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SUNDAY	All Churches are open. Services are being Live streamed and also available on Church website	4 HARVEST Eucharist STM & CTS 10.30am SMD 11am St Francis	11 Eucharist STM & CTS 10.30am SMD 11am	18 Eucharist STM & CTS 10.30am SMD 11am St Luke	25 Eucharist STM & CTS 10.30am SMD 11am Crispin & Crispian
MONDAY	Check Facebook Page Daily for details of food-bank or ring Paul Givens	5	12 St Wilfred Edith Cavell Elizabeth Fry	19	26
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INFORMATION

The SUNDAY Service of Holy Eucharist is available in all 3 churches, as well as one service being Livestreamed and Online on the parish website under 'services'. See Page 17 for details of these and more services

Social distancing regulations are in place in all churches.

For Weddings, Baptisms and Funerals—see website for forms to complete and contact Paul Lock on 01695 622936 or 07813 019863 or by email at paull.uph.dal@outlook.com

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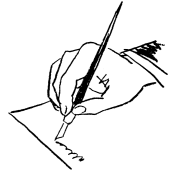
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Priestly Ponderings.....

Dear Friends,

Dear Friends,



The month of October sees the nights drawing in and the number of hours of daylight reducing, I guess for many it can be a time when winter is looming and we look forward to cosy nights by the fire and enjoying some lovely 'autumn feasts' which include lots of different comfort foods! In the Church's calendar, this is a month when a good number of great or significant saints are remembered and celebrated. They all act to remind us that wherever this is darkness (physical or in other forms) there is always God's light breaking into the world and our lives.

Among those saints being remembered are:

St Paulinus (10th October) who was probably born in Italy and was one of the monks in St Gregory the Great's second group of missionaries sent to England. He was one of the monks who went with Ethelburga when she travelled to Northumbria, where she was to marry King Edwin. Edwin subsequently took on his wife's Christian faith as his own. Paulinus also built the first church in York in 627 and became bishop there. He travelled extensively around the north of England, and some even claim that he preached and stayed at Whalley Abbey. He had to flee from the north when King Edwin was killed in battle by a pagan ruler. During October, we also give thanks for the life of James the Deacon, who was a companion of Paulinus. He was not a member of a religious community so did not have people to remember him and promote his life after his death, yet his popularity with local Christians ensured that his work was remembered, honoured and celebrated for many centuries.

Another great saint celebrated in October is **St Wilfrid**. He was born in Northumbria and educated at the monastery on Lindisfarne. He travelled from Canterbury to Rome and spent 3 years in Lyons, where he became a monk. He became bishop of Ripon and later Bishop of York. He was very much in favour of unity and believed that Rome had precedence over all local Christian communities. For this reason, he supported the arguments in favour of all Christians in England following the Roman calendar for celebrating Easter, rather than the Celtic calendar. He also promoted religious communities following the Rule of Benedict, rather than any Celtic alternative. He was someone who was used to conflict and he had some serious disputes with Chad (Bishop of Lichfield) and Archbishop Theodore of Canterbury. More conflict saw him resigning as Bishop of York and moving to be Bishop of Hexham. His gift to the Christian community was to see the importance of unity in the Church beyond the nation or local culture and tradition. Sadly, his manner and methods did not make him an easy person to get close to.

We also celebrate the life of **Edward the Confessor, King of England (13th October)**. He lived in exile during the Danish (Viking) supremacy and was invited to return to England in 1042 to become king. He was heartily welcomed as a descendant of the old royal line. He was king at a difficult time as people vied for power with his court and from external influences who sought to exercise influence over the country. He was determined to promote peace and it is said that he was known and respected for his personal sanctity rather than his political qualities! He was good to the poor and hospitable to strangers. Earlier in his life he made a vow that if his family's fortunes were ever restored that he would go on pilgrimage to Rome. As King, he felt it was foolish to leave his kingdom for such a long time and was instead permitted to found or endow a monastery dedicated to St Peter. Edward chose the abbey on Thorney Island, by the River Thames, and so began the royal patronage of Westminster Abbey.

Alongside these 'national treasures' we as Christians celebrate the lives of many of the great saints of the Church during this month, among them: **St Luke**, without whom we would not have the pleasure of reading about our Lord's life in the third Gospel. We also celebrate the lives of: St Therese of Lisieux, Carmelite Nun, dedicated to mission; St Francis of Assisi founder of the Franciscan Order; St Teresa of Avila, religious and Doctor of the Church, St Ignatius of Antioch, bishop and martyr; Ss Simon and Jude, little known apostles who bore witness to the resurrection of Christ. There are so many other saints who have richly blessed the life of the Christian community who are remembered in October: St Bruno founder of the Carthusian Order; St Denys bishop of Paris and a martyr; Ss Crispin and Crispian two 3rd Century martyrs.

And if that wasn't enough, we also commemorate those who have not been acclaimed as 'Saints' but whose work and witness has served to advance the Kingdom of Heaven, here on earth, among them: Anthony Ashley Cooper (Earl of Shaftesbury) founder of Ragged Schools for the poor and a social reformer; William Tyndale, translator of the Scriptures; Thomas Traherne, poet and spiritual writer; Elizabeth Fry, prison reformer; Edith Cavell, nurse; Nicolas Ridley and Hugh Latimer, Reformation martyrs; Martin Luther, Reformer.

So, we have a month full of celebrations and times to reflect on how Christians throughout the centuries have made an impact on the Church and the world. They have all done in this in so many different ways; according to their skills, circumstances and understanding of God's call to them. I hope you will try and spend some time trying to find out a little more about some of these great people during October. The two things they all have in common is: firstly, their faith in God through Jesus Christ and secondly, they are all broken, sinful, messed up human-beings like the rest of us. But they did not allow their frailty and weakness stand in the way of God's plan and purposes. Very often they found themselves 'out on a limb' and saying things some people did not want to hear. But through their frailty and humanity, they were willing to trust in God's strength and providence and with him they achieved amazing things.

We are all now looking forward to the arrival of our new missional priest, The Revd. Jack Shepherd. It will be a great honour and blessing for all of us to welcome him and to work alongside and with him. I hope that you will pray for Jack as he prepares for his new ministry in the Parish of Up Holland and Dalton. I hope also that you will open your hearts to the Lord during your prayers, as all those and so many others who we commemorate this month, have done before us. I hope and pray that together we will find the strength and the ability to place our hands firmly into those of Christ and allow him to guide and to lead us, just as others have done before. I also pray that each of us will seek ways to give the time and energy needed to support Jack as he begins his ministry here and that we will all be open to new and inspiring ways to be disciples through the areas and communities in which we are called to serve and bear witness today.

Yours in His Service

Paul.

(You can see Jack's thoughts, and an invitation to join him in an hour of prayer, on Page 10)

Thanks from the family of the late Len Jennings

Joy Preston, Len's daughter, has asked that we thank everyone for the donations made to Parkinson's at the time of Len's funeral.

Owing to everyone's generosity they were able to send £215 to the Parkinson's society.

Joy says that she appreciates that this acknowledgement is some time after the funeral, but with coronavirus and trying to come to terms with events it slipped her mind.



"But did they plough the fields and scatter at a safe distance?"



HARVEST SUNDAY 4 OCTOBER 2020

Join us at one of our three churches for this lovely service, where we celebrate all the things God provides for us.
If you would like to bring a contribution we ask that you

bring tinned or packet goods or other non-perishable food items

and not the traditional fresh produce. This is because the food donated will be given to the Food Bank and Open Table.

Refreshments are now available after Sunday

Worship at STM and CTS. Refreshments are also available at CTS on Wednesdays at 10.30am (after the Eucharist) and at STM on Thursdays at 10.30am (after the Eucharist). These are provided following the current Covid guidelines.

There is an additional Eucharist on Friday mornings at 10am at STM. This will be a Celtic style Eucharist from this Friday. We hope that additional times for prayer will enable more people to join us for these smaller, quieter services.



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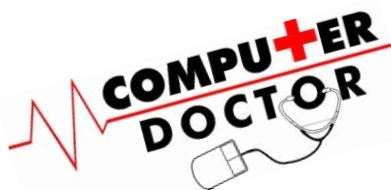
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OCTOBER BOOK REVIEW

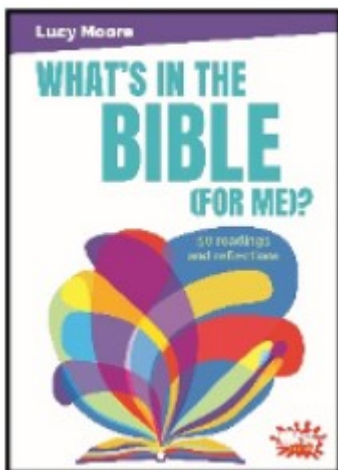
What's in The Bible for me?

By Lucy Moore, BRF, £4.99



Lucy Moore's pocket-sized guide to the Bible takes readers on an epic journey through 4,000 years of history. Spanning Old and New Testaments from Genesis to Revelation in 50 bite-sized readings, the founder and leader of Messy Church writes for families and individuals who are new to the Bible: its riches, puzzles and complexities.

Taking a single theme, she explores 'the big journey' of God's people in order to help the reader to better understand their own journey. She explains the different kinds of writing within the Bible and the different perspectives of the writers.



For anyone who wonders where to start reading the Bible, this is the perfect introduction and companion. It will, writes Lucy, 'fit in your bag or pocket, so it can go with you to the place where you have time to read it – on the bus or train, in the cafe or playground or on your lunch break. Scribble on it; wave it at your local minister or Christian friend and make them answer your questions or listen to your theories. Safe travels!'

Have you read any good books during the pandemic?
Would you like to tell us what you thought of them?

Do you have any stories you can share with us?
Have you done up your house, or transformed your garden over the lockdown period?

Why not share some photos with us?

Email your items to Jacky or Paul at the addresses on the last page.



Prayer Hour by Zoom with Revd Jack Shepherd

14 October 2020 7pm to 8pm

At the recent AGM, I shared about my excitement about working as Missional Priest to lead us in reaching, and starting new worshipping communities for, people in the parish of Dalton and Up Holland who are not currently followers of Jesus.

Since then, I have been reflecting on the way that for us to see more disciples of Jesus in our parish, **prayer is essential**. Pope Francis said "miracles happen. But prayer is needed! Prayer that is courageous, struggling, and persevering."

I am looking forward to many times of praying together about mission in the parish after I have started my new role on 1st November, but I would like to encourage us to start praying before then. One way of doing this is that in my final role as a curate at St. Paul's, I will be leading

an hour of prayer for on Zoom

from 7 - 8pm

on Wednesday 14th October

for us to see new disciples of Jesus in the parish. The meeting will include a variety of different styles and traditions of prayer with the aim that it is accessible for everyone. I will also be inviting friends from around the world, including members of St Paul's, and I am looking forward to you getting to know some of these people during this time of prayer. If you would like details about how to join in with this meeting on Zoom, please let me or Paul Lock know. (email addresses are on the last page.)

Jack

ORDINATIONS

26th September 2020

Congratulations to The Revd. Chris Dunbar who was Ordained Deacon on Sat 26th September, in Liverpool Cathedral. Please continue to pray for Chris and also for Noel McGarrigle and Heather Goldsmith who were also Ordained as Deacons.



BIBLE STUDY GROUP



This new group meets every Thursday, 7.30pm via Zoom. All welcome.

Please email Paul Lock for the meeting number and password.

Each session is stand alone, so please come if you missed the last one.

At the moment we are looking at the readings for the following Sunday worship.



Congratulations to Denise Givens & Kathryn Woods for 'braving the shave' to raise money for MacMillan. You can still support them by making a donation using their Sponsor Form (available in all the churches)

Church Warden of Christ the Servant Denise Givens & Kathryn Woods decided to raise some money for MacMillan Cancer and during a conversation they dared each other to Brave The Shave so they went for it.

They arranged to have a socially distanced coffee morning outside of the Church on Saturday



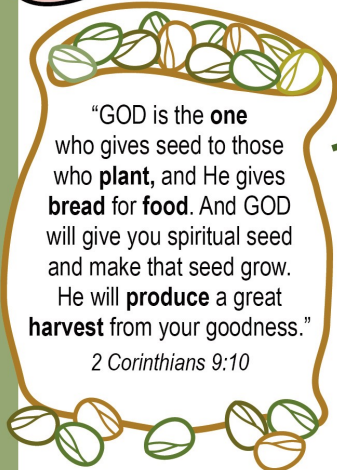
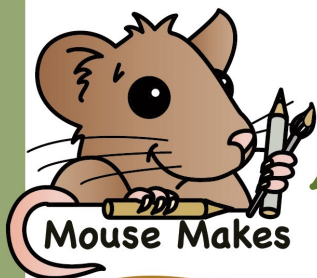
26th September and we had a great turnout and support as you can see from the pictures they did it and up to this article being published they have raised

£1500.00!

We would like to thank everyone who has support them and we know that the money is going to a great cause.

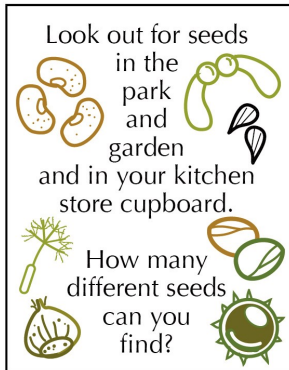
WELL DONE GIRLS!!





"GOD is the **one** who gives seed to those who **plant**, and He gives **bread** for **food**. And GOD will give you spiritual seed and make that seed grow. He will **produce** a great **harvest** from your goodness."

2 Corinthians 9:10



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Jesus said:
"The kingdom of heaven is like a _____ **seed** that a man took and sowed in his **field**. It is the _____ of all the seeds, but when it has grown it becomes a tree, so that the wild _____ come and nest in its branches."

Read
Matthew
13:31-32

Jesus said:
"You do not need more **faith**. There is no 'more' or 'less' in faith. If you have a bare kernel of faith, say the size of a poppy seed, you could say to this sycamore tree
"Go jump into the lake" and it would do it."
Luke 17:6

So the one who plants is not important, and the one who **waters** is not important. Only **GOD** is important because He is the one who makes things grow."

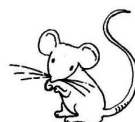
1 Corinthians 3:7

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Did you find the Church Mouse in September's magazine? He was at the bottom of page 18 next to his church mouse friends who were eating apples.. Did you spot him?. He's also in this month's magazine. Can you find him He looks like this.



Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in
Matthew 24:44-51, Luke 12:40-46

Jesus warned his disciples to be always ready for his return at the end of time by telling the story of two servants

The good servant



My master could be away a long time; I will work as if he was here.



When the servants came for their food, he had it ready



He made sure everyone got their full amount every day



Then his master came back



I am putting you in charge of everything I have



The bad servant



My master could be away a long time; I can do what I want!



When the servants came for their food, he chased them away!



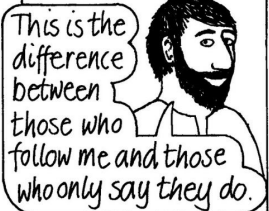
He had friends come round, and they ate and drank as much as they liked.



Then his master came back



Jesus said



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**TRUST
in the LORD
with all
your heart
and lean
not on your
own understanding.**

Proverbs 3:5

Licensing of our Missional Priest

The Revd. Jack Shepherd will be Licensed as our new Missional Priest on Sunday 1st November 2020 at 3pm by The Bishop of Warrington. The service will take place at St Thomas the Martyr Church. Sadly, numbers are limited, but we are hoping to live stream the service and hope as many of you as possible will join us on line.

HELPING OTHERS?

DON'T DO IT ALONE

If you are helping others at this time, remember to still leave space and time for yourself. Going the extra mile for other people all the time will only ensure one thing; your collapse. Work in teams. Even the Good Samaritan did not attempt to help the injured man all on his own; he brought in the innkeeper. By sharing the problem, they solved it!

From The Diocesan Website

View the website at <https://liverpool.anglican.org/home>

Help for Parishes – Parish Share Credit 2020 and looking towards 2021 – (an excerpt)

Parish Share is the method we use for funding the clergy stipend and associated costs. We need to maintain income or it will have important consequences for mission and ministry across our diocese and our ability to see a bigger church making a bigger difference.

We are very grateful to all those parishes who have continued regular payment of parish share, and especially to those who have paid parish share in advance to help our diocesan cash flow. In the Diocese of Liverpool we have very low levels of diocesan reserves, and this commitment has meant that we have been able to meet all our current commitments, especially to clergy stipends.

A proportion of parishes across our Diocese are unavoidably not able to pay parish share in full this year. Where incomes have suffered and reserves are low, in some places this year the money has simply run out.

We are grateful to those parishes who are equally committed, but where the money just isn't there; and we are grateful to parishes who have let their deaneries, archdeacons and the finance team at St James' House know when they have not been able to make parish share payments.

We have worked closely with the Church Commissioners to secure financial support which we will use alongside diocesan reserves for **Parish Share Credit**, to offset 2020 parish share underpayments caused by Covid-19.

This will be a deanery led process. Area Deans and Lay Chairs will be coordinating the recommendations for Parish Share credit within their deanery. They will be in touch with parishes in due course.

The Archdeacons

*To ensure that we can continue to maintain clergy pay in real terms in 2021 the headline increase in Parish Share will be 1.9%. . However, the Diocesan Board of Finance will offer a further Parish Share credit in 2021 which is equivalent to the 1.9% increase in Parish Share. In other words, **there will be no actual increase in Parish Share in 2021.***

Mike Eastwood, Diocesan Secretary

HOW ARE WE DOING CHURCH NOW THE BUILDINGS ARE OPEN?

You may think that is a funny question to ask. Are we not just going back to church like we used to do? Well the short answer is 'YES and NO'.

Of course you can attend the church service as you used to, **St Thomas' and Christ the Servant at 10.30 am and St Michaels at 11am (please wear a Facemask, use the hand sanitiser provided and fill in a Trach and Trace form each time you visit)**, but if COVID-19 has taught us anything it's that we can be so much more inclusive than we were. As stated on Page 7 we are also now serving refreshments are now available after Sunday Worship at STM and CTS.

Other services you can attend are:

Eucharist at CTS on Wednesdays at 10.30am and
Eucharist at STM on Thursdays at 10.30am
(refreshments also available after both these services)

All refreshments are provided following the current Covid guidelines.

There is an additional **Eucharist on Friday mornings at 10am at STM**. This will be a Celtic style Eucharist. We hope that additional times for prayer will enable more people to join us for these smaller, quieter services.

You should only attend church if you have no COVID-19 symptoms and you feel comfortable and safe doing so.

Do you work shifts?

Do your children play sports on Sunday mornings?

Do you have a disability that makes physically visiting the church unfeasible?

Do you want to know more, but are not ready to take that step into the unknown yet?

Are you just more comfortable doing church in your own home and at a time to suit you?

Do you not feel ready to step out of your COVID-19 comfort zone just yet?

We are now 'Live Streaming' one of the Sunday Services which will be available on our Facebook page to watch live or as catch-up. You can find links to these on our website and also on the church Facebook page.

You can find the services at www.uphollanddalton.org.uk/videos hosted on YouTube. The order of service is onscreen so that you can join in.

Please also see our new Facebook page, for updates

www.facebook.com/uphollanddaltonparish

We also offer **Morning Prayer (9am)** and **Evening Prayer (6pm)** via Zoom.

Please contact Paul Givens at paulgivens68@gmail.com or on 07951 522054 for log in details

Prayer for the sick

I was listening to my new curate pray and I realized one of his phrases didn't come out quite right. He said, "...and Lord, we pray for those who are sick of this church."

I'm sure Chris won't make this mistake!

Between Me, a Squirrel and the Chestnuts

When crops and fruits are gathered
woodsmoke and applescent fill the air
the forest a mass of fallen leaves
russet, amber, orange, crimson.
Sepia shadows creep beneath
a horse chestnut tree
light playing on fallen chestnuts
as water plays on ambergold pebbles.
Those I can I will carry home.
Others I will leave behind.

I watch and wait
not wanting to disturb
a squirrel there before me.
The squirrel buries his hoard
in his secret place
as the first squirrel ever
and as duskdark becomes nightdark
only the eyes of the squirrel move
flicker in my direction
willing me to go.

I know about chestnuts and autumn
and I know too
that the squirrel
is involved in what I know.

Maureen Brandon Bold



And Lead Us Not Into Temptation

'Happy is the man who doesn't give in and do wrong when he is tempted, for afterwards he will get ...his reward.' James 1:12

Are you facing a temptation of some sort? It is easy to think of it as a bad thing. But it can become a stepping-stone rather than a stumbling block. Just think: it is as much an opportunity to do the right thing, as the wrong thing. Temptation just gives you the choice!

God develops the fruit of the Spirit in us by allowing circumstances into our lives in which we are tempted – in order that we might express the exact opposite quality! For instance: He teaches us to love by allowing unlovely people into our lives. It takes no character to love people who are lovely and loving you.

God teaches us joy in the midst of sorrow by urging us to turn to Him for comfort and strength when all other support is gone.

God grows peace in us by helping us learn to trust in Him in situations where we're tempted to worry or be afraid. Likewise, patience grows through having to wait...

You can't claim to be good if you've never been tempted to be bad; or to be faithful if you have never had the chance to be unfaithful. Integrity grows through defeating dishonesty; humility grows as you refuse to give place to pride. Endurance develops when you reject the temptation to give up.

The truth is: when temptation comes into your life, see it for what it is: a chance for you to grow closer to Jesus.



DEPRESSION - 1 in 5 now suffer from it

The pandemic has doubled our rates of depression. Now one in five adults are struggling with the symptoms. And yet the peak of the Covid-19 mental health crisis is 'yet to come', according to NHS bosses.

In June the Office for National Statistics released data showing that 19.2 percent of adults were experiencing some form of depression. This figure had almost doubled, from around one in 10 (9.7 per cent), before the pandemic. But NHS bosses warn that up to half a million more patients are expected to enter the system in coming months.

Those most vulnerable to depression are women aged 16 to 29 who are unable to afford an unexpected expense, or who are disabled.

A spokeswoman for Mind, the mental health charity, says, "It's crucial that mental health is put at the centre of the government's ongoing recovery plans."

A report from the NHS Confederation echoes this, saying that mental health bodies will need "intensive support and investment."



AID FOR LEBANON

The charity Barnabas Fund has thanked its supporters for their generous response to an emergency appeal that followed the disastrous explosion at the port in Lebanon on 4th August.

It meant that Barnabas Fund was able to send more than £85,000 to help Christians in Beirut with food and the repair of their homes. As a spokesman for Barnabas Fund explains: "All those being assisted were already very poor and vulnerable, even before the explosion. Some of those we are helping are Muslim-background
(continued at bottom of next page)

Do You Suffer From Maskne?



Face masks are giving us skin complaints. In fact, so many of us are now suffering that the complaint has been given its own name: 'maskne'.

The causes are obvious. Our breath is warm and moist, and every time we exhale into our masks this humid air gets trapped. Masks move, and so we have friction. Added to that is the unpleasant fact that our saliva is actually teeming with bacteria (with more bugs per square inch than even a loo seat!).

Acne mechanica is the medical term for 'maskne'. With all that bacteria being trapped and rubbed against our nose and chin, no wonder 'mask breakouts' are rising dramatically.

Stress is another cause for skin complaints, and the pandemic has given many of us huge stress this year. We may face crippling anxiety over job security, finances, the health of loved ones, social isolation, or even being trapped in an abusive household. No wonder our faces are breaking out in a rash!

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believers from nearby countries, who cannot receive other aid because coming forward would reveal the fact that they were converts from Islam, thus endangering themselves." Four of the five neighbourhoods worst affected are predominantly Christian. Help is still very much needed. If you would like to give, a monthly food parcel costs £27, or to help repair a home costs £380.

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DO THE BIBLE AND SCIENCE CONTRADICT EACH OTHER?

For the Christian, the Bible is God's word to us; it tells us about His character and creative purposes, how He has related to people in the past, and His promises for the future. Science is a specific way of studying the world, exploring the physical properties of things – a wonderful way to explore God's creation. So, the question to ask if the Bible and Science seem to be contradicting each other is, have we made a mistake in interpreting one or the other?

Science is very good at answering certain types of questions: 'What size is it?', 'How fast does it travel?', 'What is it made of?', and so on. Questions like 'What's it for?', 'What should I do with it?', and 'What's it worth?' can't be answered using scientific methods. Some of the misunderstanding in discussions of science and religion come from not recognising the limits of science.



It's also important to recognise what the Bible is, and what sorts of questions it can answer. The Bible was written well before people began to investigate the world in ways we would recognise as scientific. Of course, people in the Ancient Near East were studying the world around them, observing the movements of the stars, the processes of life and death that happened all around them, the seasons, the behaviour of physical objects, and so on. But they did not study the mechanisms underlying these things systematically using the tools of science, and they did not see or describe the world in scientific terms – not because they weren't intelligent, but because science as we know it wasn't happening at that time.

Instead, the biblical writers used words that were commonly used in their own cultures to record events, share truth and wisdom, and tell stories that convey deep truth about God's character. If we want to understand God's intention in inspiring these words, we need to do some careful work to connect with those ancient writers and find out what they meant, before we can discover what those words mean to us today.

These principles can help us have far more fruitful conversations about science and Christian faith. If we allow any apparent conflict between Science and the Bible to fuel our search for understanding, not only will we learn as individuals, but we will be able to draw others into a conversation that is relevant to wider society today.

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