

## 17<sup>th</sup> CENTURY NUN'S PRAYER

ANON

**LORD** Thou knowest better than I know myself that I am growing older and will some day be old. Keep me from the fatal habit of thinking I must say something on every subject and on every occasion. Release me from craving to straighten out everybody's affairs. Make me thoughtful but not moody: helpful but not bossy. With my vast store of wisdom, it seems a pity not to use it all, but Thou knowest Lord that I want a few friends at the end.

Keep my mind free from the recital of endless details; give me wings to get to the point. Seal my lips on my aches and pains. They are increasing, and love of rehearsing them is becoming sweeter as the years go by. I dare not ask for grace enough to enjoy the tales of others' pains, but help me to endure them with patience.

I dare not ask for improved memory, but for a growing humility and a lessing cocksureness when my memory seems to clash with the memories of others. Teach me the glorious lesson that occasionally I may be mistaken.

Keep me reasonably sweet; I do not want to be a Saint—some of them are so hard to live with—but a sour old person is one of the crowning works of the devil. Give me the ability to see good things in unexpected places, and talents in unexpected people. And, give me, O Lord, the grace to tell them so.

AMEN



### Homes and Gardens

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> August  
Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> August

—3 p.m. to 5 p.m.  
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at David and Ruth's.  
Church hosted by Joan, Brenda and Marilyn

**How the Internet started**  
(according to the Bible!!!)

In ancient Israel, it came to pass that a trader by the name of Abraham Com did take unto himself a healthy young wife by the name of Dorothy. And Dot Com was a comely woman, large of breast, broad of shoulder and long of leg. Indeed, she was often called **Amazon Dot Com**. And she said unto Abraham, her husband, "Why dost thou travel so far from town to town with thy goods when thou canst trade without ever leaving thy tent?" And Abraham did look at her as though she were several saddle bags short of a camel load, but simply said, "How, dear?" And Dot replied, "I will place drums in all the towns and drums in between to send messages saying what you have for sale, and they will reply telling you who hath the best price. The sale can be made on the drums and delivery made by Uriah's Pony Stable (**UPS**).

Abraham thought long and decided he would let Dot have her way with the drums. And the drums rang out and were an immediate success. Abraham sold all the goods he had at the top price, without ever having to move from his tent. To prevent neighbouring countries from overhearing what the drums were saying, Dot devised a system that only she and the drummers knew. It was known as **Must Send Drum Over Sound (MSDOS)**, and also developed a language to transmit ideas and pictures—**Hebrew to the People (HTTP)**.

And the young men did take to Dot Com's trading as doth the greedy horsefly take to camel dung. They were called **Nomadic Ecclesiastical Rich Dominican Sybarites**, or **NERDS**. And lo, the land was feverish with joy at the new riches and the deafening sound of drums that no one noticed that the real riches were going to that enterprising drum dealer, **Brother William of Gates**, who bought off every drum maker in the land. Indeed he did insist on drums to be made that would work only with **Brother Gates' drum heads and drumsticks**. And Dot did say, "Oh, Abraham, what we have started is being taken over by others." And Abraham looked out over the **Bay of Ezekiel**, or **eBay** as it came to be known. He said, "We need a name that reflects what we are." And Dot replied, "Young Ambitious Hebrew Owner Operators." "**YAHOO**", said Abraham. And because it was Dot's idea, they named it **YAHOO Dot Com**.

Abraham's cousin, **Joshua**, being the young **Gregarious Energetic Educated Kid (GEEK)** that he was, soon started using Dot's drums to locate things around the countryside. It soon became known as **God's Own Official Guide to Locating Everything (GOOGLE)**.

That is how it all began!!



## Church Diary Welcome!

You are welcome to join in any of our activities. Newcomers to the town and holiday visitors are particularly welcome.

### SUNDAY WORSHIP

Services are at 10.30 on a Sunday morning. We have a regular Morning Sunday School. Children take part in the 10.30 service before going to their own activity. Please join us after the service for coffee in the Hall.

#### August

5<sup>th</sup> am Rev. Glen Graham  
12<sup>th</sup> am Rev. Glen Graham  
19<sup>th</sup> am Rev. Glen Graham—*Communion*  
26<sup>th</sup> am Rev. Glen Graham

#### September

2<sup>nd</sup> am Paul Morell  
9<sup>th</sup> am Rev. Glen Graham  
16<sup>th</sup> am Rev. Glen Graham—*Communion*  
23<sup>rd</sup> am Rev. Glen Graham—*Harvest Service*  
30<sup>th</sup> am Rev. Glen Graham

### House Group

resumes on 10<sup>th</sup> September.

### Prayer Meeting

Sat. 18<sup>th</sup> Aug. and 15<sup>th</sup> Sep.  
9.30 am in vestry.

### Coffee Mornings

Sat. 11<sup>th</sup> Aug and 8<sup>th</sup> Sep.  
10-12 in the schoolroom.

### Lunch Club

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> Aug.  
12.30 in schoolroom.

### Fairtrade

Sat. 11<sup>th</sup> Aug. and 8<sup>th</sup> Sep.  
a.m., in schoolroom or outside.

### Noah's Ark

First day of new term,  
Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> September.

### Harvest Meal

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> Sep. 7-9 pm

### Fellowship meeting

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> Sep. 7-9 pm

3<sup>rd</sup> Sat  
of month

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