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What if a dot was missing?

In one of my children lessons, we were contemplating a painting by Danish-French painter Camille Pissarro. The painting was remarkable because from afar one could see the perfect depiction of people harvesting apples. However, the



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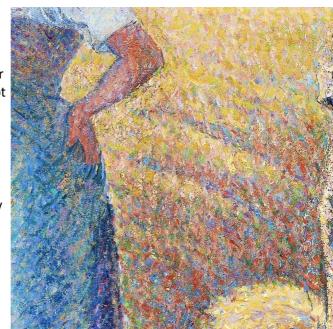
more one zooms in to the painting, the more one realises that the brush strokes are composed by thousands of individual tiny strokes of paint one next to the other coexisting individually. You may know that this is pointillism.

The painting took me to a train-of-thought. I thought of the Church, which is composed by individual members, all different and not all connected to one another. Yet, it is the combination of the individual persons that makes the body of Christ. As Christians we often talk about the Church as the body of Christ. That is why Catholic mystic, St. Teresa of Avila said 'Christ has no body now but yours, not feet on earth but yours.'

The principle of pointillism runs in the same way, each individual stroke makes a beautiful depiction of something greater and more meaningful. The painting can only make sense when we contemplate it in its entirety, considering all the individual dots.

When we focus too closely on the individual dot, we may fail to see why it is there, and why in that colour or shape. But what if that dot was not there? Its absence would destroy the harmony of the painting.

The Church is very much a local reality. She lives in the daily routine of a community that do things in a specific place at a specific time. But we cannot say that the local community is the entire Church. It is part of the Church, the body of Christ



Rector's Letter (continued)

that is present in the parish next door, and in the neighbouring diocese, and in the country across the ocean, and all around the world. That is the body of Christ.

Under this view, what we do as a local community affects the body of Christ everywhere. What we do here affects others in the body.

Not that long ago Christians in the Global South (Anglican communities in Africa, Asia, and South America) suffered physically and severely by the decisions made by the Church of England in matters of sexuality. Likewise, when we see thousands of Christians trusting God in other parts of the world, such as South Korea, we all rejoice, because the body of Christ is rejoicing.

This month marks one year since my installation and my! have I learnt how much more I need to learn!

One thing that has been clear this year is that I cannot do this alone. Also that what we do in one parish affects the other five parishes.

A dot like myself means very little in isolation. I need to continue looking at each dot and then step back to see the big picture. Only then, will I be able to serve you well.

For one year, you have been receiving contributions in this space from me alone. Now, it is time for me to share this space with other "dots", other members of the ministry team so we can see the bigger picture together. *Fr Sam*

News from the parishes

Ride and Stride 2025

The McKees and Furmstons managed to visit 13 churches around the Deanery, on Saturday 13th September - without getting blown away. All the churches were open to visitors with very welcome refreshments. We covered 28 miles with a leisurely lunch break in Barrington.

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Hatches and Matches

I must admit, this part of church ministry has been rather quiet this year. However two events recently are definitely worth highlighting and celebrating.

On August 24th, at St Mary's Church in Guilden Morden, there was much joy as Ruby and Evie Clarke, with their parents Georgina and Alan, were officially welcomed into the world-wide Christian Church. The girls had not been christened (baptised) as infants so had requested this as young people. With family and friends, together with the members of our local Shingay Churches' community, we celebrated this event together. After the service, we gathered for refreshments and cakes, including the girls' favourites. Our photo shows them holding their Baptism Candles, lit from the special Easter candle behind them. It was a wonderful and joyous day for all.

(photo shows Mrs Fiona Davis, Evie, Ruby, Rev'd Ann)

On August 29th, in Ss Peter & Paul Church, Steeple Morden, we gathered for the wedding of Nelly Aspinall and Levi Raymond, together with family and friends. Nelly looked stunning, and Levi very handsome, while their daughters were very cute flower girls. There was much laughter & happy tears, and some wonderful music given by their friend, Annabelle Hoare, whose amazing voice filled the church. This was such a special day.

(photo shows Ciara, Nelly, Aaliyah and Levi)





A Service for Those who have been Bereaved, as we Remember with Thanks those we have Lost Sunday November 2nd

There will always be anniversaries and special times when you miss a person who has died. This peaceful and reflective service will be an opportunity to give thanks for their lives and to remember them. There will also be an opportunity to say some prayers and light a candle, and the name(s) of those who have died will be said, if that is what you would like. Simply tell us before the service starts.

The service will be held on Sunday November 2nd at the Church of St. Peter and St. Paul in Steeple Morden, starting at 5:00pm.

Before the service, we will be serving cups of **tea and cake between 4:00 and 4:30pm** for anyone who would like the opportunity to relax in a friendly atmosphere.

This is a time for you.

It doesn't matter whether the funeral took place in one of our churches, another church, the crematorium, or somewhere else. And you don't need to be a regular church-goer. This service is for anyone who has suffered the loss of someone dear to them.

We do hope that you will be able to join us and please bring any members of your family or friends who would like to be there with you.



Café Church In Steeple Morden

Café Church will be open from 9am on Fridays during term time.

3, 10, 17 & 24 October

Everyone is welcome for tea, coffee, home-made cakes, toys for the children and chat.



12th CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

Friday 21st to Sunday 23rd November SS Peter & Paul, Steeple Morden

Have you started planning your tree?
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For those of you who have been successfully disciplined over the last year, we have almost done it — succeeded in reading the entire Bible in 12 months.

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Harvest Thanksgiving and Lunch

Harvests are in so now is a time to reflect and give thanks for God's generosity and goodness.

The Shingay Group Harvest Service will be:

October 5th at 10am, St Mary's Church, Guilden Morden.

All are welcome to come and join us for prayers, reflection, and some good old Harvest Hymns.

Then stay, as Lunch will follow at midday

If you plan to stay, please advise your Church Warden in advance, to ensure that we cater appropriately.

A £5 donation would be appreciated to assist with costs.

Abington Pigotts Harvest Service will be October 12th at 10am

We will again be gathering canned and dry goods for Jimmy's Night Shelter in Cambridge.

These items will be collected at the front, in the church before and during the service.



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As we are a charity, in the event of a cancellation we will only be able to refund on request. October may seem a strange time to be thinking about gardening, but it is an excellent opportunity to get ahead to plan and grow things for next year. Daffodils, crocuses, tulips and other spring flowering bulbs should be planted now to provide early colour to brighten those dull days which are inevitable in spring. And it's the best time to sow sweet peas, three or four in a 9cm pot of compost. They emerge quickly if kept somewhere sheltered and can be grown on in a cold frame or greenhouse. Done this way, they have time to produce a robust root system by spring and will be more likely to turn into big plants producing many flowers.

It's the perfect time to plant garlics in well drained soil. Planted a couple of centimetres deep, their long, thin, green shoots should begin to emerge after three or four weeks and, being quite hardy they will survive the winter and continue to grow through spring to produce bulbs, ready for harvesting in July.

During October, there's a lot of work to be done in kitchen gardens, allotments or other vegetable and fruit growing spaces. Compost and manure can be layered on top of the bare soil after the food crops have been lifted, some cardboard topped with straw will help prevent weed growth. Doing this will allow earthworms and microbes in the soil to break it all down producing a superb growing medium ready for planting and sowing seeds next year. Alternatively, you could sow a green manure of field beans which can then be dug into the soil in the spring. Whichever method you choose will supress weeds and benefit the soil.

I find pruning out dead and diseased wood from shrubs and trees and reshaping them quite a therapeutic activity on sunny autumn days. There was a time when burning all the cut material on a bonfire was very much a part of the autumn scene, culminating in a decent bonfire night blaze. But this is not considered okay anymore, and so everything needs to go into the green bins to be taken away for composting by the council. I avoid putting diseased stuff on the compost heap to reduce the likelihood of reinfection when I use the compost the following year. The council method of composting creates high temperatures that kill fungi and bacteria much more effectively than in a domestic heap.

If you're thinking of growing fruit trees or bushes, the bare root season will be starting in November and so it's worth looking at what is available from the numerous nurseries which we are lucky enough to have in Britain. Buying bare root specimens is the cheapest way of acquiring plants and they also have the tendency to settle down and grow quickly, more so than containerised plants. And if you are not sure which varieties of apples to grow, then hop along to the Apple Day held at Cambridge Botanic Garden on 19th October where you can taste the many different varieties that are on offer before you make a decision.

SINGLE SERVE APPLE CRUMBLE SKILLET COOKIE

I am so excited to bring you this month's recipe as it is slightly different from most of my others. This recipe creates two delicious, cosy cookie dough desserts for a perfect autumnal evening and requires very little preparation! It can be pulled together in minutes and as it's a small batch recipe there is very little washing up, which is always a bonus! For anyone cooking for one this recipe is the perfect little sweet treat and keeps well in a tin for several days. It can be enjoyed warm or cold with cream, ice cream or custard and is guaranteed to be a crowd pleaser.

Ingredients:

Cookie:

75g unsalted butter ½ tsp bicarbonate of soda

60g light brown sugar ¼ tsp sea salt 60g granulated sugar ½ tbsp cornflour

1 small egg ½ tsp cinnamon (ground)

1 tsp vanilla extract150g apple (chopped into cubes)130g plain flour150g white chocolate chips

Crumble Topping:

30g unsalted butter 30g caster sugar 75g plain flour

Method:

When you're ready to bake your dessert, preheat your oven to 190° c / 170° c fan and grease a small dish.

Melt the butter in a large bowl, add both sugars to the melted butter and whisk for a couple of minutes to dissolve the sugars into a smooth mixture. Add in the vanilla and egg whisking again to just combined. Add the dry ingredients to the mixture, along with the apple and chocolate chips and mix to incorporate them all into a thick, delicious cookie dough. Press the mixture into your previously greased dish and set aside for now. The cookie dough can be left in the fridge for up to 24 hours before baking if you don't want it right away.

To make the crumble, rub together all the ingredients, butter, sugar and flour with your fingertips until fine crumbs are formed and sprinkle this over the cookie dough. Bake the cookie dough in the oven for about 25 minutes until golden. Leave your cookie aside to cool for a while, then serve it warm with some ice cream or custard for the perfect cosy, warming, autumnal dessert.

| Calendar | of Services | |
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| 4th October (Sat | turday) | |
| 2:30pm | Ely Cathedral | FD relicensing as LLM |
| 5th October (Tri | nity 16) | |
| 8:30am | Steeple Morden | BCP Communion |
| 10:00am | Guilden Morden | Harvest Festival Group Communion |
| 7:00pm | Litlington | Deanery Evensong with choir |
| 12th October (T | rinity 17) | |
| 10:00am | Steeple Morden | Group Communion |
| 10.00am | Abington Pigotts | Parish Harvest Service |
| 19th October (T | rinity 18) | |
| 8:30am | Wendy | Holy Communion |
| 10:00am | Abington Pigotts | Family Service with Litlington |
| 10:00am | Steeple Morden | Children's Informal Service |
| 10:30am | Guilden Morden | United Service at GM Chapel |
| 26th October (La | ast Sunday of Trinity) Bible | Sunday |
| 10:00am | Guilden Morden | Group Communion |
| 2nd November (| All Saints and All Souls) | |
| 10:00am | Wendy | Patronal Group Holy Communion |
| 5:00pm | Steeple Morden | All Souls (Service for the Bereaved - Remembering with Thanksgiving) |
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| 8:30am | Remembrance Sunday) Airfield | Rom Coromony only |
| 9:00am | Odsey | Rem Ceremony only Rem Ceremony only |
| 9:30am | Abington Pigotts | Rem Ceremony + short Service |
| 9:30am | Wendy | Rem Ceremony + short Service |
| 10:00am | Steeple Morden | Rem Ceremony only |
| 10:55am | Guilden Morden | Rem Ceremony + RBL Service |
| 10:55am | Litlington | Rem Ceremony + Service |
| | (2 before Advent) | Rem ceremony i service |
| 10:00am | Abington Pigotts | Family Service with Litlington |
| 10:00am | Steeple Morden | Holy Communion |
| 10:00am | Guilden Morden | United Family Service with Chapel a St Mary's |

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| 19 October | Remembering Graham Cole on his birthday RIP | |
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| St Catherine's, Litlington | | |
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| S Peter & S Paul, Steeple Morden | | |
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Guilden Morden Congregational Church Diary

www.guilden-morden-congregational-church.weebly.com

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Sunday 5th Oct 10.30am Café style service. Come and join us for

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Monday 6th Oct 10.30 – 12.00 Men's Guild

9.30 - 11.30am Open Church. Come and have a chat with

our minister, Tony

7.00 for 7.30pm Local Vocals sponsored by GMCC

 Tuesday 7th Oct
 2.00 – 4.00pm COGS

 Wed 8th Oct
 9.00 – 11.30am Fun4Tots

Sunday 12th Oct 11.00am Joint at Litlington Congregational Church Church

Anniversary led by Mrs Sandra Galton

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7.00 for 7.30pm Local Vocals sponsored by GMCC

Wed 15th Oct 9.00 – 11.30am Fun4Tots

Sunday 19th Oct 10.00am Joint service at St Mary's

Monday 20th Oct 9.30 - 11.30am Open Church. Come and have a chat with

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7.00 for 7.30pm Local Vocals sponsored by GMCC

Wed 22nd Oct 9.00 – 11.30am Fun4Tots

Sunday 26th Oct 10.30am Joint service with Litlington Congregational

Church at the chapel including communion

Monday 27th Oct 9.30 - 11.30am Open Church. Come and have a chat with

our minister, Tony

Wed 29th Oct 9.00 – 11.30am Fun4Tots

Other group meetings:

Bridge Club Mondays at 19.30

Community Choir Mondays at 19.00 for a 19.30pm start (term time)
History Group Wednesday 4 Oct at Steeple Morden Village Hall

Knit and Natter Every other Tuesday
Photographic Club Last Thursday of the month

Needle Bees Every 2nd Thursday 7.30 – 10.00pm

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