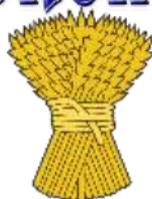


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introduces and welcomes
YOU
to

PENWORTHAM UNITED REFORMED CHURCH



SEPTEMBER 2018

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ELDERS' LETTER

Hi friends,

My family and I visited the National Trust's Speke Hall in Liverpool recently.

Speke Hall is a rare Tudor timber-framed manor house in a most unusual setting on the banks of the River Mersey. Restored and brought back to life in the 19th century, it is a unique and beautiful mixture of Tudor simplicity and Victorian Arts and Crafts' aesthetics.

Built by the devout Catholic Norris family - keen to impress visitors with the grandeur of their home and in particular the magnificent Great Hall - this beautiful building has witnessed more than 400 years of turbulent history. The Hall is surrounded by beautiful restored gardens and protected by a collar of woodland.

There is no shortage of adventure at Speke Hall, the children had a great time!

Here are a just a few activities that are all free to enjoy once you're on site. Normal grounds admission does apply but if you are National Trust members then it is completely free - including free parking.

The Hedge Maze

This was designed by the world's leading expert in maze construction, Adrian Fisher, and has 12 gates, 5 bridges, 4 finger mazes, 3 weather vanes and a viewing platform. It's a-maze-ing! The gates can be opened in two different directions so the maze route is regularly changed to offer a new challenge for intrepid explorers. The view of the River Mersey from the platform is a rewarding surprise and a great resting post for parents.

The Play Area

A safe haven for young children to play and climb while parents and carers enjoy a rest and snack on the picnic tables overlooking the gated play area.

ELDERS' LETTER cont'd

The Giant Childe of Hale Play Trail.

The sculptured play trail is based on the famous legend of John Middleton who was 9'3" tall! He was said to have slept with his feet sticking out of the windows of his cottage in Hale, near Speke. He must have had very cold feet indeed!

The trail connects the main play area by Home Farm to the woodland trail and is a real interactive wonderland!

Emilia and Charlie enjoyed looking for the giant buttons and playing the vegetable patch instruments.

The Woodland Trail.

Hidden in the magical woodland, at the end of the 'Giant Childe of Hale Play Trail' there are lots of exciting challenges including the Zip Line, den building, a hill of stepping stones and outdoor balancing obstacles.

There are so many activities to enjoy we were so impressed.

We also enjoyed tea and cake in the farm cafe and would thoroughly recommend Speke Hall as a great day out.

I hope everyone is having a lovely summer

God Bless

Daniel Kehoe & family



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NEWS OF THE CHURCH FAMILY AND FRIENDS cont'd

Lastly, on the 9th September the Rev'd Daleen ten Cate who is the Missional Partnership mentor for the Lancashire area, will be preaching here at our church. Bev and I have got to know Daleen quite well over the past few months and she has been extremely helpful and supportive with any problems or queries we have had. Daleen is married and has two teenage daughters, she is originally from South Africa but now lives in Mellor in Blackburn, we look forward to welcoming her on the 9th.

Jenny O

"AFTERNOON AT HOME" - THANK YOU



Following the "Afternoon At Home" event on 14th August that was very well received by all who attended, Brenda and Jenny made the following comments:

"There was a good turnout for a well-planned social afternoon. We started with a slide show by Linda of paintings including dogs by well-known painters (and some less well-known). This was interesting because we were told the stories behind the pictures. Then crafts and assorted quizzes caused much chat and laughter. The serious business of tea and cakes occupied us next, followed by a form of bingo. I understand that the original suggestions came from Rita, but there was a team of people involved. I thoroughly enjoyed the afternoon, and would like to say "thank you" to those responsible". *Brenda K*

"Quite a few members and friends enjoyed a lovely afternoon arranged by Rita, Barbara and Maureen which included listening to a talk from Linda McLanahan, doing crafts, quizzes, problem solving, chatting to friends and not forgetting the tea and delicious cakes that finished off a perfect afternoon. Thank you ladies for a brilliant afternoon". *Jenny O*

Biblical Harvest Quote Leviticus Ch23 v 22 "When you reap the harvest of your land, do not reap to the very edges of your field or gather the gleanings of your harvest. Leave them for the poor and for the foreigner residing among you. I am the Lord your God." (NIVUK)

PURC EVENTS - SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2018

MEN'S GROUP

Meets: 2pm Monday 3rd Sep
in the Guild Room
Topic: "Some earliest holidays"
Led by: Nigel Lemon
Next Meeting : Mon 1st Oct
(Nigel L)

WOMEN'S GROUP

Meet: 2pm Wednesday 5th Sep
in the Guild Room
(Note the New Timing)
Topic "A Police spokesman said"
Led By: Roger Blaxall
Next Meeting : Wed 3rd Oct
(Brenda K)

CRAFT GROUP

Meets: 2pm
Tuesday. 11th September
in the Guild Room
Next Meeting : 9th October

THE BUTTERFLIES GROUP

Meets for Tea/Coffee, a chat
and events discussion
every 2 weeks at 1 pm
in the Church Hall.
Meet Thurs: 06 & 20 September
(Pat D)



Messy Church meets at
Penwortham United Reformed Church
Liverpool Road, Penwortham, PR1 0QB
Saturday 2.30pm - 4.30 pm



Messy Church is a fun family event
aimed at 0-11 year olds.

PURCMessychurch@hotmail.com - 07716129719/ <http://penworthamurc.org.uk>

Coming Dates are: No September Meeting
13th October

(Beverley S)

Biblical Harvest Quote - Deuteronomy 24:19

"You might be gathering your harvest in the field, and you might forget and leave some grain there. You must not go back to get it. It will be for the foreigners, the orphans, and the widows. If you leave some grain for them, the Lord your God will bless you in everything you do.

(ERV)

OTHER EVENTS IN SEPTEMBER



Fulwood URC will be hosting a
QUIZ for CHRISTIAN AID
and Fair Trade Stall

at 7.00pm on Friday 28th September 2018

Teams of 4 - no individual questions. Entry by donation to Christian Aid. A fun quiz for a serious cause.

Please email: mprofters8@gmail.com or
macdunsmore@btinternet.co.uk
if you wish to enter a team

PENWORTHAM AUTUMN SHOW

Saturday 29th September
12.00 noon – 4.00pm
at PURC

Admission: £1 adult 50p child £2 family

Those of you who came along to last year's show will know what splendid items were on display. The church building was bursting with artwork, crafts, baked items, preserves, wonderful flower arrangements, homegrown fruit and vegetables. There will be a good variety of outside stalls including a children's craft table run by PURC. Also birds of prey, beekeepers and rescue chickens!

There will also be a flower arranging demonstration and a lady demonstrating willow weaving.

This is a community event with something to interest and entertain all ages. If you wish to know more about the classes available to enter there are schedules in the Church foyer, or you can check the Autumn Show Facebook page or speak to Maureen Whitlock.

Harvest Quotes

'It is not always granted to the sower to see the harvest'.

Albert Schweitzer - theologian, physician, musician & philosopher,
We reap what we sow. Choose what you nourish carefully.
Anon.

OTHER NOTICES

SHOEBOX APPEAL

It's that time of year again when we start thinking about filling shoe boxes to give to International Aid for them to distribute to poorer parts of the world. But first we need shoeboxes and wrapping paper. So if you have 1 or 2 shoeboxes, ideally with separate tops, lurking at the back of your wardrobe, please dig them out and bring them to church. If you prefer you can wrap them yourself, otherwise we will sort that out.

Also, if you have any spare Christmas wrapping paper or other suitable paper, that too would be very welcome, as would volunteers to cover the boxes.

(Maureen W)



UNICEF MITES SCHEME

www.unicef.org.uk/fundraise/fundraise-in-your-community/faith-groups/the-mite-scheme/

In the period 01 Apr to 30 Jun 2018 your Mites (5p coins) reached a total of £48.55. Well done. The national coordinator, Keith Garner, said "as always please pass on my thanks to the good folk at Penwortham for the generous donation of £48.55 which brings the 'lives saved' to 8,191,438".

Your donations contribute to the purchase of Oral Re-hydration Sachets, the cost of which is now 8p each. It is on the World Health Organization's "List of Essential Medicines" and the use of oral re-hydration therapy decreases the risk of death from diarrhoea by a staggering 93% and is extremely helpful for sick as well as undernourished children.

Collection Boxes are on the stage at the back as you come into Church. Do keep your Mites coming.

(Ed.)

Harvest Quotes

Prayer is the only adequate way to multiply our efforts fast enough to reap the harvest God desires.
Wesley L Duetel - missionary, president of OMS International, author

WHAT'S ON - SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2018**SEPTEMBER 2018**

Saturday	1st	10.30am	Coffee Morning	Side Rooms
Sunday	2nd	10.30am	Family Worship	Rene Kendall
Monday	3rd	2.00pm	Men's Group	Guild Room
Wednesday	5th	2.00pm	Women's Group	Guild Room
Thursday	6th	1.00pm	Butterflies	Main Hall
Sunday	9th	10.30am	Family Worship	Rev'd Daleen ten Cate
Tuesday	11th	2.00pm	Craft Group	Guild Room
Sunday	16th	10.30am	Harvest & Parade Service	Jeff Brailsford
Thursday	20th	1.00pm	Butterflies	Main Hall
Thursday	20th	7.30pm	Elders' Meeting	Side Rooms
Sunday	23rd	10.30am	Family Worship	To Be Confirmed
Sunday	30th	10.30am	Family Worship	Worship Group 2

OCTOBER 2018

Monday	1st	2.00pm	Men's Group	Guild Room
Wednesday	3rd	2.00pm	Women's Group	Guild Room
Thursday	4th	1.00pm	Butterflies	Main Hall
Saturday	5th	10.30am	Coffee Morning	Side Rooms
Sunday	7th	10.30am	Family Worship	George Grime
Tuesday	9th	2.00pm	Craft Group	Guild Room
Saturday	13th	2.30pm	Messy Church	
Sunday	14th	10.30am	Family Worship	To Be Confirmed
Wednesday	17th	7.30pm	Elders' Meeting	Side Rooms
Thursday	18th	1.00pm	Butterflies	Main Hall
Sunday	21st	10.30am	Family Worship	To Be Confirmed
Sunday	28th	10.30am	Family Worship	Alan Edward

Holy Communion will be celebrated as informed by Church Notices

All Services have a Junior Church & Crèche (Pulpit Supplies: Brenda Kendall)

OFFERINGS AND ROTAS

Weekly Offering

(Gil T.)

24 th	Jun	£538.00	29 th	Jul	£558.00
1 st	Jul	£587.00	5 th	Aug	£589.00
8 th	Jul	£571.00	12 th	Aug	£594.00
15 th	Jul	£465.00	19 th	Aug	£468.00
22 nd	Jul	£617.00	26 th	Aug	£666.00

Flowers

(Robert B./Cath A.)

2nd	Sep	Marjorie Smith
9th	Sep	Bill & Celia McCartney
16th	Sep	Harvest
23 rd	Sep	Kirsty & Martin Mills
30 th	Sep	Bill & Sue Bradley White
7 th	Oct	Colin & Pat Whalley
14 th	Oct	Margaret & Alan Edward
21 st	Oct	Rita Taylor
28 th	Oct	Barbara Johnson

Sunday Coffee

(Robert B.)

2 nd	Sep	Maureen Whitlock, Margaret & Alan Edward
9 th	Sep	Joan Kidman and Celia McCartney
16 th	Sep	Jean Henley, Linda Coppin, Barbara Baird
23 rd	Sep	Rita Taylor and Joyce Boreham
30 th	Sep	Anne Hall and Gemma Strange
7 th	Oct	Viv Moore, April Rukin and Sue Bushell
14 th	Oct	Joan Kidman and Celia McCartney
21 st	Oct	Jean Henley, Linda Coppin, Barbara Baird
28 th	Oct	Maureen Whitlock, Margaret & Alan Edward

Closing date for the October "Contact" is Sunday 23rd Sep
Issue date for the October "Contact" is Sunday 28th Sep

PURC - PASTORAL CARE

We were thrilled with the number of people who came to our recent meeting to discuss “**Pastoral Care**” in our church. It was a very positive, uplifting meeting with lots of ideas and thoughts. And, if truth be known, there was a lot of love for the family of PURC. Several points were raised:

- The care of the PURC family was of paramount importance.
- The elders would be an integral part of the Pastoral Team
- The dedicated volunteers would work in groups of two with responsibility for a group of members. They would work with a named elder.

We are now working on the “nitty gritty” and will be reporting back to Church Meeting asap.

Thank you to all who have offered support.

Jenny and Beverley

URC-COMMITMENT FOR LIFE-STORIES FOR CHANGE (SfC)



Extract SfC145-31 countries now in debt crisis

New research by Jubilee Debt Campaign reveals that more countries have fallen into debt crisis.



The figures were released on the 20th anniversary of the G8 protests in Birmingham, when people stood together and called for developing country debts to be cancelled. The Jubilee movement won \$130bn of debt cancellation for some of the most impoverished countries. Now, 20 years on, another debt crisis is emerging. Debt cancellation is needed, but to break the cycle of crises being repeated, the underlying causes of debt dependence must be tackled. The rules of the financial system need to be rewritten.

<https://jubileedebt.org.uk/press-release/new-figures-show-debt-crises-are-growing-across-the-globe>

Read also their blog about the legacy of the protests in 1998, and what we still need to achieve. There is a guest blog, by Ilyas Nagdee, about the disproportionate impact of student loans on black and brown communities. And they report that the UK is willing to back loans to the Malaysian government for weapons. (These and many informative blogs can be found at <https://jubileedebt.org.uk/blog/> ... (Ed.))

A SAFE PASSAGE ?

Some of you may have listened to the author Michael Morpurgo (War Horse, Private Peaceful and many more amazing books) on Radio 4's A Point of View on Sunday 29th July.

Michael talked about how we as a country have accepted and welcomed refugees for many years – in WW1 over 250,000 Belgian refugees, many of them women and children crossed the Channel in small and large boats to escape the German invasion of Belgium. They were given shelter and cared for, and after the war ended many returned to their own country. Michael Morpurgo talked particularly about child refugees, about the Kindertransport rescue effort which took place in the months leading up to WW2. The UK took nearly 10,000 predominantly Jewish children from Germany, Austria, Czechoslovakia and other parts of Europe. Children were placed in British foster homes, schools and farms. Often they were the only members of their families who survived the Holocaust. Many of the children settled in Britain, became well integrated and became valued members of British society.

Michael Morpurgo went on to consider the current situation regarding child refugees. He said 'It shames us that Britain in recent years has done so little to help child refugees. There are fine examples of how our predecessors have shown great kindness towards the suffering of child refugees'. He believes that we now need to follow their example.

He mentioned a project called 'Safe Passage' organised by Citizen's UK which is a network of faith groups, schools and colleges. The aim of the Safe Passage project is to help unaccompanied child refugees and vulnerable adults access safe legal routes to asylum. Many of these refugees have family in the UK and have a right to join them.

Michael Morpurgo spoke passionately and convincingly about our responsibilities as a nation and as individuals. He said that protecting and welcoming refugee children is an act of communal caring, recognition of our responsibility. As a Christian I cant disagree.

(Maureen W)

PRAYER TOPICS NOT OFTEN IN THE NEWS

Indonesia - Child suicides

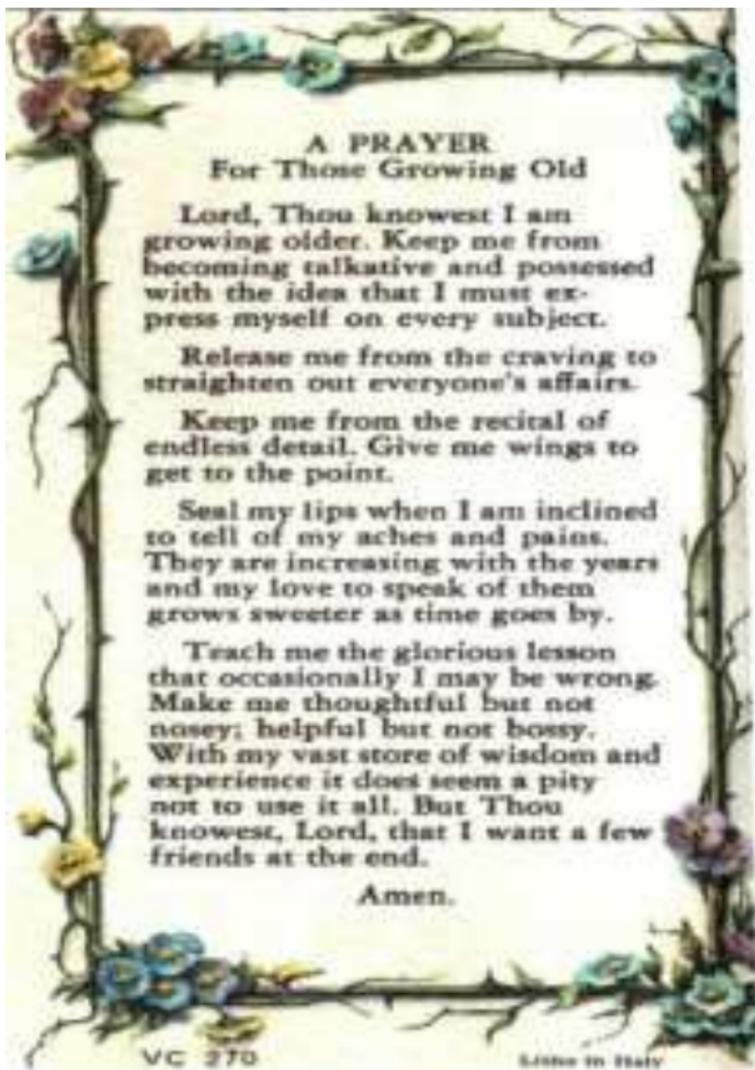
Christians in Indonesia are feeling more vulnerable after a family with children carried out suicide bomb attacks on three churches in Surabaya city in May. A woman is believed to have blown up herself and two daughters in an attack on one church. Within minutes, her husband had driven his car into another, while their teenage sons on a motorbike detonated a bomb outside a third. The youngest of the children was nine. At least 13 people died and more than 40 others were wounded. Please pray for all those affected by the attacks, which were timed to coincide with Sunday services. The next day, a family of five, including an eight-year-old child, carried out a bomb attack on a police station in Surabaya, killing at least four. *(Release International)*

China - Children banned from church

Across China many churches have decided that rather than face very heavy fines and possible detention of leaders they will prevent anyone under 18 years old attending church. Although they could attend, their presence in the church could be interpreted as “influencing these young people with religion”, so many churches have decided to ban children and young people. Pray for these young people, that they can meet perhaps in homes and continue to grow as Christians, and learn more about Jesus. Pray also for their parents – should one attend church and the other stay at home? How can they encourage and disciple their own children? Pray for the church leaders to have wisdom and an understanding of how to best serve God at this time. *(China Church Support Ministries)*

Bangladesh - Healthcare for refugees

A new medical clinic has been built in one of the Rohingya refugees camps and dedicated recently. Teams of Christian doctors, nurses and midwives from around the world will serve alongside Bangladeshi medical personnel to minister to the many needs of the Rohingya refugees. Pray for God to show mercy on all the suffering people in the camps. Pray that the teams will stay disease-free, for health, strength and stamina, and for more Rohingya translators to be found. Ask that the compassion of Christ will be clearly shown to all. *(Reach Beyond)*



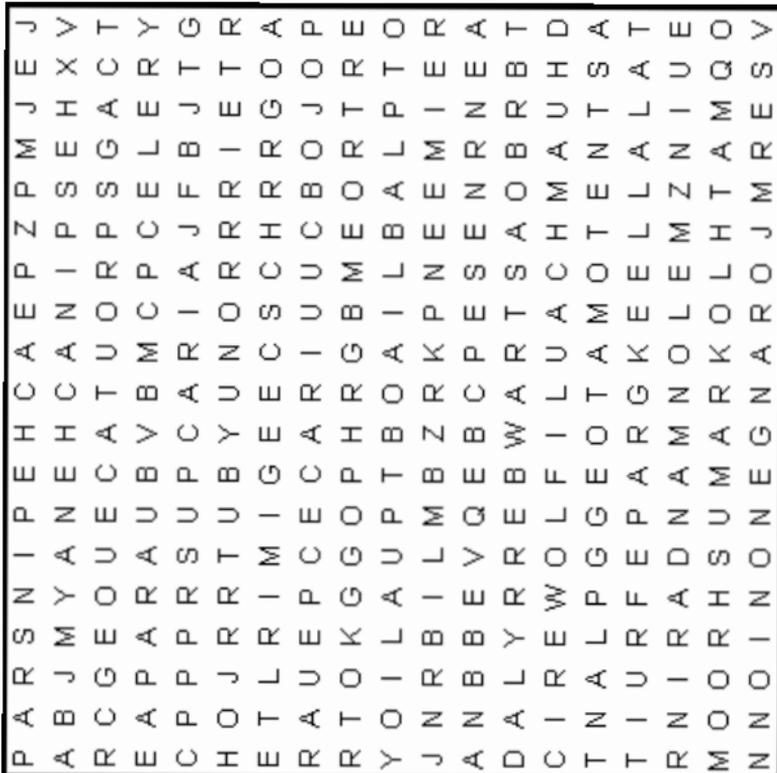
This little prayer has many attributions from the 17th Century onwards - in truth no one is absolutely sure who penned it; but its wisdom and humour make it timeless.

Thank you Margo for passing this on.

(Ed.)

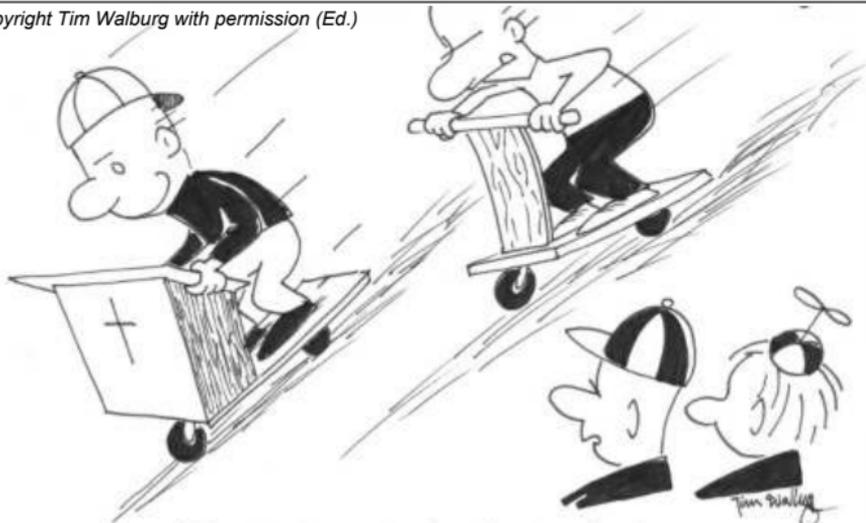
GOOD FOR YOU - HARVEST WORDSEARCH

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 CARROT, CAULIFLOWER,
 CELERY, CHERRY,
 CUCUMBER, DATE,
 EGGPLANT, FIG, GRAPE,
 GRAPEFRUIT, LEEK,
 LEGUME, LEMON, LIME,
 MANDARIN, MELON,
 MUSHROOM, OKRA, OLIVE,
 ONION, ORANGE, PARSNIP,
 PEA, PEACH, PEAR,
 PINEAPPLE, POTATO,
 PRUNE, PUMPKIN,
 RHUBARB, SPINACH,
 SPROUT, SQUASH,
 STRAWBERRY, TARO,
 TOMATO, TURNIP, YAM.



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"For some reason he always wins."

SOME PUNS - SO TO SPEAK!!

A man's home is his castle – in a manor of speaking.

Does the name Pavlov ring a bell?

A bicycle cannot stand on its own because it is two tired.

Time flies like an arrow – fruit flies like a banana.

Acupuncture is a jab well done.

Santa's helpers are subordinate clauses.

A chicken crossing the road is poultry in motion.

(Courtesy of Maureen W)

COLOURING PAGE

Colour in as much as you want to and then try the puzzles

Harvest Festival Puzzle Sheet

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Word Search

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WHEAT

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Harvest Sudoku

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Word Finder

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How many words
can you find?