

Dear Friends

Autumn is almost here and the season of “mists and mellow fruitfulness” will soon be upon us again. It’s a busy time for us at UCHM as the new counsellor training courses begin and the counselling service has the privilege of continuing to work with those who come.

I was mindful that this would have been a very busy time for Jesus in 1st century Israel – as it is in Israel today and in the Jewish community worldwide.

On 10 – 11 September it was New Year (Rosh Hashanah), then comes ten days leading up to Yom Kippur (Day of Atonement). During this time each adult would spend time reflecting on their life. Were there any relationships that needed to be restored? Do they need to forgive anyone? Do they need to ask God for forgiveness? Or from anyone else?

To mark this they may journey to a river or body of water and throw in a stone, symbolising their sins. (This is called Tashlich). As it sank they would be mindful of Micah’s prophesy (Micah 7:19), that God will again have compassion on them, that He would tread our sins underfoot and hurl all their iniquities into the depths of the sea.

On Yom Kippur they fast for 24 hours (or 25 hours – just to make sure!). Through ritual of that day they would know that God had cleansed them from all unknown and unintentional sin. This was again done symbolically as the High Priest laid the sins of Israel on the scapegoat which was led out into the desert, removing the sins far away from the people. The people began the New Year knowing there was nothing standing in between them and God.

On 24 September begins the third great Pilgrimage Feast in Jerusalem, Tabernacles, which was often just referred to as ‘The Feast’. It commemorated how God had led them through the wilderness and provided for their needs. To symbolise this people constructed temporary booths in which they would sleep and eat – a reminder of how they lived during the Exodus when God ‘tabernacled’ among them.

We know from the gospels that Jesus' earthly father, Joseph, is described as a "righteous man". If you go behind the Greek and back to the Hebrew language the term means he was a 'tzadik', which was a technical expression used to describe someone who was scrupulous in fulfilling the teaching and commandments in the Hebrew Scriptures.

He would have attended the three pilgrimage festivals in Jerusalem. The family would have left Nazareth and walked down to Judea in the south.

As they climbed up and then reached the summit of the Mount of Olives they would see Jerusalem spread before them but standing out by far would have been the glorious Holy Temple which King Herod had extended. With the sun glistening on the golden overlay and white marble, what a magnificent sight that must have been. Josephus (Jewish historian) said "He who has not seen Herod's Temple has not seen a beautiful building." Imagine Joseph, Mary and Jesus walking up the Southern Steps (which were staggered in such a way so one couldn't race up them and into the inner courts in a rushed or unseemly manner). Imagine Jesus as a small boy looking around in wonder at the beauty of the buildings and colonnades, taking in their majesty and grandeur. As Jesus grew up he would, like Joseph and Mary, have attended the Feasts.

The Feast of Tabernacles was a joyous occasion, giving thanks to God for the late harvest fruits, giving thanks to God for giving the Hebrew Scriptures. Massive candelabras were lit in the Temple courts that was said to light up the nearby houses. The great Rabbi Gamaliel used to entertain with his juggling acts. It was a time of giving to the poor.

On the last day of Tabernacles a procession led by the High Priest would walk south through the oldest part of the city to the Pool of Siloam (which is still there today). He would fill a golden pitcher with water and then walk back up the (very steep) hill to the Temple Courts. There at the end of the always dry and parched Israeli summer, water would be poured out on the altar in thanksgiving for God's provision of water for this year, and through prayer, hope and trust God would grant them the blessing of ample water for the coming year.

In probably Jesus' last attendance of Tabernacles (John 3:37-38) ` On the last and greatest day of the festival, Jesus stood and said in a loud voice, "Let anyone who is thirsty come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as Scripture has said, rivers of living water will flow from within them."

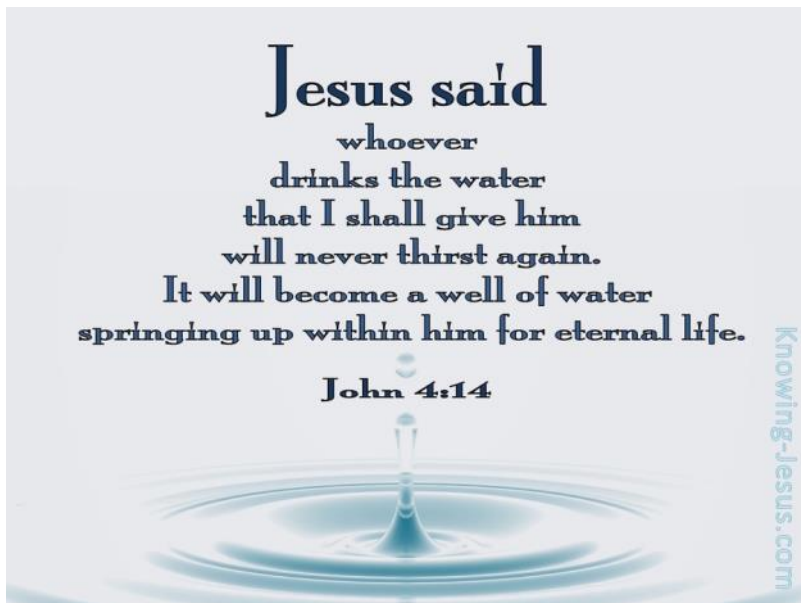
How that shout must have echoed around the colonnades. What an invitation in such a thirsty land and a needy people. There is a source of water to be found in God alone, and it is free, it can reach through to the deepest of dry places within a person and revive, refresh and heal them.

I believe this offer from Jesus still echoes through the centuries to us today. Wherever we are, what ever we do, we can carry the vitality and life-giving power of this river Jesus said will flow from within us. The power is nothing to do with us but is the Lord's alone. Where there is living water – there is life.

As we journey into Autumn, may we continue to give thanks to God for all His provision, may we celebrate and enjoy His presence with us, and may this living water firstly refresh our own dry places and then flow out from us to quench the thirst of the dry and parched world around us.

With every blessing

Liz





When I look at the blood all I see is love, love, love.
When I stop at the cross I can see the love of God.

But I can't see competition. I can't see hierarchy.
I can't see pride or prejudice or the abuse of authority.
I can't see lust for power. I can't see manipulation.
I can't see rage or anger or selfish ambition.

I can't see unforgiveness. I can't see hate or envy.
I can't see stupid fighting or bitterness, or jealousy.
I can't see empire building. I can't see self-importance.
I can't see back-stabbing or vanity or arrogance.

I see surrender, sacrifice, salvation, humility,
righteousness, faithfulness, grace, forgiveness,
love! Love ... love...

When I stop! ... at the cross
I can see the love of God.

Godfrey Birtill

Lawrence Batley Theatre
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through the violence of these days.

Give freely.

Show tenderness in all your ways.

Through darkness, in troubled times

let holiness be your aim.

Seek wisdom.

Let faithfulness burn like a flame.

God speed you!

God lead you, and keep you wrapped around His heart!

May you be known by love.

Be righteous.

Speak truthfully in a world of greed and lies.

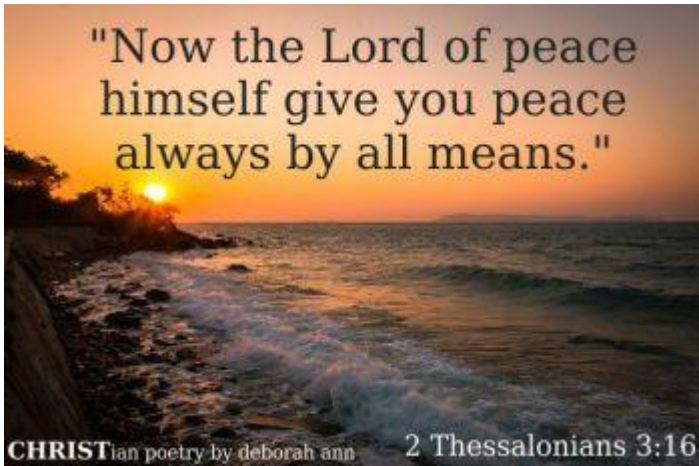
Show kindness.

See everyone through heaven's eyes.

God hold you, enfold you,
and keep you wrapped around His heart.

May you be known by love.

Paul Field



Get Well Soon by Mikron Theatre Company

Tue 11 Sep 2018
at The Navigation, Mirfield

Celebrating 70 years of the NHS. This play by Ged Cooper tells how all is not well at St Monica's Hospital. They're on life support; facing bugs, bed-blockers and a battle to save A&E.

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The Mikron Theatre Company is an English touring theatre company, founded in 1972, which is notable for its tours by canal boat during the summer months, and by road in the spring and autumn.



For one night only at The Navigation
Tavern, Mirfield, WF14 8NL

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**When a great moment knocks on the door of
your life, it is often no louder than the beating
of your heart, and it is very easy to miss it.**

Boris Pasternak

Prayer Diary

SEPTEMBER

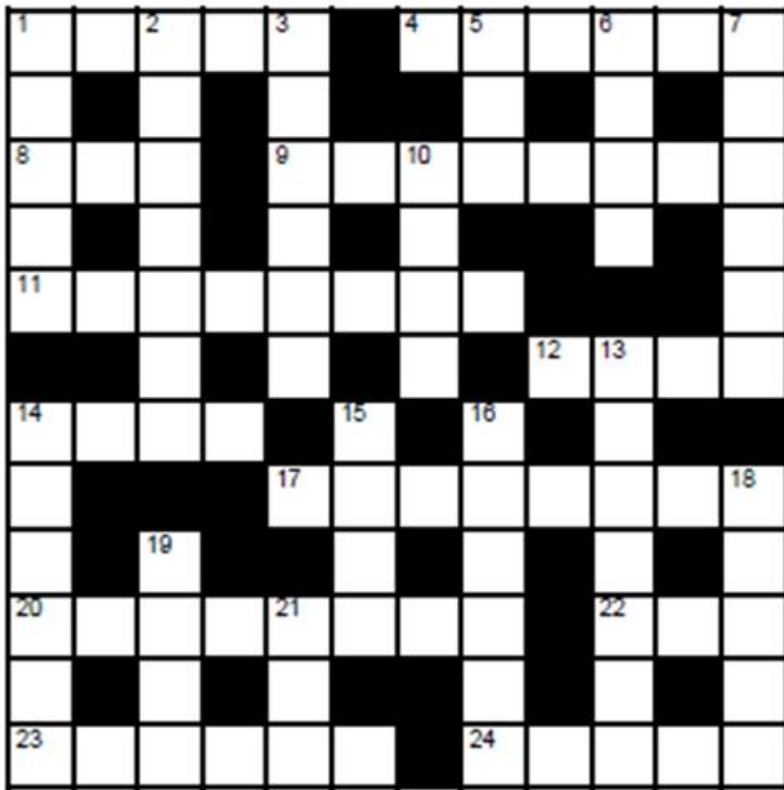
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12th	Managers Meeting
17th	Intermediate Certificate in Counselling Level 3
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20th	Trustees Meeting
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1st	Intermediate Certificate in Counselling Level 3
2nd	UCHM Monthly Worship
8th	Intermediate Certificate in Counselling Level 3
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17th	Managers meeting
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29th	Intermediate Certificate in Counselling Level 3

NOVEMBER

5th	Intermediate Certificate in Counselling Level 3
6th	Commissioning Service
6th	Advanced Diploma in Counselling Level 4 Year 2
9 & 10th	CBT Level 4 Year 2
12th	Intermediate Certificate in Counselling Level 3
13th	Advanced Diploma in Counselling Level 4 Year 2 Group Supervision
14th	Managers Meeting
26th	Intermediate Certificate in Counselling Level 3
27th	Advanced Diploma in Counselling Level 4 Year 2



ANSWERS ON PAGE 17

by Philologus

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Across

- 1 Calm (5)
- 4 Purim heroine (6)
- 8 Where there was no room (3)
- 9 Pharaoh and Nebuchadnezzar for example (8)
- 11 Mistaken identity of Jesus after resurrection (8)
- 12 Material used to make Solomon's cups (4)
- 14 Not narrow (4)
- 17 Jubilated (8)
- 20 Teaching (8)
- 22 Reverence (3)
- 23 Rabbi (6)
- 24 Place of the dead (5)

Down

- 1 Scorpion attack (5)
- 2 Didn't heed (7)
- 3 Object of Jacob's dream (6)
- 5 Red, for example (3)
- 6 To be bruised by the serpent (4)
- 7 Observed the Sabbath (6)
- 10 Where Adam spared a rib? (4)
- 13 Fruit farm (7)
- 14 Solomon's strength (6)
- 15 Son of Leah (4)
- 16 Brother of 15 down (6)
- 18 Works (5)
- 19 Follower of the Gospels (4)
- 21 Repent (3)

Professional Soccer Was My God

My sense of well-being depended entirely on my on-field performance.

Gavin Peacock | June 23, 2016

Exactly ten years ago, I was preparing to go to Berlin and broadcast the World Cup. The World Cup final is the most-watched sporting event on the planet—in 2014, the final game drew 1 billion viewers. I was in Germany as an ex-professional soccer player pursuing a career as a broadcaster/analyst. I never could have predicted that two years after that, I would give it all up and move to the Canadian Rockies with my wife and children.

After the move, my phone rang off the hook with media outlets wanting to know how anyone could trade a dream career with the BBC for anonymity in Alberta. The answer is a story of God's grace and a tale of two turning points.

The Art of Turning

One skill my dad taught me as a child was the art of turning with a soccer ball. I was never going to be tall, so he would take me into our backyard in Southeast London and teach me how to quickly switch directions with the ball at my feet. "The big guys won't be able to catch you!" he said. For hours I would practice turning to the left and right, dribbling in and out of cones, spinning this way and that. My dad was right: the art of turning served me well. Many of the goals I scored in the years to come were a result of that lesson.

I grew up around the smell of the dressing room, the sweat of the training ground, and the stadium on a Saturday. My father was a professional soccer player for Charlton Athletic (1962–78). Being the son of a local soccer star, I had inspiration all around me as well as a wonderful teacher and role model. Naturally my childhood was filled with dreams of following in my dad's footsteps.

I was not brought up in a Christian home and never heard the gospel preached. Sunday school gave way to Sunday soccer. The most biblical form of instruction I received was in assemblies at the Church of England school that I attended. I was a kid who intensely wanted to achieve in the classroom and on the field. My father taught me the necessary self-control, discipline, and skills to succeed in education and in the professional sports arena.

At age 16, I left school and signed a professional contract with Premier League Queens Park Rangers (QPR). I had achieved the goal—and I wasn't really happy. I was playing for the England Youth National Team, and it wasn't long before I broke into the starting eleven at QPR. But I was an insecure young man in the cutthroat world of professional sport. Soccer was my god. If I played well on a Saturday I was high, if I played poorly I was low. My sense of well-being depended entirely on my performance. I soon realized that achieving the goal wasn't all it was cracked up to be.

Turning to Christ

Then, when I was 18, God intervened in my life, the first of two dramatic turning points. I was still struggling to find purpose, so I decided to attend a local Methodist church one Sunday evening. I don't remember what the minister preached on, but afterward he invited me to his house, where he and his wife hosted a weekly youth Bible study.

I walked into a room full of young people as the one with money, career, and fame. I even rolled up in the car I had bought, a 1980s icon, the Ford Escort XR3i. I was the in crowd, and they were not. Yet when they spoke about Jesus, they displayed a life and joy that I did not have. They talked about sin as if it had consequence and about God as if they knew him. I was a Moralistic Therapeutic Deist before the term was coined. I thought God existed to make me happy and that if I were a good person I'd go to heaven.

I decided to return to the Bible study the following week and the next, and I began to hear the gospel for the first time. I realized that my biggest problem wasn't whether I met the disapproval of a 20,000-strong crowd on Saturday; my biggest problem was my sin and the disapproval of almighty God. I realized that the biggest obstacle to happiness was that soccer was king instead of Jesus, who provided a perfect righteousness for me. I realized what Augustine had expressed many years before in his Confessions: "Thou hast made us for thyself, O Lord, and our heart is restless until it finds its rest in thee." Over time, my eyes were opened through that Sunday meeting, and I turned, repented, and believed the gospel. My heart still burned for soccer, but it burned for Christ more.

I was open with my teammates and immediately told them I had become a Christian. Their reaction was a mixture of mockery and intrigue. Then they watched to see if my life matched my profession of faith. People often ask if it's difficult being a Christian and a star athlete. I answer, "It's difficult being a Christian in any walk of life." The battle against the world, the flesh, and the Devil is difficult for everyone.

Perhaps the difference in professional sport is that the highs and lows of life are extreme, very close together, and very public. The scrutiny is intense. Christian maturity is a slow process, but in the world of professional sport, your slow sanctification is on show. You can sign a lucrative contract one day, and your career could be finished by one tackle the next day. Those were thrilling and testing days, filled with massive highs and lows, cup finals and promotions, defeat and relegation. I experienced the full gamut as a believer. Uncertainty plagues the professional soccer player. On one level the uncertainty and drama spur men on to play their best; on another level they cause deep insecurity. That used to be me as a young man, but as a Christian I now feared the Lord more than the crowd. Soccer wasn't my idol anymore.

The biggest test of that truth came when it was time to end my career. I was 35 with a chronic knee injury and knew the day had come to retire. Giving up a good thing or having it taken away reveals how much you love the Lord. Through the pain of our losses he shows us that he is always with us and asks us if he is enough. And so it was when I ended my 18-year career in July 2002. It was a privilege to play for QPR, Chelsea, and Newcastle United, but the schoolboy dream was over.

Turning to Ministry

A door opened for a broadcasting career with the BBC, and it wasn't long before I was covering weekly shows, like Match of the Day, for several million UK viewers. It was a job that found its apex at the 2006 World Cup. Yet shortly afterward the second turning point came: the call to pastoral ministry. Until then I had always had opportunities for Christian witness as a soccer player and broadcaster, but never had the urge to preach. Then, while reading though the pastoral Epistles, I began to feel a strong desire to pursue pastoral ministry. My church affirmed the call, and after a period of testing, I knew I was going to give up a second dream career for ministry. My public profile in the UK was high, so a season of study in Canada, where we had regularly visited, seemed to be a good decision. In 2008, I left the shores of England. Within weeks I went from speaking on TV about David Beckham and Cristiano Ronaldo to writing papers on John Calvin and Jonathan Edwards.

Remarkably, I am still here as a pastor at Calvary Grace Church in Calgary and international director for the Council on Biblical Manhood and Womanhood. One of the great needs of the day is biblical manhood, and one of my passions is to build men for Christ and help the church see the beauty of complementarity.

All those years ago, my earthly father taught me the art of turning, but it was my heavenly Father who turned me first to Christ and then to preach his gospel. Turning from sin and trusting in Christ for salvation isn't just a one-time initial event; it is the substance of the Christian life. As Luther said in the first of his 95 Theses, "When our Lord and Master Jesus Christ said 'Repent,' he intended that the entire life of believers should be repentance." This is a message the church needs to recover. And so I continue to turn and teach others to turn.



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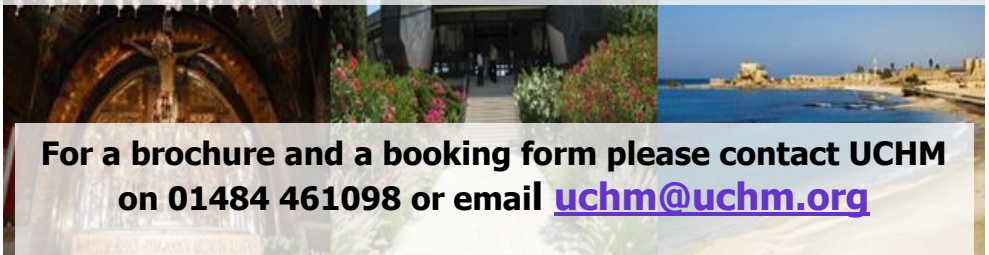
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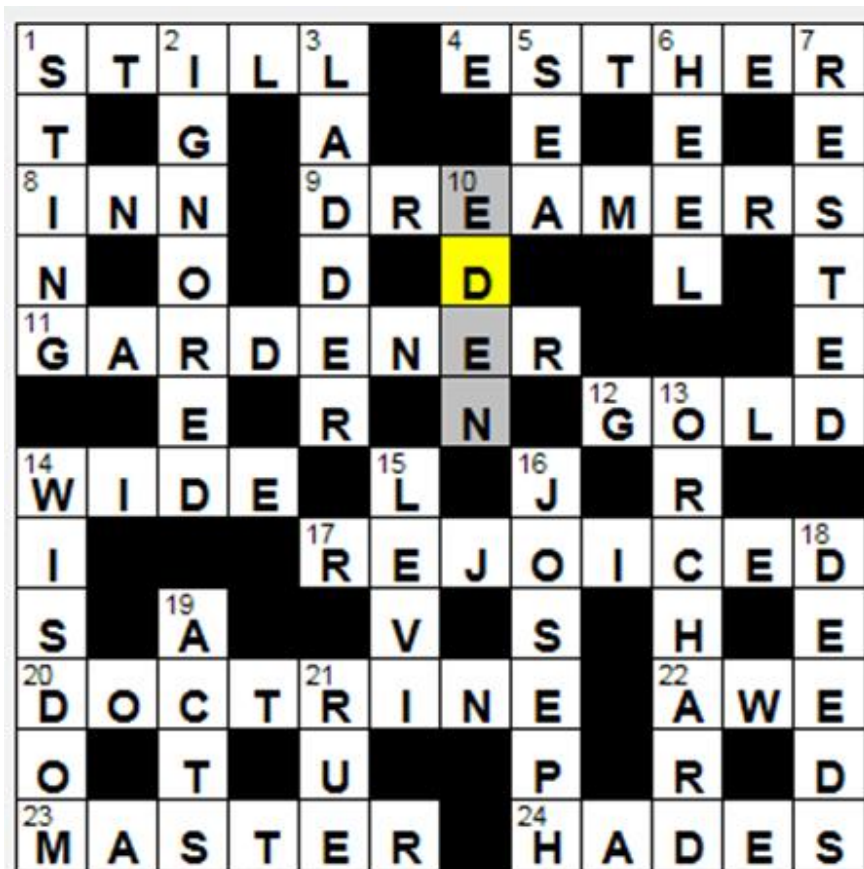
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Find each word and after you have found all the words, use the leftover letters in the correct order to form the mystery answer. Answer on page 23

Christ, Humble, Jesus, Love, Molded,
Obey, Others, Repent, Servant,
Shaped, Spirit, United
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ANSWERS TO CROSSWORD ON PAGE 10



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My Lord God,

I have no idea where I am going.
I do not see the road ahead of me.
I cannot know for certain where it will end.

Nor do I really know myself,
and the fact that I think that I am following You will
does not mean that I am actually doing so.
But I believe that the desire to please You
does in fact please You.
And I hope that I have that desire
in all that I am doing.

And I know that if I do this,
You will lead me by the right road
although I may know nothing about it.

Therefore will I trust You always,
though I may seem to be lost
and in the shadow of death,
I will not fear, for You are ever with me,
and will never leave me
to face my perils alone.

Thomas Merton





You are invited to attend

UCHM's Annual Commissioning Service

Please join us as we thank and praise God for another year of His faithfulness and provision

Come and encourage our students as they receive their certificates and make new commitments to serve and follow God and His will for their lives

Tuesday November 6th 2018, 7.30 pm

At Scapegoat Hill Baptist Church
School Lane, Scapegoat Hill, Huddersfield

What did the Zen Buddhist Monk say to the Hotdog Vender?...Make me One with everything.

Why was Goliath so surprised when David hit him with a stone?

Because nothing like this had ever entered his mind before

It wasn't the apple that caused the trouble in the Garden of Eden, it was the pair on the ground.



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Kirklees Concert Season Wed 19 Sep 2018

Lunchtime Concert: Bite-sized Gilbert and Sullivan
Part of the Kirklees Concert Season 2018/2019

A delightful romp through the risqué wit of Gilbert and Sullivan's operettas. Jeremy Peaker (Chorus of Opera North and formerly D'Oyly Carte) and friends will guide you through extracts of much-loved favourites from the likes of *The Mikado*, *The Pirates of Penzance*, *Trial By Jury* and many, many more in an afternoon of music and merriment, with backstage anecdotes from the group's time performing G&S classics on tour.



TIME: 12.30pm
Phone: 01484 225755

Lawrence Batley Theatre Sun 18 Nov 2018

Ralph Mctell

One of the great storytellers, Ralph McTell, is now celebrating more than 50 years on the road. Known for his virtuoso guitar style, he is primarily a prolific and gifted songwriter. With a style that invites you into a unique world, he weaves a narrative that is both significant and poignant.



Ralph made his debut in 1968 with the album *Eight Frames a Second* and in 1974 the release of *Streets of London* earned him an Ivor Novello Award. In 2002 he was presented with the prestigious Lifetime Achievement Award at the BBC Radio 2 Folk Awards.

For more information visit

<https://www.thelbt.org/shows/ralph-mctell/>

Box Office: 01484 430 528

Lawrence Batley Theatre Sat 06 Oct 2018

Daliso Chaponda: What The African Said

After a sell-out tour in spring 2018, Daliso Chaponda offers another chance to see his hit stand up tour *what the african said*.

Daliso Chaponda has lived in countries where the press is not allowed to criticise the government, and in others with no libel laws where they can say anything. He has been both a journalist and a jaded newsreader. He is the perfect comedian to discuss what the media has become, which he does in his hilarious new show about recent news, old news, fake news, and stories that were almost news



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Three young boys were walking on the sidewalk arguing over whose daddy was the greatest. One said, "My dad is the greatest because he is the president of the town bank." The second boy said, "That is pretty good, but my daddy owns two grocery stores in town!" The third boy said, "That's nothing, my dad is a preacher, and he owns hell. He came home last night and told my mum that the Church Board gave it to him!"



A leader in a Christian Science church was talking to a member of his congregation: "And how is your husband today?" "I'm afraid he's very ill." "No, no," corrected the leader, "You really shouldn't say that - you should say that he's under the impression that he's very ill." The woman nods in agreement, "Yes, I'll remember next time." A few weeks later the leader saw the woman again. "And how is your husband at the moment?" "Well", she replied, "he's under the impression that he's dead!"

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