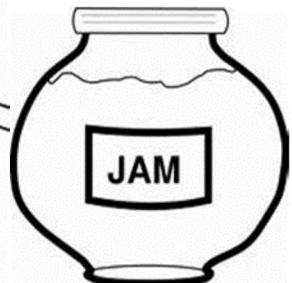
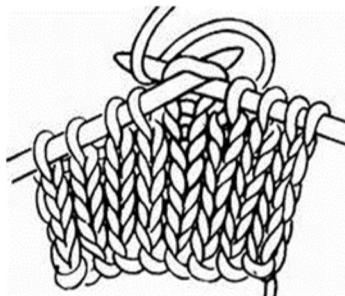
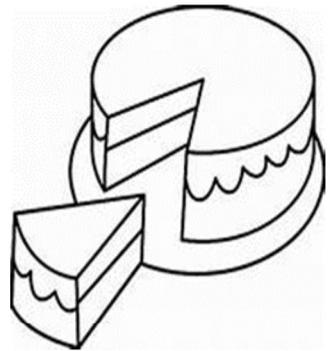
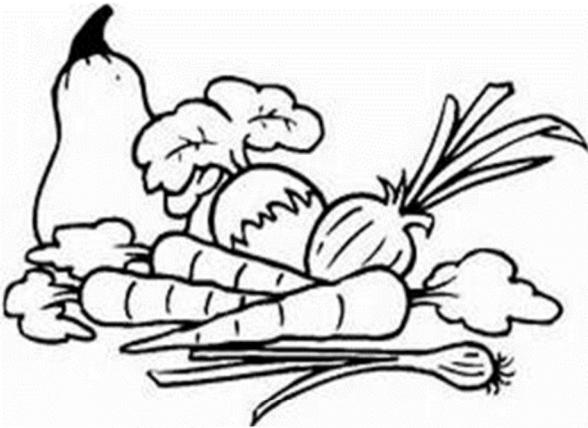


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August 2017

HORTICULTURAL/PRODUCE SHOW
SATURDAY 5TH AUGUST
CRATFIELD VILLAGE HALL



WELCOME

A very warm welcome to Judith who has moved into Poachers Close with 'Peggy' and 'Johnny'. We hope they will be very happy in our friendly village, Cratfield.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Naomi and Charles Glennon who were married in St. Mary's Church, Cratfield on Saturday July 15th. We wish them every happiness.

BABYSITTING

Florrie Hulbert, nearly 15 (October)
Lives in Cratfield and mum would be at home if any problems.
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Thank you very much to all those who contribute in any way to Cratfield News, it makes the publication what it is and there's no doubt that many people look forward to receiving and reading it.

You don't need to wait until the 20th of the month to send your contributions, the earlier the better.

On behalf of those who submit information on events etc. why not put the dates on your calendar or in your diary straight away, it's so easy to forget and then it would appear that you don't read it!

Sue

Margaret Goose

All who knew her will have been very sad and shocked to hear of the death of Margaret Goose. Until John's ill-health forced their move to Harleston last Autumn they had taken an active part in the life of Cratfield for over fifty years, During this time Margaret had been a staunch supporter of Cratfield Church, serving on the PCC and as Treasurer for many years, for most of this time she generously gave the Communion wine.

Margaret was always involved in fund raising events, knowing better than most how necessary these were. She was part of the group that organised and cooked for the Harvest Suppers, Coffee Mornings etc. For some years she independently ran a Coffee Morning in the Village Hall and in her own home, all in aid of St. Mary's Church.

What is perhaps generally less well known were Margaret's outstanding qualities as a good neighbour. She and John had an ever open door for anyone in trouble of any kind and were always there to listen, help and support. They made many visits to sick neighbours and helped out with shopping for those without transport. Over the years many people in the Silverleys Green area have had cause to be extremely grateful to Margaret and she is sorely missed.

We send our sincere condolences to Carron, Donna, Mandy and their families, who, together with all of us who knew and loved Margaret, find her irreplaceable.

S. W.

On behalf of the village I am sure that all of us who knew Margaret would like to join in the above and offer our sympathy and condolences to all of Margaret and John's family.

DON'T FORGET NATALIE'S BOOK LAUNCH

“The Wardrobe Mistress” - Halesworth Library
Thursday August 10th 6.30pm
Open invitation, wine, chat and a short reading.
ALL WELCOME

How clean is your roast?

Other people's conversations can be fascinating but we all hate a nosy parker. Much as I am tempted, I never eavesdrop. However, the juiciest snippets always seem to carry.

The other weekend I was in a train going from Halesworth to London and behind me was a group of four jolly ladies off on a fun weekend. The snippets flew.

'I wash the bits under the cold tap and pat them dry. I dunk whole ones in a bowl of cold water.'

'That's not good enough for me...It needs to be sterilised by immersion in boiling water before I would even dream of using it. Whole or in pieces. It makes no difference,' chimed in another of the group.

'That's ridiculous. You roast or fry chicken at high temperatures. All bacteria will be killed. If you wash it in cold water before you cook it you just spread the germs round the kitchen surfaces.' This woman had the air of a scientist about her.

A guy a few seats away voiced his agreement with the scientific lady. Everyone within earshot was, by now, following the conversation as attentively as if it was a radio phone in. A hubbub of mini chicken hygiene based conversations was spontaneously initiated all over the railway carriage.

I apologised for butting in and joked that not only did I give every chicken a good shower and towel dry but sprinkled it with talcum powder and dabbed deodorant underneath its wings and legs. Fortunately for me the women laughed. The debate continued till we got to Liverpool Street.

I have never thought of washing chicken before I cooked it in my life. I am of the camp of the scientific lady. I asked a couple friends what they did. The first one I asked agreed with me - chicken laundering was out – cooking killed the germs. Yet another friend confessed to always sprinkling a bit of water on chicken portions, steaks – even minced beef.

Should we really wash our meat before we cook it?

What, dear reader, do you do with yours?

Nigel Cousins

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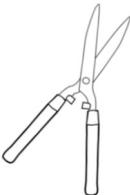
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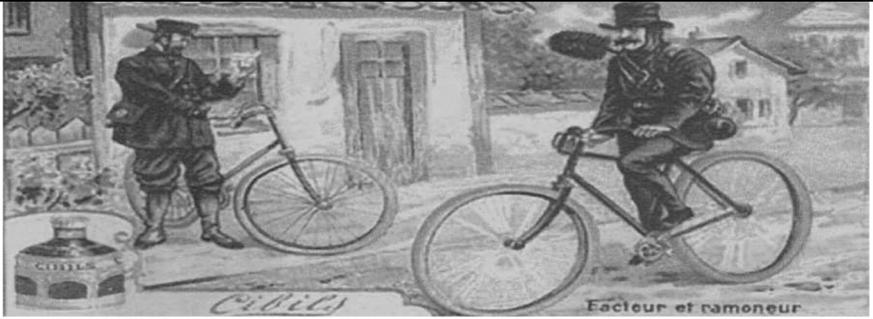
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HEVENINGHAM HALL COUNTRY FAIR

I am delighted to tell you that this year's Country Fair was a great success, thanks in some part to the wonderful weather over the two days. Cars were queuing for miles to get in but all were safely parked eventually and the feedback from all the people who visited was extremely positive. This would not have been possible without the help from the enormous number of people from Cratfield and the surrounding villages. So, a huge thank you to all those of you who helped by putting up/taking down tents, acting as stewards, serving tea and cakes in the Courtyard and the Tea Tent, selling raffle tickets, counting money and all the other things that went towards making this year's fair the best yet. A personal thank you from me to all those people who donated Tombola Prizes and made a donation towards the £25 John Lewis Voucher that was Cratfield's contribution to the raffle. The Tea Rooms raised a magnificent total of £9385 and the Tombola a record breaking £1533.

The Raffle raised £1129 after the £300 first prize was taken out and the prize winners were

1st prize Samantha Chapman (£300)

2nd prize Tony Redman (2 night stay in Holly Cottage, Huntingfield)

3rd prize Mike Bretton (£50 voucher for Darsham Nurseries)

4th prize Emma Bailey (A Magnum of Adnams Champagne)

5th prize Mandy Palmer (An Anchor beach bag, scarf and umbrella)

6th prize Katie Comins (Sunday Lunch for two with a bottle of wine at the Royal Oak, Laxfield)

7th prize Becca (A £25 John Lewis voucher)

8th prize G+M Curtis (A crate of Aspalls premier cru cider)

9th prize Mike Bretton (Afternoon tea for 2 at G+Ts cafe, Yoxford)

10th prize J.Scott (A hamper of local produce)

11th prize Mrs S Jones (10 variety packs of Musk sausages)

The money raised is for local communities for village and school projects, church repairs and individual cases of need.

Date for your diary – **Heveningham Hall Fireworks, Saturday 4 November.**

Please contact me or Julie Collett, 01986 798258, if you would like to volunteer.

Once again, thank you to all who contributed in any way.

Carolyn White Cratfield Village Representative

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2017 MOBILE LIBRARY DATES

Silverleys Green 14.15-14.35

The Poacher 14.45-15.00

Calling every four weeks on Tuesdays:

15th August, 12th September, 10th October, 7th November, 5th December

'Circle 67' had their 50th year celebration in Bramfield recently. Truly great, folk dressed in 60s style. Did we really wear flares and stuff in our hair? How funny it looks now.

This piece is inspired by that night.

DRESS SENSE FOR THOSE THAT CAN REMEMBER.

What were you wearing?

In 1967 a local band, I think from Peasenhall, were called 'Sounds 66', the following year they renamed their group 'Sounds 67'. Once a week a dance was held at Laxfield Village Hall. Stanley and Ada Gower manned the door, stamping your wrist in red with PAID. It was all of 5s 6d.

Before the dance, on one such night I had prepared myself. Oh my, so pleased with the hours of carefully drawn flowers over my eyelids highlighted with blue mascara bought from Wendy Oakes, Avon rep.

Mum was a dressmaker in Town and had wonderful silks and velvet material, triangular pieces of fabric were set into jeans by undoing the seams creating flares which covered the whole shoe. Not a good look walking through the rain, they stuck and drooped around your calves soaking up the leg, still felt great though. Oh my, then the colours ran!

Dad called me back. "Wash your face, you are NOT going anywhere looking like that."

Reluctantly I removed every bit, tears helping the removal of the offending mask. My life was over it seemed. Today I would have won first prize at Hampton Court flower display.

The Village Hall was great, noisy, full of smoke, no bar.

So when the lads turned up after a bevy at The Oak or The Low House in time for a last smooch, they were lolling over you. What fun!



Living over the road, we had to have chips from Ayres on the way home, chips, 6d a bag, with or without the crispy bits. The potatoes were chipped with the aid of a machine in the shop, the spuds were fed through the top, a handle pulled down and, behold the chips fell into a bucket of water. Saturday, the queues reached to the road it was so popular, the smell was tantalizing.

Oh, I almost forgot, depending on availability, flowers were placed throughout my hair, not one was left in place at the end of the night, I think it was dancing to "The Hippy Hippy Shake" that helped strew them!

And now, my high stepper bicycle.

It had been Martha Plant's. Martha used to live up on Bickers Hill and wore a cross-over pinafore, hair up in a bun. She had a most amazing laugh, long and loud, clapping her hands as she swung her head around stamping her

VILLAGE HALL NEWS

100 Club

A reminder about returning the 100 Club renewal/ application form. If you have mislaid the form you can just place a cheque for £12.00 or £6.00, made payable to Cratfield 100 Club, with your name and address on the back, in an envelope in Vine Cottage mail box.

Last year's winners

1	Doris Cook	20.7.16	1	Frank Cousin	11.1.17
2	Carolyn White		2	Mark Aryaenia	
3	Mary Cousin		3	Steve Peet	
1	Molly Matthews	3.8.16	1	Andrew Barringer	8.2.17
2	Susan Jones		2	Chrissie Kitchen	
3	Sue Ackerley		3	Carolyn White	
1	Robert King	7.9.16	1	Jean Peacock	8.3.17
2	Jo Nunn		2	Julie Pasque	
3	Sandra Taylor		3	Sheila Hookins	
1	Heather Hargood	12.10.16	1	Simon Woolward	12.4.17
2	Sandra Chivers		2	Paul Taylor	
3	Elizabeth Dix		3	Sue Seabon	
1	Mick Chave	9.11.16	1	Sarah Vass	10.5.17
2	Richard Turber-ville		2	Suzanne Eagling	
3	Tim Cable		3	Rebecca Hargood	
1	Hannah Johnson	7.12.16	1	Rebecca Sannick	14.6.17
2	Richard Chivers		2	Sara Saunders	
3	Jeremy Blackham		3	Lesley King	

**Don't forget the this month's Pop-up Pub and Barbecue
Friday August 4th 6.00pm onwards
It was a great success last month!**

Just a quick reminder that
Cratfield Horticultural Show

will take place on
Saturday 5th August
at the Village Hall

We hope that you have all got your entries sorted out – these must be submitted with the fee of 50p per entry to Salisbury House, Manse Lane, Cratfield by Wednesday 2nd August. No entries will be taken after that date, If you have mislaid the schedule, the recipe or the entry form then ring Carolyn on 01986 799187 or 07794 914330.

If you are entering any of the classes then you should bring your exhibit/s along to the Village Hall from 10.00am. The staging of the exhibits must be completed by 12 noon after which time the judges will be making their decisions.

The show will open to the public from 2.30pm when we will be serving Pimms and light refreshments so, even if you haven't plucked up courage to make an entry you can come along and admire.

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Cratfield Parish Council

The full Draft Minutes can be found on CPC's website:

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Summary of July 2017 Meeting

Present: Lotty Barbour (Chair), Richard Chivers (Vice Chair), Chris Mobbs, Michael Oliver, Gloria Steward.

Clerk/Responsible Financial Officer: Sally Chapman

Parishioners Matters of Concern

No parishioners present

County & District Councillor Reports

Not present and no reports.

Main Meeting

Finance

To receive the Financial Report and Approve Cheques

The RFO read out the reports and the following were approved:

Receipts		
31/05/2017	SCDC Grant - Play Equipment	£ 4,550.50
	Total	£ 4,550.50
Expenditure		
11/07/2017	Action, Play & Leisure Climbing Frame	£ 5,460.60
11/07/2017	Clerk's Jun & July Salary & Expenses	£ 366.64
	Total	£ 5,827.24

The Payments and Finance and Budget Reports were agreed as a true and accurate record and signed by the Chair.

To consider applying for a further Transparency Grant

Cllrs agreed to apply for a further transparency grant to maintain the website (final year).

To consider Barclays Simple Servicing Authority

Cllrs agreed to apply for Simple Servicing Authority to allow the Clerk to view/print statements online and transfer money between accounts of the same name.

Planning Applications and Decisions Update

Cllrs noted the following:

Applications

a) Poachers Farm Bell Green Cratfield Suffolk IP19 0DN

Ref. No: DC/17/2164/FUL | Status: Awaiting decision

Decisions

None

Defibrillator Training

The Chair reminded Cllrs of the training on Thursday 13th July 2017 at 7pm in the village hall.

Village Update

Play Area

- New Bark Chippings are now in place.
- Play Area Maintenance Report & Actions: regularly checked and no issues.

b) Village Maintenance

- Millennium Meadow Queen's 90th Birthday Tree Plaque is now in place.

Correspondence

- Clerk and Council Direct Magazine.

Any Other Business

None

Items for next Agenda

- To consider a maintenance plan for Millennium Meadow. Clerk to see if grants are available.

To confirm next year's meeting dates and times:

12th September 2017 at 7.15pm
14th November 2017 at 7.15pm
9th January 2018 at 7.15pm
13th March 2018 at 7.15pm
8th May 2018 at 7.15pm – APM & AGM

***Laxfield Produce, Craft and Flea Market
Saturday 5th August 10am -12.30pm
inside All Saint's Church,
inside the Royal Oak, and outside on Church Plain***

The weather was perfect for last month's Market, and the Yoxford based Barley Brigg Morris troupe created an ideal English summer picture by dancing in front of the Church, Royal Oak and Museum. Their amazingly tall hats stole the show, appearing to be plucked from a 1950's summer cornfield. Once again stallholders offered a range of interesting and individual items for sale, including delicious honey from Laxfield's very own busy bees.

This month's Market on the 5th August looks to be very interesting again. There is always something different to see, and this month we welcome new stallholders Kerry with baby clothes and shawls, Angela with hand-made cards, and come and meet Rosie with copies of her beautifully illustrated new book 'Songs of the Trees', an enchanting new fable for all ages.

Isabella and Edward Fortescue will be visiting us for a second time on their way back from 1751 London (public transport problems again!) They'll be singing songs and chatting about life in Georgian London, with it's coffee shops, pickpockets and new bridge. You'll spot them easily in their beautiful costumes.

Again seek out fresh fish, organic vegetables and fruit, local goats cheese, cakes and bakes, home-made bread on different stalls this month, and delicious Suffolk pork. Whereas there is always an array of interesting stalls along the Church aisle, you'll find a veritable Aladdin's Cave of stalls set up inside the restaurant area of the Royal Oak, connected by a string of collectible and consumable stalls outside. So step inside to see what's there...

Tea, coffee and cake will be available inside the Church, and The Royal Oak will be offering breakfasts, bacon rolls, liquid refreshment, and lunches.

Please contact Catherine Cawood on 01986 798852 for info on pitch spaces. Children are encouraged to get into the entrepreneurial spirit, and the Market offers them one free pitch per year. Dragon's Den be warned!

Cake of the Month – Summer Berry Meringue Cake

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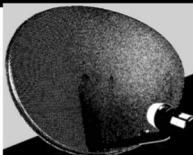
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Confessions of a... Whatever I was at the time.

Exclusive to the Cratfield News—The serialised memoirs of Peter Sparrow—Part 1

In my time I've had a few jobs, I started work at 14 (I was still at school, I'm not that old!) for £1.50 an hour at my local Spar stacking shelves, where my brother used to work. Thinking back on it I'm not sure that it was legal. It wasn't until about 3 months in I found out that my brother got sacked for passing crates of booze over the back fence just before the manager employed me, luckily me and my brother have different surnames, or that could have been awkward!

From there I moved on to working as a kitchen hand in an American Diner (hence my amazing BBQ skills!), I got promoted to the heady heights of waiter, but was soon demoted again. Turns I was supposed to wait not the customers!

Then on my 18th birthday I got the dream job of barman at the pub just over the road to the restaurant (The pub was The Thrasher and the restaurant Fatty Arbuckle's on Ransomes Europark in Ipswich, now a Pizza Hut of all things, if anyone cares to know). I worked there for a year and a bit until I decided I wanted to be a Red Coat!

So I applied to Butlins. Went to the Hippodrome in London to take part in the mass auditions that year, got on the BBC news, failed miserably and later got offered the job of barman in the bar where the Red Coats perform. So off I travelled to Bognor Regis on the south coast for my newest adventure.

So Butlins! Wow! What a time!

As well as working in the Reds Bar (where the Red Coats perform) I also worked in the Staff Bar where we served cut-price drinks and cut-price food (some of it was even in date still!).

I had a great time and many adventures, some of the most memorable were:

CENSORED

Then this one time, late in 1999 this chap comes to the bar and order a big round of drinks. He handed me a funny looking £20 note. "I can't take this mate, it's fake!" I said to him.

"You must be joking?" He replied. "I just got this out of your cash machine over there!"

"No," I said. "Look at this, it looks nothing like a proper £20 note!" I went and got one from the till to show him. "Look, can you see the difference?"

"It's a new one!" He cried, obviously getting annoyed with me.

"Okay, I'll get my manager," I said, thinking he would sort it all out and vindicate me. "He'll sort it all out and vindicate me, I think!"

So off I trot to get my manager, really looking forward to seeing this chap get what for, trying to pass off dodgy £20 notes!

After speaking to my boss for about 20 seconds, I went back, apologised profusely, refreshed his drinks for free (they'd all gone flat by then), took the £20 note in payment and gave him his change.

Turns out it was a genuine, brand new, just released £20! I didn't even know they had issued them, I was somewhat out of the loop, I think.

It wasn't long after that I returned to Ipswich, and my job at The Thrasher, for a short while whilst I indulged in my newest habit, excessive consumption of alcohol at every, reasonable, opportunity.

I continued this hobby through a few more jobs before landing a great job with EDF Energy in their Emergency Call Centre, taking calls about power cuts and other dangerous occurrences on the electricity network.

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Dear Friends

Jesus Christ was crucified for our salvation and raised from the dead for our justification. We often hear this said but what do these words mean? Here is a story that I hope will explain.

THE CAGE

Chapter 1

A man was on the side of the road with a large birdcage. A boy, passing by, noticed that the cage was full of birds of many differing kinds. "Where did you get those birds?" the boy asked. "Oh, all over the place", the man replied, "I lure them with crumbs, gain their confidence and then when they are close I net them and shove them into my cage." "And what are you going to do with them now?" the boy asked. The man grinned somewhat unpleasantly, "I'm going to prod them with sticks to get them really mad so that they will fight and kill each other. Those who survive will have their necks wrung. None will survive eventually."

The boy looked steadily at the man and wondered what made him do such a cruel thing. He looked into the man's hard, pitiless eyes and then to the birds, defenceless and without hope. "Can I buy those birds off you?" the boy asked. The man disguised a smirk, aware that he might be on to a good thing if he played the boy along. "Well ..." he said, hesitantly, "The cage is very expensive and I spent a lot of time collecting these birds. I'll tell you what I'll do. How much money have you got saved up?" The boy answered truthfully "about twenty five pounds" "All right," said the man, "I'll let you have the lot, cage, birds and all for twenty five pounds and that iPod you're carrying."

The boy paused. Twenty five pounds was a lot of money and the iPod had been a birthday present and was just the best thing he had ever owned. But he looked again at the birds and said, "OK". He went home, got the money from the tin he kept it in and went back to the man and handed over the cash and the iPod. The man, in turn, handed over to him the cage of birds and at once the boy opened the wire door and let the birds go free.

Chapter 2

The Devil was on the side of life's road with a very large cage. God, passing by, noticed that it was full of people of every kind, female and male, old and young, from every race and nation upon earth. "Where did you get those people?" God asked.

"Oh, from all over the world" the Devil replied, "I lure them with drink, drugs, lust, love of money, and all manner of enticing things. I pretend I'm their friend, out to give them a good time and then when I've hooked them, into the cage they go." "And what are you going to do with them?" asked God. The Devil smiled. "I'm going to prod them and provoke them and get them to hate and destroy each other. I'll stir up racial and religious hatred, make them insanely jealous of one another, make them angry and vengeful and consumed with self-pity. I'll make them dissatisfied, confused, restless, bored. It's very easy, they always listen to what I say and then, and this really is the best bit my Divine chum, they invariably blame you for the outcome. Those who do not destroy themselves, I will destroy. None will survive eventually."

"Can I buy those people off you?" asked God.

The Devil smirked. "I'm not really sure you can afford to, after all there are so many of them and they are very expensive. I'll tell you what I'll do. What's the most valua-

ble thing you have?" "Well," replied God, "the world is mine, the whole creation, all nature; I made it so I guess it belongs to me." "Far, far too cheap", said the Devil, "do you think I can be bought for as little as that?" "I'm sorry", God replied, "I didn't mean to cause offence but I don't think I've got anything more valuable than the whole wide world" Really?" rejoined the Devil, "Really? I'm not sure I believe that. Let me think for a moment, ah yes, now what's that Son of yours called again? But there, I'm being silly, look at these miserable specimens in the cage, surely they can't be worth that much to you, can they?"

The End

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God sent his son into the world not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him.

David

St. Mary's Church – August Services

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6.30pm Evensong DB	9.30am Holy Communion DB	8.00am Holy Communion DB
Reader Liz Dix	Reader P. Baker	Reader E. Cook
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Gen 37: 1-4,12-28 Romans 10: 5-15 Matthew 14: 22-33	Gen 45: 1-15 Romans 11: 1-2a 29-32 Matthew 15: 21-28	Exodus 1: 8 2-10 Romans 12: 1-8 Matthew 16: 13-20

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