders soon to check availability etc.

PANTOMIME

The Brewhouse Panto 2024 is Dick Whittington. I will book tickets for the 7.30 pm performance on **Wednesday 10th January 2024**. If enough people are interested in coming I hope to be able to negotiate a reduced price. Please sign the list at the back of Church by *Sunday 10 September* if you would like to join us.

Wendy Burge

ST OSWALD AND ST AIDAN - Part 2

Continuing last month's article on these two 7th century saints, St Oswald and St Aidan. Aidan has arrived in Northumbria at Oswald's invitation, to bring Christianity to the Northumbrians.



*Statue of St Aidan
on Holy Island*

Aidan started his conversion of the Northumbrians by going on missions around the countryside. Even though he could not speak the language he found a way to preach. He had the friendship and support of Oswald, who often went with him acting as a translator. Aidan liked to travel on foot and spoke to anyone he met, taking the gospel to rich and poor alike. He was much loved as a teacher and evangelist; though stern in his own self-discipline, he was prepared to travel to the most inaccessible villages, where he cared for the local people with compassion and gentleness. He was clearly a man of God, a man of prayer, and a man who lived his faith, so that people could see and feel the living presence of God in their midst. The Venerable Bede greatly respected Aidan and said of him 'He never sought or cared for worldly possessions, and loved to give away to the poor who chanced to meet him whatever he received from the king and wealthy folk'.

The close relationship between Aidan and Oswald was of great significance for the Christianisation of Northumbria. They worked well together for several years so that by the time of Oswald's death the momentum towards conversion had become unstoppable.

Oswald died in 642, when he was killed at the Battle of Maserfield in Oswestry by the pagan forces of Penda of Mercia. The Venerable Bede portrays Oswald as being saintly as a king. Bede recounts a story of Oswald's generosity to the poor and to strangers when on one occasion, at Easter, Oswald was sitting at dinner with Aidan and had 'a silver dish full of dainties before him', when a servant, whom Oswald 'had appointed to relieve the poor', came in and told Oswald that a crowd of the poor were in the streets begging alms from the king.

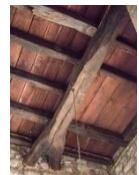
Oswald, immediately had his food given to the poor and even had the dish broken up and distributed. Aidan was greatly impressed and seized Oswald's right hand, stating: 'May this hand never perish'. Bede reports that the hand and arm remained uncorrupted after Oswald's death.

Aidan continued to work closely with Oswald's successor, Oswin in Northumbria for a further 9 years. During this time Penda and the Mercians continued to wreak havoc with marauding raids; on one famous occasion, Aidan watched him attack the royal fortress at Bamburgh as he prayed on the Farne Islands, and it is written that his intercessions caused the wind to change direction and beat back the flames from the castle gates.

Aidan and Oswin both died in 651. Aidan is said to have died standing up, leaning against a post in a church founded by him in Bamburgh. No trace of that wooden building can be seen other than a beam in the Baptistry. Tradition has it that this is the beam that Aidan was leaning against when he died and it is said to have miraculously survived two fires. The site of his death is marked by a simple shrine within the present church. Aidan was buried at Lindisfarne, beneath the abbey he founded.



*Beam (on right)
and Shrine in
Bamburgh Church*



Both Oswald and Aidan were clearly remarkable men. Oswald was a secular king whose attention was directed towards maintaining his kingdom and protecting his people from invasion. Aidan on the other hand was directed towards saving souls and helping people understand the great richness of life with God. They both had a deep concern for the welfare of the people, temporal and spiritual, and reflected real leadership to their people.

Aidan is rightly remembered as the missionary who brought the good news to Northumbria, but he could not have succeeded without Oswald, the man who was brave enough to claim an earthly kingdom, yet obedient enough to play a humbler role in advancing a heavenly one.

It is thanks to these two men, who are rightly saints, that the Gospel spread quickly and transformed many lives, and that from their foundation Christianity continued to flourish and grow.

O loving God, who called your servant Aidan from the peace of a Cloister to re-establish the Christian mission in northern England, and gave him the gifts of gentleness, simplicity, and strength: Grant that we, following his example, may use what you have given us for the relief of human need, and may persevere in commending the saving Gospel of our Redeemer Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Jane Laurence

THANK YOU

Sheila, Sharon, Diane and family would like to thank everyone for their support and kindness of words and cards following Dennis's passing. They would also like to thank Fr Julian for his kindness and conducting the service and all those who attended.

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Sheila Ridgway, Sharon, Diane & family

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Wendy Burge



WHEN AUTUMN COMES





Should we be sad
When autumn comes
And winter looms ahead?
Is it so bad
That days grow short
And verdant leaves grow red?



We'll miss the sun
And long, hot days
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But soon will come
The starry nights
And wintry landscapes grand!



Perhaps it's best
That nature sleeps
And things no longer grow;
We get a rest
From vibrant weeds
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By Nigel Beeton from the *Parish Pump*



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In a sack - Seen in a church magazine: 'Bring your old newspapers (and your neighbours), put them in a sack and tie them if possible.'

From the *Parish Pump*

ALL IN THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER

It was:

- 125 years ago, on 26th Sept 1898 that George Gershwin, American composer, was born.
- 100 years ago, on 4th Sept 1923 that Noel Coward's musical revue *London Calling!* was first performed, in London. It was his first publicly produced musical work.
- Also 100 years ago, on 7th Sept 1923 that Interpol, the International Criminal Police Organisation, was founded.
- Also 100 years ago, on 29th Sept 1923 that the British Mandate for Palestine came into effect. Britain took control of Mandatory Palestine (formerly part of the Turkish Empire) until 1948, when Israel became an independent state.
- 80 years ago, on 10th Sept 1943 that the Germans occupied Rome, and took over the protection of the Vatican City.
- 75 years ago, on 9th Sept 1948 that the People's Democratic Republic of Korea was established, headed by Kim Il Sung.
- 70 years ago, on 10th Sept 1953 that the discovery of rapid eye movement (REM) sleep was published in the journal *Science*. It had been discovered in 1952 by Eugene Aserinsky and Nathaniel Kleitman at the University of Chicago.
- 50 years ago, on 2nd Sep 1973 that JRR Tolkien, British fantasy writer, poet, scholar, and educator died. Best known for his novels *The Hobbit* and *The Lord of the Rings*.
- Also 50 years ago, on 29th Sep 1973 that W H Auden, British born American poet, died. Regarded as one of the greatest writers of the 20th century.
- 25 years ago, on 4th Sep 1998 that Google, the internet search company, was founded by Larry Page and Sergey Brin, both students at Stanford University in California. The company was originally based in a friend's garage at Menlo Park.
- 15 years ago, on 7th Sep 2008 that the Financial Crisis erupted. The troubled US mortgage-financing giants, Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, were put into government conservatorship under the Federal Housing Finance Agency. On 15th Sep 2008 the global investment company Lehman Brothers filed for Chapter 11 Bankruptcy. It was the largest bankruptcy filing in US history.

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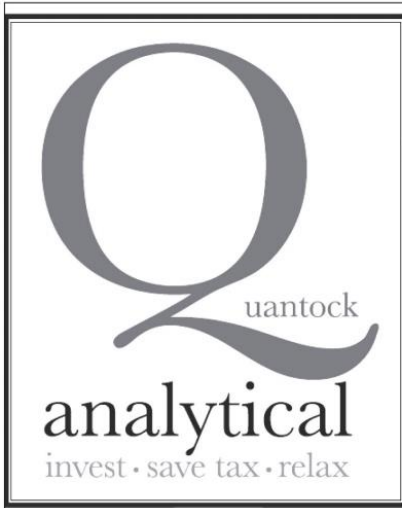
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Wendy Burge

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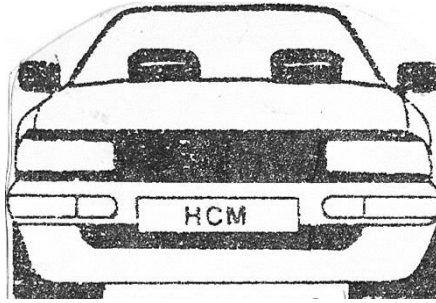


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