

## **FIRST CALL**

The summer has been a great time for us to catch up with friends around the country. Despite all the other wonderful ways in which we can communicate in the 21<sup>st</sup> century, nothing beats sitting down face to face to chat with an old friend.

The same is true of prayer. It's vitally important that we keep in touch with God, that we work to maintain our relationship with Him. And while there are many excellent helpful tools out there, at the end of the day nothing beats sitting down and giving it a go.

St Paul encouraged us to find ways to 'pray without ceasing' and we read in the Bible how the disciples devoted themselves to prayer in the early days of the church.

**Prayer was and is at the heart of every Christian's calling.**

Of course, there are many ways to pray as some of us explored during Lent earlier this year, but the issue is less about how or when we pray and more about whether we pray at all. There are different types of prayer – we can give thanks, worship and praise, confess our sins or pray for ourselves and others. This last type of prayer, intercession, places us in the gap between God and the people or places we pray for. We become like the four men who carried their paralysed friend to Jesus, full of faith that he would make him well. And the Bible makes it clear that we are all called to this kind of prayer on behalf of others.

Every weekday at 9.15am (9.30am on Wednesdays) prayers are said in church for the people who work and live in our local community, in Arbury, Kings Hedges and Orchard Park. We pray for the wider world, for the church and for those we know who are sick or in need. We pray for those who have specifically asked for our prayers on our new prayer cards. We commit the day to God and pray for his Holy Spirit to go before us in all we do.

But in September, as the school year begins again, we recommit ourselves to making prayer a priority in our church.

We would like as many people as possible to join us in **FIRST CALL** on the first Sunday of every month as we pray for the parish, for the work and life of the church and for the communities that we serve. Those who can come are welcome to join us at the vicarage between 8pm and 9pm, but please pray with us at that time wherever you are.

Let's respond to our **FIRST CALL** this autumn and make prayer a priority.

Yours in Christ,  
Anthony

*'When I pray, coincidences happen, and when I don't pray, they don't.'*  
(William Temple, Archbishop and social reformer)

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**First Sunday of every month  
8-9pm at 51, Highworth Avenue**



May the God of dreams and visions,  
enable you to dream creatively  
and to hear the dreaming of others –  
young and old – in your community.  
May you be open to new ideas,  
dare to share visions,  
be encouraged to hope.

*Jan Sutch Pickard*

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## **READINGS FOR SEPTEMBER**

### **Sundays and holy days**

- 4 ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER  
TRINITY  
Psalm 23  
Matthew 18: 10-14
- 11 TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER  
TRINITY  
Romans 14: 1-12  
Matthew 18: 21-35
- 18 THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER  
TRINITY  
Acts 1: 1-14  
Luke 1: 26-38
- 25 FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER  
TRINITY  
Ruth 1: 11-22  
Mark 8: 34-38

### **Wednesdays**

- 7 Colossians 2: 6-15  
Luke 6: 20-26
- 14 Philippians 2: 6-11  
John 3: 13-17
- 21 2 Corinthians 4: 1-6  
Matthew 9: 9-13
- 28 Nehemiah 2: 1-8  
Luke 9: 57-end

## **HOUSE GROUPS**

Start up again in the week beginning September 11 with the special sermon series starting on Sunday September 18. See pages 16-17 for all the details and do come along. You will be most welcome – just find a group whose time and venue suit you.

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## **REGULAR SERVICES IN SEPTEMBER**

- Sundays 8am Holy Communion  
10am Parish Communion  
(first Sunday in the month is an All-Age service and we are joined by those who attend the Community Church in Orchard Park)
- Mondays 9.15am Morning Prayer
- Tuesdays 9.15am Morning Prayer
- Wednesdays 9.30am Holy Communion
- Thursdays 9.15am Morning Prayer
- Fridays 9.15am Morning Prayer

**Play and Pray at Orchard Park** will be on September 11 and 18 at 4pm in the Orchard Park Community Centre on Central Avenue. There will be **Something Else** at 4pm on Sunday September 25. Light refreshments. All welcome. For further details see the weekly bulletin.

## **EVENTS IN SEPTEMBER**

**Sunday September 4** at 12 noon Sunday Lunch Club meets in the Church Hall.

**Saturday September 10** 2-4pm Autumn Fayre (see page 4)

**Saturday September 24** Macmillan Coffee morning in Church Hall (see page 18)

**Sunday September 25** Social evening at the Carlton Arms.

**Saturday October 1** Come and help decorate the church for Harvest (more details next month)

## **MEETINGS IN SEPTEMBER**

**Sunday September 18** after 10am service. Energy audit presentation open meeting in church office.

**Monday 19 September** PCC meets in the Vicarage at 7.30pm

**Monday 26 September** Autumn Fayre review and 2012 calendar planning meeting 7pm at the Vicarage

## Wednesday Evening Meetings

What an interesting and thought-provoking time we have had these last few weeks! All the speakers were excellent and stimulated some lively discussions afterwards. As in all good discussions, we were not all in agreement all the time, but it was good to listen to other's views and opinions and to get a different slant from your own on matters.

They started with John's wonderful talk about the friendship between Science and Religion. Science has never been my best subject, but John somehow explained matters so that *even I* could grasp his meaning. However small and insignificant I may feel, his words that each and every one of us has a "little bit of stardust in our bodies" did make me feel part of this wonderful Universe.

John's other talk about ethical dilemmas was quite fascinating too. The many questions that were raised in this discussion led me at least to think of many more – we could have gone on for much longer.

Although I no longer go out to work, I enjoyed Anthony's talk about Faith and the Workplace. I think this can be a difficult area for some people – for instance, neither of my daughters is allowed to discuss religion in her workplace.

Linda's talk about Ageing really struck a chord within me as an ageing Grandma. I have found that elderly people are at best patronised and at worst ignored. Just because you are "getting on" does not mean that you do not have ideas and opinions that are worth listening to. Growing old does perhaps does not make you any wiser, but you have experience that you can pass on if it is asked for. Older people should be *listened* to more.

David's talk brought forth many lively comments. He recommended that we read an article written by the Archbishop of Canterbury who has been in the news recently commenting on the drastic cuts that are being made in the country and which will badly affect the most vulnerable.

The final talk [by Gill Ambrose] concerning children again raised many issues. The Church today, at least here at The Good Shepherd, welcomes and encourages children much more than in my young day. We all agreed that children needed love, not only the love of their parents, but of the church too. The discussion ranged over the difficulties that can occur when both parents have to go out to work. It was felt that children needed a safe place to go outside school and home and, although many were willing to volunteer, they were reluctant to do so because of the conditions in the Child Protection Act.

I have only skimmed the surface of the many and varied questions that were asked and of the discussions that followed and I apologise if I have missed out some points that others may think were more relevant.

I would like to thank everyone who arranged the talks. I am really going to miss our Wednesday evenings!

Thanks to everyone who organised tea, coffee and yummy biscuits without which no good meeting is complete!

*Joy Staley*

Linda quoted the following poem in her Wednesday evening talk and I tracked it down because I thought it really hit the nail on the head. *Editor*

### THE ELEPHANT IN THE ROOM

There's an elephant in the room.  
It is large and squatting,  
so it is hard to get around it.

Yet we squeeze by with,  
"How are you?" and, "I'm fine,"  
and a thousand other forms of trivial chatter.

We talk about the weather;  
we talk about work;  
we talk about everything else—  
except the elephant in the room.

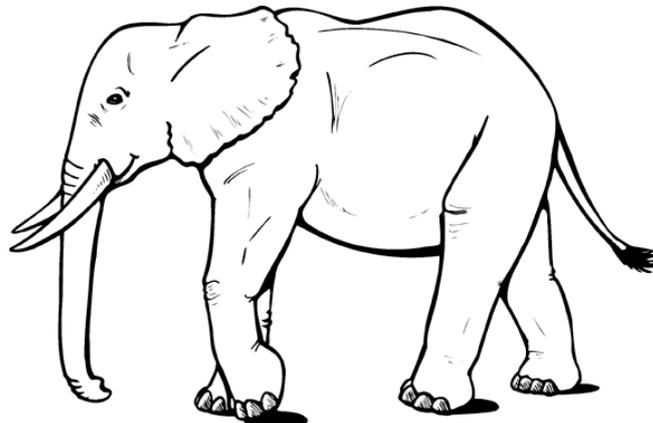
There's an elephant in the room.  
We all know it is there.  
We are thinking about the elephant  
as we talk together.

It is constantly on our minds.  
For, you see, it is a very big elephant.  
It has hurt us all, but we do not talk about  
the elephant in the room.

Oh, please, say her name.  
Oh, please, say "Barbara" again.  
Oh, please, let's talk about  
the elephant in the room.

For if we talk about her death,  
perhaps we can talk about her life.  
Can I say, "Barbara" to you  
and not have you look away?  
For if I cannot,  
then you are leaving me alone  
in a room—with an elephant.

*Terry Kettering*



## Autumn Fayre Saturday 10th September

The Fayre is planned for 2.00pm - 4.00pm and will hopefully have amongst other attractions, a Tombola stall, Children's Clothes (nearly new), a Raffle and in the centre, a Cake Stall.

From previous fund-raising events we know that the Cake Stall raises a lot of money, but this can only happen if all of you super cake makers out there take the time to donate one of your favourites to sell on the day. We need buns and fairy cakes to sell with the coffee and tea, too! Don't worry if baking is not your strong point; we always need bottles for the Tombola and raffle prizes, so search those cupboards. Let's try and make this a Fete to remember, so see you all there.

*Ruby, Evelyn & Eva.*



### HOPING AGAINST THE ODDS

As autumn closes in and leaves  
Are shed from trees, a cowslip blooms  
As though it's spring. Perhaps with  
march  
Of climate change it now assumes  
These milder days are here to stay.  
Too soon it's in for shock as frosts  
Begin and winter's creeping close.  
As human numbers soar the costs  
To planet earth increase at rate  
That's hard to comprehend. While man  
Survives the rest of life is left  
Behind, but we and vermin can  
Adapt. The rest that can't be on  
The move to other lands will die,  
As dinosaurs in distant past.  
It seems however hard we try  
The politician's fail to act  
When need is clear. The rogues and  
those  
With axe to grind impede attempts  
To curb excess or else oppose  
The bills to limit CO<sub>2</sub>  
By any means, both fair and foul.  
But most assume it's others need  
To act. It makes one want to howl.

One tries to play one's part but then,  
Instead of sitting down to talk,  
Our leaders rush to war as though  
It's merely game with board and chalk.  
Each bomb that's dropped undoes the  
good  
Our little savings made. So most  
Conclude our efforts count for nought,  
As rising seas erode the coast.  
It doesn't help that Church of Rome  
Insists on laying down the law  
About the use of birth control,  
Despite their grounds pertain no more.  
The Gospel flows from roots to fruits  
By means of free assent. To try  
To regulate our lives by rules  
Without consent will just deny  
The role of Holy Spirit's grace  
Sustaining all who turn to God,  
And even those who think He's dead  
But aim for good while spurning rod.  
The honest unbeliever's not  
So far astray as bigot blind  
To varied ways we follow hints  
To light ahead, with heart and mind,  
In hope; whatever grounds we hold  
For such as passing years unfold.

*Henry Disney*



### **Some holiday thoughts**

Dorothy had this urge to go to Lincoln this summer, so to Lincoln we went! We thought Lincoln Cathedral was wonderful – such soaring spaces (see above) – and admired the outside of the Castle - no dogs, so it just did not seem fair! We potted around Lincoln on three different days, exploring different bits of the city, and even found a superb whisky shop which will delight my brother (and me). We visited Brigg and thoroughly enjoyed Brigg Market and loved our day in Louth – all places we had never visited before. But the place we really wanted to go to (apart from Lincoln) was Epworth. Does that ring any bells? We spent an afternoon in The Old Rectory, the house where the Wesley family had lived. If you ever get a chance to visit, do go. It is now, not surprisingly, a Methodist Heritage site. The guide we had was very well informed and very happy when we asked questions, and the house is truly fascinating, as is the herb garden. People visit there from all over the world and they encourage you to put in a pin in one of their maps (UK or world) as a guide to the children as to where their visitors come from. Their education room (the old kitchen when John's and Charles' mother taught them every day) is set out as a school room with slates and school benches and there are papier maché hats for the children (and adults!) to wear. When we went, there was a great display of family Bibles, all part of the celebration for the 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Authorised Version. There is also an impressive collection of Wesley memorabilia.

There was a small shop and a card for sale with quotations from some of John Wesley's writings on and I cannot do better than quote from that card.

**I felt my heart strangely warmed. I felt I did trust in Christ alone for salvation.**

**Beware you are not swallowed up in books. Love is worth a pound of knowledge.**

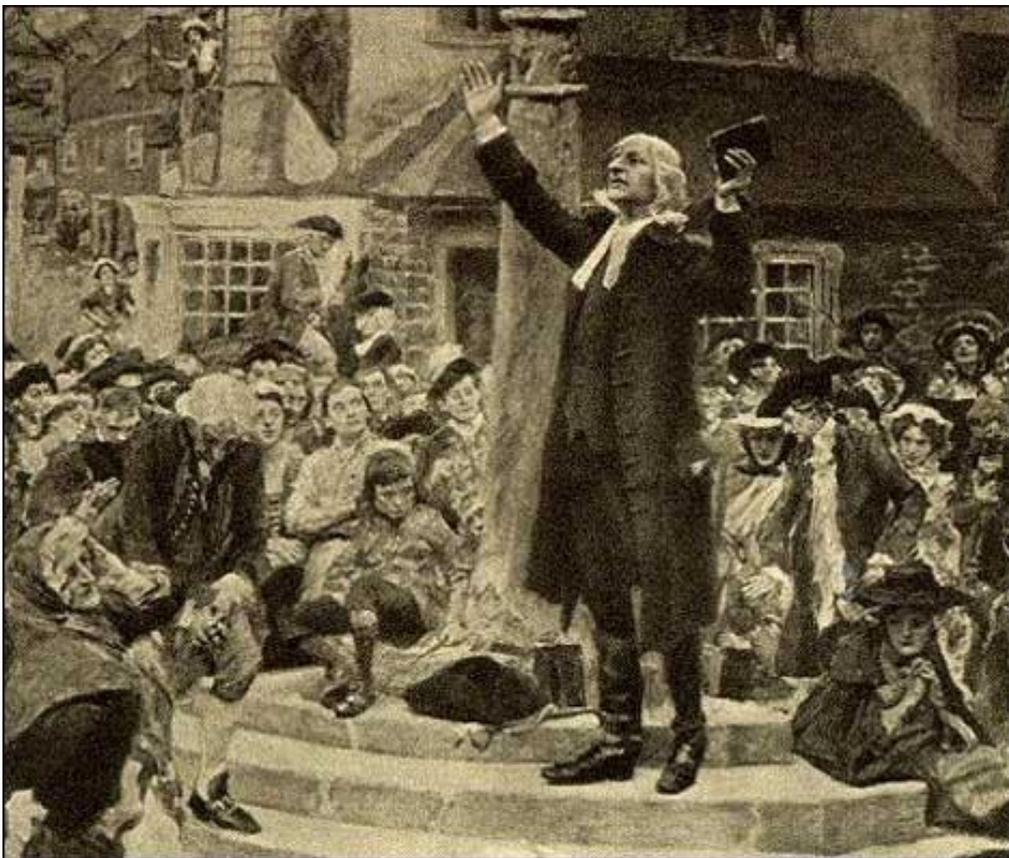
**Catch on fire with enthusiasm and people will come for miles to watch you burn.**

**It pleased God to kindle a fire which I trust shall never be extinguished.**

**Though I am always in haste, I am never in a hurry.**

**Do all the good you can,  
by all the means you can,  
in all the ways you can,  
in all the places you can,  
at all the times you can,  
to all the people you can.**

The visit has rekindled an enormous enthusiasm for the Wesleys – John's writings, Charles' hymns and Samuel Sebastian's music. I feel a musical celebration coming on!



**John Wesley preaching**

## **NCCC-North City Youth Worker June Update 2011**

We are now running six transfer groups in five primary schools across the North of the city. We have had a really positive response from both schools and young people about the groups so far. It's exciting to see our links with Chesterton Community College strengthening, with the number of year 6's who are transitioning to Chesterton doubling this year.

We ran an activity day during half term for Year 6's across the city. This was an opportunity for pupils from different primary schools to get to know pupils who are transferring to the same secondary school as them. The morning was made up of fun challenges including a timed challenge of making rice krispie cakes, creating a team ascot and a sports game. Half term also saw a landmark event (!) with The Years 7-9 Manor Girls Group having a sleepover at Romsey Mill. The seven girls who attended planned the evening and decided to spend their time watching a film and pampering each other. It was lovely to see the group accommodate each other and make the most of this fun opportunity with others who they may not naturally be friends with. The following day after (some) sleep, we spent the day at a Newmarket Stud learning about breeding racehorses. Reflecting on the day, one of the girls said it was the second best day of her life, second to being born!

The newest development in North Cambridge for Romsey Mill is the primary aged choir Shout Aloud! In supporting this new venture in partnership with The Church of the Good Shepherd and The Church Schools of Cambridge it has been wonderful to get to know some of the younger members of the North Cambridge community. As we look towards the end of the school year and the summer holidays, plans are underway for trips and residential. This year we are running the Year 6 residential as a combined programme taking North and South city pupils away together. This is a great opportunity for the young people to get to know each other and be encouraged to face and overcome challenges in a fun way. The impact of this trip is still talked about among the current Year 7's who still ask me when they can go back. We are also planning on returning to Falcon camp with ten young people this summer. This is a fantastic opportunity for the young people to make new friends, experience new challenges in a safe environment and have fun! I went for the first time last year and it was wonderful to see the young people in a different context, stretching themselves and also having the opportunity to explore the meaning of the Bible for them as individuals. The camp also provides another opportunity for the young people to develop themselves as leaders, as once the young people reach 14 they have to take on responsibilities for the younger campers. This year we will be taking one dorm leader and one young leader who both have approached me to tell me how excited they are at their new roles on Falcon camp.



## Holiday Special: 8<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> August

Holiday Special is a summertime phenomenon in Arbury!

Attending my first planning meeting, it was clear that there is an established and very successful pattern to the week-long event which John Robertshaw from Arbury Community Church has led for many years. Exactly how many years was unclear, but a number of the adult helpers remembered it fondly from their own childhood. It is an inter-denominational event with helpers coming from a number of different churches, including at least four from The Good Shepherd.

More than 90 children, mostly of primary school age, gathered in Manor School during the week to have fun and learn about the life of Jesus. Every morning they came together to do craft activities, play games, sing songs, watch drama and talk about the kind of person that Jesus is and what his life, death and resurrection tell us about God and his love for us. Some of the children were regular attenders at a church or Sunday school while for others Holiday Special was a new or a once a year opportunity to learn about Jesus and experience worship with a group of committed Christians. Whatever their background, all of the children had a great time and most came everyday for the whole week.

The main presentation of the Christian story was through a series of short pieces of drama, which included Anthony playing a rather unpleasant Caiaphas. Although the early stages of the drama were done with humour, by the time we came to the story of the arrest and crucifixion of Jesus it was clear that the children were moved, and in discussion groups some searching questions were asked. In my group of seven year-olds the children were particularly concerned with why Jesus didn't fight back in the garden to avoid the crucifixion. But as influential as the story was the opportunity for the children to spend time experiencing joyful Christianity and examples of faith, love and service set by their peers and the adult helpers who worked so hard and so cheerfully to make it a week to remember for everyone.

*Alison Brunt*



### **Too Busy for a Friend.....**

One day a teacher asked her students to list the names of the other students in the room on two sheets of paper, leaving a space between each name. Then she told them to think of the nicest thing they could say about each of their classmates and write it down. It took the remainder of the class period to finish their assignment, and as the students left the room, each one handed in the papers.

That Saturday, the teacher wrote down the name of each student on a separate sheet of paper, and listed what everyone else had said about that individual. On Monday she gave each student his or her list. Before long, the entire class was smiling. 'Really?' she heard whispered. 'I never knew that I meant anything to anyone!' and, 'I didn't know others liked me so much,' were most of the comments.

No one ever mentioned those papers in class again. She never knew if they discussed them after class or with their parents, but it didn't matter. The exercise had accomplished its purpose. The students were happy with themselves and one another. That group of students moved on.

Several years later, one of the students was killed in Vietnam and his teacher attended the funeral of that special student. She had never seen a serviceman in a military coffin before. He looked so handsome, so mature. The church was packed with his friends. One by one those who loved him took a last walk by the coffin. The teacher was the last one to bless the coffin. As she stood there, one of the soldiers who acted as pallbearer came up to her. 'Were you Mark's maths teacher?' he asked. She nodded: 'yes.' Then he said: 'Mark talked about you a lot.'

After the funeral, most of Mark's former classmates went together to a luncheon. Mark's mother and father were there, obviously waiting to speak with his teacher. 'We want to show you something,' his father said, taking a wallet out of his pocket. 'They found this on Mark when he was killed. We thought you might recognize it.' Opening the billfold, he carefully removed two worn pieces of notebook paper that had obviously been taped, folded and refolded many times. The teacher knew without looking that the papers were the ones on which she had listed all the good things each of Mark's classmates had said about him. 'Thank you so much for doing that,' Mark's mother said. 'As you can see, Mark treasured it.'

All of Mark's former classmates started to gather around. Charlie smiled rather sheepishly and said, 'I still have my list. It's in the top drawer of my desk at home.' Chuck's wife said, 'Chuck asked me to put his in our wedding album.' 'I have mine too,' Marilyn said. 'It's in my diary'. Then Vicki, another classmate, reached into her pocketbook, took out her wallet and showed her worn and frazzled list to the group. 'I carry this with me at all times,' Vicki said and without batting an eyelash, she continued: 'I think we all saved our lists'

That's when the teacher finally sat down and cried. She cried for Mark and for all his friends who would never see him again.

The density of people in society is so thick that we forget that life will end one day. And we don't know when that one day will be. So please, tell the people you love and care for, that they are special and important. Tell them, before it is too late.

*Circulated by one of my ALM Group. Thank you, Chris*

## A LETTER FROM CAMP

Dear Mom & Dad

We're having a great time here at Lake Typhoid! Scoutmaster Webb is making us all write to our parents in case you saw the flood on TV and worried. We are okay. Only 1 of our tents and 2 sleeping bags got washed away. Luckily, none of us got drowned because we were all up on the mountain looking for Chad when it happened.

Oh yes, please call Chad's mother and tell her he is okay. He can't write because of the cast. I got to ride in one of the search & rescue jeeps. It was neat. We never would have found him in the dark if it hadn't been for the lightning. Scoutmaster Webb got mad at Chad for going on a hike alone without telling anyone. Chad said he did tell him, but it was during the fire so he probably didn't hear him.

Did you know that if you put gas on a fire, the gas can will blow up? The wet wood still didn't burn, but one of our tents did. Also some of our clothes. John is going to look weird until his hair grows back.

We will be home on Saturday if Scoutmaster Webb gets the car fixed. It wasn't his fault about the wreck. The brakes worked okay when we left. Scoutmaster Webb said that a car that old you have to expect something to break down; that's probably why he can't get insurance on it. We think it's a neat car. He doesn't care if we get it dirty; and if it's hot, sometimes he lets us ride on the tailgate. It gets pretty hot with 10 people in a car. He let us take turns riding in the trailer until the highway patrolman stopped and talked to us.

Scoutmaster Webb is a neat guy. Don't worry, he is a good driver. In fact, he is teaching Terry how to drive. But he only lets him drive on the mountain roads where there isn't any traffic. All we ever see up there are logging trucks.

This morning all of the guys were diving off the rocks and swimming out in the lake. Scoutmaster Webb wouldn't let me because I can't swim and Chad was afraid he would sink because of his cast, so he let us take the canoe across the lake. It was great. You can still see some of the trees under the water from the flood. Scoutmaster Webb isn't crabby like some scoutmasters. He didn't even get mad that we didn't use life jackets.

He has to spend a lot of time working on the car so we are trying not to cause him any trouble. Guess what? We have all passed our first aid merit badges! When Dave dove in the lake and cut his arm, we got to see how a tourniquet works. Also Wade and I threw up. Scoutmaster Webb said it probably was just food poisoning from the leftover chicken.

I have to go now. We are going into town to mail our letters and buy bullets. Don't worry about anything. We are fine.

Love, Billy

P.S. How long has it been since I had a tetanus shot?

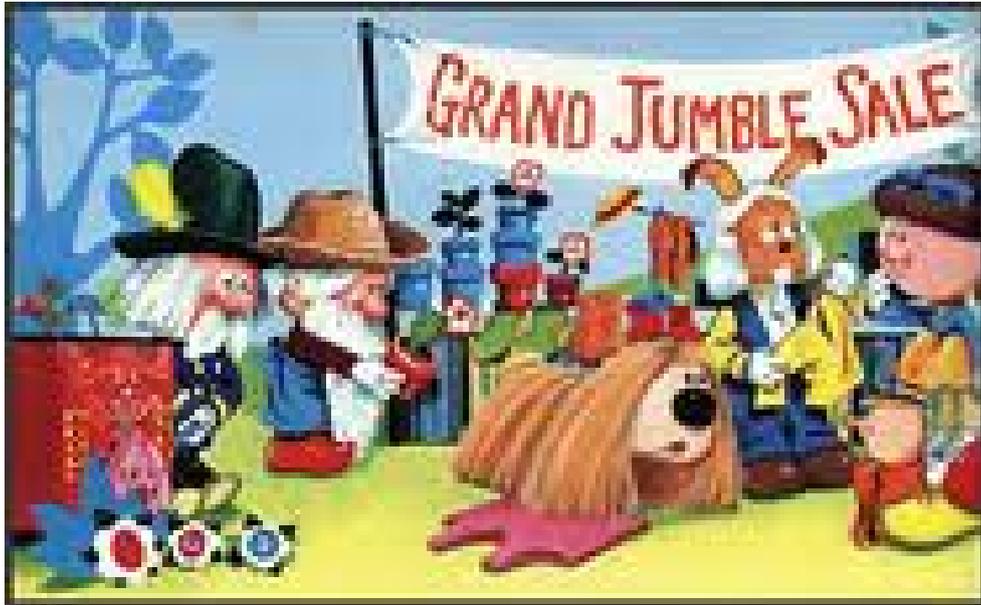


## Jumble Sale Saturday October 15th

Now is the time to start rummaging through your wardrobes and cupboards for all those items you never will be wearing again. If you've not worn it for more than 12 months you'll probably never will!

Our last Jumble Sale was a bit of a flop as we were very short on donations, so please make a big effort this time and make some space for a new Winter wardrobe.

*Ruby, Evelyn & Eva*



Morris, the loudmouth mechanic, was removing the cylinder heads from the motor of a car when he spotted a famous heart surgeon who was standing off to the side, waiting for the service manager to come take a look at his Mercedes.

Morris shouted across the garage, "Hey Doc! Is dat you? Come on ova' here a minute."

The famous surgeon, a bit surprised, walked over to where Morris the mechanic was working on the car.

Morris straightened up, wiped his hands on a rag, and asked argumentatively, "So, Mr. Fancy Doctor, look at dis here work. I ALSO open hearts, take valves out, grind 'em, put in new parts, and when I finish dis baby will purr like a kitten. So how come you get da big bucks, when you an' me is doing basically da same work?"

The surgeon leaned over and whispered to Morris the loudmouth mechanic, "Try doing it with the engine running."





### **Do you want us to have flowers in church?**

When we reach Advent this year (November 27), Jeanne and Iris want to give up their over all responsibility for the church flowers. Jeanne is happy to help any new flower arrangers and is very willing to act as advisor on where to buy flowers, how many etc. I know all of us enjoy the beauty of the flowers each week and many of us contribute to the cost of buying them – perhaps in memory of someone we love who is no longer with us.

The choice is stark. Do you want us to continue to have flowers in church? If so, is there any way you could help with this? If we could establish a rota, Jeanne will help and she and Iris are happy to provide additional expertise at major festivals.

### **How could you help?**

If we can establish a rota, could you do any of the following on an occasional basis?

- ❖ Arrange the flowers
- ❖ Come in and throw away the dead flowers
- ❖ Buy the flowers

There will be no flowers in Advent, so after November 20, the next flowers will be at Christmas. We have until November 20 to get a viable system working so we can continue to have flowers but not create an unrealistic burden for Jeanne and Iris. Jeanne is more than willing to show anyone interested what “doing the flowers” entails.

If you can help, let Jeanne know a.s.a.p., so we know if a rota is a possibility. If it is, we can get on with creating one for the period from Christmas onwards.

We all have gifts which we offer to God in his service. If yours is flower arranging, perhaps he is calling you, so you can enable Jeanne and Iris to continue to *help* with the flowers as a joy and not a burden.



## Shoebbox Sunday 6th November

Time flies and those shoeboxes will soon be travelling across the World to brighten the lives of orphaned children everywhere. Now is the time to start collecting little items for your shoebox as the shops are full of pencils, crayons, etc for "Back to School" so look out for some bargains. The shops are already beginning to sell off children's summer hats and these are very useful for children in the African countries, so look for a bargain! Our target this year is that elusive "100". Last year we managed to send off 95 boxes, so it's really possible this year. We just need another five of you to join in. Just ask me for a leaflet that will answer all your questions about Samaritans Purse and their endeavours.

*Ruby Leyshon*



"Oh, no!" he gasped as he surveyed the disaster before him. Never in his 50 years of life had he seen anything like it. How anyone could have survived he did not know.

He could only hope that somewhere amid the overwhelming destruction he would find his 16-year-old son. Only the slim hope of finding Danny kept him from turning and fleeing the scene. He took a deep breath and proceeded.

Walking was virtually impossible with so many things strewn across his path. He moved ahead slowly. "Danny! Danny!" he whispered to himself. He tripped and almost fell several times. He heard someone, or something, move. At least he thought he did. Perhaps, he was just hoping he did. He shook his head and felt his gut tighten.

He couldn't understand how this could have happened. There was some light but not enough to see very much. Something cold and wet brushed against his hand. He jerked it away.

In desperation, he took another step then cried out, "Danny!"

From a nearby pile of unidentified material, he heard his son. "Yes, Dad," he said, in a voice so weak it could hardly be heard.

"It's time to get up and get ready for school," the man sighed, "and, for heaven's sake, clean up this room!"

## Autumn Sermon Series and House Groups

We had a great series of Wednesday get togethers in June/July and many thanks to Dave, Anthony, Linda, John (twice!) and Gill for getting our discussions going. Joy has written of her experiences of these discussions on page 4 of this issue. So where do we go to now?

### What are we studying?

The intention is that we shall concentrate on some of the women in the Bible and the pattern will be as follows:

<b>18 September</b>	Mary, Mother of Jesus	John
<b>25 September</b>	Ruth	Dave
<b>9 October</b>	Mary Magdalene	Linda
<b>16 October</b>	Eve	Andrew
<b>23 October</b>	Mary and Martha	Anthony
<b>30 October</b>	Hannah	Cliff

### Where and when are we meeting?

House Groups will start in the week beginning September 11 so we have a preparatory week before the sermons start and October 2 will be Harvest.

<b>Time</b>	<b>Leader</b>	<b>Hosts</b>
Mon. morning	Emily	Church office
Mon. evening	David & Cliff	John & Libby
Tues. evening	Tom R.	Kina
Wed. morning	Linda	Ruth R.
Wed. evening	Harry	Ruth & Dorothy
Wed. evening	Andrew & Terry	Alison & John

Tues/Thurs evening course to be on Kings Hedges and to be a Start Course exploring Christianity beginning in October.

This should prove a fascinating course and I know Anthony has chosen some great hymns for us to sing, some of them you may well be surprised to be singing at a very different time of year. You'll see! Do get involved if you possibly can. House groups are a great way to get to know people in our church community – a way to make new friends, not just people to nod to on Sundays. See you there.

Can you identify who is represented here? It's *really* easy! In case you need them, answers are on page 18



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### **A date for your diary**

John Polkinghorne has written a new book, *Science and religion in quest of truth*. John will talk briefly about his new book at The Good Shepherd on Monday November 7 and copies will be available for you to buy. John will also sign them for you. If you came to our Wednesday discussion evenings and heard John on a similar subject you will know we are in for a good evening. Buying your copy then (or several as Christmas presents?) will help our church funds and will support CLC, our local Christian bookshop



## Answers to picture query

1. Hannah
2. Ruth
3. Mary Magdalene
4. Eve
5. Mary, mother of Jesus
6. Mary and Martha



## Macmillan Coffee Morning

Shirley is again organising a coffee morning on Saturday September 24 in the Church Hall from 10.30 to 12 noon. She would love some help with this.

### How can you help?

- Bake cakes to eat on the day
- Bake cakes to sell on the day
- Come on the day and help

There will be refreshments and a raffle and we had a great morning last year in aid of a very good cause. Do come!



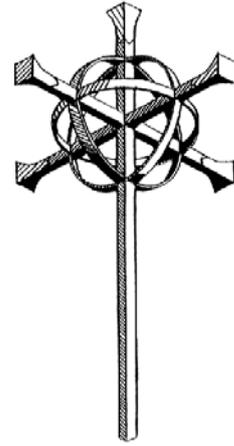
## IN THE CHURCH HALL

<b>THE MONDAY CLUB</b> Monday 2.30 - 4pm	Eva Hutson	574070
<b>THE GOOD SHEPHERD CUBS</b> Monday 6.30 - 8pm	Charles Brown	07720 441123
<b>LINE DANCING</b> Tuesday 10.15 - 11.45am	Mrs B Wright	426517
<b>KEEP FIT 50+ GROUP</b> Tuesday 2.30 - 4pm	Mrs V Ford	870711
<b>THE GOOD SHEPHERD RAINBOWS</b> Tuesday 6.15 - 7.15pm	Miss Rachel Marsh	574520
<b>CARERS &amp; SUFFERERS OF DEMENTIA</b> Wednesday 10 - 12 noon	The Manager	884031
<b>THE 18<sup>th</sup> &amp; 25<sup>th</sup> GOOD SHEPHERD BROWNIES</b> Wednesday 6 - 7.15pm	Mrs Pat Marsh	574520
<b>THE CAMERA CLUB</b> Wednesday 7.30 - 9.30pm	Anthony Tyler	01954 719315
<b>GUILDHALL RETIRED MEMBERS CLUB</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month 2 - 4pm	Yvonne Wisbey	523549
<b>ROYAL BRITISH LEGION</b> 3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month 2.30 - 4.30pm March to November		
<b>T G W U</b> 4 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month 2 - 4pm	Evelyn Hunnyball	364293
<b>CAMBRIDGE INSTRUMENTS PENSION FELLOWSHIP</b> 3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month 10am - noon	Mr Richard Luff	424027
<b>THE GOOD SHEPHERD BEAVERS</b> Thursday 6.15 - 7.30pm	Emma Roberts	426043
<b>THE GOOD SHEPHERD SCOUTS</b> Thursday 7.30 - 9.00pm	Alan Leader	563233
<b>CHURCH TODDLERS' CLUB</b> Friday 9.15 - 11.30am	Claire Duell	0787 4850867
<b>TAI CHI</b> Friday 2 - 3pm	Mike Tabrett	503390
<b>THE SUNDAY LUNCH CLUB</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month noon - 1.30pm	John & Elizabeth Lamont	565559

**TO BOOK THE CHURCH HALL**

**Please phone 352151 (evenings)**

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## **CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD**

Here at the Good Shepherd we like to help you to celebrate and commemorate many of the milestones on the journey through life; these include weddings, anniversaries, funerals, and baptism services.

If you wish to find out more about these, the first step is to contact the Vicar, the Reverend David Maher. He will be able to tell you what is involved and arrange for a meeting with you if you then wish to take things further.

He can be contacted on 01223 351844

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