

September, October, November 2026

Dean Row Chapel, Wilmslow SK9 2BX

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Services at Dean Row every Sunday at 11.15 a.m.

Meditations – Wednesday 11.00am – 11.30am

Hale Chapel, Hale Barns, WA15 0AQ

Hale Chapel website: www.halechapel.co.uk



Services at Hale Chapel every Sunday at 9.30 a.m.

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Worship services at Hale Chapel and Dean Row Chapel
Services will be conducted by the Minister unless otherwise
indicated

	Hale Chapel 9.30am	Dean Row Chapel 11.15am
September 6	Sunday Services	Sunday Services
Sept.13th	Sunday Services	Sunday Services
Sept. 20th	Yom Kippur	Yom Kippur
Sept. 27th	Michaelmas	Michaelmas
October 4th	Harvest Festival	Harvest Festival
Oct 11th	Community Service	Community Service
Oct 18th	Church Action on Poverty Sunday	Church Action on Poverty Sunday
Oct 25th	Bible Sunday	Bible Sunday
November 1	All Saints', with Holy Communion	All Saints', with Holy Communion
Nov 8th	Remembrance Sunday	Remembrance Sunday
Nov 15th	<i>Guest Preacher Triumvirate</i>	<i>Guest Preacher Triumvirate</i>
Nov 22nd	<i>Guest Preacher Tom Grimshaw</i>	<i>Guest Preacher Tom Grimshaw</i>
Nov 29th	Advent Sunday	Advent Sunday
December 6	St. Nicholas/Toy Services	St. Nicholas/Toy Services
Dec 13th	Third Sunday in Advent	Third Sunday in Advent
Dec 20th	Carol Service	Carol Service
Dec 24th	Christmas Eve 6pm	Christmas Eve 4pm
Dec 27th	First Sunday after Christmas	First Sunday after Christmas

For the Fallen By Laurence Binyon

With proud thanksgiving, a mother for her children,
England mourns for her dead across the sea.
Flesh of her flesh they were, spirit of her spirit,
Fallen in the cause of the free.

Solemn the drums thrill; Death august and royal
Sings sorrow up into immortal spheres,
There is music in the midst of desolation
And a glory that shines upon our tears.

They went with songs to the battle, they were young,
Straight of limb, true of eye, steady and aglow.
They were staunch to the end against odds uncounted;
They fell with their faces to the foe.

They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning
We will remember them.

They mingle not with their laughing comrades again;
They sit no more at familiar tables of home;
They have no lot in our labour of the day-time;
They sleep beyond England's foam.

But where our desires are and our hopes profound,
Felt as a well-spring that is hidden from sight,
To the innermost heart of their own land they are known
As the stars are known to the Night;

As the stars that shall be bright when we are dust,
Moving in marches upon the heavenly plain;
As the stars that are starry in the time of our darkness,
To the end, to the end, they remain.

THE MINISTER'S LETTER

The very first musical comedy I was taken to see as a child was a live theatre performance of Rodgers' and Hammerstein's, 'The King and I'. The song that captured the attention of my five-year-old self was sung by the lead character, the school teacher, Anna Leonowens, as she introduced herself to her classroom of royal scholars: 'Getting to Know You'. Its innocence and forthrightness impressed upon me the importance of overcoming shyness and making the first move in becoming acquainted with someone new.

Chapel life can seem rather routine, week after week, following similar patterns of attendance, worship and socialising. What happens all too often is that regular attenders fail to befriend newcomers to Sunday services, and at the same time, become embarrassed at the prospect of speaking with someone else who has also been part of the chapel family for a considerable period, but who has not been introduced personally. In an attempt to address this phenomenon, there will be a social evening for members and friends of both Hale and Dean Row Chapels on Friday, 11 September, from six until eight o'clock in the Dean Row Chapel hall. A local 'pop up' pizza maker will offer a selection of pizzas that will be baked in a special oven in the chapel car park. A green salad and puddings will be available in the hall. Please bring your own beverages and glasses. The pizza maker will accept contactless payments only.

An enjoyable 'exercise' will be crafted to encourage socialising

and the opportunity to meet someone who may look familiar to you, but whose name manages to escape you every Sunday. Please come and enjoy good food, good company and more than a little fun.

JEFF

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## **HALE CHAPEL**

### **HALE CHAIRMAN’S CONTRIBUTION**

I think it fair to say that in our country we are fairly obsessed with the weather. Whenever anyone returns from a UK holiday the first question they are asked is “What was the weather like?” - “Pretty awful” tends to be the standard reply. Incidentally I am a firm believer that our weather has made us the nation that we are. It is not (usually) too hot so we are not too volatile as may be the case in southern parts of Europe; nor is it usually too cold so we are not naturally austere and remote. We are a temperamentally well-balanced country and our attitude is very much “mustn’t grumble”.

But this year has been a test! It has been SO hot!! Does nature not have a balance? – it seems not. My lawns are bare and brown to the point that I wonder if they will ever recover. One plus is that my trusty lawnmower has hardly been out of the shed as there is nothing to cut. Temperatures have been regularly in the 30’s – too hot for me!

And also too hot for our two dachshunds, Betty and Harriet. It means that they cannot get out for their daily walk as they cannot cope with the heat and lie around the house looking frustrated and bored.

They say it is all down to global warming which I am sure is correct and I have read that July this year was the hottest ever. However there have been very hot summers before – many of you will remember the very hot summer of 1976 when I recall many of our local roads in Warrington literally melting. I think that 1975 was almost equally hot. I don't think anyone mentioned global warming back then!

I also recall the summer of 2012 when it started to rain in May and then basically rained every day until well into the Autumn. Tourist businesses such as cafes, gift shops etc in places such as the Lake District, North Wales etc could not survive the lack of trade and went bust. So we must be careful what we wish for. And I think all that rain was also put down to global warming.

Personally I would like to get back to a traditional British summer – a week of sunshine here, a week of rain there. No more being bombarded with record this and record that!

What have I done this summer? - well as usual my wife and I have escaped a couple of times to our little place in Menorca. We went in June, which was pleasant as ever, hot but just pleasantly hot, and not too busy. But July!! If you think it was

hot here it was MUCH hotter in Menorca. Thank goodness for swims in the relatively cool sea. Pints of well chilled lager helped too – but I was glad to get back.

As I write this in mid-August I am delighted to say that the forecast is for much reduced temperatures and rain. I think that if we have decent rain, we as a family will do a rain dance on the lawn!

Hope you all enjoy the rest of summer – and we are already two thirds of the way to Christmas.....

**Alastair Brown**

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Hale Chapel Secretary Helen Wilson

In memory of Ann Johnson (nee Garside)

Ann had attended Hale Chapel since childhood with her sister Liz (Wilson). Her father Isaac Garside looked after the chapel and chapel garden all his life.

Ann attended the Sunday- School as a scholar and a teacher, attended youth groups, and was a May Queen. In recent times she looked after our Hall. She helped and was friend to many in the Hale Barns community, visiting with her beloved dog Barney.

Ann passed away on 7th July 2026 aged 77y after a tragic road traffic accident in Macclesfield when she was very seriously injured as a pedestrian on 2nd July.

We pay tribute and give thanks for Ann's love, warmth, humour and friendship. Her love of nature and animals.

Our love and sincere condolences go to Ann's family and friends. She will be remembered so fondly, and will be forever in our hearts.

'May flights of Angels, Sing thee to thy rest'

Hamlet- Wm Shakespeare

The Book Club

A group of the congregation meet about every few months to discuss and debate a book we have chosen. We take it in turns to suggest a book. Our discussions are interesting, informative and lively

This month we are reading 'Rebecca' by Daphne Du Maurier (1938) A famous book/film. How do we feel about it in today's world?

Next time we are considering reading a novel by Mrs Gaskell the wife of the Unitarian Minister Rev William Gaskell of Cross Street Chapel M/c. Elizabeth Gaskell nee Stevenson (1810-1865) came from a Unitarian family and lived her early life in Knutsford with her Aunt Hannah Lumb after her mother died.. Knutsford was the inspiration for the novel Cranford.

In 1832 she married Rev William Gaskell and lived in Manchester and started writing. She had five children, and was a novelist, biographer and short story writer. Her novels offer detailed studies of Victorian society, including the lives of the very poor. Her social and literacy circle included Charles Dickens, John Ruskin, Harriet Beecher- Stowe, Charlotte Bronte. Florence Nightingale, and Charles Kingsley.

In 1850 they lived at 84 Plymouth Grove, M/c. Gaskell House is now renovated and open to the public. We may pay it a visit. ! In 2010 a

memorial to Elizabeth was unveiled in Poets Corner in Westminster Abbey.

In 1865 she died of a heart attack while buying a new house in Hampshire and is buried in Knutsford Unitarian Chapel. The Rev William Gaskell is buried alongside her.

The Gaskell Society is a group devoted to the study and appreciation of the author and organise events throughout the year.

Her biography 'Elizabeth Gaskell 'A habit of stories' by Jenny Uglow published 1993 might be worth a read.

Hale Chapel Events-- submitted by Helen Wilson

Coffee Mornings in the chapel vestry

Any raffle gifts are always welcome. Please bring any savoury or sweet treats to share. Come and join us.

Thursday September 3rd- 10.30 am in the vestry

Thursday October 1st 10.30 am Charity coffee morning in aid of Macmillan Cancer Care. Please bring cakes to share and buy.

Thursday November 5th 10.30 am in the vestry

Thursday December 3rd- In Memory of Ann Johnson - Charity coffee morning in aid of North West Air Ambulance Charity- funded entirely by the public.

Book Club – Wednesday 23rd September 10.30 a m at the home of Helen Wilson (Secretary)

Congregational Lunch at Ringway Golf Club – Sunday October 11th at 12.30

Remembrance Sunday- 8th November 9.30am at the chapel and at the Hale Barns Cenotaph 11am

DEAN ROW CHAPEL

Dean Row Chairman's Newsletter

Dear Friends,

I am writing this, looking forward to our holiday in Suffolk. Part of the world I have not ventured into before, but Beryl and Ian highly recommend it. I suppose it is a bit odd really as most of my family on my mother's side came from Norfolk, but whenever I visited there, never thought of going over the border. We are hoping that the weather behaves itself as the place we are staying is only four miles from the dreadful fires there have been in East Anglia.

Our thanks must go to Anne Smith for organizing the trip to Saltaire. It is a great place to wander round with lots of history of the Salt Family and the building of the village for his workers. We may well be visiting there again. Salt built a beautiful Church for his workers, but on this occasion I was not able to gain access, perhaps next time. There is a story that Titus built a balcony for his wife in the church, (she was of a different faith), but added a canopy low enough so that she was unable to see or take part in the service.

Looking at our programme of events for the next few months, we are in for lots of companionship and fun with our Chapel friends. Of course this includes lots of eating – afternoon teas and of course our Harvest Lunch on the 4th October. Anne Gemmell will be taking names for this event.

The afternoon of the 24th September sees the return of Mark Foulsham who will be talking about the history of Pawn Broking

and its place in the modern world. He will be able to spend some time after his talk on giving valuations of your jewels. We shall of course be having tea, coffee and cakes.

On Sunday the 27th September we shall be having a celebration of the work done by Macmillan Cancer Support. The number of people diagnosed with cancer is growing, they are doing whatever it takes to help more people with cancer get the best care the UK has to offer, whoever and wherever they are. To donate, volunteer, raise money or campaign with them, call 0300 1000 200 or visit macmillan.org.uk or you can donate at the Chapel on the 27th September.

Love to you all

Chrissie

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## **WARDEN'S REPORT**

The strimming of the graveyard has now been completed ready for Autumn.

One of the bins has been removed as dog walkers were using it for dog mess which is inappropriate. The bins are emptied by Chapel volunteers as we do not have Council refuse collections. One bin has remained with a notice for flowers and garden rubbish only!

The lighting in the hall has been upgraded to LED and we have a new fridge in the kitchen. We hope to redecorate the hall in the near future but I will leave the choice of colour to others (safest)

Anyone who ventures upstairs to the gallery will not only be able to ring the bell but also sit on our newly upholstered cushions in the pews.

## **Ian and Beryl Booth Chapel Wardens**

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### **Dean Row Chapel Social Group**

The Social Group outing this year to Saltaire was, in spite of the heat, enjoyed by everyone. There was the blessing of an air conditioned coach which was even upgraded this time to include toilet facilities.

The only criticism I have heard was that there was too much to see in one day so perhaps we will return in the future.

I understand that Jeff has arranged a social evening with pizza on the 11th September which is a lovely idea and the more people who attend the better , this will give an opportunity for everyone to get to know one another better.

Thursday 8th October I have arranged for a speaker to come to the hall at 2.0pm. This will be followed by afternoon tea with sandwiches and cakes.

**Anne Smith, Social Group Co-Ordinator**

## **Dean Row Chapel Rotas, September, October, November 2026**

**If you need to change your dates on the list, please contact a substitute from the list**

| DATE 2026          | OPENING      | SIDESMAN DUTY                    | COFFEE DUTY                      |
|--------------------|--------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| <b>September 6</b> | Mr I Booth   | Mr I Booth<br>Mrs B Booth        | Mr J Wenham<br>Mrs B Wenham      |
| <b>Sept.13th</b>   | Mr P Weigh   | Mrs B Robinson<br>Mrs S McFadyen | Mrs J Boys<br>Mrs B Berry        |
| <b>Sept. 20th</b>  | Mr P Shaw    | Mrs E Godfrey<br>Mrs E Taylor    | Mrs C Wilkie<br>Mrs J Davies     |
| <b>Sept. 27th</b>  | Mr I Booth   | Mrs A Gemmell<br>Mrs M Craven    | Mr I Booth<br>Mrs B Booth        |
| October 4th        | Mr P Weigh   | Mr P Weigh<br>Mrs M Weigh        | Mrs J Boys<br>Mrs B Berry        |
| Oct 11th           | Mr K Dennell | Mrs A Gemmell<br>Mrs M Craven    | Mr K Dennell<br>Mrs S Dennell    |
| Oct 18th           | Mr P Shaw    | Mrs J Boys<br>Mrs B Berry        | Mrs C Wilkie<br>Mrs J Davies     |
| Oct 25th           | Mrs C Wilkie | Mrs C Wilkie<br>Mrs J Davies     | Mrs E Godfrey<br>Mrs E Taylor    |
| November 1st       | Mr P Weigh   | Mrs B Robinson<br>Mrs S McFadyen | Mrs J Boys<br>Mrs B Berry        |
| Nov 8th            | Mr I Booth   | Mr I Booth<br>Mrs B Booth        | Mrs A Gemmell<br>Mrs M Craven    |
| Nov15th            | Mrs C Wilkie | Mrs E Godfrey<br>Mrs E Taylor    | Mrs B Robinson<br>Mrs S McFadyen |
| Nov22nd            | Mr K Dennell | Mrs J Boys<br>Mrs B Berry        | Mr K Dennell<br>Mrs S Dennell    |
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## **Dean Row Events**

**The Chapel Get Together** over pizza will take place on Friday, 11 September, from 6pm until 8pm, in the hall.

**Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2.00pm** Mark Foulsham will be coming along to give us a talk on Pawn Broking – history and use in the modern day and will be able to give valuations of your jewellery. Tea, Coffee and cake will be served. If you feel inclined, there will be a box available for charitable donations.

**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> September** After Service there will be a MacMillan Cancer Support Coffee Morning. Donations to this brilliant fund will be welcomed.

**Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> October** Harvest Lunch after Service

**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> October** Anne Smith has arranged for a speaker to come to the hall at 2.0pm. This will be followed by afternoon tea with sandwiches and cakes.

**Exercise classes** Weekly from Monday 7<sup>th</sup> Sept. at 11.00am

**Stroke Club** Weekly from Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> Sept. at 10.00am

**Harvest Lunch** Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> October after service.

**Meditation** Weekly from Wednesday, 2 September 11am until 11.30am, in the vestry.

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## **Christian Aid 2026**

Cathy Fozard and I were delighted to announce in July that the total raised for Christian Aid this year for Wilmslow and Handforth Churches together was  
£9378.21 without gift aid and £10333.29 with gift aid.

This is a better total than the last two years. We were also delighted to announce that including our lent lunch and gift aid, Dean Rows contribution was over £3,000. This is a huge amount to be raised by our relatively small chapel. Thanks to everyone who helped with and attended the lent lunches, the Christian Aid week lunch and for all the kind donations for the raffles prizes!!! Also a huge thank you to everyone's kind envelope donations including envelopes donated from Hale chapel. A special thank you to Peter Weigh's great effort along with Cathy and I in getting lots of sponsors for Christian aid 70k in May. It was a really great team effort.  
Thank you everyone.

Jenny Williams (Dean Row's Christian Aid coordinator) and  
Cathy Fozard (Christian Aid coordinator for Churches  
together Wilmslow and Handforth)

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**Items for Newsletter to Chrissie Wilkie**

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## **<<<< STORIES AND JOLLY JAPES >>>>**

### **JUST A COINCIDENCE ?**

A few years ago, just before going to Crete on holiday, I read Victoria Hislop's wonderful book "The Island" which is set there. Imagine my surprise when I arrived at Elounda to find that not only was I in the village featured in the book but that I was also looking out onto Spinalonga, the island in the title. I wrote about the book at the time but just in case you've never read it I have to say it's probably the most captivating book I've ever read.

This year we've been to Zakynthos, sometimes known as Zante. We should have been on a river cruise but that got cancelled due to low water levels! On arriving at our excellent hotel I did what I usually do and rummaged through the books left behind by previous guests and found "The House of Hidden Letters" which looked interesting. Imagine my surprise when I discovered that this is also set on a Greek island! Not a well known one but Folegrandos, a smaller one which does not attract the crowds.

I won't give out too many spoilers but it is the story of Skye, a young woman who wins a derelict cottage in a lottery and who sees this as an opportunity to make a fresh start in a place where no-one knows her.

The book is set in the present day and also in the early years of the second world war when Greece was invaded by the

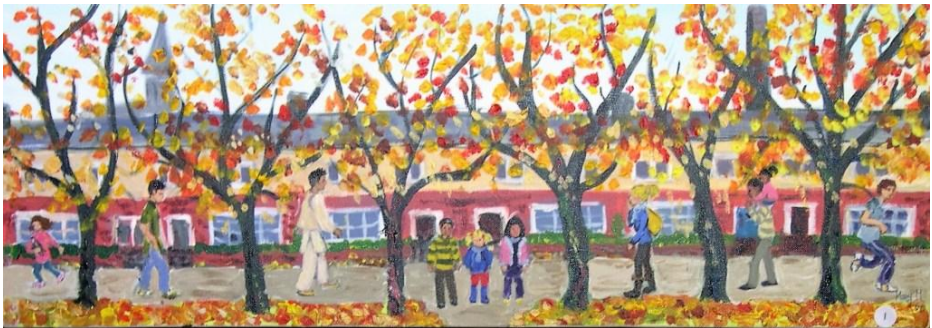
Italians. We learn how difficult life was for the islanders as their island and homes were occupied by Italian forces.

“The House of Hidden Letters” is a lovely story about community, bravery, friendship and romance all taking place in a stunning location. The author is Izzy Broome – a first book written under that name but with several others under her belt when she called herself Isabelle.

Is it the equal of “The Island”? Not quite but that is not really possible. Is it a good read? Definitely. It’s only available in paperback so won’t cost a fortune and guarantees you a few hours of escapist pleasure. You don’t have to go to Zante to read it but it’s not a bad idea!

**Submitted by Peter Weigh**

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## **Joe Sykes**

Nury and I reflected a lot on how Autumn routines and traditions vary in England and Iran. In the former, it feels like the cultural start of Autumn

is the start of September, even if the astronomical Autumn doesn't begin until 22<sup>nd</sup> September. We associate the start of September with schools returning and the weather changing, and we're surprised by pleasant September sunshine and call it an "Indian summer".

In contrast, Nury told me that Autumn starts very much on 22<sup>nd</sup> September in Iran, and it is on this date that children go back to school, and the harvest starts.

I spoke of how I tend to associate Autumn with short days, dark evenings, Halloween and Bonfire Night. Nury told me that there is also a bonfire celebration in Iran which takes place on the last Wednesday of each year. The festival is called Chaharshanbe Suri; a little Googling tells me that this translates into English as "Scarlet Wednesday". Wikipedia tells me all sorts of facts about the tradition's origins, but I find Nury's details of how society perceives the festival more fascinating. As a youngster, he and his friends would jump over the bonfire, sing songs and be merry. Some people perceived the youngster's behaviour as anti-social, and it reminded me of the northern English tradition of mischief night, which I'd certainly call anti-social today! I'm sure the festival was fun; Nury called it a "real joy". He told me the current regime has banned the festival, as they associate it with "arkesh-parast" (or "fire worshippers") and incompatible with religious laws. How strange, then, to think that Bonfire Night too is, at its core, a celebration of intolerance of different religions, even if more people associate it with simple fun, hearty food and cosiness today.

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By Tony Goulding

Early Autumn is one of my favourite times of year. I have a lovely childhood memory of trying to catch falling leaves in Chorlton park; my mother telling me catching one would bring good luck! In later

life I have tried to pass this piece of gentle folk-lore on to new generations. One particular occasion was when I was a community service volunteer, after finishing at university, at a school for “mal-adjusted boys” at Ramsden Heath, Nr. Billericay, Essex.

I also associate this season with fresh starts. It is the beginning of the academic year and coincides with my birthday in the second week of September. At university the first week of the Autumn term traditionally known as “Freshers’ Week”. A society I belonged to at my college in Cardiff used arranged coach trips to welcome the new students. A memorable visit one year was made to Hereford Cathedral and Symonds Yat in the Wye Valley. The myriad of different shades of greens, reds, and oranges was an unforgettable panorama of great beauty.

More recently I have regularly made use of the coolness of the temperature to take short sightseeing vacations around Britain. My excursions have taken me to the Isle of Man, Llandudno and Blaenau Ffestiniog in North Wales, Edinburgh and Inverness in Scotland as well as Morecambe and Worcester in England.

My favourite trip, however was one I made to Lincoln, it was in the bad old days when my Manchester City were languishing in the third tier of the football pyramid. After three days of fine sunny weather over the weekend when I visited the old prison, the cathedral and the castle, the heavens opened as I made my way to Sincil Bank, the home ground of Lincoln City F.C., where my team had a Tuesday night game. Wet and miserable I trudged back to my Bed and Breakfast with my “City” having lost 2-1.

<<<<< PRAYER AND POETRY CORNER >>>>>

Poetry.for the Soul

Way of Life

**Life is strange
with its ebbs and flows
The wax and wane
As it comes and goes**

**The seasons change
We change and grow
It's give and take
We reap and sow**

**But everything's not
Black and white
There's many shade
And many types**

**And many ways
To live this life.....
So who's to say
Mine isn't right?**

Submitted by Diana Renko

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## **Flying by time does go by Sian Murray (age 11)**

Flying by time does go,  
From the summer term sun to the winter term snow,  
My time here has gone so fast,  
One minute the future next minute the past.

High school is coming near,  
I can't wait summer is here,  
I don't want to leave primary school though,  
Flying by time does go.

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## **KINDNESS**

Wherever there is a human being there is an opportunity for kindness. A tourist ordered breakfast in a restaurant. The waitress was rather grumpy and rude, and when his breakfast arrived, he looked up at the waitress and asked "How about a kind word?" She leaned over to him and said "Don't eat the eggs!"

**Submitted by Beryl Booth**

## **VISITING**

A pastor went visiting one afternoon. He knocked on a door several times, but no one answered. He could see through the window that the TV was on, so he took one of his cards and wrote: "Rev. 3:20 — Behold I stand at the door and knock; if anyone will open I will come in" and stuck it on the door. The following Sabbath, a woman handed him a card with her name on it and the following message, "Gen. 3:10 — I heard thy voice, and I was naked - so I hid myself".

**Submitted by Beryl Booth**

### I Could Be ...

I could be a superhero.  
Flying through the skies.  
I could be a rugby player,  
Scoring all the tries.

I could be a best friend,  
Honest and kind,  
I could be a detective,  
Hoping for clues to find.

I could be an astronaut.  
Rocketing into space,  
I could be a magician,  
Vanishing without a trace.

I could be an athlete,  
Running around the track,  
I could be a wizard,  
All dressed in black.

I could be a teacher,  
Helping people learn,  
I could be a fireman.  
Stopping houses burn.

I could be a swimmer,  
Swimming in the deep blue sea  
Or I could . .  
Just be me.

**Rhys Lockwood (10)**

Oakwood Avenue Junior School, Warrington

Submitted by Beryl Booth

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God of all seasons, we thank you for Autumn.

We thank you

for the touch of coolness in the air that gives us a new burst of energy,  
for the colouring of trees that shows the creativity of the Divine Artist,  
for the falling leaves that reveal the strength of the branches,  
for the hues of fields that bring peace to our souls,  
for the smiles on pumpkins that bring joy to children,  
for the fall harvest which that brings us gratitude for the bounty of our  
land,

for this change of seasons that reveals the circle of life.

God of all seasons, as you transform the earth, transform us by your  
Spirit.  
Amen

### **Fall, Leaves, Fall - Emily Brontë**

Fall, leaves, fall; die, flowers, away;  
Lengthen night and shorten day;  
Every leaf speaks bliss to me  
Fluttering from the autumn tree.  
I shall smile when wreaths of snow  
Blossom where the rose should grow;  
I shall sing when night's decay  
Ushers in a drearier day.

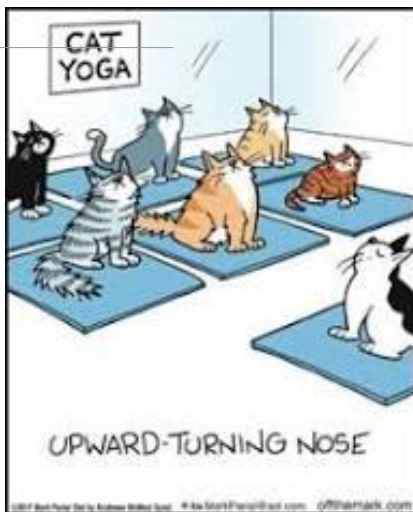
### **Pleasant Sounds - John Clare**

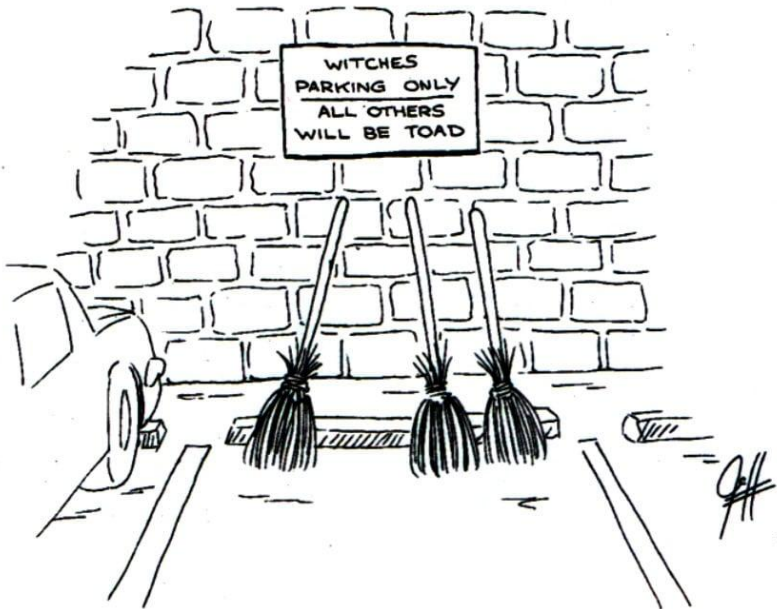
The rustling of leaves under the feet in woods and under  
hedges;  
The crumpling of cat-ice and snow down wood-rides,  
narrow lanes and every street causeway;  
Rustling through a wood or rather rushing, while the wind  
halloos in the oak-toop like thunder;  
The rustle of birds' wings startled from their nests or flying  
unseen into the bushes;  
The whizzing of larger birds overhead in a wood, such as  
crows, puddocks, buzzards;  
The trample of robins and woodlarks on the brown leaves.  
and the patter of squirrels on the green moss;  
The fall of an acorn on the ground, the pattering of nuts on  
the hazel branches as they fall from ripeness;  
The flirt of the groundlark's wing from the stubbles –  
how sweet such pictures on dewy mornings, when the  
dew flashes from its brown feathers.

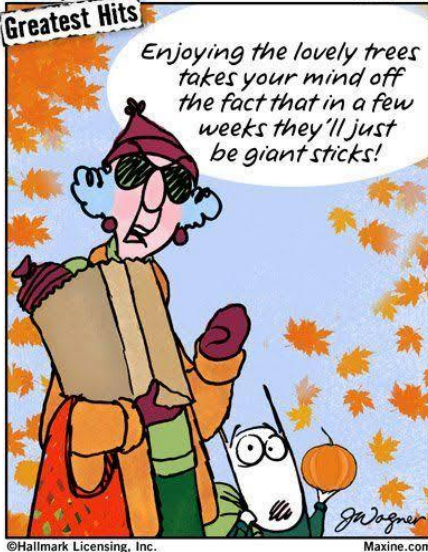
### **Whim Wood - Katherine Towers**

into the coppery halls  
of beech and intricate oak  
to be close to the trees  
as they whisper together  
let fall their leaves,  
and we die for the winter

## <<<<<CARTOON CORNER>>>>>











## <<<< RECIPES >>>>



### **Easy Mushroom Soup**

**Prepare** less than 30 mins, **Cook** 10 to 30 mins, **Serve** 4

Warm up with a really simple mushroom soup recipe. Make it extra special by using wild mushrooms or keep it down to earth with delicious chestnut mushrooms. A swirl of cream wouldn't go amiss here, either.

#### **Ingredients**

- 50g/2oz **butter**
- 2 small **leeks**, chopped
- 3 **garlic** cloves, chopped
- 300–500g/10½oz–1lb 2oz **mushrooms**, sliced
- 2–3 sprigs fresh **thyme**, leaves only
- 600ml/1 pint chicken or **vegetable stock**

#### **Method**

1. Melt the butter in a large pot and gently cook the leeks and garlic for 4–5 minutes or until softened but not browned. Add the mushrooms and thyme and cook on high for 3–5 minutes until the mushrooms are softened and have released much of their water.
2. Pour over the stock and cook for 5 minutes.

3. Remove from the heat, carefully pour into a food processor and blend until smooth. Alternatively, keep in the pot and use a stick blender to blitz until smooth.
4. Divide between four bowls and serve.

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Hot honey chicken and sweet potato traybake

Prepare less than 30 mins, **Cook** 30 mins to 1 hour, **Serve** 4, **Dietary** Dairy-free Egg-free Gluten-free

In this hot honey chicken traybake, the sweetness of honey and sweet potatoes is perfectly balanced with a touch of chilli.

Each serving provides 510 kcal, 37g protein, 50g carbohydrates (of which 27g sugars) 17g fat (of which 4g saturates), 7.5g fibre and 0.6g salt.

Ingredients

- 8 chicken thighs, skin on, bone in
- 4 small sweet potatoes, peeled and cut into chunks
- 8 banana shallots, halved
- ½ tbsp extra virgin olive oil
- 2 tbsp honey

- 1 tbsp boiling water
- 1 lemon, zest and juice
- ½ tsp Aleppo pepper
- small handful flatleaf parsley, roughly chopped
- small handful toasted walnuts, roughly chopped
- salt and freshly ground black pepper
- bitter leaves, such as chicory, radicchio or curly endive, to serve

Method

1. Preheat the oven to 200C/180C Fan/Gas 6. Arrange the chicken thighs, skin-side up, the sweet potato chunks and shallots in a large roasting tin. Drizzle with olive oil and season well with salt and black pepper.
2. Whisk together the honey, boiling water, lemon zest and juice and the Aleppo chilli flakes. Drizzle this over the chicken and sweet potatoes. Roast for 40 minutes until the sweet potatoes are tender, the chicken is cooked through and the skin is crisp.
3. Serve sprinkled with the parsley and walnuts, and a salad of bitter leaves on the side.



5-Spice Apple & Ginger Crumble

PREP TIME 10 minutes COOK TIME 1 hour + cooling SERVES 6

Ingredients

8 large apples, peeled, cored and cut into chunks
1 tbsp finely grated fresh ginger
3 tbsp brown sugar
1 tsp 5-spice powder
¼ tsp sea salt
vanilla ice cream, to serve

Crumble:

100g butter (about 8 tablespoons)
1 cup plain flour
¼ cup roughly chopped almonds
2 tsp vanilla extract or 1 tsp vanilla bean paste
½ tsp sea salt

Method

1. Preheat oven to 180°C/356°F.
2. In a large baking dish, combine the fruit, ginger, sugar, 5-spice and salt. Cover with foil place on a baking tray. Bake for 30 minutes.
3. In the meantime, make the crumble. In a small saucepan over medium heat, melt the butter. In a large bowl, place the flour, almonds, vanilla and salt. Pour in the melted butter and mix until combined and 'lumpy' like wet sand.
4. Remove the baking dish from the oven and uncover. Use a wooden spoon to push fruit down a little. Scatter the crumble topping over the fruit. Bake for another 30 minutes or until the crumble topping is golden.
5. Cool for 30 minutes before serving. Serve with vanilla ice-cream.