

Chilton Moor

a village in Tyne and Wear, England. The village is located between Houghton le was formed out of Houghton Parish Spring and Fence Houses on the Tyne and Wear/County Durham county boundary

The Parish Of Chilton

MOOr The Parish of Chilton Moor during the rapid expansion of the mining industry in the late 19th century. It lies within the deanery of Houghton

le Spring in the Diocese of Durham. It is bounded by the parishes of Bournmoor to the north, Lumley to the west, East and West Rainton to the south and Houghton to the east. Over 60% of the parish is rural in nature. The parish includes several small communities; Chilton Moor,/Colliery Row Bankhead, Dubmire and Fence Houses that coalesce to form the urban area. It has a strong community identity going back to its mining days.

George Gilbert Scott Jr; Ellen Gilbert Scott (née King Sampson)

Scott was born on 8 October 1839 in London, eldest son of Sir George Gilbert Scott and Caroline Oldrid. After a scholarship at Eton College. He later obtained a Cambridge University degree in moral sciences at / esus College in 1866.



Architect SIR George Gilbert Scott, an architect of whom even the unreconstructed may have heard, was responsible for the Albert Memorial and for the magnificent St Pancras railway station, restored (it is said) most of England's cathedrals and designed handsome parish

churches throughout the land.

His son, George Gilbert junior, designed St Andrew's church at Chilton Moor. A few vears later he escaped from Bedlam.

To serve the pitmen and their families, St Andrew's mission church was dedicated on July 20 1876. The church - "modest and incomplete" conceded an article in a recent parish magazine - is much loved, nonetheless.

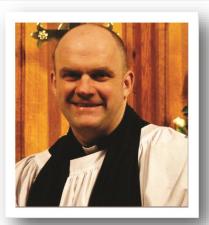
Scott the younger had been invited by Henri Gough, Chilton Moor's vicar from 1872-1915, to come up with something suitable. The Bishop of Durham seemed not to be suited at all. Both he and the Archdeacon, it's reckoned, objected to the provision of chairs as well as fixed seating, to a step inside the communion rail, to the difficulty of expansion and (of course) to the cost. Scott, a contentious convert to Catholicism, simply felt that the Bishop thought the design not "Protestant" enough and tried again two years later. "Though the Bishop and Archdeacon have signed the plans, the Bishop cordially hates them," wrote Gough by way of interesting ecclesiastical oxymoron. "I expect he will sit on me as before, but our friends have promised to muster and defeat the clique."

The building was completed at a cost of £2,273.7s, the chancel followed for £1,200 in 1893. Neither Scott's intended spire, nor the south aisle, were ever added, the "temporary" brick wall to the south still awaiting a little permanency.

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Vicar's Letter October 2024

Rev John



I don't know what your first job was. Apart from being a paper boy which I think can't happen now, my first proper job was as a fisherman catching shellfish. And my very first days work was to arrive at the quayside at 3:30 in the morning to jump into the sea and rip the nets off that had been protecting the baby cockles and clams. Everyone from the company had been dragged in to do this, delivery drivers, guys that worked in the processing factory, everyone. And everyone else had waders on. But my feet were too big to even find waders for so I jumped into the water wearing my

trainers very glad that it was summer but still very cold. And I did that for two summers when I was a student, and other than working to repack sweets that was the only time I worked in any way which could be considered as working in the supply chain for food. And it was probably the most physically demanding job I've ever had, I ended up with a fantastic tan from where my gloves ended to where my t shirt began, and to say that I stank would be a huge understatement, the mud got deep into my skin, but it was great fun, though I was very glad I didn't work there in the winter.

And it's now that time of year when we think about harvest. For those who grow food on land it's the time of year when the hard work pays off and the crops are gathered in. And we give thanks for what has been provided, give thanks for those who work incredible hours, and incredibly hard to provide us with food. Give thanks too for those parts they can't control, the rain and the sun, the things that come from God. Particularly within our parish I imagine it wasn't too long ago when behind mining our next biggest employer was farming, and now while there is some work in that area we're a lot more distant from the creation of our food. Which probably makes it all the more important to take this opportunity to pause and to think of what we're thankful for. The food we have on our tables and our cupboards, for those who have grown and made it and for the part God has played in it's provision. But also to reflect and to do our part in providing for those who struggle.

Rev John

And so, as the evenings draw in, we hope you had a good summer, and that you can settle easily into this coming autumn. We hope you enjoy the magazine and we hope it has an important role to play in comforting and cheering people, reminding them that God is still there for them, no matter what.

With warm wishes

The Magazine Team

HYMN: The story behind Come Ye Thankful People Come

Come, ye thankful people, come, Raise the song of harvest home! All is safely gathered in, Ere the winter storms begin; God, our maker, doth provide For our wants to be supplied; Come to God's own temple, come; Raise the song of harvest home! We ourselves are God's own field,
Fruit unto his praise to yield;
Wheat and tares together sown,
Unto joy or sorrow grown;
First the blade and then the ear,
Then the full corn shall appear:
Grant, O harvest Lord, that we
Wholesome grain and pure may be....

By H Alford (1810 – 71)

Very probably, you will sing this well-loved Harvest hymn this month. It was written by the Revd Henry Aldford, DD, a Victorian clergyman who had been a fellow student at Trinity College, Cambridge with Alfred Tennyson, and whose transparent goodness and friendliness seem to have made him liked and appreciated wherever he went.

His ministry began as vicar of Wymeswold, a tiny village in Leicestershire with a badly neglected church. Over 18 years, Henry rebuilt the faltering Christian community, faithfully visiting every person in his parish, and preaching his way through the Bible in sermons that were so clear that everyone could understand him. He then moved on to the incumbency of Quebec Chapel in London for four years, before moving to the Deanery of Canterbury, in 1857, where he lived until his death in early 1871.

Henry was one of life's good people; gentle, kindly, grateful for everything he had (he used to say 'grace' before AND after each meal), and eager to encourage all those whom he served. He was prodigiously productive: writing something like 50 books. The best known of these was a four-volume exposition of the New Testament, which took him nearly 20 years.

His famous hymn draws upon two of Jesus' parables: the story of the wheat and tares (Mt 13:24-30) and also the story of the seed that grows unbeknown to the sower (Mark 4:26-29). Both are parables drawn from agriculture; both are about the ultimate harvest of our souls before God. During this lifetime we properly give thanks to God for our harvest of His gifts of creation, but we should also reflect on what seed we are sowing in our lives, and what harvest we may expect; as one day God will gather together *only His own* for the eternal heavenly harvest.



THIS IS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL FOUR CHURCH CONGREGATIONS TO COME TOGETHER, TO SHARE IN PRAYER, TO SHARE IDEAS, TO LAUGH TOGETHER AND TO SHARE LUNCH. IN AN INFORMAL & RELAXED ATMOSPHERE WE CAN THINK ABOUT THE THINGS THAT BRING US TO CHURCH, THE THINGS THAT WE MIGHT FIND DIFFICULT ABOUT CHURCH AND THE THINGS THAT WE MIGHT LIKE TO BE DOING TOGETHER. YOU WILL BE RECEIVING AN INVITATION SOON. LICTS TO AND FROM THE KEPIER HALL AVAILABLE.

The names we love to give our homes

names out there.

But now a new study has found that nearly all the most common property names have something to do with nature. And in Britain, the most popular house name of all is short and sweet: 'The Cottage'. Next in line? 'Rose Cottage'.

any people name their homes, and there is certainly a dizzying variety of

Other popular house names include Ivy Cottage, Garden Cottage, Orchard Cottage, Yew Tree Cottage, The Barn, The Stables, Orchard House, The Lodge and The Granary.

Dr Lynn Robson, Fellow in English at Regent's Park College, Oxford said the trend seems "to reflect a nostalgia for a rural past."

The survey also found that Newcastle has the greatest number of named homes, followed by Glasgow and Sheffield. The survey was carried out by Admiral Home Insurance.



The Power of Prayer, Georgina Smith, Poet

Are you anxious, worried, depressed?

You go to sleep, but get no rest.

The pressures whirl inside your mind,

And try as you can you only find

That the thoughts you yearn for

Just won't stay.

And the thoughts you hate

Won't go away.

Psalm 34v17-20

You go to work and the cloud descends.

And try as you might you see no end.

You have no joy in the work you do.

And you constantly pray to get you through.

The torments of night,

And the pressures of day,

Seem to surround you

And wont go away.

John 16v33

Let me remind you that there is a way

To keep those darkened thoughts at bay.

Rebuke dark forces in Jesus name,

For this is a WAR - not a game.

Don't be afraid in your weakest hour,

Your Father has promised you

Mighty power.

2 Corinthians 12v6-10

So, unsheathe 'THE SWORD',

Lift up 'THE SHIELD',

Hitch up 'THE BELT',

Never to yield.

2 Corinthians 10v4

Claim ALL the promises made to you,

And the arm of the Lord

Will see you through.

Stand and fight,

Don't run and hide.

And the heavenly host

Will fight at your side.

See the deliverance

The Lord brings today,

And the peace that you long for

Won't go away.

The joy of the Father

Will bubble and flow

When the power of prayer

In YOUR life you know.

2 Timothy 4v18

The Lion and the Lamb

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The harvest produce was taken to the old people's bungalows



"It's either an appeal to youth culture or we can't afford to service the boiler for the Winter season"

Passwords

An elderly vicar got a call from a scammer who said, "I've got all of your passwords." The vicar replied: "Excellent! What are they? Just wait while I grab a pen."

Signs of our times? Pew-sheet notices that didn't come out quite right

Would the person who took the church step ladder last week please bring it back, or further steps will be taken.

After Sunday morning coffee, please empty

the teapot and stand upside down on the draining board.

Hymn of Invitation: 'Whoever He Leads I'll Go'

Our visiting monster today is the Revd Jack Bains.

Church toilet out of order. Please use floor below.

Worshippers are asked to wail, until the choir has been served Holy Communion.

Pray for continual growth for our teens, that a food foundation will be laid in their lives.

We are always happy to have you sue our facility.

The activity will take place on the church barking lot.

Hymn: 'I am Thin, O Lord.'

Church Finances

Michael Baxter, Treasurer

I set out below the income and expenditure of the church during August 2024.

AUGUST			
(to the nearest £)			
INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Regular giving	£547	Parish share	£1,000
Donations to church funds	£68	Cleaner	£159
to charities	£20	Gas/Electricity bills	£231
Collections	£69	Service sheets/wafers/wine etc	£7
Hire of hall	£100	Magazine printing	£51
AUGUST TOTAL	£804		£1,448
YEAR TOTALS TO END AUGUST	£16,012		£13,201

Leprosy Mission update

It seems a long time ago since Lent when we chose to donate to the Leprosy Mission charity to help in their project to build a new Outpatient Department at Mazaffarpur Hospital in Bihar State, India. The existing building is no longer fit for purpose and is in a poor state of repair but thanks to the donations they have received they are soon to make

a start of the construction of the new building, an artist's impression of which is shown.

Thanks to the incredible generosity of all those who donated they are also able to upgrade other areas of the hospital including the operating theatres. An amazing reason to rejoice!



Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! (Philippians 4:4)

Thank you one and all, Christine Baxter

Remembering Desmond Tutu

orty years ago, on 16th October 1984, the South African Anglican, Bishop Desmond Tutu won the 1984 Nobel Peace Prize for his role in the opposition to apartheid.

Born into a Methodist family in Transvaal in 1931, Tutu first went into teaching, but after three years retired in protest at the deteriorating standard of black education, in particular the discriminatory Bantu Education Act of 1953. Instead, he went into the church, enrolling at St Peter's Theological College in Johannesburg and becoming an Anglican priest, then studying theology at King's College, London.

In 1975 he became the first black person to hold the position of Dean of St Mary's Cathedral in Johannesburg, following this by becoming Bishop of Lesotho and then in 1978 the first black General Secretary of the South African Council of Churches.

Regarded by many as a prophet in the liberation theology sense of the word – someone challenging power – Tutu became Archbishop of Cape Town in 1986, therefore the leader of South Africa's 1.6 million Anglicans. Always a pacifist, he was already one of the most prominent voices calling for sanctions on the apartheid regime from the international community.

On the release of Nelson Mandela from prison in 1990 after 27 years, when South Africa moved towards democracy, he saw his country as "the Rainbow Nation". Mandela responded by making him Chairman of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission in 1995.

Exhilarated by a new vision for the future of South Africa, he described himself as "on cloud nine" when the election results came in 1994. He planned the religious component of Mandela's inauguration ceremony, including Jewish, Muslim and Hindu leaders.

Tutu's Nobel Prize medal was stolen in June 2007 from his home in Johannesburg, but was recovered a week later.

Church Commissioners aiming to build 1435 homes

he Church Commissioners and Durham County Council are hoping to build 1435 new homes on jointly owned agricultural land.

The land is near Newton Aycliffe, and the development would run to 97.1 hectares. The result would be a series of 'interlinked neighbourhoods' around a central 'spine' road, and would include a primary school and a town centre with shops. The development would also include 'affordable housing' and numerous care homes.



Quizmaster (Q) Hello and welcome once again to Master Of The Universe.

Remember.

anyone who answers all of the questions correctly will become Master Of The Universe. Let's meet tonight's contestant. And you are?

Contestant (C) Mr Planks.

- (Q) Mr Planks and you are a Professor Of English Grammer?
- (C) I are.
- (Q) We are indeed. Start the clock.
- (Q) And your first question, can you give me the name of the standard unit of electrical power?
- (C) What?
- (Q) A Watt, correct?
- (Q) The famous comic actor was, Mr. Will?
- (C) Aye?
- (Q) Mr. Will Hay, correct.
- (Q) A legal question now.
- (Q) A man is released from prison because he has received the royal?
- (C) Pardon?
- (Q) Correct.
- (Q) And what were the last words of Ludwig van Beethoven?
- (C) I'm sorry I didn't hear that.
- (Q) Yes, they were correct.
- (Q) The name of the first Bond film was Doctor? Do you know it?
- (Q) Er, No.
- (Q) Correct.
- (Q) I want you now to tell me the first two words of the song that goes, give you anything but love baby.

- Quizmaster (C) I can't.
 - (Q) I can't give you anything but love baby. Correct.
 - (Q) What is the English version of je ne sais pas?
 - (C) I don't know.
 - (Q) Correct.
 - (Q) What is the standard reply of a British Rail information officer?
 - (C) Don't ask me.
 - (Q) Yes, it is.
 - (Q) Can you give me the name of the most famous Valley in Gwent?
 - (C) Why?
 - (Q) Correct.
 - (Q) What did Long John Silver say to his torturer when he was put on the rack?
 - (C) Oh Pull The Other One.
 - (Q) Yes, he did, because the first one wasn't there, very close.
 - (Q) Now to master brain of the universe. Cookery. How do you cook a flat pancake?
 - (C) I don't give a toss.
 - (Q) Correct.
 - (Q) And Red Butler's last words in Gone with the Wind?
 - (C) I don't give a dam.
 - (Q) Correct.
 - (Q) At The Olympic Games, what instructions were given to the Irish tug of war team?
 - (C) Shove it.
 - (Q) Absolutely correct.
 - (Q) How do you make a duvet
 - (C) Stuff it.
 - (Q) Correct
 - (Q) In The Battle Of The Little Big Horn what was General Custer's Last words?
 - (C) Sod this for a game of soldiers, I'm away.

Confirmation At St Barnabas

Three of our young people were confirmed by Bishop Sarah at the Deanery Confirmation service at St Barnabas, Bournmoor. We enfold them in our prayers as they continue their journey of faith.







Some Prayers from Rev Christine

Lord, help me today to realize that you will be speaking to me through the events of the day, through people, through things, and through all creation. Give me ears, eyes and heart to perceive you, however veiled your presence may be. Amen

Lord, I do not know what this day may bring, but each moment is in your hands and I offer it to you in advance. Nothing that will happen or be said today can separate me from you. Let me rest assured in that peace. Amen



Mother's Union St Andrew's

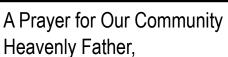
We meet at 2pm on the third Thursday of the month. We welcome new members.

Beetle

The Beetle Drive is on the second Thursday of the month in Churchill Square Community Centre from 2-4pm for an afternoon of fun and games. New members are more than welcome to come along and join in.

Jean Campbell

Group Bible Reflection 2nd Tuesday of each month, 6.30pm—7.45pm with Compline



We come before You with grateful hearts, thanking You for the gift of community. You have brought us together, diverse in our backgrounds and experiences, to support, uplift, and love one another. We ask for Your guidance and wisdom as we navigate the challenges and joys of living in unity.



Bless each member of this community, Lord. May those who are struggling find comfort and strength in our collective embrace. Let our hands be Your hands, reaching out to those in need. May our words be Your words, speaking life, hope, and encouragement. Grant us the patience to understand one another, the grace to forgive, and the courage to stand together in times of trial. Help us to be a reflection of Your love, showing kindness and compassion to all who cross our path.

We pray for peace and harmony to dwell among us. May we be a beacon of light in our world, a place where Your love is evident and where all are welcome. Guide us in serving one another selflessly, and give us the strength to work together for the greater good. Lord, bless our leaders with wisdom and discernment. May they lead with integrity and a heart for service, always seeking what is best for the entire community. And as we move forward, may we always remember that we are stronger together, united in love and purpose. In Your holy name, we pray. Amen.

"Teach me your way, O Lord, that I would

walk in your __ _

Psalm 86:11



"Walk in

as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us." Ephesians 5:2

"Walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, bearing

in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God" John 8:12

is everyone who fears the Lord, who walks in his ways."

Psalm 128:1

GOD • JESUS • LORD • WALK

WAYS • STEP • FEET • PATH • GO • TEACH • KNOWLEDGE • LIGHT

Find the words from the questions too!

"For we walk by

Mouse Makes

not by sight." 2 Corinthians 5:7

"Walk by the

Galatians 5:16

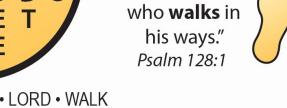


Jesus said: "I am the light of the world. If you

me you won't have to walk in darkness because you have the light that leads to life." John 8:12









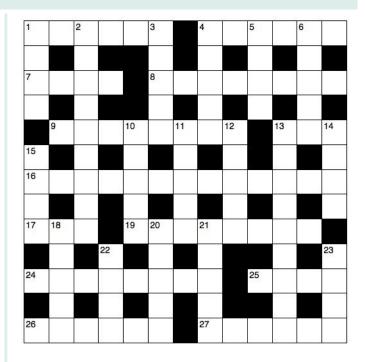
October Crossword

Across

- 1 He must be 'the husband of but one wife and must manage his children and his household well' (1 Timothy 3:12) (6)
- 4 'For we must all before the judgement seat of Christ' (2 Corinthians 5:10) (6)
- 7 'They reeled and staggered like drunken men; they were at their end' (Psalm 107:27) (4)
- 8 See 19 Across
- 9 It concerned who among the disciples would be the greatest(Luke 9:46) (8)
- 13 Formed by the Jews in Thessalonica to root out Paul and Silas (Acts 17:5) (3)
- 16 'He has sent me to bind up the ' (Isaiah 61:1) (6-7)
- 17 Moved rapidly on foot (Matthew 28:8) (3)
- 19 and 8 '— a great company of the host appeared with the angel' (Luke 2:13) (8,8)
- 24 Hindrance (Romans 14:13) (8)
- 25 Comes between Luke and Acts (4)
- 26 Empower (Acts 4:29) (6)
- 27 'Get these out of here! How dare you turn my Father's house into a —!' (John 2:16) (6)

Down

- 1 Sunrise (Psalm 119:147) (4)
- 2 The part of the day when Cornelius the Caesarean centurion had avision of an angel of God (Acts 10:3) (9)
- 3 He was one of those who returned with Zerubbabel from exile inBabylon to Jerusalem (Nehemiah 7:7) (5)
- 4 'No one can see the kingdom of God unless he is born '(John 3:3) (5)
- 5 Animal hunted or killed as food (Ezekiel 22:25) (4)
- 6 'He encouraged them — remain true to the Lord' (Acts 11:23) (3,2)



- 10 Ruses (anag.) (5)
- 11 Jewish priestly vestment (Exodus 28:6) (5)
- 12 Visible sign of what had been there (Daniel 2:35) (5)
- 13 This was the trade of Alexander, who did Paul 'a great deal of harm' (2 Timothy 4:14) (9)
- 14 'This is my , which is for you; do this in remembrance of me' (1 Corinthians 11:24) (4)
- 15 One of Noah's great-great-grandsons (Genesis 10:24) (4)
- 18 Traditionally the first British Christian martyr (5)
- 20 Relationship of Ner to Saul (1 Samuel 14:50) (5)
- 21 Jacob had one at a place he named Bethel while on his way to Haran, fleeing from Esau (Genesis 28:12) (5)
- 22 Bats (anag.) (4)
- 23 'You strain out a but swallow a camel' (Matthew 23:24) (4)

Prayer for October 2024

Lord,

As we move into autumn and the month of October, the normal seasonal changes are all around us, the beautiful colours, the falling leaves, the cooler days. And that is reassuring. But, so much else in our world is changing so rapidly, often in

ways we don't understand. And that can be worrying.

Thank you that You never change. You are always the same, faithful, present and loving. And You tell us in Your Word, not to be anxious about anything, but to bring all things to You in prayer and to trust You. When we do this, You promise us Your Peace – a peace of heart that steadies us and helps us move forward.

Thank you that whatever comes, we are secure in You, when we put our trust in Jesus. In His name, we pray. Amen.

By Daphne Kitching

Where do postcodes come from?

ome 65 years ago, on 11th October 1959, Britain began introducing postcodes. They started in Norwich, and by 1974 had been rolled out across the whole country.

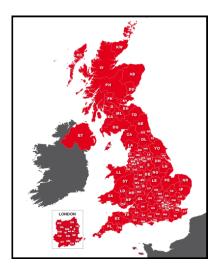
The idea was to speed up sorting following the mechanisation of the postal system. But for the process to work, people had to use it, and it was therefore important to make sure that people could remember their postcode easily. So, psychologists from Cambridge University were asked to assist in their design.

This worked so well that a survey in 2016 revealed that people are now more likely to remember their postcode than their debit card PIN (92%, compared with 77%). And the information sticks: apparently 17% of people questioned could still remember the postcode of the house they lived in up to 30 years earlier.

When the first postcodes were trialled in Norwich, the first three characters were NOR (now NR followed by a number) representing the name of the city, and the last three signified a particular street or large business. Why Norwich? Because of its new sorting machines.

The main point of a postcode is to ensure that a letter or parcel gets to the correct Royal Mail sorting office, where it can then be sorted into the correct round. So the "outcode" will specify a postcode area and district, and will have up to four characters. The "incode" designates a particular postcode sector and delivery point, and always has one number and two letters.

What is a delivery point? It could be a street, part of a street or a single property. Or in rural areas, something a bit bigger. The postcode area is of course much larger: the smallest in Britain is WC in London, covering one square mile. The largest is IV, Inverness, at 6,243 square miles.



Reflecting Faith: Window Glass

The Arts and Crafts Movement has influenced in the decoration of churches in Britain. This is often evidenced in the designs of windows – but why do we have so much coloured glass of all shapes and sizes in church buildings?

Stained glass in churches is similar to wall paintings in that it adds colour as well as traditionally serving the purpose of teaching non-literate people the great events and characters of their religion.

But glass is so much more than that.

The techniques used to create these windows have been refined over the centuries, and their intricate beauty has inspired countless artists and designers.

The way the light shines through the glass creates a unique atmosphere that is often described as ethereal or heavenly. In this way, the use of stained-glass windows helps to create a sacred space that is set apart from the secular world.

The light shining through the glass is shown onto the brickwork or stonework surrounding the glass and depending on the original colours, the intensity of the light, the angle of the sun's rays as well as the height and angle away from the watcher: these can range from vibrantly strong to softly muted.

Hundreds of years ago people saw the changes in light in this way as being very significant. It was thought that the light passing through was transformed or transmuted and because of this it had a healing and revivifying effect on people who placed themselves within its light.does it say about God's love for you? When the Sun shines on The South window in St Andrew, the shield is sometimes projected inside with the blue cross.



It Was 200 years ago, on 21st Oct 1824 that British mason, bricklayer and cement manufacturer Joseph Aspdin was granted a British patent for Portland cement. His son William went on to develop a stronger version and is regarded as the inventor of modern Portland cement.

175 years ago, on 17th Oct 1849 that Frederic Chopin, Polish composer and piano virtuoso, died.

100 years ago, on 15th Oct 1924 that the Statue of Liberty in New York Harbour was designated a US National Monument.

Also 80 years ago, on 9th Oct 1944 that British Prime Minister Winston Churchill and Soviet leader Jospeh Stalin met to discuss the future of post-war Europe.

70 years ago, from 30th Oct to 13th Nov 1954 that the first Rugby World Cup was held in Paris. Great Britain beat France 16-12 in the final.

60 years ago, on 14th Oct 1964 that the American civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr. was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize for combating racial inequality in the USA.

Care for Creation

ntónio Guterres (United Nations Secretary-General) has said that we're at 'Code red for humanity: the alarm bells are deafening, and the evidence is irrefutable: greenhouse gas emissions from fossil fuel burning and deforestation are choking our planet and putting billions of people at immediate risk.'

At this time of Creationtide, how are we to respond to these climate concerns? *The world belongs to God:*

'The earth is the Lord's and everything in it' (Psalm 24:1). The world is not ours, but God's! We are called to share in care for God's world: 'Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky and over every living creature that moves on the ground.' (Genesis 1:28). We represent God by governing with the same self-giving generosity that we see in His creation of the earth. This challenges our consumer mindset, that sees the earth's resources as both limitless and existing simply for our needs. For example, the fashion industry uses as much carbon per minute, as a car emits going six times round the world! How can we make a difference in our world?

We belong to Christ:

We also belong to the one who's plan is: 'to be put into effect when the times reach their fulfilment – to bring unity to all things in heaven and on earth under Christ.' (Ephesians 1:10). We can look forward to the time when God will create a new heaven and a new earth and make everything new. Meanwhile, we are called to serve as He serves, caring for the earth and our fellow humans, by living simply, recycling, conserving energy and choosing reusable options.

In terms of our world, there is no plan B! God gave us only one planet!

Oskar Schindler – the German businessman who befriended the Jews

ifty years ago, on 9th October 1974, Oskar Schindler, Austria-Hungarian-born German businessman, died. He saved more than 1,100 Jews during the Holocaust by employing them in his factories. The story is told in the film *Schindler's List*.

At the time of his death, in Hildesheim, Germany, he was almost unknown and very poor. After the war he and his wife Emilie (both now recognised by Israel as Righteous Among the Nations) had emigrated to Argentina, where they separated in 1957 and Oskar returned to Germany alone. Money was raised to pay for his burial in Israel. Emilie died in Germany in 2001, having spent most of her later life in Argentina.

Oskar Schindler had been an opportunistic German industrialist and a 'convenient' member of the Nazi Party who set himself up in an enamel factory in occupied Krakow, Poland, as part of a 'Germanisation' programme in 1939. The factory had previously been Jewish-owned.

Schindler employed Jews from a nearby concentration camp and used bribes and his own diplomatic skills to protect his workers from the brutality of life in the camp and ensure they were not deported. He added an armaments division and convinced the SS that his employees were essential to the war effort – although very little was produced.

The risks he took, which included dubious business deals, brought suspicion of giving unauthorised aid to Jews and of corruption: he was arrested three times but not charged.

His factory was relocated to Brünnlitz, near his hometown, at his request and reopened there purely as an armaments factory – and, thanks to Schindler's persuasive powers, a sub-camp of a nearby concentration camp. An assistant compiled a list of almost 1,200 Jewish workers needed to move from Krakow to work in the new factory – 'Schindler's list' – which enabled their survival.

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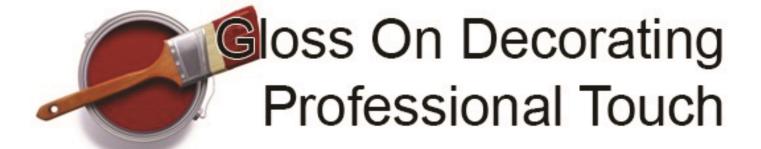
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