

CHURCH NEWS

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Door Duty Reader	J Hodson	P Grieve		M Morton	G Elsdon	C Davies
Flowers	E Ward	Harvest		Harvest	Silk	M Wightman
Coffee	S & M Smith	B & A Stevens		D Green	C Davies	M Hardie
Notes		HARVEST CHURCH MEETING & Lunch	EVERY 2ND SUNDAY	Renewed Beginnings & Lunch	Renewed Beginnings & Lunch	HOLY COMMUNION

CHURCH REGISTERS - FUNERAL

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LECTIONARY FOR OCTOBER

2 OCT: Habakkuk 1.1-4; 2.1-4; Psalm 37.1-9; 2 Timothy 1.1-14; Luke 17.5-10

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30 OCT: Isaiah 1.10-18; Psalm 32.1-7; 2 Thessalonians 1.1-4,11-12; Luke 19.1-10

LOVING CREATOR GOD,

Thank you for your wonderful creation. In these days of concern about climate change and the damage caused by modern lifestyles and choices, help us to be more aware. Help us to make good choices. Help us to be good stewards of Your creation.

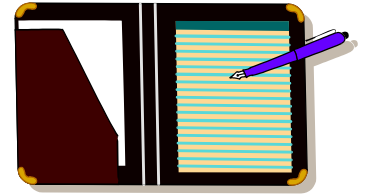
You are so generous Lord. You provide for us – more than enough to meet the needs of all people. Help us to play our part in making sure there is fair distribution of all Your provision. Help us to reflect Your generosity, Your compassion, Your justice. Help us to care for Your world and Your precious children.

In Jesus name, Amen

By Daphne Kitching

CALENDAR

.....to the best of the editor's knowledge, unless you know better.....



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Sat	01	10am~12 noon	MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING	
Mon	03			
Tues	04			
Wed	05	10.30 am	Elders' meeting at Church	
			1.30 ~ 3pm	Fellowship Circle ~ Swann Grove
Thu	06			
Fri	07		2pm	Choir Rehearsal
Sun	09	9.30 am	BREAKFAST BEFORE	11.45 am CHURCH MEETING including Renewed Beginnings & Lunch
Mon	10			
Tues	11			
Wed	12		1.30 ~ 3pm	Fellowship Circle ~ Swann Grove
Thu	13		7.30 pm	Worship Group on zoom
Fri	14	12 pm	Funeral of Vera Lees	
Sat	15	from 10am	'Drop-in' Coffee and Prayer time	
Sun	16		12.00 pm	Renewed Beginnings & Lunch
Mon	17			
Tues	18			
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Thu	20			
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Sat	22	9.30am~12 noon	CHRISTIAN AID SWIM	
			2.30 pm	FILM MATINEE - bring your friends
Mon	24			
Tues	25			
Wed	26		1.30 ~ 3pm	Fellowship Circle ~ Swann Grove
Thu	27			
Fri	28	10 am	Management at Church	2pm Choir Rehearsal
Sat	29			
Sun	30		12.00 pm	Renewed Beginnings & Lunch
Mon	31			

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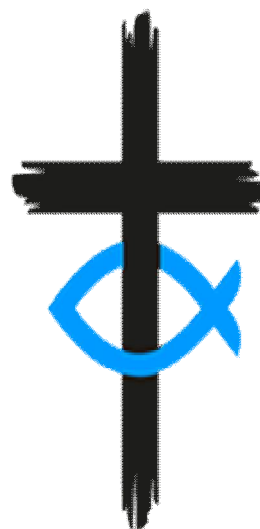
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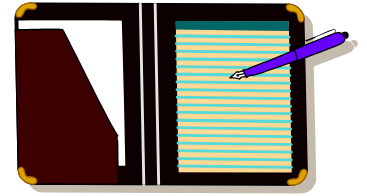
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Pacific – 405 languages, 0.43 million people

More at:

<https://www.wycliffe.net/resources/statistics/>

HUMOUR

COLLECTING FIREWOOD

It was April and the Aboriginals in a remote part of Northern Australia asked the new minister at their small church to ask God if the coming winter was going to be cold or mild. The minister did not want to lose their confidence, as he had only just arrived, but when he prayed and looked at the sky, he had frankly no idea what the winter ahead would be like.

To be on the safe side, he told his congregation that the winter was indeed going to be cold and that the members of the tribe should collect firewood to be prepared. But after several days he had an idea. He called the Bureau of Meteorology and asked if the coming winter in his area was going to be cold. The meteorologist responded, "Yes, it looks like this winter is going to be cold."

So, the minister went back to his community and ordered them to collect every scrap of firewood they could find. Two weeks later, and still concerned, the minister called the Bureau again. "Are you absolutely sure that the winter is going to be very cold?" he asked.

"How can you be so sure?" the minister asked. The sky didn't look any different to him.

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FOUR WORMS

A minister decided that a visual demonstration would add emphasis to his Sunday sermon on temperance. So four worms were placed into 4 separate jars. The 1st worm was put into a jar of alcohol. The 2nd into a jar of cigarette smoke. The 3rd into a jar of chocolate syrup, and the fourth worm a jar of good clean soil.

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We will aim to pack 'boxes on 30 Oct
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We may sometimes have a speaker and sometimes a simple in-house led service.

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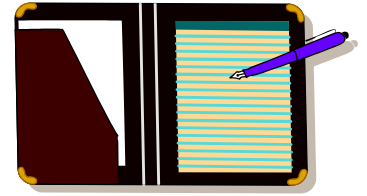
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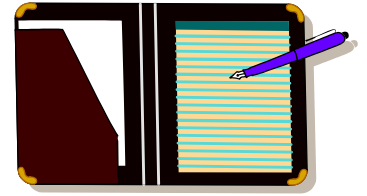
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News Team

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sat 11 March 2023 – Lent lunch at URC

FELLOWSHIP CIRCLE

Our first meeting in September was a talk by Mavis on her visit to Ground Zero in New York. The memorial site sits on the footprints of the

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Carole Davies

RENEWED BEGINNINGS

Following on from Marion Tugwood's introduction in the August magazine, we now have dates for 3 sessions which will run for about an hour after the service, along with a shared lunch.

These will be on Sunday 9, 16 and 30 October to help us all to think about the present for our congregation, our neighbourhood, our mission and our response and let everybody have a chance to say what they think.

Please try to come along as these sessions are very important as we walk with God into the future.

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Alison Stevens

Breakfast Before
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 [& every 2nd Sunday]
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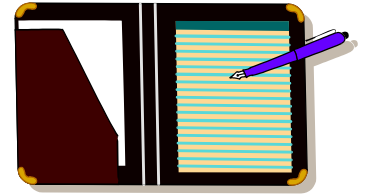
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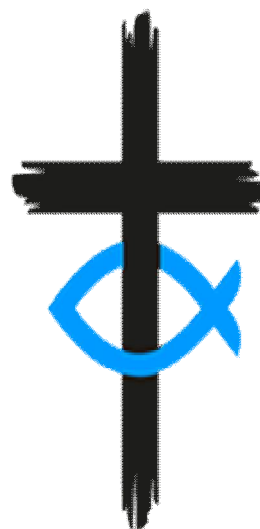
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Rev Dr Jo White ~ Parish Pump

NEWS AROUND THE FELLOWSHIP

We are greatly saddened to report the passing of Vera Lees on 19 SEPT aged 88 yrs. A Church member since the late 1960's, Vera was involved over the years with many of the Church activities/organisations and was, for a time, the Registered Person for baptisms, weddings and funerals. After the family cremation service on Friday 14 OCT, her funeral will be at 12 pm at Church followed by refreshments.

Our thanks go to Linda Rayner and Angela & Steve Rowley for their support leading our worship last month. We were pleased to hand over a cheque for £720 to Angela & Steve for their tremendous project in Kenya which we learned about, being half the donations from our Gift Day last June. They were very grateful for this and in addition to a laptop, which will be something to last, they plan to put the rest towards the shoe appeal - a pair of shoes for every child in their schools.

The retiring collection in aid of the Pakistan Flood appeal raised £187.50 including gift aid.

Join us for our annual **Macmillan** Coffee Morning, to support people facing cancer, on Sat 1 OCT at 10.00am at Cheadle Hulme United Reformed Church. An opportunity to bring and buy cakes.

Best wishes go to all those who will be celebrating their birthday in October.

The Christian Aid sponsored swim will be taking place on Sat 22 OCT at Cheadle Hulme School pool between 9.30 am and 12 noon. Last year's event raised an amazing amount. Sandy Smith is once again planning to take part and will be looking for sponsors. If you, or anybody you know, would like to book a 15 min swim slot, please ring Hazel Crummett, 0161 485 2415.

News Team

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sat 11 March 2023 – Lent lunch at URC

FELLOWSHIP CIRCLE

Our first meeting in September was a talk by Mavis on her visit to Ground Zero in New York. The memorial site sits on the footprints of the

Twin Towers, a disaster that will never be forgotten. One memorial is an enormous water feature that Mavis describes as terrifying and awesome. The other footprint is a memorial remembering all the people who lost their lives.

The next meeting was described as "an afternoon of beads" when Mavis showed her collection of beads with their various histories.

On 14th a group of us met at Nixon's' Farm for coffee and cake or scone. We were also able to investigate the farm shop and the collection of animals and birds.

We are very sorry to have lost our friend Vera now and she will no doubt be in our thoughts for some time to come.

Carole Davies

RENEWED BEGINNINGS

Following on from Marion Tugwood's introduction in the August magazine, we now have dates for 3 sessions which will run for about an hour after the service, along with a shared lunch.

These will be on Sunday 9, 16 and 30 October to help us all to think about the present for our congregation, our neighbourhood, our mission and our response and let everybody have a chance to say what they think.

Please try to come along as these sessions are very important as we walk with God into the future.

The session on Sunday 9 October was already planned as a Church meeting and will also include the Election of Elders. The minutes of our last meeting in July are enclosed with the newsletter.

Alison Stevens

Breakfast Before
9.30am ~ 9 OCT 2022
 [& every 2nd Sunday]
Typical menu:
Drinks, toast, cereal

HARVEST ~ SUN 9 OCT

We will once again be supporting both Chelwood Foodbank and Lifeshare with Harvest donations and are therefore asking you to continue your generosity at this special time. OR, using the internet to link to Chelwood's Facebook page, it is possible to place a food order from Amazon which is delivered direct to Chelwood.

Chelwood are currently requesting any UHT Milk, Coffee, Tins of Soup, Tins of Tomatoes, Treats for the Children, Tin Foil, Shaving Gel, Shampoo & Conditioner, small boxes of Washing Powder. Anything from this list would be most appreciated. Thanks no beans or pasta.

Lifeshare are in need of Rice, Pasta, pasta sauce, Cup a Soup, Pot Noodle, Microwaveable rice packets, porridge pots, chocolate bars, bottled water, long life milk, tinned tomatoes, carrots, baked beans. or you may prefer to make a monetary gift...



Thank you, **Alison Stevens**

PRISONS WEEK 9 ~ 15 OCT

More than 80,000 people are currently being held in UK prisons. Many of them have caused acute misery and hurt to innocent people, and so it is tempting to forget about them now.

But Jesus commanded that we do the opposite – that when it comes to showing compassion, we should include in our care even those who may seem to us to be the least deserving of consideration.

When Jesus said: 'I was in prison and you visited me,' (Matt 25:43), He meant something amazing: that when we do any goodness to prisoners in His name, He will reckon that we have shown that kindness to Him. That is quite an incentive to do something for them!

The Prisons Week initiative has prepared prayer literature for UK churches to use for more than 40 years, and so is an excellent place to start. The needs for all those affected by prisons: prisoners and victims, their families, their communities, those working and

volunteering in prisons and the criminal justice system, are huge and complicated, and need God's help.

As Jonathan Aitken, who works with Prisons Week says: "Almost everyone has a spiritual dimension to their lives, however much they have suppressed it or ignored it. Prison is not a bad place to explore the part of your being which is called the soul. Yes, you have hit a rock-bottom low point. But you will recover from it and can rebuild your life. Be willing to extend or accept the hand of friendship."

~Internet

More info at: www.prisonsworld.org

BIBLE SUNDAY: 30 OCT

Ever wonder how many Bible translations there are in the world? And how many more are still needed? Wycliffe Bible Translators reports the following, as of 2021:

There are now 3,495 languages, which have some Scripture available to 7.04 billion people.

This figure of 3,495 breaks down into:

717 languages with a complete Bible – 5.75 billion people

1,582 languages with a complete New Testament (some also have Old Testament portions) – 830 million people

1,196 languages with some translated Bible portions – 457 million people

Meanwhile, there are a further 828 languages which have work in progress – 67.6 million people. And also, there are 1,892 languages still waiting for translation (or preparatory work) to begin – 145 million people.

As for the remaining need for Bible translation:

1.51 billion people, speaking 6,661 languages, do not have a *full Bible* in their first language.

And 145 million people, speaking 1,892 languages, still need translation work to begin:

Africa – 558 languages, 16 million people

Americas – 119 languages, 2.4 million people

Asia – 751 languages, 124 million people

Europe – 59 languages, 2.3 million people

Pacific – 405 languages, 0.43 million people

More at:

<https://www.wycliffe.net/resources/statistics/>

HUMOUR

COLLECTING FIREWOOD

It was April and the Aboriginals in a remote part of Northern Australia asked the new minister at their small church to ask God if the coming winter was going to be cold or mild. The minister did not want to lose their confidence, as he had only just arrived, but when he prayed and looked at the sky, he had frankly no idea what the winter ahead would be like.

To be on the safe side, he told his congregation that the winter was indeed going to be cold and that the members of the tribe should collect firewood to be prepared. But after several days he had an idea. He called the Bureau of Meteorology and asked if the coming winter in his area was going to be cold. The meteorologist responded, "Yes, it looks like this winter is going to be cold."

So, the minister went back to his community and ordered them to collect every scrap of firewood they could find. Two weeks later, and still concerned, the minister called the Bureau again. "Are you absolutely sure that the winter is going to be very cold?" he asked.

"How can you be so sure?" the minister asked. The sky didn't look any different to him.

The weatherman replied, "Our satellites have reported that the Aboriginals in the north are collecting firewood like crazy, and that's always a sure sign."

FOUR WORMS

A minister decided that a visual demonstration would add emphasis to his Sunday sermon on temperance. So four worms were placed into 4 separate jars. The 1st worm was put into a jar of alcohol. The 2nd into a jar of cigarette smoke. The 3rd into a jar of chocolate syrup, and the fourth worm a jar of good clean soil.

At the end of the sermon: The first worm in alcohol . . . dead. The second worm in cigarette smoke . . . dead. Third worm in chocolate syrup . . . dead. The fourth worm in good clean soil . . . alive. So, the minister asked his congregation, "What did you learn from this demonstration?"

There was silence, until one farmer at the back hazarded: "That as long as you drink, smoke and eat chocolate, you won't have worms?"

Parish Pump

LINK TO HOPE SHOEBOXES 2022

We are now on the run up to the packing of the shoeboxes and the final suggestion for donations is sweets & chocolates (EU Origin BBD June 2023). These will complete the 6 NEW OR UNUSED items we have requested which **every** box should contain viz... gloves/scarf or hat, sweets, soap & flannel, toothbrush/toothpaste, candles, small games.

Hopefully, over the last 10 months, we have also collected sufficient items to be able to include 5 **more** items in each box from either the FAMILY or ELDERLEY (UNISEX) LISTS.

Donations of Christmas wrapping paper and transport costs (£3 per shoebox) would also be very welcome.

We will aim to pack 'boxes on 30 Oct
Thank you. **Bernie Stevens**

Bernie

SUDOKU

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SERVICES

Precautions are a personal decision. If you feel the need, please wear a mask.

We may sometimes have a speaker and sometimes a simple in-house led service.

Video conferencing continues - Leaders, readers or congregation may Zoom in or speak in church.

(Join with Zoom - meeting id **880 4446 8056** – pw **185236**)

Duties are performed by a small team on a rota. Please check the board for swaps.

Date	2 OCT	9 OCT		16 OCT	23 OCT	30 OCT
Time	10.30 am	10.30 am	6.30 pm	10.30 am	10.30 am	10.30 am
Service	Morning Worship	Morning Worship	Evening Service	Morning Worship	Morning Worship	Morning Communion
Leader	Rev Dr Marion Tugwood	Rev Dr Marion Tugwood	Partnership ZOOM Service	Christopher Whitehead	Sandy Smith	Rev Dr Marion Tugwood
Duty Elder	A Stevens	S Smith	Meeting Id: 821 8150 8988 Password: 716978	B Stevens	P Oliver	S Smith / A Stevens
Door Duty Reader	J Hodson	P Grieve		M Morton	G Elsdon	C Davies
Flowers	E Ward	Harvest		Harvest	Silk	M Wightman
Coffee	S & M Smith	B & A Stevens		D Green	C Davies	M Hardie
Notes		HARVEST CHURCH MEETING & Lunch	EVERY 2ND SUNDAY	Renewed Beginnings & Lunch	Renewed Beginnings & Lunch	HOLY COMMUNION

CHURCH REGISTERS - FUNERAL

VERA LEES, who died on Monday 19 September 2022 aged 88 years, at Stockport Crematorium (family only) and Cheadle Hulme URC at 12 pm on Friday 14 October 2022.

LECTIONARY FOR OCTOBER

2 OCT: Habakkuk 1.1-4; 2.1-4; Psalm 37.1-9; 2 Timothy 1.1-14; Luke 17.5-10

9 OCT: 2 Kings 5.1-3,7-15c; Psalm 111; 2 Timothy 2.8-15; Luke 17.11-19

16 OCT: Genesis 32.22-31; Psalm 121; 2 Timothy 3.14-4.5; Luke 18.1-8

23 OCT: Jeremiah 14.7-10,19-22; Psalm 84.1-7; 2 Timothy 4.6-8,16-18; Luke 18.9-14

30 OCT: Isaiah 1.10-18; Psalm 32.1-7; 2 Thessalonians 1.1-4,11-12; Luke 19.1-10

LOVING CREATOR GOD,

Thank you for your wonderful creation. In these days of concern about climate change and the damage caused by modern lifestyles and choices, help us to be more aware. Help us to make good choices. Help us to be good stewards of Your creation.

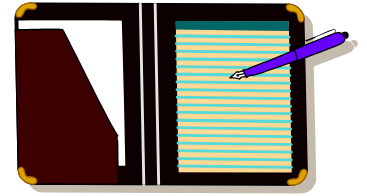
You are so generous Lord. You provide for us – more than enough to meet the needs of all people. Help us to play our part in making sure there is fair distribution of all Your provision. Help us to reflect Your generosity, Your compassion, Your justice. Help us to care for Your world and Your precious children.

In Jesus name, Amen

By Daphne Kitching

CALENDAR

.....to the best of the editor's knowledge, unless you know better.....



OCTOBER

Sat	01	10am~12 noon	MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING	
Mon	03			
Tues	04			
Wed	05	10.30 am	Elders' meeting at Church	
			1.30 ~ 3pm	Fellowship Circle ~ Swann Grove
Thu	06			
Fri	07		2pm	Choir Rehearsal
Sun	09	9.30 am	BREAKFAST BEFORE	11.45 am CHURCH MEETING including Renewed Beginnings & Lunch
Mon	10			
Tues	11			
Wed	12		1.30 ~ 3pm	Fellowship Circle ~ Swann Grove
Thu	13		7.30 pm	Worship Group on zoom
Fri	14	12 pm	Funeral of Vera Lees	
Sat	15	from 10am	'Drop-in' Coffee and Prayer time	
Sun	16		12.00 pm	Renewed Beginnings & Lunch
Mon	17			
Tues	18			
Wed	19		1.30 ~ 3pm	Fellowship Circle ~ Swann Grove
Thu	20			
Fri	21		2pm	Choir Rehearsal
Sat	22	9.30am~12 noon	CHRISTIAN AID SWIM	
			2.30 pm	FILM MATINEE - bring your friends
Mon	24			
Tues	25			
Wed	26		1.30 ~ 3pm	Fellowship Circle ~ Swann Grove
Thu	27			
Fri	28	10 am	Management at Church	2pm Choir Rehearsal
Sat	29			
Sun	30		12.00 pm	Renewed Beginnings & Lunch
Mon	31			

SUDOKU - ANSWERS

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