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Through Jesus Christ  
our Lord.  
Amen.



### A note from the editor ...

Hello!

Wow what a busy month we have ahead of us, which is great to see (compared to last year). Especially the Sundays this month, see the Vicar letter for details.

There are so many groups starting a fresh for various activities across the Parish to get involved with, you'll have to look through the mag to find them all as there are too many to mention here.

We also have a lovely poem from Pam (pg 13) and an interesting article on a recent pilgrimage Martyn had on page 15. Finally I make no apologies for the many pictures of rainbows this month, God is really wants to remind us of His love for us almost daily, the ones from the Vicarage where taken on the same day!

Thank you to all who have contributed this month. The next deadline for the much needed contributions will be an earlier one:

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God Bless, Fiona.

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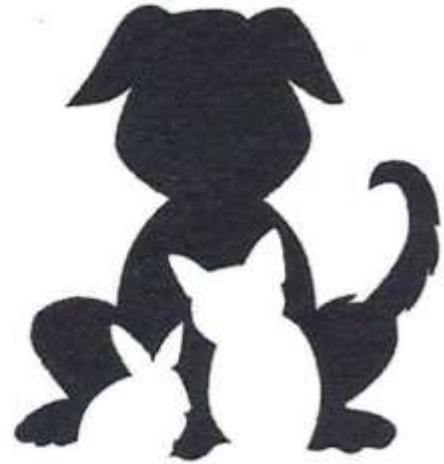
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## Letter from your Vicar.

It is often difficult to think of something to say when it comes to writing this monthly letter. This month is different, as there are many things that I feel I should try to cover. However, I feel that there is at least a common theme “legacy”.

Many of you may have heard that our four Churches are amongst the beneficiaries of Muriel Stead’s will. St Mary’s, St James, and Christ Church have each been given a little over £17,000 and St Bartholomew’s just over £130,000. This is without question a considerable and generous legacy and we are deeply grateful to Muriel. As with all those who have benefited from Muriel’s generosity, there are no restrictions on how this money can be used but please be assured that we will do all we can to use it wisely, good stewardship is a strongly encouraged in the bible. However, it is a fact that the Churches in our parish have struggle for many years to achieve a sufficient annual income to cover their annual costs. Whilst this legacy amounts to a considerable sum of money, we still need to work on our regular income if we are to use this legacy for something more lasting than paying the bills. As such I am truly grateful to all those who’s generosity continues to support our ministry within this parish.

This month is when we observe Remembrance Sunday and remember the sacrifice of all those who have suffered and died defending our way of life. It is important to remember that the legacy of these people is not war but, peace and freedom. Our prayer is not just that their legacy will live on but that it might be shared with every people around the world. Remembrance Sunday this year will be on the **14<sup>th</sup> November** and an act of remembrance will be held for the parish at St Bartholomew’s. After consulting with other groups within the parish it has been decided that, due to covid, this should be held outside in a similar way to last year. We will be gathering in time to begin at 10:45am.

A memorial service will be held on the **7<sup>th</sup> November** at 4:00pm at St Bartholomew’s. Over the last couple of years many people have been denied the opportunity to hold the kind of service they would have chosen after the loss of a loved one. Limited numbers, the lack of singing, and the inability to gather together after a funeral are amongst the restrictions that many people have faced. This service cannot undo the pain and loss that people feel, or that this has been made worse by the restrictions we have all experienced. However, it is my hope that it will allow us an opportunity to celebrate the great legacy of treasured memories that we all hold onto. Whether you wish to remember someone you lost recently, or a long time ago, please know that you will be welcome to come and join us.

Finally, in the evening of the **21<sup>st</sup> November** there will a confirmation service held at St Bartholomew’s with the bishop of Huddersfield presiding. This service will see confirmation candidates presented from parishes across our deanery and it will a service of joy and celebration.

God bless  
Reverend John (Vicar)

# CROSSROADS CENTRE



We are delighted that slowly the Centre is being used by outside groups. At the moment, the WI are using it for their committee meetings, the Churches in Meltham run a face-to-face Alpha group, A Craft and Create group meet on a Thursday and it is a meeting place for the trustees of Talkthru a Huddersfield based charity. The Group running Side by Side use it for meetings and the Project uses it for meetings involving the Shop, the Foodbank, the Centre and the Trustees.

Several weeks ago, the Trustees met to say a very big Thank You to Roger Furmedge who has retired from the Trustees after over 20 years of service

## Donations for Afghanistan refugees

The Centre was also the collecting point for donations for the Afghan refugees and we were privileged to meet Majors Sue and Nigel Tansley from the Salvation Army in Shaw, who received our goods to support the work with refugees and the increase in numbers of Boat People. The Shop had a successful week with the week's takings going to support the Refugees



## Platform 1

This Autumn we will be working with Platform 1 who will be running an outreach service in the Centre on a Tuesday Morning. Platform 1 is a charity supporting people with their Mental Health particularly Crisis Support.

## Requests for help

We have had several phone calls lately from people needing support with practical tasks, changing light bulbs, having a lift for an appointment, helping pack up contents of a house for someone moving and general support for the elderly.

If you feel you could be occasionally contacted and are free during the day. Please let me know. Thank You

Sue Priestley





# A VERY BIG HARVEST THANK YOU THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU.



As the demand on the Food Bank increases still further with the onset of Winter. We just want to say a big **Thank you** for all our Harvest Donations.

It is always dangerous to attempt to mention by name for fear of missing someone out, if I have please forgive me. Thank you to our local schools, the Methodist Church and our 4 Anglican Churches and Meltham Women's Institute. So many generous individual donations whether in goods or money. We really could not do it without the big generous hearts of Meltham's people, businesses and organisations.

Debbie Still

Foodbank Manager.



These pictures are from Harvest Festivals at the four parish churches across Meltham.

Thank you!

**Please continue to contribute to Meltham Food Bank**

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## Meltham Shoebox Team

Supporting T4U.



There is still time to fill a shoebox with small gifts to send to a child in Eastern Europe!

You can pick up a leaflet at the Crossroads shop or Centre or go online and find details of this year's shoebox campaign and suggestions as to what to put in your box. [www.T4U.com](http://www.T4U.com)

Please include a donation of £2.50 to cover transport costs.

If you would like to support the Team but are unable to fill a box a donation will enable a box to be filled in your name. Please make cheques payable to 'Meltham Shoebox'.

People can either fill shoeboxes all wrapped up for us or donate individual items or cash. If your shoebox isn't full then don't worry as we can add things to it from our stocks. Our aim is to make a difference in the lives of children around the world who find themselves in desperate and hopeless situations. These gifts don't fix the problems in their lives but they make a difference, showing these children that someone, somewhere cares for them.

"Each box is just a gift to brighten their day and make them feel special. We are all doing our best to give a child a reason to smile." (Chris Dronsfield) The shoeboxes go to the eastern European countries of Romania, Moldova, Georgia, Belarus, Bosnia and Herzegovina.

You can drop of your box any time between the 1 and 8 November at the Crossroads Shop or Centre or bring it to St. James Church, Meltham Mills, which will be open to process boxes between 1st and 15th November. 9am -5pm.

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## Write the story of my Life.

By Pam Murgatroyd

I'd like to write the story of my life  
But on reflection I don't have the time.  
If I recorded everything I'd done in over seventy years,  
This would become a much too lengthy rhyme.

Instead of this I will attempt to forecast what's to come,  
What I would wish my future years could hold,  
Not just for me, my family and friends that I hold dear  
And for the world, if I might be so bold.

First would be the end of Covid, this pandemic gone,  
A time for joy with no more cases found,  
A time to celebrate, to hug and kiss those we hold dear,  
Not be afraid we're passing germs around.

Then find a cure for cancer, a killer by itself,  
I lost lots of friends and family over years.  
I'd like world peace, but maybe that's much too much to ask,  
While there are men who only lead with fear.

I'd like to see my grand kids growing up and doing well,  
To see if they have children of their own.  
I'd hope that they'd be happy and always have good health  
And find their soulmates, never be alone.

I'd want to live as long as Peter, my soulmate he has been,  
We've shared good times, enjoyed a happy life.  
I was a mother when we met, was proud of what I'd done,  
My life became complete when Peter's wife.

I always speak my mind, although I never mean to hurt,  
I've lived a life so full of hope and love.  
I cannot change my past, the future isn't in my hands,  
I will always put my faith in Him above.

I could not change the world, no matter how long I have left,  
I can only do my best and play my part.  
There are so many people who have made me who I am  
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**CROSSROADS CENTRE**



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## Harvest Lunch

Sunday 3rd October was the Parish Harvest Festival with services taking place across the Parish. St James' and Christ Church were joined by Sarah Yanez who works in Malaga, with her husband Felipe for the Church Missionary Society.



Afterwards 40+ across the parish all gathered in the Church Hall for a yummy 'Pie and Peas' lunch. Apparently it was Sarah's first taste of a 'traditional harvest lunch' which she enjoyed, Phew! The homemade desserts were an extra treat too.

All who came had an enjoyable time and there were calls for it to be repeated again in the future, so watch this space!

## **Walking St. Cuthbert's Way, by Martyn Crompton**

This September I walked St. Cuthbert's Way together with four friends from my days at theological college in Durham. We met in 1982 and have supported each other with prayer and fellowship and by sharing an annual retreat ever since. The walk was for us a pilgrimage to give thanks to God for His love, our friendship and the privilege of over 180 years ordained ministry, shared between us.

The way runs from Melrose to Lindisfarne, a distance of some 60 miles, following the life of St. Cuthbert from Melrose Abbey where he became a monk to the Holy Island to which he returned to die. It climbs steeply out of Melrose, runs between the Eildon hills, follows the course of the beautiful river Tweed then the Roman Road, Dere Street, before climbing to high ground over Wideopen Hill, crossing the top end of the Pennine Way near Kirk Yetholm, skirting the Cheviot, passing Ad Gefrin, where St. Paulinus once baptized 3000 Northumbrians, St. Cuthbert' Cave, where legend states monks fleeing the Vikings hid with his body to descend to the coast via Fenwick and ends by crossing the sands or the causeway when exposed by the falling tide to Holy Island.

We were blessed by the weather. After torrential rain on our first afternoon, it remained fine for the rest of the week, offering us spectacular views from the high ground and it was even warm and sunny on the last day as we crossed the sands barefoot before celebrating Communion on St. Cuthbert's Island.

Each of the five of us is different. We have followed different paths in ministry in different parts of the world, from the Isle of Wight to Yorkshire, Oxford to Essex, Worcester to Wolverhampton with times in India, different parts of Africa and Bangkok. We have known and shared joys and sorrows, praying for one another for nearly 40 years and each in our own way felt blessed on our pilgrimage.

Blessing takes many forms. For me it began with simple thanksgiving to God – for the physical strength to be able to walk, not without the odd ache and pain these days, or the need to stop and look at the view when climbing hills, and enjoy the beauty of His creation. Then there was the sense of belonging by God's grace to a greater company of pilgrims, all the Christians who have walked in God's way since Jesus Himself trod this earth. This was particularly strong as we crossed the sands to Holy Island and as we knelt in prayer where St. Cuthbert himself once did. The angels and archangels felt very close. God reminded me that we never walk alone. He is always with us and so are brothers and sisters in Christ, even when they are unseen. God has a purpose for each of our lives. We can look back and see some of it, but He tells us to keep on walking, following where He leads and trusting in Him for each day as it comes until we reach the end of our journey. So my final thought expressed in my prayer on St. Cuthbert's island was that God brought each one of us there because He loves us and wants to bless us, so we can share His love with others. As my eyes followed the golden pathway traced by the setting sun across the sea to the mainland, I felt enfolded in His love, rested in His peace and was blessed indeed – ready for the next stage of the journey.

## “Crisis” Coffee Morning



**Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> November**

**10.00 – 12.00**

**St. James' Church, Meltham Mills**

**Stalls for this year include:**

**Crafts and gifts**

**Silent auction**

Please support this event which raises money for the “Crisis” charity. There will also be a stall selling Community Cards for the Welcome Centre and a stall raising funds for The Meltham Shoe Box Project.

‘Crisis’ works with those in need throughout the year. Here are the stories of some of those people who have been helped:

**After the lockdown Crisis got in touch to say the allowances had changed so that I could afford a bigger place.** Then Crisis found this place for me. They spoke to the landlord and managed to get the rent reduced from £800 to £725. I did reference checks and credit check which I passed. Then they called me to say I was accepted. Crisis secured the bond with the letting agency. Without this I would not have been able to move in. Without Crisis I would not have been able to secure a home as the council’s bidding system has closed down, leaving more people stuck. Crisis was looking everywhere for properties for me.

**Crisis also arranged for a removal company to come and help me move which they paid for.** Now I have a lovely two bedroomed ground floor flat with a garden in a quiet area – all neighbours lovely, ten minutes from town on the tram. Every landlord I had applied to previously had turned me down due to being on benefits. Crisis spoke to the landlord directly and vouched for me and told them I had been vetted by them and negotiated the reduction in rent. They basically argued my case. Without them I would not have known this place was coming up. Having someone reputable as Crisis backing me up made a total difference. It gave me clout.

**I've been in recovery for 10 months now, and if it weren't for Crisis I wouldn't have anything.** I would still be struggling and fighting. I can manage on my own, but if I'm really stuck, they're there for me. If I couldn't cope with something before, the first thing I would do is turn to the bottle, but because they're here, I know I can come in for support. They keep me going. Without that, it's really hard work. Since I've been working with Crisis, and since Crisis have been working with me, I've been building my confidence back up. I'm doing a lot of talks about my experience.

**My English isn't great, and I had no idea about benefits or anything.** Luckily I had first started coming to Crisis in 2016 for help with my English and to go to some of the hatmaking classes, yoga and tai chi. When I told them about what had happened they worked with a charity called Robes who got me into their winter night shelter. Then they helped me apply for Universal Credit and found me a room in a hostel in East London in Jan 2019, where I've now been ever since.

**I knew of Crisis, but I thought it was a just like a helpline. I had no idea they had a centre here in Croydon.** When I found about them through the shelter I registered for every class I found remotely interesting to keep myself occupied. I also got help from the mental health and well-being coordinator. All I had was Sainsbury's bag for life with all my stuff in it with just one or two changes of clothes and I could come here in the morning and get a shower and wash them. It's also just a nice place to come and get a cup of tea and have a chat. I literally had no-one left in my life except a couple of friends, but thanks to Crisis, I had a lot of support and met a lot of people going through the same situation. I don't know how I would have coped without it to be honest. I don't think there's many days at the moment when I don't come to Crisis. We're really lucky to have it here.

**If Crisis at Christmas hadn't been there, I don't know what I would have done.** I would have been completely lost. Not only for a place to stay, but for the warmth and friendliness, and for all the services which were fantastic. The dental service, the hairdressers, the doctors and chiropodist. You name it. It was real relief, and I'll be working with them in the new year. I just want to get this sorted so I can focus on getting back into teaching. My hope is to get back on my feet, start teaching and contributing again. Perhaps in adult literacy or maybe immigrants who want to improve their English skills.

**'It's changed my perception of what homelessness is. It's not just rough sleeping. It's ordinary people who've fallen into extraordinary circumstances.'** (Quote from a volunteer)

You can find more stories and information at [www.crisis.org.uk](http://www.crisis.org.uk)

Alison Whiteley

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## Helme Ladies Report Sept/October 2021

Well, our summer walks were over, so it was back to meeting in church. September 14<sup>th</sup> was our annual poetry evening where we usually have some home-grown poems as well as works by well known poets. We began with one about the Calendar Girls written by a friend which was very humorous, then onto one called your cottage full of treasures and memories. There followed two written by Jack Yates 'going to Sidmouth on the train' and one dedicated to 'a wife in hospital' telling her to get well soon. The next one was a children's poem about a watchmaker's shop, then two by Arthur Downs about gardens and true friendships. We then had one of old words with new meanings for the digital age, then one wishing and hoping to see friends again, we have all been there this last 18 months. We had a lovely Apache Indian Wedding Blessing which one of the ladies had read at her grandson's wedding. You can't have a poetry evening without Pam Ayres, so we finished with three of hers: 'Don't put my dinner on the slate because I don't want to end up paying for salmonella', 'Granny coshed at the cashpoint' and 'Up in the attic', we have all been there looking for something and ending up looking at everything and not finding what you wanted.

On September 28<sup>th</sup> we held our annual auction where members brought goods, they hoped someone else would buy. Dorothy was our auctioneer (she's good at it) and Jenny was the model showing off anything from jumpers, scarves and jewellery to a pair of Christmas Pyjamas. A fun time was had by all which is what it is all about, but the treasurer refused to accept any bids under 5p. When all was totted up, we had made £51.70 to add to our charity fund.

Our next meeting was a talk by Susan Whitwam from Colne Valley museum. We have had her before and she does a wonderful talk about the museum and how it all came to be set up. This time it was about old recipes and remedies for colds and coughs, if some of these were ever used it would be a wonder if they survived. There were also poems and stories in dialect, most humorous but some sad about days gone by. I must add that some of the ingredients used in the remedies are no longer available thank goodness, times have moved on.

Helme Ladies will be holding their Carol Service and Lunch in Helme Church on December 7<sup>th</sup>.

### Upcoming Meetings:

November 9<sup>th</sup> Autumn Flower Arranging

November 23<sup>rd</sup> Kath Heaney Meltham Wildlife

December 7<sup>th</sup> Carol Service and Lunch

December 21<sup>st</sup> Christmas Lunch.



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## St Mary's Report

Well Autumn is here and with it a time to say thank you to our wonderful and generous God for bringing us sagely to this beautiful time of year and for providing all the riches of nature for us to enjoy. Our thanks go also to those who lead us in our times of worship and prayer, in music and singing and as we hear God's word from the Bible for they too are working towards a different kind of harvest as God's kingdom grows and flourishes.

On Sunday 26th September there was a service of Holy Communion at St Mary's, Rev Judy Kenworthy was celebrant and gave the talk. She reminded us that we need to put JESUS first OTHERS second and YOURSELVES last if we are to find JOY. Sheryl read the lessons (on zoom from Australia) Judith Morre offered prayer and Elizabeth Pearson played the keyboard.

A good congregation enjoyed the Harvest Festival on 3rd October. The church was beautifully decorated with autumn flowers and a rainbow on which Harvest gifts were displayed. Rev Judy led the service assisted by the worship team. The music group accompanied one of the hymns and the children took part in a play entitled "Who is the Greatest?" Dillon played the orange, Shirley was the banana, Evie was the peach, Mary was the pear, Jonah was the potato and Lynda was the cooking apple. We learnt that we are all different and have different work to do and that we should work together to care for God's world. John Andrew read the lesson and Kim Howe led the prayers. The Harvest gifts were donated to Meltham Food Bank and we hope that people will continue to give as the need is great.

On the following Saturday St Mary's had their first coffee morning for two years at Meltham Church Hall. It was well attended and there was a cake stall and a mystery bag stall. Our thanks go to all who helped on the day, all those who came along and supported it and those who provided things for the stalls.

Capt John Smith led the first part of a Holy Communion service and gave the talk on Sunday 10th October. Rev Judy was celebrant assisted by Capt John. Kim led the prayers and Johanna Stuart read the lessons. John reminded us that we are called to serve God and that we should always seek to do what is right.

On Sunday 17th October, Rev John Dracup led a Service of the Word when we were reminded that we are to follow Jesus' example of service and sacrifice and that we have all the riches of Heaven to support us as we join God in what He has planned for us to do. If we have faith God will provide. Coffee was enjoyed after the service.

We hope you enjoy this beautiful autumn weather and may God bless you and keep you as you experience His Love.

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There is a small charge of £3.00

We aim to provide a relaxed atmosphere with opportunities to chat; share memories; enjoy a range of activities which all encourage conversation, confidence and generally have a good time on a Monday morning!



If you would like more information please contact:

Judith Powell- 859460 or Jenny Mathers - 850839



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Life goes on much the same at Bell House. We continue to trust that the carers and residents are keeping safe and are now enjoying regular visits and occasional outings. Please continue to keep the carers and residents in your prayers.

## **Molly Stead.**

It is with deep sadness that Stephen Littlewood would like to announce that Molly Stead, mother of Stephen and Peter Littlewood died in Whitby Court Care Home on 6th October, aged 102. The funeral took place on 20.10.2021 at Scarborough Crematorium.

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# Meltham Family Page

**Thank you** to Helme School for the fantastic harvest donations to the Crossroads Food Bank. They are greatly appreciated as the need in the local community increases this winter.



## **Christian Aid Coffee Mornings**

May I take this opportunity to thank anyone who helped in any way at the coffee morning on October 16th. We raised the fantastic sum of almost £300, for Christian Aid Funds. The hall was full, there was a lovely atmosphere and it was buzzing! That was until our resident young town crier Tom B banged his “gavel” to shut everyone up so that he could call the raffle numbers! You could have heard a pin drop, Peter Foden eat your heart out!

On a more serious note, bookings are now being taken for 2022 so if you would like to book a coffee morning please ring Anne Halstead on 07790259598 to make a reservation. The hall is now booked until December and it is lovely to see it so full with people able to meet their friends again. This started in the middle of July when a small group supported by the PCC agreed to meet to reopen the hall to discuss the way forward in relation to repairs and costs etc. To date, new doors have been ordered and a local builder will be starting to point the stonework and clear the gutters very soon.

The hall is a great community asset for the people of Meltham and it is wonderful to see it being used again.

Janet Rockett.

**We are pleased to announce that the Saturday Coffee Mornings have started again in the Village Hall.**

**Its great to all be back together again. 9.30am – 12pm**

6th Nov - Christian Bookshop    13th Nov - Meltham Memories

20th Nov - Crossroads            27th Nov - Christ Church Helme

4th December - St Bartholomews Christmas Market

# JUST FOR FUN!

## About Wine.

Did you know drinking wine on the patio counts as an outdoor activity?

I drink wine because the Doctor said that I shouldn't keep things bottled up.

The Dictionary states that the word 'Novinophobia' is the fear of running out of wine.

Did you realise that every box of raisins is a tragic story of grapes that could have been wine?

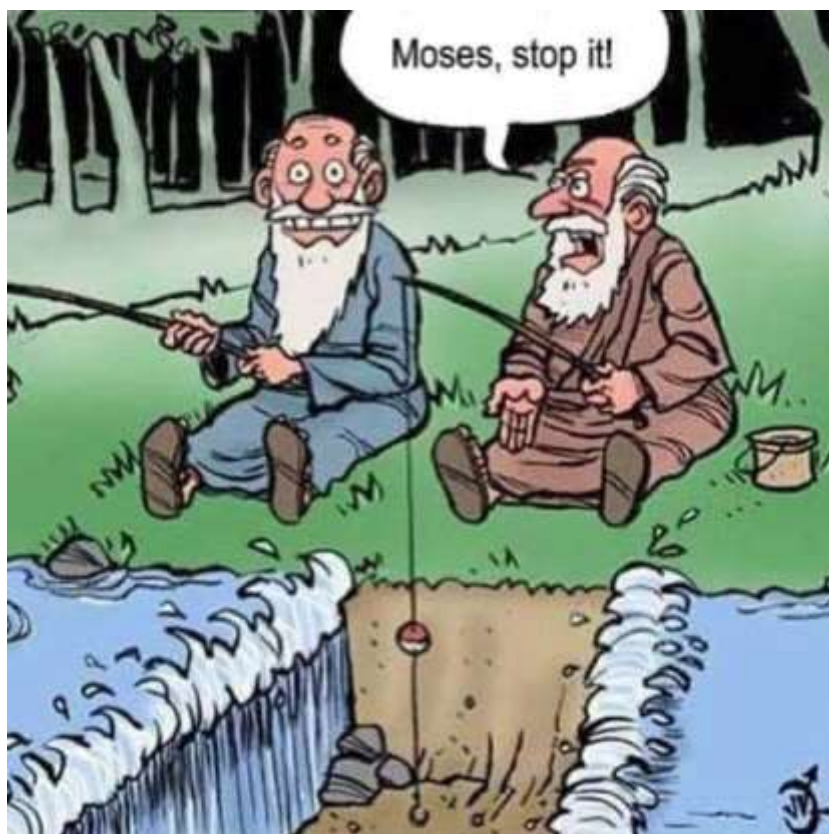
The answer may not lie at the bottom of a bottle of wine, but you should at least check.

Denis A's breaking news - A boat load of would be illegal immigrants were caught by a Navel Patrol Boat midway across the Channel. A voice from the Patrol Boat shouted authoritatively through the megaphone, "Can any of you drive a HGV Lorry? Such is life nowadays. Stay safe, well and happy - if possible. Denis A.

I haven't seen by brother since we've left Australia.... We were separated at Perth.

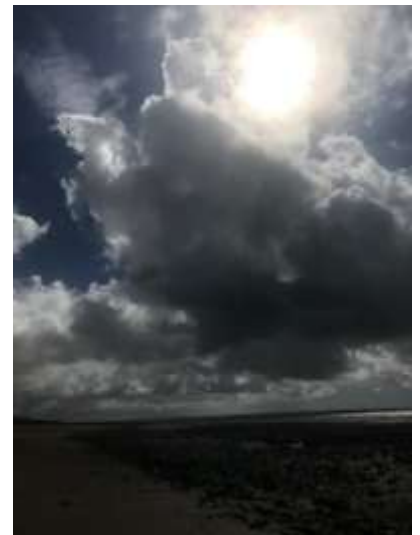
No matter how much I try and buy supermarket conveyor belt dividers, the cashier keeps on putting them back!

I used to live a stones throw away from a family who all died of mysterious head injuries.





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