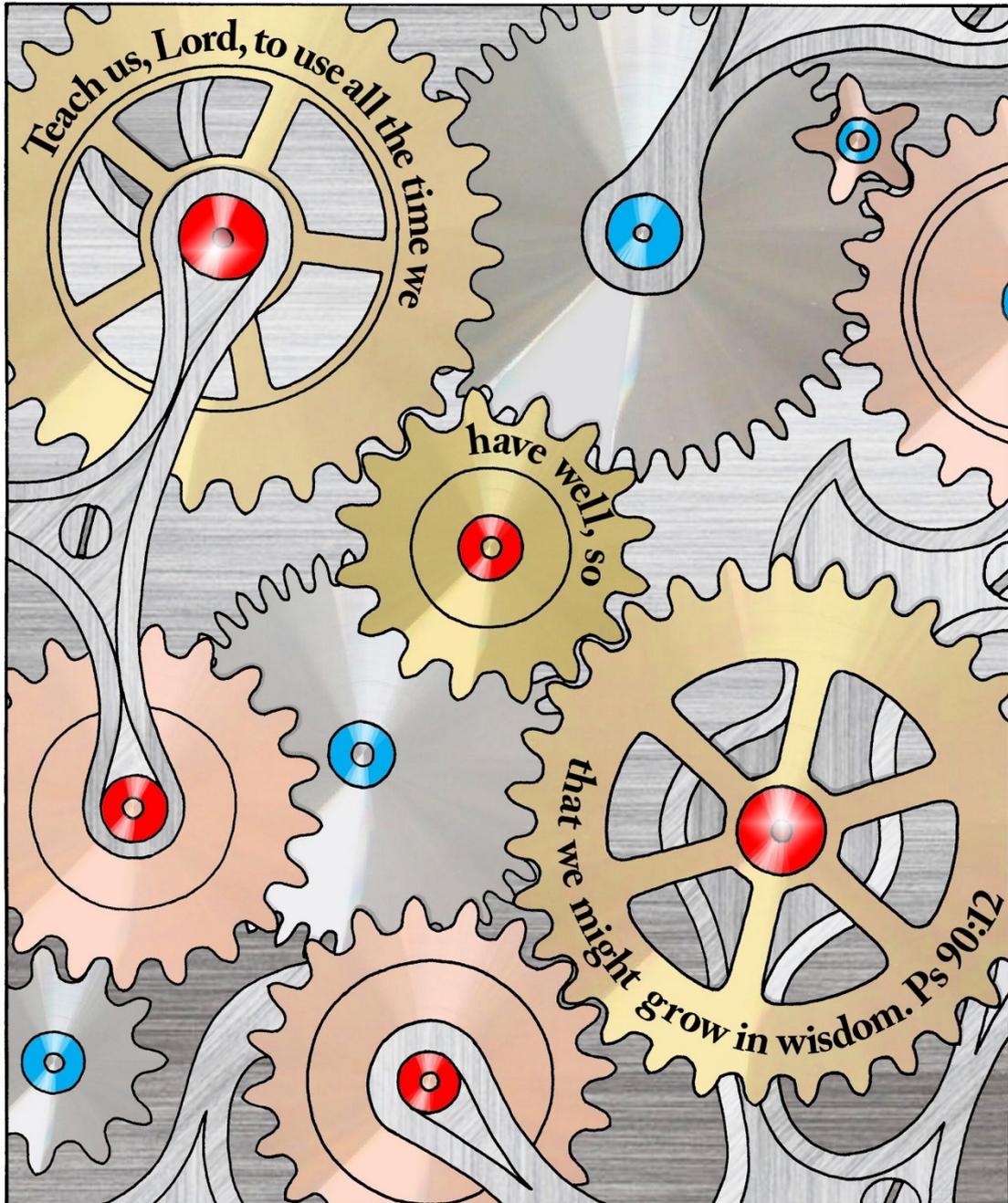




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September 2021

Dear Friends,

Sunday 5th September is being designated Climate Sunday, ahead of the UN's climate change conference, COP26, in Glasgow during November. How should we approach the challenge of climate change?

We have damaged God's creation: God delights in His creation: 'God saw all that He had made, and it was very good.' (Genesis 1:31). However, we have damaged this world and impacted people, created in His image. The burning of oil or gas and cutting down forests is increasing the concentration of greenhouse gases like carbon dioxide that trap heat in the Earth's atmosphere. The global average temperature could increase by 1.5°C in 2030, resulting in significant damage to our planet. Already, increasing temperatures are melting ice caps, raising sea-levels, changing rainfall patterns and creating extreme climate events. It's the 70% of the world's poorest population who are being impacted most!

Hope is found in Jesus: He has an intimate knowledge of the workings of creation. 'For in Him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him. He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together.' (Colossians 1:16,17). Our hope for the future lies in what Jesus has done and continues to do in the world. He is the one who sustains creation and will bring everything to completion.

An invitation to respond: Simple everyday actions can help to sustain our planet, including recycling of waste, energy saving and changes in our lifestyle and diet to help the planet. We can fix our eyes on Jesus, as we pray for our world for our world leaders, gathering in Glasgow, asking that they may reach a good agreement for the future of our world.



Brian & Beryl's Tea Party.

As we're all double vaccinated we enjoyed a get together in the garden at 3pm - it rained at 3.10! We settled in the lounge and shared funny stories connected to our individual photographs. The best story ended with a wedding photograph and winners were given the 'Derek Quilty award' for a good yarn. Then plenty of sandwiches and cakes.

We took turns to play shove ha'penny and before people were settled on the sofa they were sent out to see who could pick the longest carrot, which Brian carefully measured - they were all tiny cos we hadn't got round to thinning them and just wanted them pulled up! It was a good excuse to glance at the garden as the sun was then out all afternoon!

I had a lovely time and it was good to have time to relax in each others company.

Beryl & Brian



Church Diary September

5 Sept	Morning Worship & Holy Communion	Revd Ann Woodhurst
12 Sept	Morning Worship	Tim Banks
19 Sept	Morning Worship	Cassie Baker
26 Sept	Morning Worship	Tim Marshall

There will be a collection box available on 26/9/21 for Macmillan if you wish to support.



The Parable of the Sower

This month we are looking at the Parable of the Sower (Mark 4:1-20). It's the story of a farmer who sowed his seed in different type of soils. These represent the different responses of the heart to God's Word (v15-20):

1) *The hard heart: 'like seed along the path...as soon as they hear it, Satan comes and takes away the word that was sown in them.'* (15). Some people, when they hear the message, get distracted eg social media, work or relationships. Personal priorities prevent them from hearing God.

2) *The shallow heart: 'like seed sown on rocky places...since they have no root, they last only a short time. When trouble or persecution comes because of the word, they quickly fall away.'* (16,17). These are the people whose heart isn't open to the message. When things become uncomfortable or discouraging, they are ready to quit.

3) *The crowded heart: 'like seed sown among thorns...but the worries of this life, the deceitfulness of wealth and the desires for other things come in and choke the word, making it unfruitful.'* (18,19). This soil is most relevant for us today. People crave status, comfort, security and personal desires alongside the things of God. It's a heart that is worried about life getting out of control!

4) *The open heart: 'like seed sown on good soil, hear the word, accept it, and produce a crop – some thirty, some sixty, some a hundred times what was sown.'* (20). This represents the open heart that listens and accepts Jesus's word, and is ready to follow Him however difficult things become.

What kind of soil is our heart? Are we hard, shallow, crowded or open? Do we have a heart of faith to follow Jesus in every aspect of our lives?

Diary/Noticeboard:

Chadwell Heath + Heath & Havering Group of Churches

Foodbank: Thank you for your continued support. We are short of cereals, milk, tinned fruit, sweets, ketchup & pet food. We are very grateful to receive any non-perishable food items, as well as general items e.g. washing powder/liquid, washing up liquid, tin openers – plus all important personal/ female/ toiletries including soap, toothbrushes & toothpaste/toilet rolls & baby nappies, sizes 5/6.



Becoming new

When a caterpillar changes into a butterfly, it's hard to believe it's the same creature. But at both stages of its life, it has a body that is perfectly suited to living in a particular environment.

This insect can help us understand the afterlife and the significance of the resurrected Jesus. Paul, on his journeys, discovered that some members of the church in Corinth were confused about life after death. So, Paul, wrote a lengthy letter to them to explain the importance of the resurrection of Jesus, and how it affects our future existence.

Paul doesn't mention caterpillars and butterflies but describes a seed becoming a plant. By just looking at an individual seed there is no knowing what it is going to look like! But out of its death comes a beautiful new life form.

Paul points out that all living beings have a body that enables them to live in a particular environment. There are earthly bodies for living in a physical world and a spiritual body for living in the heavenly realms. And so God will give to us a new spiritual body to enable us to live with Him in heaven.

Of course, all butterflies eventually die, but in our resurrected body we will not be subject to decay or death. How do we know this? Jesus said: "Because I live, you also will live" (John 14:19). Jesus pioneered the way for us. He died on the cross, arose from the grave, and so opened up the way for all believers in Him to go to Heaven. Thanks be to God!

Worship Themes September

The Church will use the themes listed below .

<p><i>5th September 2021</i></p>	<p>Prov. 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23</p> <p>Alternate Reading: Isa. 35:4-7a</p>	<p>Jas. 2:1-10, (11-13), 14-17</p>	<p>Mk. 7:24-37</p>
<p><i>12th September 2021</i></p>	<p>Prov. 1:20-33</p> <p>Alternate Reading: Isa. 50:4-9a</p>	<p>Jas. 3:1-12</p>	<p>Mk. 8:27-38</p>
<p><i>19th September 2021</i></p>	<p>Prov. 31:10-31</p> <p>Alternate Reading: Wis. 1:16-2:1, 12-22 <i>or</i> Jer. 11:18-20</p>	<p>Jas. 3:13-4:3, 7-8a</p>	<p>Mk. 9:30-37</p>
<p><i>26th September 2021</i></p>	<p>Est. 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22</p> <p>Alternate Reading: Num. 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29</p>	<p>Jas. 5:13-20</p>	<p>Mk. 9:38-50</p>

September Prayer

Dear Lord,
September – the month of
new beginnings for many,
as summer fades and
school and college terms
start.

After such a strange time
of restrictions, hopes of
freedom, with warnings to
be cautious, it is hard to
know what to expect this
September.

We can't know what lies
ahead, Lord, but
we *can* trust you to see us
through whatever it turns
out to be.

Thank you for your
promise, *I will never leave
you or forsake
you...* (Hebrews 13:5)

Help us to hold fast to that
promise, to keep trusting
you – and to be thankful
for each September day.
In Jesus' name.

Amen.



Night Sanctification

Father, bless me and
my body keep,
Father, bless me in my
soul;

Father, bless me
through this night of
sleep,
In my body and my
soul.

Father, bless me as I
live my days,
Father, bless me in my
creed;

Father, bless me in my
binding ways,
To my life and to my
creed.

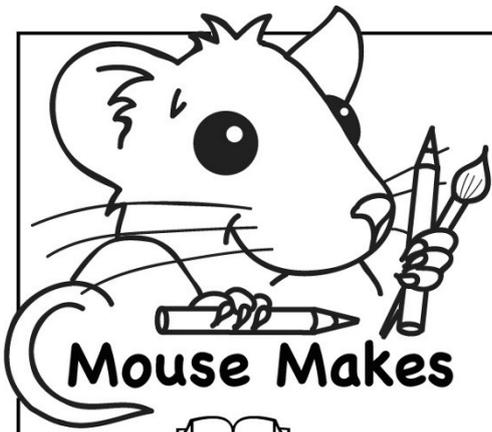
Father, sanctify to me
my speech,

Father, sanctify my
heart;

Father, sanctify my
portion each,
In my speech and in
my heart.

From Poems of the

Western Highlanders



Read this story in
1 Kings 17:7-16

The bowl of flour and the jar of oil

It had not rained for months and months, there was a drought in the land. God sent His prophet **Elijah** to the town of Zarephath. At the town gate he saw a widow gathering firewood.

"Please bring me a drink of water and some bread." he asked her.

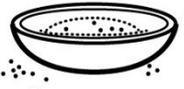


She answered "All I have is a handful of flour and a drop of oil in a jar, it is our last meal."

"Do not worry." Elijah said, "Make the meal and make a small loaf for me."

The woman did what Elijah had asked and God blessed her ...

... The bowl never ran out of flour and the jar never ran out of oil until it rained again!



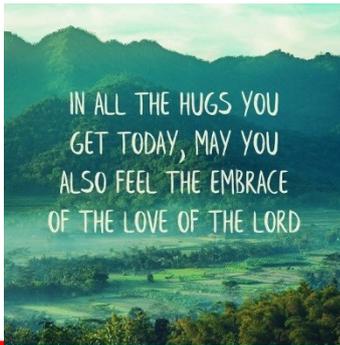
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Find these words from the story in the word search:

- WORD • LORD • GOD • ELIJAH • SENT • ZAREPHATH • GATE • CITY • WIDOW
- STICKS • WATER • DRINK • BREAD • FEED • HANDFUL • FLOUR • LITTLE
- OIL • SON • EAT • DIE • FULL • WENT • MAKE • BAKED • ATE • JAR • JUG • MANY
- DAYS • LIVE • NEVER • EMPTY

Happy Birthday's in September

Ann Woodhurst 1st, Jo Clifford 5th,
Heather Saville 8th, Caroline Grubb 17th,
Dorothee Buurma 26th



Sudoku solution is on the back page

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WEEKDAY ACTIVITIES
 Foodbank, Tuesday &
 Thursday 10:00am - 12
 noon.



Web site: <http://www.heathandhaveringurc.co.uk/chadwellheath.html>

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Sudoku solution

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Thank you