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CLOSING DATE FOR ENTRIES 20TH OF EVERY MONTH



I am not going to wish you a merry Christmas yet even though this is probably my best opportunity to infest the whole diocese with my festive cheer. As I write, the thoughtful season of advent has not even begun so I don't want to sing gloria at you, or bellow ho-ho-ho. Expressions of seasonal enthusiasm have changed, and I wonder how many people today really understand the original language of Christmas anymore. "To us is born a saviour" What does that

mean and why should it matter?

Advent is about looking at ourselves and at the world and realising just how much we need that saviour. Christians understand that Christmas would be pointless if we didn't - just a marketing ploy cooked up by sellers of toys and frozen party nibbles to get us all to spend as much money as possible. But what if you have never been told? If a fire engine screeched to a halt outside your house with sirens blaring and blue lights flashing, you might wonder what it was doing there if your house was not on fire. You might be mildly interested but you would hardly celebrate your salvation! In the same way this baby whose birth we celebrate on Christmas Day and who we hail as Saviour is presumably similarly underwhelming if you cannot see anything that we need saving from!

Sometimes it feels easier to believe in evil than in God. But if you do believe that evil exists- if you see it in all its brutality in our daily news, if it touches you in grief, loneliness, hatred, jealousy- then you perhaps may dimly begin to understand why we need our Saviour. If you look at the impact of individual and corporate greed or the priorities and conduct of those who run our society you may begin to understand why we need our Saviour. If you look at crime, war, corruption and oppression, then you may perceive our deep need of salvation

Perhaps we all vaguely sense the need for a Saviour because we can all see some of what is wrong. It is only a step from that yearning for things to be better to realising that science and virtue-signalling won't deliver and that our only hope of real and change is in God. Whether we recognize Him in the Christmas story repeated every year by those persistent folk in the churches and our tiny children with their tea towels on their heads is another question altogether.

Perhaps this year it might be time to look a bit deeper and see what all the fuss is about. Coming soon to a church near you.

Dean Sarah

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Burghill Parish Council held its latest meeting on Tuesday 12th November 2024. Eleven Councillors were present along with four members of the public.

The Parish Council discussed three planning application:

- 242461 - 8 Jasmine Lane, Burghill, HR4 7QS. T1 Oak: to carry out crown reduction of 2-3m. It was RESOLVED to SUPPORT the application.
- 242581 - 1 South Cottages, Jasmine Lane, Burghill, HR4 7QT. Remove two oak trees. Trees numbered 1 to 8 are all mature oaks. Trees 1 and 2 constitute a risk to life. Removal of these trees would lessen the immediate danger to anyone in the cottage or in the gardens, and provide more light to the gardens whilst the amenity value would be unaffected as there would still be six oaks in the garden. No works to trees 3 – 8. A previous application from this property was rejected by the Parish Council as it was felt these legally protected (TPOs) trees need to be professionally inspected and deemed to be a real and present danger and a recommendation from Herefordshire Council Tree Officer is sought, this is currently missing from the reports The Parish Council are not satisfied that this new application satisfies those previous concerns. It was RESOLVED to OBJECT to the application.
- 242551 - Yewtree House, Tillington, Hereford, HR4 8LW. Proposed domestic garage. It was RESOLVED to SUPPORT the application but noted no storm water drainage had been included within the application, they would like Herefordshire council to satisfy themselves that the drainage is satisfactory and sufficient for this building.

A discussion took place regarding the flooding that had occurred near Tillington Common. The Parish Council have now been granted a small drainage grant which will allow for the ditch to be cleared out and other solutions are now being looked at.

The Parish Council are also looking for a new Footpaths Officer, if you are interested, please contact the Clerk.

Meeting dates for 2025 are: Tuesday 14th January, Tuesday 11th March, Tuesday 20th May, Tuesday 8th July, Tuesday 9th September and Tuesday 11th November

At this meeting it was agreed to raise the precept by 1.3%. Small grant requested have been received and will be brought to the January meeting for approval.

Our next meeting is on Tuesday 14th January. We hope to see you there.

*Paulette Scholes
Clerk to the Parish Council*

Burghill Parish Council

The Parish Council are looking for a new Footpaths Officer. Footpaths within the Burghill Parish boundary amount to some 19Km in length, there are volunteers who assist with this role. It is mainly checking the footpaths are clear and carrying out minor maintenance all major work is reported back to the Parish Clerk.

If you are interested or want more information then please contact the parish clerk via email clerk@burghillparishcouncil.gov.uk Full training will be given.



Hi fellow Burghill & Tillington villagers,

I am returned and rested from my fantastic hike along the Camino Trail, covering over 120km in 5 days, with 16 other wonderful ladies.

I had a fabulous time and met some wonderful people.

I am over the moon to tell you that I have raised £2,444 in total for St. Michael's Hospice, of which an incredible £955 came from generous people in our parish.

Over £50,000 was raised in our group for the hospice, from our trip alone.

Thank you all so much for your support.

Nicki Gilbert.



Simpson Hall News and Dates for you Diary

The Simpson Hall Committee would like to take this opportunity to thank the Chairman Gerry Blyth and Treasurer Cyrus Amini and Secretary Sue Rix for their time and commitment to the Village Hall Committee over many years. They have all decided to stand down. We are extremely grateful to Gerry who amongst many new initiatives, set up and updated the Simpson Hall website. The website will be left online, but with no news or future events published until a new webmaster can be found. (You will still be able to see the calendar to view bookings.) We wish to express our thanks to Cyrus for all his hard work as treasurer which means that the Hall finances are now in a healthy state.

Their departure will leave a huge void. The remaining seven trustees face a challenge in finding suitable replacements. We are still committed to the hall being used to serve the local community. If you feel able to volunteer or help out in any way please contact the deputy chairman Graham Gilbert , The Villa (next door to the Simpson Hall)

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The Simpson Hall Committee

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Burghill and Tillington Retirement Club



December : On Thursday 12th the young people from Burghill academy will be visiting us to sing Christmas Songs for us NOTE : This is the 2nd Thursday of the month and the start time is 2pm.

January: On Thursday 16th a representative from Growing Point a local Charity based in Credenhill will be coming to give us a talk on how tutors and volunteers work with vulnerable people in order for them to get benefits from horticultural therapy.

Tickets for the draw, that take place at each meeting, will cost £1. We meet in the Simpson Hall commencing at 2-30pm The cost is £3 and it includes light refreshments.

Burghill & Tillington Gardening Club

December 3rd Simpson Hall 7.15pm

It's that time of year – our Christmas Gardening Quiz and Raffle, prizes and mince pies!

Teams of 2-4 people for the quiz, just turn up and join in with others.

Remember no meeting in January. February's meeting will be Sue Watts-Cutler telling us about "Feng Shui in the Garden".

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Once again village and church groups are decorating the porch, choir and windows in church for Christmas.

The Christmas theme adopted this year by the Church of England is
“Follow the Star-Calm and Bright”.

This year we will be placing Christmas trees in every window. Windows will be decorated in time for “Carols by Candlelight” which will take place in church on Sunday Dec 15th starting at 5.30pm. Do come along for this candlelit service, followed by mince pies and mulled wine, and see the imaginative decorations or they can be viewed daily until the end of January.

We are very grateful to all those people who are giving their skills and time to make the church look so beautiful.

GNS WINTER LUNCHES



The Good Neighbour Scheme is holding soup lunches again this winter. They will be held on the last Friday of each month between 12.30 and 2.00 pm in the Simpson Hall. All are welcome.

The dates are:

January 24th February 28th

There will be a small charge of £1 for soup and a roll, and 50p for a hot drink and biscuit.

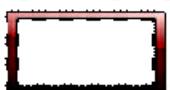
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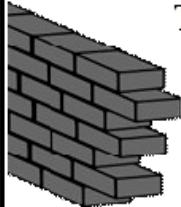
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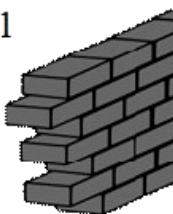
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- Running **errands**, such as fetching prescriptions, library books, shopping,
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- Befriending, if you would like **someone to talk to**
- **Socialising** at the Community Café or outings
- Simple **gardening** in an emergency

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The Community Café

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The **Community Library** operates at the same time; for books, jigsaws and green bags

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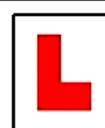
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9.30am	St Andrew, Moreton-on-Lugg	All Age Worship
10.00am	St Mary Magdalene, Stretton Sugwas	Christingle Service
11.00am	St Mary the Virgin, Burghill	All Age Worship
5TH	THURSDAY	
9.30am	St Mary the Virgin, Burghill	Celtic Worship
8TH	ADVENT 2	
10.00am	St Mary the Virgin, Burghill	Joint Benefice Eucharist
12TH	THURSDAY	
9.30am	St Mary the Virgin, Burghill	Celtic Worship
15TH	ADVENT 3	
8.30am	St Peter, Pipe-cum-Lyde	BCP Holy Communion
9.30am	St Andrew, Moreton-on-Lugg	Parish Eucharist
9.30am	St Mary Magdalene, Stretton Sugwas	Parish Eucharist
11.00am	St Mary the Virgin, Burghill	Parish Eucharist
5.00pm	St Mary the Virgin, Burghill	Carols by Candlelight
19TH	THURSDAY	
9.30am	St Mary the Virgin, Burghill	Celtic Worship
20TH	FRIDAY	
	St Andrew, Moreton-on-Lugg	Crib Service
22ND	ADVENT 4	
8.30am	St Peter, Pipe-cum-Lyde	BCP Holy Communion
9.30am	St Andrew, Moreton-on-Lugg	Morning Prayer
9.30am	St Mary Magdalene, Stretton Sugwas	Parish Eucharist
11.00am	St Mary the Virgin, Burghill	Parish Eucharist
4.00pm	St Mary Magdalene, Stretton Sugwas	Evensong
6.30pm	St Peter, Pipe-cum-Lyde	Carol Service
24TH	CHRISTMAS EVE	
8.30am	St Peter, Pipe-cum-Lyde	BCP Holy Communion
6.00pm	St Mary Magdalene, Stretton Sugwas	Crib Service
9.30pm	St Andrew, Moreton-on-Lugg	Christmas Eucharist
11.00pm	St Mary the Virgin, Burghill	Midnight Mass
25TH	CHRISTMAS DAY	
8.30am	St Peter, Pipe-cum-Lyde	BCP Holy Communion
9.30am	St Mary Magdalene, Stretton Sugwas	Christmas Eucharist
11.00am	St Mary the Virgin, Burghill	Family Crib Service
29TH	CHRISTMAS 1	
11.00am	St Mary the Virgin, Burghill	Eucharist Service

JANUARY SERVICES *Burghill Benefice*



2ND	THURSDAY	
9.30am	St Mary the Virgin, Burghill	Celtic Worship
5TH	EPIPHANY SUNDAY	
8.30am	St Peter, Pipe-cum-Lyde	BCP Holy Communion
9.30am	St Andrew, Moreton-on-Lugg	All Age Worship
10.00am	St Mary Magdalene, Stretton Sugwas	All Age Worship
11.00am	St Mary the Virgin, Burghill	All Age Worship
9TH	THURSDAY	
9.30am	St Mary the Virgin, Burghill	Celtic Worship
12TH	THE BAPTISM OF CHRIST	
10.00am	St Peter, Pipe-cum-Lyde	Joint Benefice Eucharist
16TH	THURSDAY	
9.30am	St Mary the Virgin, Burghill	Celtic Worship
19TH	EPIPHANY 2	
8.30am	St Peter, Pipe-cum-Lyde	BCP Holy Communion
9.30am	St Andrew, Moreton-on-Lugg	Morning Prayer
9.30am	St Mary Magdalene, Stretton Sugwas	Parish Eucharist
11.00am	St Mary the Virgin, Burghill	Parish Eucharist
23RD	THURSDAY	
9.30am	St Mary the Virgin, Burghill	Celtic Worship
26TH	EPIPHANY 3	
8.30am	St Peter, Pipe-cum-Lyde	BCP Holy Communion
9.30am	St Andrew, Moreton-on-Lugg	Parish Eucharist
9.30am	St Mary Magdalene, Stretton Sugwas	Morning Prayer
11.00am	St Mary the Virgin, Burghill	Parish Eucharist
31ST	THURSDAY	
9.30am	St Mary the Virgin, Burghill	Celtic Worship

Christmas Handbells

Tintinnabulis will be performing

Friday 20th December,

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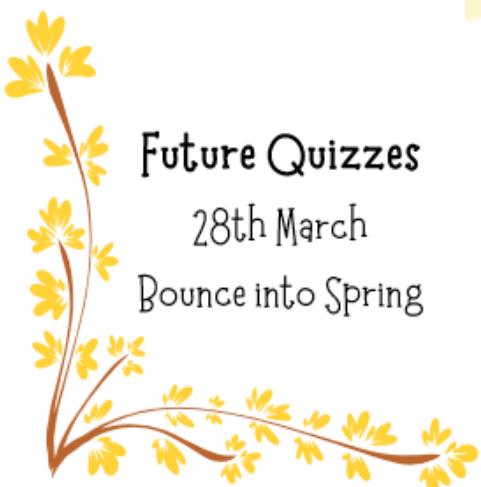


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CHRISTMAS



The bells of waiting Advent ring, The Tortoise stove is lit again
 And lamp-oil light across the night, Has caught the streaks of winter rain
 In many a stained-glass window sheen,
 From Crimson Lake to Hookers Green.

The holly in the windy hedge, And round the Manor House the yew Will
 soon be stripped to deck the ledge, The altar, font and arch and pew, So
 that the villagers can say, 'The church looks nice' on Christmas Day.

Provincial Public Houses blaze, Corporation tramcars clang, On lighted
 tenements I gaze, Where paper decorations hang, And bunting in the red
 Town Hall, Says 'Merry Christmas to you all'.

And London shops on Christmas Eve, Are strung with silver bells and
 flowers As hurrying clerks the City leave, To pigeon-haunted classic
 towers, And marbled clouds go scudding by,
 The many-steepled London sky.

And girls in slacks remember Dad, And oafish louts remember Mum,
 And sleepless children's hearts are glad, And Christmas-morning bells say
 'Come!' Even to shining ones who dwell, Safe in the Dorchester Hotel.

And is it true? And is it true, This most tremendous tale of all, Seen in a
 stained-glass window's hue, A Baby in an ox's stall ?

The Maker of the stars and sea, Become a Child on earth for me ?
 And is it true ? For if it is, No loving fingers tying strings Around those
 tissued fripperies, The sweet and silly Christmas things, Bath salts and
 inexpensive scent, And hideous tie so kindly meant, No love that in a family
 dwells, No carolling in frosty air, Nor all the steeple-shaking bells, Can
 with this single Truth compare - That God was man in Palestine, And
 lives today in Bread and Wine.

Burghill in Bloom update (BiB)

It is autumn going into winter but the BiB team is already putting plans in place for 2025.

The theme chosen is **Sustainability and Environmental Sensitivity**.

If you'd like help with your own project in your own garden or you'd like to join this initiative in anyway, please get in touch. We can supply bulbs, etc to plant in front garden edges or perhaps you have space to plant up with some bee friendly perennials. We have volunteers growing seedlings ready for spring planting which we are happy to share with folks. We also have some blue barrels available for free to make into water butts.

A competition will also be run in the period running up to the month of July with prizes. Look out for the categories in the February's community magazine. if you've got ideas for what would make a great competition, we are very happy to hear of your suggestions.

Any questions / ideas call John Parnaby 01432 761 564

Thank you to all the 50 plus number of folks who were able to attend and make the BiB Celebration evening at the Simpson Hall on Tuesday 22nd October such a success.

Dates for your diary ...Village Litter Pick Saturday 15th Marchand the BiB Coffee Morning / Table Sale event on Saturday 5th April.

Digital Awareness Sessions

At the Simpson Hall, Burghill, HR4 7RW

Following the successful introduction of the new Digital Awareness sessions organised by Talk Community, the Simpson Hall and the CAP, Parishioners are invited to our next free session on **Wednesday 19th February between 2- 4pm**. Those attending are welcome to bring their own device, laptop, tablet, or smart phone and we can help you to access relevant sites for information, give advice on security, setting up emails, filling in online forms etc, or simply just getting to grips with your mobile phone. Alternatively, we also have two laptops provided by the Herefordshire Community Fund which would be available for your use.

Talk Community also has a presence at the monthly Good Neighbour Coffee mornings and can provide digital help if required.

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Our next walks are:

Saturday 7th December

Starting from Burghill golf course 9.50am

Saturday 4th January

Starting from Burghill church 9.50am

Our December Walk is a shorter walk with lunch at Burghill Golf Course. We will start and finish our walk at the golf course. We warmly welcome newcomers to join us on our adventures. For more information call Annie Ness: 01432 760552

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We usually meet on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month in the Simpson Hall, from 2-4pm, with refreshments provided, paying £2 per session.

Only one meeting in December on the 11th

January meetings are on the 8th and 22nd

If you need help with transport, do let me know.

Joanna Helme [Tel:760816](tel:760816) email: joannahelme@gmail.com



Community Café

A warm welcome awaits you at the next café on **Friday December 13th** from 10am to 12noon. Do join us for coffee or tea and delicious cakes and scones. Don't worry if you are on your own - you will soon find some friendly folk to chat to.

If you enjoy the café, why not bring along a friend or neighbour?

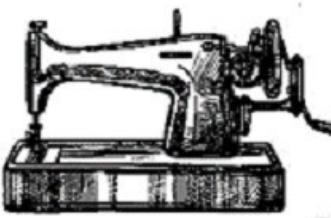
You can also browse books in the Community Library or look up information on the Talk Hub.

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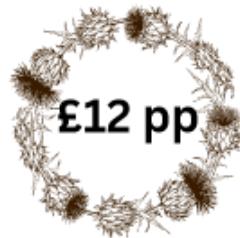
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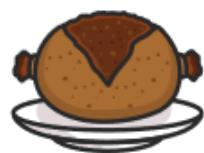


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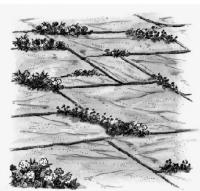
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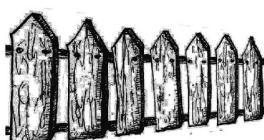
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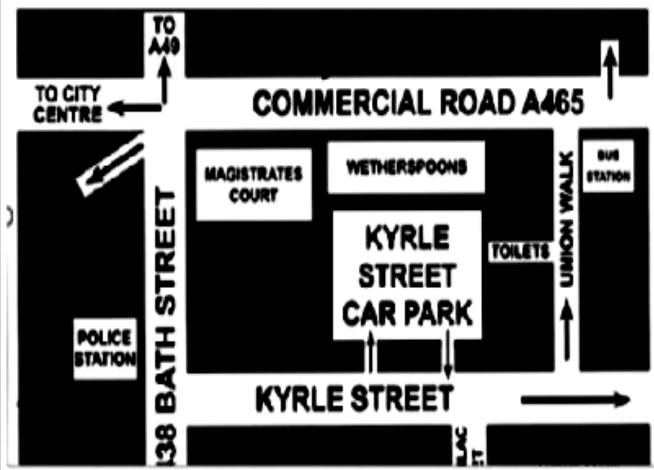
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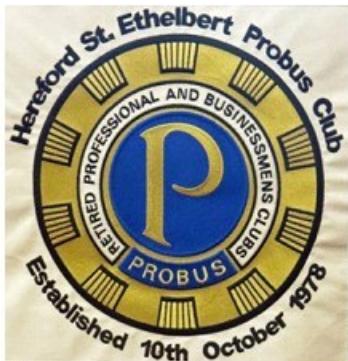
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10th December Winter theme

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These days, we still use holly for Christmas decoration and modern plant breeding has helped enormously. The green spiny native holly (*Ilex aquifolium*) has been superseded by a whole range of bright variegated leaf forms, with cheery berries in either red or yellow.

The native holly has disadvantages if you want berries: a wild holly will be either male (bearing pollinating flowers) or female (capable of setting berries if pollinated by a male plant) but both males and females look identical otherwise. Not being able to tell them apart out of season can be a problem because to get berries on a female holly, you will need a female plant with a male holly nearby.

Ornamental hollies take the guesswork out of identifying male from female plants because each named cultivar will be of a known sex. Generally, if you want berries, simply choose a female type, checking that there is a known male Holly or some male native holly around nearby.

Berries aren't everything though: some ornamental male hollies are very attractive in their own right: the so-called 'Hedgehog Hollies', for example, have bright variegated leaves which have spines on the leaf surfaces as well as around the edges.

Another distinctive one is the so-called 'Blue Holly' (also available in a female form with red berries) which has green leaves on dark, purplish stems, which all colour slate purple-grey as the temperatures drop.

Watch out for the mischievous plant breeder who deliberately mis-named two hollies though: 'Silver Queen' is in fact a male holly, whilst 'Golden King' is a female form. Horticulturists do have a sense of humour!

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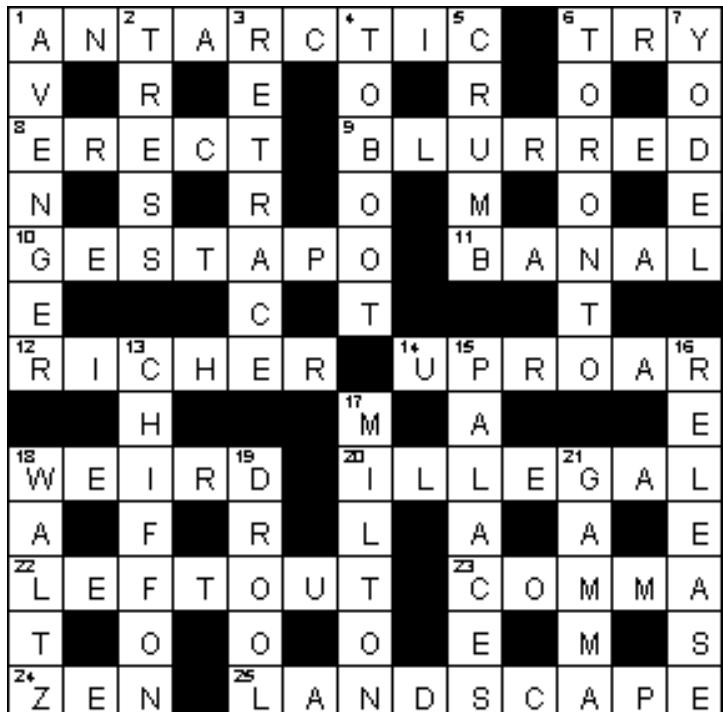
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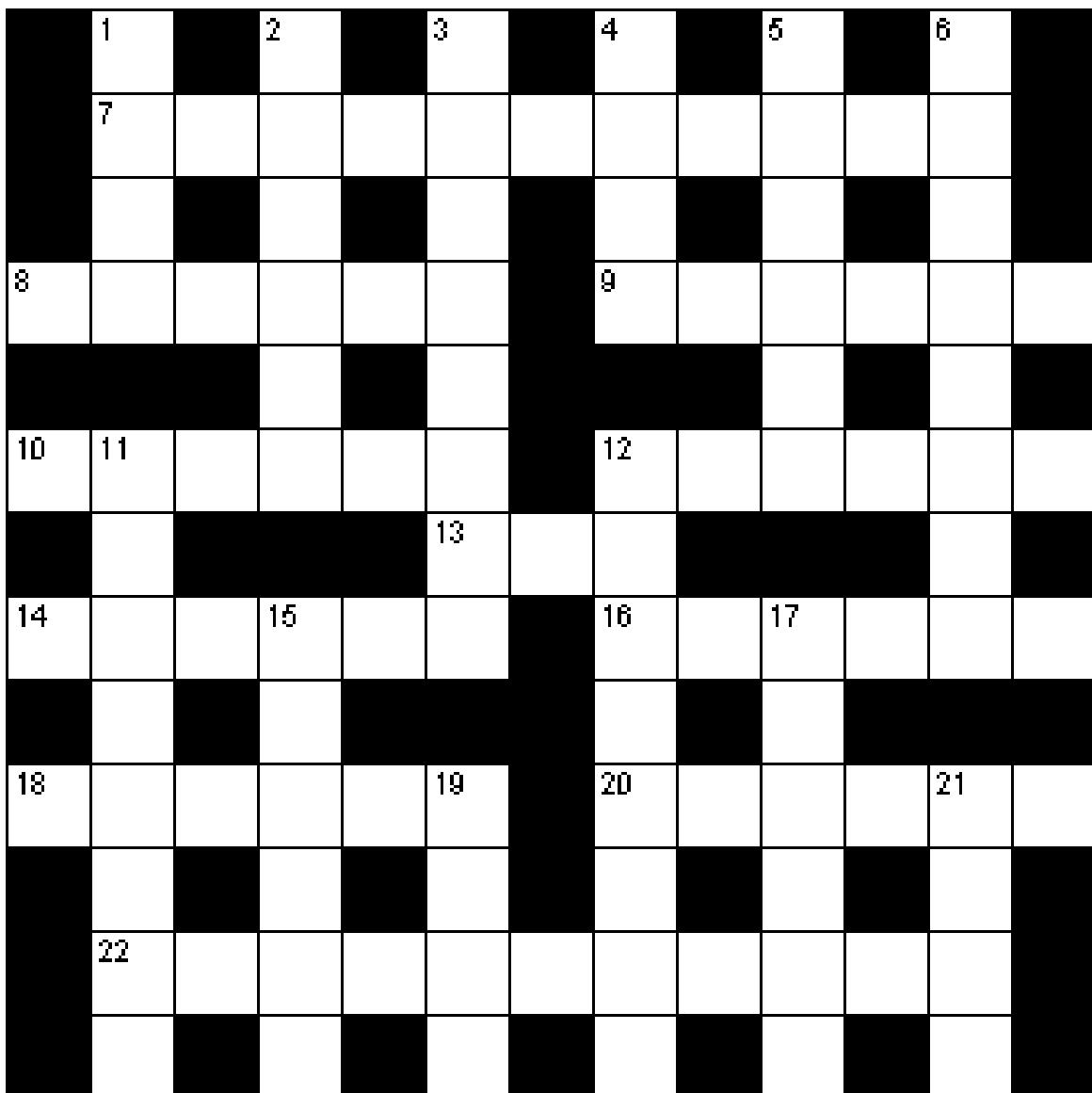
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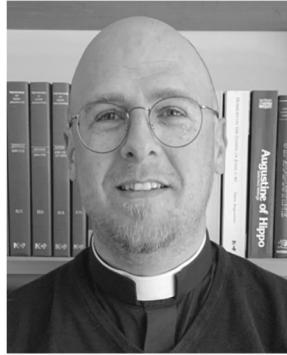


ACROSS

- 7 English county (4,3,4)
- 8 Covered walk with shops (6)
- 9 Water ice (6)
- 10 Mourn (6)
- 12 Shrewd (6)
- 13 Flightless bird (3)
- 14 Failed to catch (6)
- 16 Place of worship (6)
- 18 Cower (6)
- 20 Wearisome load (6)
- 22 Ungenerous behaviour (11)

DOWN

- 1 Commotion (4)
- 2 Mad (6)
- 3 Gifted (8)
- 4 Likelihood (4)
- 5 Lebanese capital (6)
- 6 Eastern (8)
- 11 Beekeeper (8)
- 12 German motorway (8)
- 15 Unmarried (6)
- 17 Spoiled (6)
- 19 One of the Great Lakes (4)
- 21 Simple (4)



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