

## From the Vicarage

Dear Friends,

### Aspects of Healing

During October, we are being invited to focus our thoughts, prayers, and actions on various aspects of healing. We begin the month with our Patronal Festival and Stewardship Sunday (4<sup>th</sup> October). Here, as we reflect on the examples of Mary the Mother of Jesus and Michael the Archangel, so you and I are encouraged to view the life of faith in a wholehearted holistic light. It is about seven days a week, and all of our lives.

Healing is also a vital part of the Gospel for the whole of creation. At 3 pm, on what has come to be known as Animal Welfare Sunday (4<sup>th</sup> October), we shall be holding our annual Pets Service, when humans of all ages – as well as a range of other creatures great and small! – are invited to gather in the Priory, and to give thanks for the blessing of relationships between humans and other sentient beings, and to pray for their healing.

Then, on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> October, we have our annual Priory Harvest Thanksgiving. We give thanks for the fruits of the earth, remember those who labour to provide them - and the many challenges that they face - and seek to support those who do not enjoy what we so easily take for granted. Harvest – and One World Week at the end of the month - can remind us of our calling to care for creation, and encourage us to join with others in praying for the peace of this world.

Healing is at the very heart of the Gospel, and many churches are exploring how Christ's Commission must involve us in praying for, as well as proclaiming, healing in Christ's Name. On St. Luke's Day (18<sup>th</sup> October), we shall be welcoming as our visiting preacher to the 10.30 service the Rev'd Paul Springate, Warden of the Harnhill Centre of Christian Healing. As you may have already gathered from Kevan and Cynthia Tailby's article in last month's magazine, and also this magazine (p 7), later this month (starting on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup>), *In His Name*, a training course on the Christian healing ministry, will begin at the Priory.

Healing has many interconnected aspects. It has to do with our relationships with one another, with other sentient beings, and with the whole of creation. Above all - and through all - it has to do with our relationship to the Living Lord, Jesus Christ. The Alpha course (which starts on 14<sup>th</sup> October) is an excellent opportunity for anyone to explore and deepen this relationship. Then, on Bible Sunday (25<sup>th</sup> October), we are reminded how God's Word leads us to Jesus, the One who is our healer. For true and full healing from sin and death is to be found in Jesus Christ alone.

Yours in Christ, the Wounded Healer,

*John Barr, Vicar*

## Remembering Loved Ones

### Service of Thanksgiving and Remembrance on

### All Saints' Day, 1<sup>st</sup> November, at 4.00 pm

All of us remember loved ones, who have gone before us through the gateway of death. Many Christians have found it helpful to focus on this, both at anniversaries and also around the time of All Saints' Day (1<sup>st</sup> November). This is a day when we can remember all the lives and examples of what the Letter to the Hebrews describes as the 'cloud of witnesses' (Hebrews 12: 1).

This year, we are holding a special Service of Thanksgiving and Remembrance on All Saints' Day at 4.00 pm in the Priory. The service is open to everyone who would like to attend, and it will include music, readings, a short reflection, and prayers. There will also be an act of thanksgiving and remembrance, during which there will be an opportunity to light a candle in memory of loved ones. Afterwards there will be refreshments in the Priory.

*John Barr*

## Priory People

### Mabel Wollaston

I first met Mabel in 1985, just after her arrival in Malvern from Broadstairs. It was a difficult time for her. After more than 40 years of very happy marriage, her husband Gerald had died, and she came to live near to her son Stuart and family in Malvern.

She was determined to be cheerful ("No one wants you if you are miserable" she used to say). She became an enthusiastic member of the Women's Fellowship. Her cake-making skills had already been noted in the Parish Magazine of Broadstairs, where she was a member of the Mothers' Union.

During the first years of the Lyttelton Well she was there on Monday mornings preparing food, and loading the dish-washer. I worked with her, and one well-known Priory member was heard to say: "Oh, lovely Mabel! I wish I could work with her."

As she grew older, she was so appreciative of the help of her children Stuart, Anne and Janice, and amazed to become not only a grandmother, but a great-grandmother.

We shall miss her, and remember her courage and her happy smiling face.

*H. Deriaz*

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## **“In His Name” Course**

Last month you were invited to join in the above course. Here is a reminder of dates and subjects:

**Thurs 8<sup>th</sup> October 19.30-21.30 in Guesten Room**  
**Subject “A Biblical Introduction to Healing”**

**Thurs 22<sup>nd</sup> October 19.30-21.30 in Guesten Room**  
**Subject “How do we pray? The role of the Holy Spirit.”**

And a change of programme from that given last month –

We will now join in the **Worcester Cathedral Festival of Healing** (no meeting in Guesten Room) on **Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> November**. Details below - it is open to all.

**Workshop 10-12.30 with Dr Sheila Cassidy £5 donation**  
Bring your own lunch or eat in the Cathedral or nearby.  
**14.00 Healing Eucharist**  
**President Bishop John. Address Dr Sheila Cassidy.**

There is more information on the Cathedral website. We hope many people will want to attend.

## **Harvest Barn Dance and Supper**

The Welcome Group are organising a Barn Dance and Ploughman's supper on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> October. This will be in the Lyttelton Room from 7.00 to 9.00 pm. There will be dancing organized by Claire and Jonathan Darnborough which all ages can join in and we will be providing a Ploughman's supper with drinks during the evening. Tickets are £2.50 per person/£5.00 per family and these are on sale from the Parish Office and from members of the Welcome Group. We look forward to seeing you there. Further details from Jeremy Tudge.

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## **Medieval Fair (May 22<sup>nd</sup> 2010)**

The Welcome Group are looking to organise a Fair in and around the Priory as part of our 925 celebration. We need additional help with this and would ask if there are any members of the Priory congregation who would be willing to join

members of the Welcome Group in planning and organising this. Please contact Jeremy Tudge (via Parish Office) if you feel you would be willing to join us.

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### **Lunch Box**

Thursday lunchtime concerts and talks in Great Malvern Priory

Bring your own Lunch at 12.30 pm.  
Event starts at 1 pm til 1.30 pm (approx.)

Oct 1 <sup>st</sup>	Concert by pupils from the Downs Malvern College Prep School
Oct 8 <sup>th</sup>	'The Life and Works of Thomas Traherne'. Talk by Denise Inge
Oct 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Recital by Vanessa Gunter (flute) and Barry Stone (piano)
Nov 5 <sup>th</sup>	'A Week in Westminster'      Talk by Canon John Atkinson
Nov 19 <sup>th</sup>	'Clerkenwell Markers Revisited'. Talk by Michael Shiner about his new book
Dec 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Christmas Concert by pupils from Malvern Parish School

### **Lunch Club**

I am very pleased to tell you that Lunch Club begins again this month, on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> October. We meet at 12.30 pm on Thursdays, on the alternate week to Lunch Box, in the Lyttelton Rooms.

Here are the dates: 15<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> October, 12<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> November and our special Christmas Lunch is on 10<sup>th</sup> December.

We provide a hot meal for £4 with a choice from the following: - beef casserole, chicken casserole or fish pie with jacket or mashed potatoes and two vegetables for main course, a choice of deliciously traditional home-made sweets and tea or coffee to finish your meal.

Everyone is welcome to come along and enjoy fellowship and hopefully make new friends. If you haven't been before, why not give it a try? I look forward to seeing you in October.

*Eileen Wilson*

## TG's Project – update August 2009

As many of you will know TG's was set up in 2003, as response to Parkside Church's youth group after one of its members, Tim Greenwood, died from non-Hodgkinsons Lymphoma. Tim was a keen member of the group and also a local skater and biker. Since then a number of people from different churches in Malvern have set up a charity and limited company to take God's vision of youth and community work out of the churches and into that community.

Over the last 6 years we have carried out much of the vision whilst waiting for a permanent home – not within a church – but out in the community. We regularly hold skating events in the area including outside the Priory, in Victoria Park and outside the Post Office, and take local youngsters out on day trips to large skateparks in the UK. You may remember us organising the “Party in the Park” in 2005 when over 2000 enjoyed a musical event in Priory Park paid for by local people and businesses and managed by many church members from all over Malvern.

We are concerned with the many youth and community issues in this area and through a sub-group of TG's called TG's Red we work in the local secondary schools and the Pickersleigh Centre to educate young people about their health and sexuality and in particular sexually transmitted diseases and to mentor youngsters to enable them to achieve their potential.

As mentioned at the beginning, in time we would like to deliver this vision from a permanent facility and have been working with Malvern Hills and Worcestershire Councils to find land and bid for Government funding. We have and are considering other options such as a rented venue as an “interim” measure. This has taken a lot of our efforts and we now feel we have taken matters as far as God wants us to in preparation and so we are waiting on Him for our next course of action. Please pray with us for this next phase of work.

Over the years we have seen God's provision in all sorts of timely ways, both in terms of people, trustees and volunteers at events and in finance and would like to thank the Priory for its continued support.

If you would like to know more about us please contact us or look on our website as below:-

### **Contacts:-**

TG's Project, PO Box 258, Malvern, WR14 9BR

<http://www.tgsproject.org/contact-us.php>

<http://www.myspace.com/tgsproject>

## One World Week and Week of Prayer for World Peace

**October 18<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup>.**

This year's theme for One World Week (OWW) is "Hungry for One World" – bringing people together from diverse cultures and faiths to explore how we can contribute to alleviating the hunger we see in our world.

### **Hungry for what?**

Food, shelter, comfort, joy, contentment, justice, acceptance, respect, well-being, peace, security, hope for the future ...

- What do I hunger for?
- What do others hunger for?
- What does the world hunger for?

Together we can recognise and tackle some of the needs in our local communities and global community.

OWW is a development education charity which stimulates local people to use a week as focus for activities around One World issues, using a common theme.

Local events for OWW in Malvern:

### **Fri. 23<sup>rd</sup> October**

Shoppers' Service at Malvern Link URC at 10.30 am followed by coffee and Traidcraft stall in the church hall.

### **Sun. 25<sup>th</sup> October**

A United Service for Churches Together in Malvern at the Baptist Church, Abbey Road, at 6.30 pm.

### **Tues. 27<sup>th</sup> October**

Lansdowne Crescent Methodist Church Women's Meeting invite all to a special OWW afternoon at 3 pm in the Church Hall.

### **What others say about OWW**

*"Thank you for having the passion (that) the people who support your One World project have... you have to keep reminding all of us that we are one family!"*

Desmond Tutu, Archbishop of South Africa, February 2009

*"One World week has a unique slant in stimulating people at the grassroots to look at development issues in a diverse and inclusive manner."*

Muhammad Imran, Development Education Manager, Islamic Relief

Further information and resource materials can be found on the website  
[www.oneworldweek.org](http://www.oneworldweek.org)

*Malvern Churches Justice & Peace Group*

*Contact Mary Wetherall via Parish Office*

## **Update on Jubilee Debt Campaign**

In June, Haiti finally received debt cancellation. Haiti has been damned twice by the Duvalier dictators – ‘Papa Doc’ and ‘Baby Doc’ – who terrorised the country for 30 years until 1986 and then left behind unpayable debts. Jubilee Debt Campaign has campaigned for over a decade for these unjust debts to be wiped out. The long-awaited cancellation now represents a small step towards justice for the tormented people of the poorest country in the western Hemisphere.

The second success is that the Government has announced its intention to act against vulture funds – funds which buy-up unpayable Third World debts and sue the country in question for full, immediate repayment. The Treasury has launched a consultation with a far-reaching proposal to clamp down on these abhorrent funds. This is a significant step forward – but we can’t stop campaigning yet. You can find the latest at:

[www.jubileedebtcampaign.org.uk/vultures](http://www.jubileedebtcampaign.org.uk/vultures)

The really big event of the Autumn is the UN Copenhagen Summit on climate change in December. This Summit will decide the direction of global environmental policy for years to come. Climate change must be a matter of economic justice – you can’t solve climate change without a radical shake-up in the global economy.

The latest issue of the Jubilee Debt Campaign’s newsletter *Drop It!* explains why it will be campaigning for rich countries to pay their ‘climate debt’ to poor countries, and gives a taster of its work in coming months.

*Taken from a letter to JDC supporters from Director Nick Dearden*

Incidentally, Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> October has been designated as ‘Climate Change Day of Prayer’ – details can be found on [www.ctbi.org.uk/climatechangeprayer](http://www.ctbi.org.uk/climatechangeprayer). Details of a Climate Change Rally in London on 5<sup>th</sup> December will be available shortly.

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## **Priory House Groups**

House Groups are held in various Priory members’ homes, where the atmosphere is relaxed and the opportunity to study scripture and relate it to our daily lives is appreciated. They have begun their autumn term by looking at some of the sermons we have heard on recent Sundays. This gives us all a chance to share our thoughts, raise any issues that puzzle us and bring them all to The Lord in prayer. It is also a good way to make new friends! In Advent, we shall follow a course entitled “Faith, Hope and Love”.

If you would like to join a group, or maybe host one in your own home, please contact Elizabeth Dunnett, via the Parish Office.

# Who's who in the Priory

## Meet Dion, Danni, Morgan & Whitney Farrier

### When did you come to Malvern?

We've always lived in Malvern. Danni and Whitney go to Dyson Perrins school, Dion and Morgan go to the Grove Primary. We've got a young brother Ben who will start pre-school soon.

### Why did you come to the Priory?

Dorothy Sansome our neighbour took us because our Nan's church did not have enough youth. Also our Dad came here for the Alpha course and he thought it was a good idea.

### How would you describe your relationship with God?

**Danni:** I've always had a bond because our family has always believed in God. It has got stronger since we came to church.

**Dion, Whitney and Morgan:** We all agree with Danni.

### Do you have a favourite hymn or chorus?

**Morgan:** Who put the colours in the rainbow, because it is happy.

**Whitney:** When I needed a neighbour were you there? because I like the meaning of the words.

**Dion:** Call to me and I will answer you, because it has meaning and rhythm.

**Danni:** Shine Jesus shine, because it talks about the Lord. I like the music, you can clap to it and it is fun.

### Do you have a favourite Bible story?

**Danni:** The feeding of the five thousand, because it is such a miracle that so little food could be shared out with so many people.

**Morgan:** I like that too.

**Dion:** I like the one with the two builders. It's a parable and a nice story to say 'don't be foolish but think about what you are going to do'.

**Whitney:** Jonah and the Whale because it is quite impossible that a whale should swallow a man and spit him out on the shore. It shows you can't hide from God.

### What is most important to you?

**Morgan:** My family.

**Danni:** My family and the church because if I didn't have the church I wouldn't be who I am now. I have a faith and without a faith I don't think I'd have anything.

**Dion:** My family, friends, church, and trying to do my best in everything.

**Whitney:** My family, friends and my education.

### What are you passionate about?

**Dion:** Sports, especially football and swimming.

**Morgan:** Sports, especially tennis and swimming. (Danni says he is very good at this).

**Danni:** My music, I play the violin. I enjoy doing art and anything crafty.

**Whitney:** Sports, especially track. 100 metres is my best race.

### Do you have any desires?

**Danni:** I would love to change the world so it is happy, healthy, with no wars, everything you needed would be there and everybody would believe in God.

**Morgan:** I would like to be a famous tennis player.

**Dion:** I would like to help more in the church and help people.

**Whitney:** I'd like to work in an orphanage with nuns in Africa.

### Do you have any interests?

**Morgan:** I like collecting conkers.

**Dion:** I am interested in big cats like lions and would love to work with them.

**Whitney:** I like conkers too.

**Danni:** I like animals of all kinds.

### What do you do in the Priory?

**Danni, Whitney and Dion:** We are all in Pathfinders.

**Dion:** I do collecting, Welcoming, Cleaning and Helping with coffees, and I'm in Allsorts.

**Danni:** I love making banners for the church.

**Morgan:** I'm in Explorers and Allsorts.

*Sylviane Outram*

Malvern Priory Organ Recital  
**Saturday, 17 October, 12.00 noon**

**Ashley Grote**  
(Gloucester Cathedral)

<i>Prelude and Fugue in D</i>	Bach
<i>Sonata No 3 in A</i>	Mendelssohn
<i>Concerto Op 4 no 5 in F</i>	Handel
<i>Imperial March</i>	Elgar
<i>Sortie in E flat</i>	Lefébure-Wély

Full programme on the website: [www.malvernprioryorgan.org.uk](http://www.malvernprioryorgan.org.uk)

Large video screen projection. Retiring collection for Priory funds

Ashley was Assistant Organist at **Westminster Abbey** and Organ Scholar at **King's College, Cambridge**. During his time at the Abbey, he took part in many prestigious events including the service celebrating the **Diamond Wedding of HM The Queen** in 2007. As Organ Scholar at King's, he performed worldwide with the famous Chapel Choir in numerous tours, concerts and broadcasts, including the annual '**Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols**'. He is now Assistant Director of Music at Gloucester Cathedral

## Idol Worship?

I have often wondered how the people in Isaiah's time could worship an idol made from a tree, part of which had been used for fire and cooking (Isaiah 44:15-17)? What was the motivation? More to the point, what is the equivalent today of that mentality or spirit?

An article by Amitai Etzioni made me think. He suggests that the modern scourge is consumerism. He even links this spirit with the current economic crisis. If the urge to consume dominates the psychology of citizens, they will strive to acquire the means to consume, working slavish hours, even bending the rules to maximise earnings. But where is the motive?

Etzioni provides an answer using Maslow's well known hierarchy of needs. He differentiates consumerism from consumption and from capitalism. Maslow argued that human needs are pyramid shaped. Basic needs such as food and shelter are at the base and self esteem (achievement or respect) and self-actualisation (creativity and morality) are at the top. The problem comes when income is available to devote to the higher needs which have no limit! It will always seem desirable (humanly speaking) to increase one's self esteem above that of one's fellows.

In case you think this distinction is hard for us to make, consider the possessions you own, or would like to own (new house, car, or clothes) in relation to those of your friends and colleagues. Etzioni even argues that this consumption aimed at higher needs is Sisyphean (reminding us of the King in Greek myth cursed to push a boulder uphill only for it to roll down again). As proof, witness the survey finding that above a modest income, there is no increase in wellbeing.

The prophet Amos railed against "the great houses" (4:15) and those who "lie on beds of ivory" (6:4). Perhaps he was arguing against the worship of consumerism rather than God.

This is an exhortation to all of us but what is the remedy? Etzioni, (founder of the Communitarian Network) is interesting on this too. "We need a culture that extols sources of human flourishing" he writes. Such flourishing, he argues, needs communitarian and transcendental pursuits. Communitarian means investing time and energy in relationships with friends, family and members of the community. The transcendental includes religious, contemplative and artistic activities.

Now should be a good time to initiate a process of change for the better. The economic downturn is already making people consider their lifestyles. Cultural transformation, it is suggested, needs a process called "moral megalogues" i.e. mass dialogues over what is right and what is wrong. As examples of this in action Etzioni quotes current discussion over the legitimacy of the Iraq war in this country and gay marriage in the US.

Could we as Christians help to generate a moral megalogue on the basis of the human flourishing advocated by Jesus Christ?

*John Maycock*



**Oktoberfest**

# German Night

**Saturday 24 October - 7.30 to 11pm**  
**Dyson Perrins School Hall with**  
**The German Style Band**  
**“Noch Einmal”**

**Tickets £10.50 from Community Action**  
**01684 892381 or [friends@communityaction.org.uk](mailto:friends@communityaction.org.uk)**

**including an**  
**authentic German supper.**  
**Cash bar selling German**  
**beer, wine, schnapps and**  
**soft drinks. Prize for**  
**Best Fancy Dress!**

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# Malvern Disabled Christians Fellowship

## Programme

**October to December 2009**



### **Saturday October 10<sup>th</sup> – Revolution in Iran with Diana Hunt**

Diana has first hand experience of God's deliverance at the time of the revolution which ousted the Shah. She can help us understand what is going on in Iran today.

### **Saturday November 14<sup>th</sup> – Measles to Maori**

With Arthur Burgess, chairman of Malvern Parkinson Society

### **Saturday December 5<sup>th</sup>**

Our very own Christmas party.

Tell us what you would like included

Please note the dates; they are not our usual third Saturday of the month

**All the above meetings will be held in the URC Hall,  
Worcester Road, Malvern Link from 2.30pm – 4pm.**

For further information contact the Priory Parish Office.

The Disabled Christians Fellowship is part of Through the Roof,  
a Christian Disability charity

Visit [www.throughtheroof.org](http://www.throughtheroof.org) to find out more

Visitors are welcome at all our meetings

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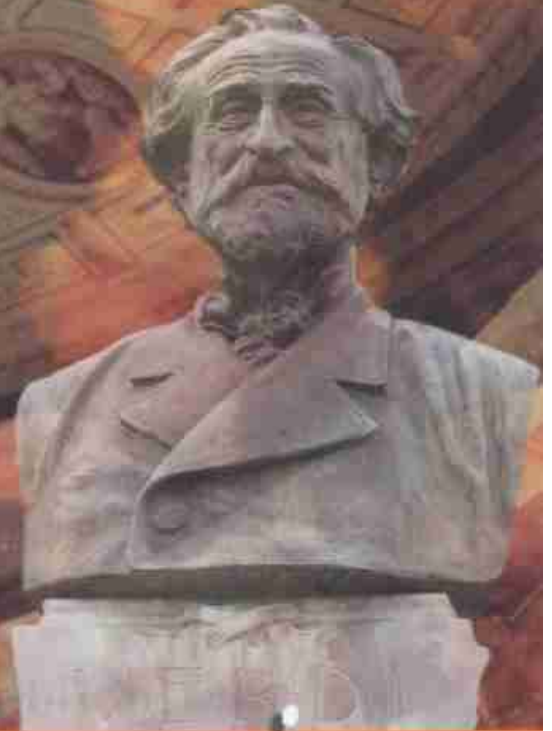
## **Smile Line**

Right resting place: The new vicar was a bit of an efficiency expert, whose obsession was to move around the hymnbooks, the notice-sheets, the magazines, the guides, and most of the other portable things in his church, in search of the perfect place. From porch to display stand to table to vestry to side chapel – round and round various things went, week by week.

After several months, a visitor approached a harassed churchwarden before church one morning, and asked if he could tell her where the copies of the church guides were kept. "No, I'm sorry", he said wearily. "But if you just stand here a while, I'm sure you'll see them go by!"



Midland  
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# Verdi Requiem

**Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra**

**Midland Festival Chorus**

**Worcester Cathedral**

**Saturday 10th October 2009 ~ 7.30pm** (doors open 6.45pm)

Janice Watson: *Soprano*

Catherine Wyn-Rogers: *Mezzo Soprano*

Rhys Meirion: *Tenor*

Quentin Hayes: *Bass*

Malcolm Goldring: *Conductor*

Ticket prices: £19, £14, £7

Concessions: £17, £12

Ticket Hotline: Worcester Live Box Office

Tel: 01905 611427

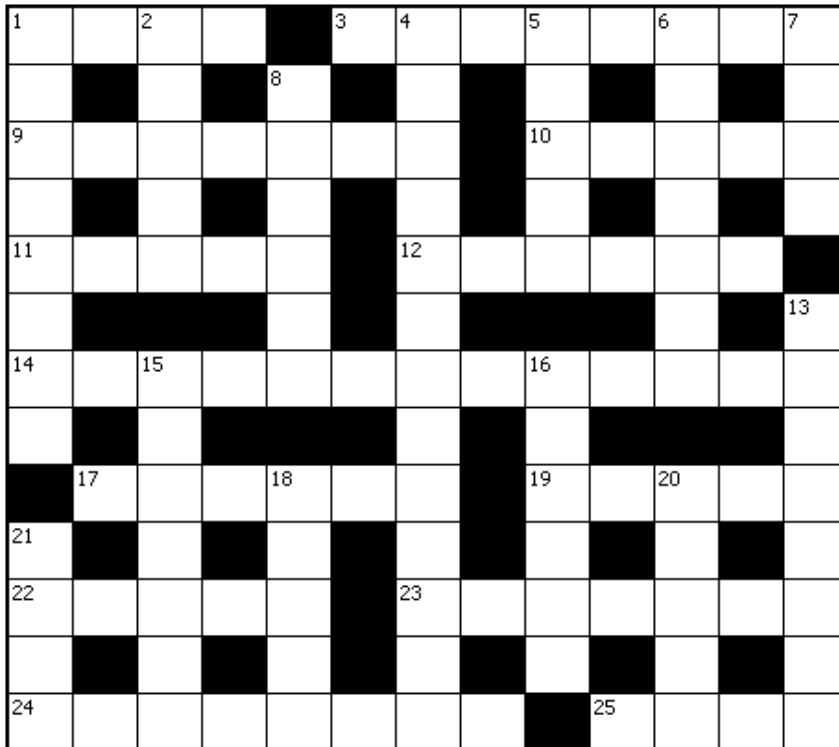
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# Crossword October 2009



## September Solution



### Clues Across

- 1 'Those who were standing near Paul said, "You — to insult God's high priest?"' (Acts 23:4) (4)
- 3 They were assigned to guard the tree of life (Genesis 3:24) (8)
- 9 'Elkanah son of Jeroham, the son of Elihu, the — of — , the son of Zuph, an Ephraimite' (1 Samuel 1:1) (3,4)
- 10 Surrender (Joshua 24:23) (5)
- 11 Where American livestock can be reared (5)
- 12 Listen (anag.) (6)
- 14 Alternative name for Kiriath Jearim (2 Samuel 6:2) (6,2,5)
- 17 He founded Westminster Abbey, — the Confessor (6)
- 19 Hebrew word for the place of the dead (5)
- 22 Allies of Persia in the fifth century BC (Esther 1:3) (5)
- 23 Where John Wesley was forced to preach a lot (4,3)
- 24 Rebellion against God; abandonment of religious belief (8)
- 25 Note (anag.) (4)

### Clues Down

- 1 Give an account of (Mark 4:30) (8)
- 2 'I — — the path of your commands, for you have set my heart free' (Psalm 119:32) (3,2)
- 4 'He took the ephod, the other — — and the carved image' (Judges 18:20) (9,4)
- 5 'You are a chosen people, a — priesthood' (1 Peter 2:9) (5)
- 6 The meek, the merciful and the mourners are all this (Matthew 5:4–5, 7) (7)
- 7 Musical Instrument Digital Interface (1,1,1,1)
- 8 He was the son of Nun (Deuteronomy 34:9) (6)
- 13 'Let the little — come to me' (Matthew 19:14) (8)
- 15 'About three thousand were — — their number that day' (Acts 2:41) (5,2)
- 16 In John's vision, the wall of the new Jerusalem was made of this (Revelation 21:18) (6)
- 18 'Our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly — a Saviour from there, the Lord Jesus Christ' (Philippians 3:20) (5)
- 20 'Glorify the Lord with me: let us — his name together' (Psalm 34:3) (5)
- 21 Young Men's Christian Association (1,1,1,1)