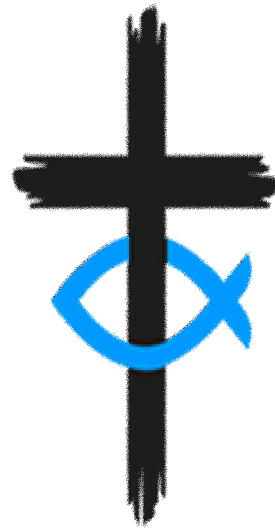


CH URC NEWS

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The
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Partnership Ministers: Rev Kurauone Mutimwii
Rev Stephanie Atkins

OCTOBER 2024

Friends,

Care for Creation

António Guterres (United Nations Secretary-General) has said that we're at '*Code red for humanity: the alarm bells are deafening, and the evidence is irrefutable: greenhouse gas emissions from fossil fuel burning and deforestation are choking our planet and putting billions of people at immediate risk.*'

At this time of *Creationtide*, how are we to respond to these climate concerns?

The world belongs to God:

'The earth is the Lord's and everything in it' (Psalm 24:1). The world is not ours, but God's! We are called to share in care for God's world: *'Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky and over every living creature that moves on the ground.'* (Genesis 1:28). We represent God by governing with the same self-giving generosity that we see in His creation of the earth. This challenges our consumer mindset, that sees the earth's resources as both limitless and existing simply for our needs. For example, the fashion industry uses as much carbon per minute, as a car emits going six times round the world! How can we make a difference in our world?

We belong to Christ:

We also belong to the one who's plan is: *'to be put into effect when the times reach their fulfilment – to bring unity to all things in heaven and on earth under Christ.'* (Ephesians 1:10). We can look forward to the time when God will create a new heaven and a new earth and make everything new. Meanwhile, we are called to serve as He serves, caring for the earth and our fellow humans, by living simply, recycling, conserving energy and choosing reusable options.

In terms of our world, there is no plan B! God gave us only one planet!

*Canon Paul Hardingham
Parish Pump*

NEWS AROUND THE FELLOWSHIP

We were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Hilary Jackson on 31 JUL who had visited and preached many times at Cheadle Hulme where she loved to come. Her association with CHURC goes back a long way. She and Godfrey were married in 1975 and had a house in Cheadle Hulme - Cherry Tree Road - so they naturally turned to Swann Lane. Rev Donald Parbury was the minister at the time who baptised their first child Michael in January 1979, just after the old church had been damaged by fire. They moved to Gatley in September 1979 attending Gatley URC but they maintained their contacts with us. We think of Godfrey and all the family at this difficult time.

We think of those we know who are confined to their homes for all sorts of different reasons. We pray for those who are unwell, anxious or recently bereaved.

In September we were pleased to not only welcome our minister Rev Kurauone Mutimwii and his family but also Christopher Whitehead, Robert Williams, Margaret Dexter-Brown and the Synod Moderator, Rev Clare Downing. A very special month for a number of reasons including the Ordination and Induction of Rev Steph Atkins to our Missional Partnership which was held on Sat 28 SEP at Gatley URC. A very happy event.

We send best wishes to all those who will be celebrating a birthday or special anniversary in October. We hope you have a very happy time.

The News Team

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sat 12 OCT - Beetle Drive + Fish n Chip Supper

Sun 13 OCT - CHURCH MEETING

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**SOUP, SWEET
& MEET**

noon~1.30pm Wed 16 OCT

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CTCH 5th Sunday

Churches Together in Cheadle Hulme hold an Ecumenical Evening Service at one of the 10 CH churches every 5th Sunday (and coinciding with our Joint Morning Service with Bramhall/Heald Green URCs). Next is 29th Dec.

Bernie

FELLOWSHIP CIRCLE

We were pleased that Mavis felt well enough after her stay in hospital to welcome us into her home again for fellowship. Nothing special was planned but, she did have something interesting to share with us.

Very recently an envelope had been put through her letterbox with a note attached saying that it had been found in a book bought from a charity shop in Cheadle Hulme. It was a letter written by a young John Osborne (*for those of you who don't know, a long time Church member and special friend of Mavis*) to his father in 1933 when John was at Brighton College. Osborne is not a local name and somehow, whoever bought the book traced John as having attended Swann Lane and enquiries there sent them to Mavis' house. Unfortunately, the note has been mislaid and Mavis is unable to thank the person concerned. What a tremendous coincidence!

The little group will continue meeting weekly on a Wednesday and would welcome anyone who would like to join them even just on an odd occasion.

Alison Stevens

HARVEST ~ SUN 13 OCTOBER

This year, we are looking to focus our support on **Chelwood Foodbank Plus** which is now one of our 5 Church charities.

Any of the following will be helpful.

Tinned Meat, Tinned Meals, Tuna in Sunflower Oil, Tins of Beans & Sausages, Jam, Crisps, Biscuits, Cordial Squash, Size 5, 6, 7 & 8 Nappies, Toilet Roll, Washing Up Liquid, Washing Powder, Kitchen Roll, Dishcloths, Deodorants, Shaving Gel and Shampoo

...but if you would prefer to give a monetary donation, please feel free to do so...

Thank you

CHURCH MEETING

A copy of the minutes of the meeting in April are enclosed in the magazine for members. In addition to the Election of Elders, we look forward to hearing an update on the work of 'Chelwood Foodbank Plus' from Don.

Alison Stevens

WRAP UP

Have you and your family got any 'good enough to wear' coats that you no longer need? Please look them out and get ready to donate them to Wrap Up Stockport.



The collected coats are distributed via local homeless shelters, refugee centres, organisations supporting the elderly, women's refuges, children's centres and other charities helping people in crisis.

They will be collected at Waitrose on Station Road, Cheadle Hulme, SK8 5AE, between 17 and 31 October.

Children's coats and snowsuits would be particularly welcome.

We will **NOT** be collecting other types of clothing; just 'good enough to wear' coats, that **you** would be happy to receive.

Bramhall & Woodford Rotary

CHEADLE MOSQUE

You may remember a large Mosque or Masjid is built on the site that was St Columba's URC church. St Columba's, Heald Green and Swann Lane URCs were in the South Cheadle Group (1991~1999). I remember!

I recently attended a BBQ in their very large car park at the Mosque, representing CTCH as Chairperson. The invitation came after we sent an email of support following the Southport riots.

I was engaged in conversation by a couple of young Moslems who were very learned about Christianity. I was shown the double deck prayer hall (capacity 800) and met the Imam. Their God is also our God, though Jesus is a prophet to them (all very similar to the Jewish Faith). Look up Abrahamic God.

There's another BBQ soon if you're interested...

Bernie

ROWLEY PROJECTS - KENYA REPORT

"We've been back 10 days but we hit the ground running with all our 'normal life' activities having already started so the report has taken a little longer than usual. I've also struggled to fit it onto 2 pages so make sure it's full screen as it's font 9.

We had an amazing trip. Thank you to those who pray for and/or think about us whilst we're away. We all stayed well despite the heat and sometimes frantic activity - no, not frantic. Nothing is frantic at that altitude - 6,000 ft - but concentrated at the very least.

We set out a timetable and managed to stick to it in general with only 'African' delays such as people not turning up on time or not at all, faulty equipment, long queues oh and a presidential visit! It was really special to have two of Ayugi's daughters cooking for us and being wonderfully helpful around the place. A third daughter also paid us a visit with one of her small children, travelling some 50+ miles on the back of a motor bike. The main roads are now flat and pothole-free but off the main road and the maram is rough and takes some negotiation. I love driving the Rav 4 but it hasn't been tested in the wet yet.

We ate well - avocados from the tree the size of small rugby balls, fresh bananas, pineapple and water melon. Ayugi drove 15 miles to the nearest butchery to buy goat for a stew and his daughter brought tilapia from Lake Victoria. Lots of potatoes, rice and chapatis and wonderful puy lentil stew. Of course the water is pure and tastes wonderful straight from the filter.

The house is rat and bat -free but still houses wildlife of some sort, other than the geckos, which scrabbles about in the night in the loft. The dawn rooster choral contest continues and we might be awakened by cows munching outside the window. We often have visits from sheep and chickens in the porch. The solar worked throughout our visit - a first. Things are looking up."

Angela & Steve Rowley

A copy of the KENYA Report is on the charity notice board above the magazine table.

Members, friends & neighbours

FILM MATINEE

Sat 26 OCT

MISSIONAL PARTNERSHIP

The Missional Partnership prayer for **October** is for **Cheadle Trinity** [an LEP - Local Ecumenical Partnership of URC and Methodist]...

Eternal and loving God,
We thank you that you bless us in so many ways.

We pray for the life, worship, teaching and fellowship of Trinity.
Bless all that is done to serve the community for the young, the lonely, the hungry

We thank you for the support of the Missional Partnership and help us to care for one another as true members of one family regardless of physical, cultural or intellectual differences.

We pray for friendship and good will between us.
Teach us to enjoy the richness of variety among us. for we ask this in your name,

Amen

WILDERNESS CREATED

Partly to add facilities to the Pre-school curriculum and partly to enhance the church's Eco-credentials, a 'Wilderness' has been created behind the kitchen, backing onto the railway.

The weeds have been cleared, including the stumps big and small, the ground covered with bark and child friendly activities introduced to widen the children's experiences.

Leader Rachel has been on a Forest School course and now directs the youngsters in things 'outdoors', inc tools, fire pit and insect hotels...

Moreover, this forms a memorial to David Williams. Please ask to have a look.

Bernie

LEAVE THE LEAVES

Falling leaves are the first signal of the arrival of the autumn season. Many see this as an additional chore, as they would tend to rake leaves and throw piles of them away.

Then, what are you supposed to do instead? Because large heaps of leaves can cause dead grass patches in your lawn, it would be ideal to mulch them and spread them evenly across your yard. Mulched leaves can also be piled around the bases of trees or on top of flower beds and gardens. This will help insulate the soil over the winter, protecting the soil's microbial life.



If you don't want to repurpose your leaves from your lawn and are really considering removing the leaves, think of composting them instead of throwing them away. If your council does not offer a composting facility, then consider starting a compost at home. Composting bins are available from garden centres, or just make a compost pile.

Dead leaves are an important part of the natural cycles of plants and soil. Plants emerge from the soil, die, decay, and return to the soil, providing carbon that contributes to the soil ecology and encourages healthy microbial activity. The removal of dead leaves from this cycle can actually diminish the soil's health.

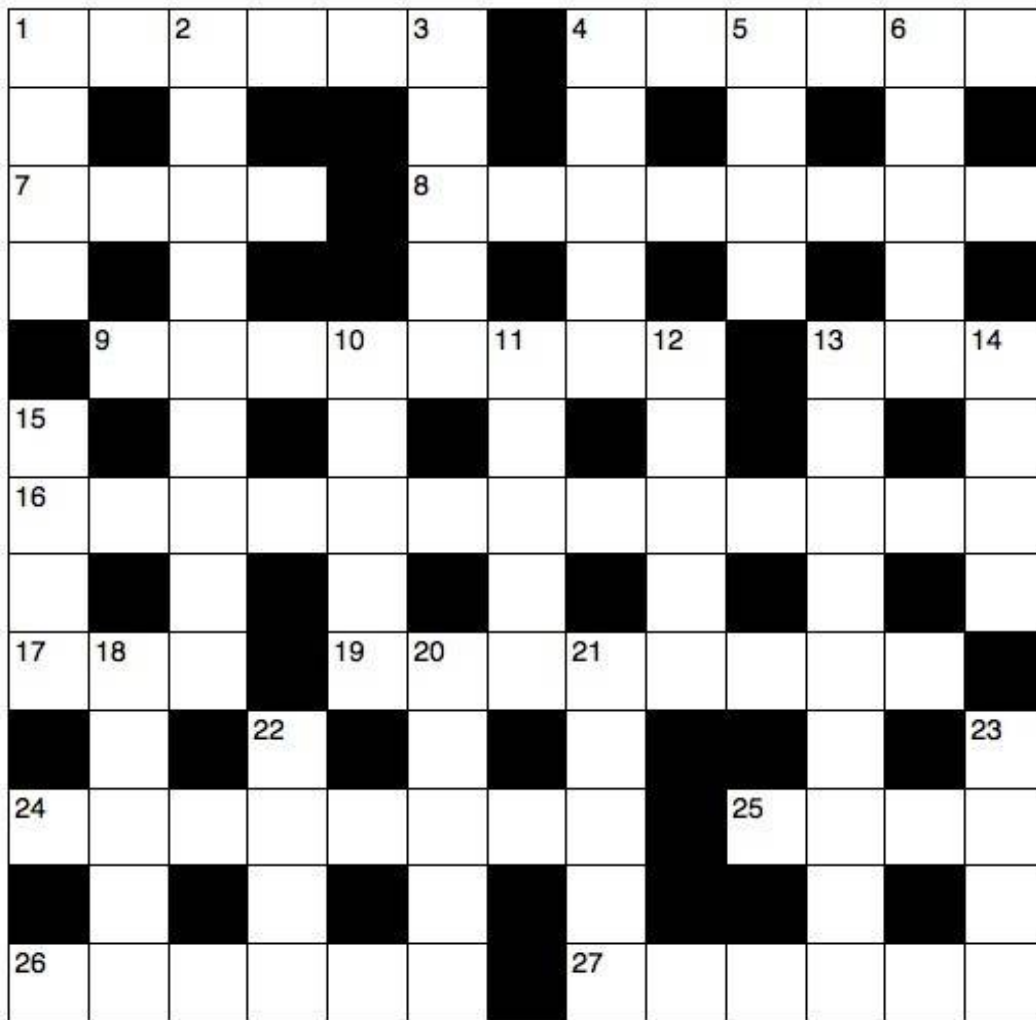
Sustainable Tips, SDG Monitor

VISITING THE SICK

The Anglican vicar had been summoned to the bedside of a local Baptist woman who was quite ill. As he went up the path, he met the little daughter and said, "I'm very glad your mother remembered me in her illness. Is your Baptist minister out of town?"

"No," answered the child. "He's at home, but we thought it might be something contagious, and we didn't want to expose him to it."

Parish Pump



BIBLE CROSSWORD

Across

- 1 He must be 'the husband of but one wife and must manage his children and his household well' (1 Timothy 3:12) (6)
- 4 'For we must all — before the judgment seat of Christ' (2 Corinthians 5:10) (6)
- 7 'They reeled and staggered like drunken men; they were at their — end' (Psalm 107:27) (4)
- 8 See 19 Across
- 9 It concerned who among the disciples would be the greatest (Luke 9:46) (8)
- 13 Formed by the Jews in Thessalonica to root out Paul and Silas (Acts 17:5) (3)
- 16 'He has sent me to bind up the — ' (Isaiah 61:1) (6-7)

17 Moved rapidly on foot (Matthew 28:8) (3)

19 and 8 ' — a great company of the — host appeared with the angel' (Luke 2:13) (8,8)

24 Hindrance (Romans 14:13) (8)

25 Comes between Luke and Acts (4)

26 Empower (Acts 4:29) (6)

27 'Get these out of here! How dare you turn my Father's house into a — !' (John 2:16) (6)

Down

1 Sunrise (Psalm 119:147) (4)

2 The part of the day when Cornelius the Caesarean centurion had a vision of an angel of God (Acts 10:3) (9)

3 He was one of those who returned with Zerubbabel from exile in Babylon to Jerusalem (Nehemiah 7:7) (5)

4 'No one can see the kingdom of God unless he is born — '(John 3:3) (5)

5 Animal hunted or killed as food (Ezekiel 22:25) (4)

6 'He encouraged them — — remain true to the Lord' (Acts 11:23) (3,2)

10 Ruses (anag.) (5)

11 Jewish priestly vestment (Exodus 28:6) (5)

12 Visible sign of what had been there (Daniel 2:35) (5)

13 This was the trade of Alexander, who did Paul 'a great deal of harm' (2 Timothy 4:14) (9)

14 'This is my — , which is for you; do this in remembrance of me' (1 Corinthians 11:24) (4)

15 One of Noah's great-great-grandsons (Genesis 10:24) (4)

18 Traditionally the first British Christian martyr (5)

20 Relationship of Ner to Saul (1 Samuel 14:50) (5)

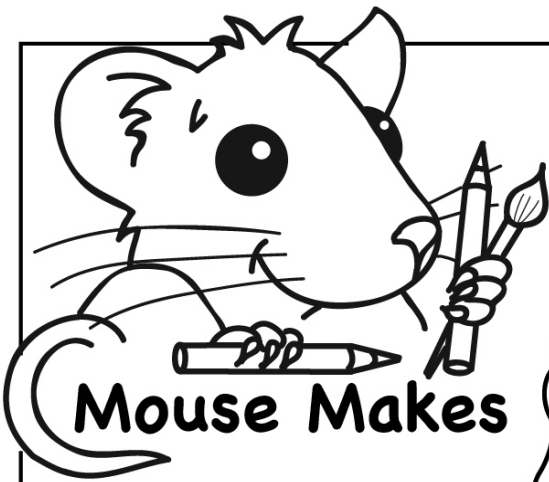
21 Jacob had one at a place he named Bethel while on his way to Haran, fleeing from Esau (Genesis 28:12) (5)

22 Bats (anag.) (4)

23 'You strain out a — but swallow a camel' (Matthew 23:24) (4)

WALK WITH THE LORD

"Teach me your way,
O Lord, that I would
walk in your _____."
Psalm 86:11



Mouse Makes

"For we **walk** by

not by sight."
2 Corinthians 5:7

"**Walk** by the

"
Galatians 5:16

Jesus said:
"I am the light
of the world.
If you

me you won't
have to **walk**
in darkness
because
you have
the light
that leads
to life."
John 8:12



"**Walk** in

as Christ loved
us and gave
himself up for us."
Ephesians 5:2

"**Walk** in
a manner
worthy of the
Lord, fully pleasing
to him, bearing

in every good work
and increasing in
the knowledge
of God"
John 8:12

is everyone who
fears the Lord,
who **walks** in
his ways."
Psalm 128:1

GOD • JESUS • LORD • WALK

WAYS • STEP • FEET • PATH • GO • TEACH • KNOWLEDGE • LIGHT

Find the words from the questions too!

SERVICES

Elders' wish to keep everyone safe, so please stay home if you are unwell. You may wear masks (perhaps for singing). Also, understand our plans may change with little notice. We may sometimes have a speaker and sometimes a simple in-house led service. Video conferencing continues and Leaders or readers may Zoom in or speak in church.

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

Date	6 OCT	13 OCT		20 OCT	27 OCT
Service	Morning Worship	Morning Worship	MP Zoom Evening Service	Morning Worship	Morning Communion
Time	10.30 am	10.30 am	***6.30 pm***	10.30 am	10.30 am
Leader	Sandy Smith	Worship Group	Rev Kurauone Mutimwii	Linda Rayner	Bernie Stevens
Elder Duty	D Phillips	S Smith		A Stevens	D Phillips / B Stevens
Door	H Elsden	H Elsden		M Smith	M Hardie
Reader	G Elsden	G Elsden			
Flowers	Silk	Harvest		Silk	J Hodson
Coffee	H Elsden	A Stevens		S & M Smith	B & A Stevens
Notes		HARVEST Church Meeting	Meeting ID: ...ask... Passcode		

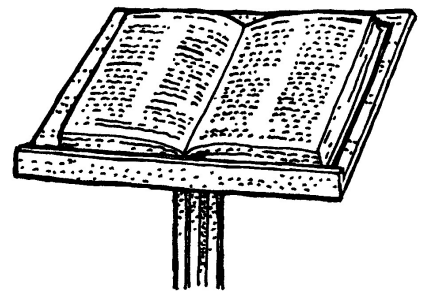
LECTIONARY for OCTOBER

OCT 6: Job 1.1; 2.1-10; Psalm 26;
Hebrews 1.1-4; 2.5-12; Mark 10.2-16

OCT 13: Job 23.1-9,16-17; Psalm 22.1-15;
Hebrews 4.12-16; Mark 10.17-31

OCT 20: Job 38.1-7,(34-41); Psalm 104.1-9,24,35c;
Hebrews 5.1-10; Mark 10.35-45

OCT 27: Job 42.1-6,10-17; Psalm 34.1-8,(19-22);
Hebrews 7.23-28; Mark 10.46-52

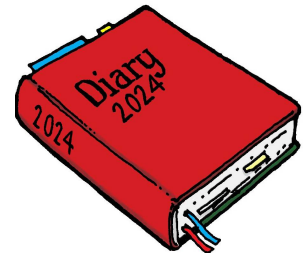


Crossword Answers

ACROSS: 1, Deacon. 4, Appear. 7, Wits. 8, Heavenly. 9, Argument. 13, Mob. 16, Broken-hearted. 17, Ran. 19, Suddenly. 24, Obstacle. 25, John. 26, Enable. 27, Market.

DOWN: 1, Dawn. 2, Afternoon. 3, Nehum. 4, Again. 5, Prey. 6, All to. 10, Users. 11, Ephod. 12, Trace. 13, Metalwork. 14, Body. 15, Eber. 18, Alban. 20, Uncle. 21, Dream. 22, Stab. 23, Gnat.

CALENDAR



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

OCTOBER

Tues 01	
Wed 02	10.30 am Elders' Meeting 1.00-2.30 pm Fellowship Circle
Thu 03	7.30 pm MP Steering Group - Burnage
Fri 04	2 pm Choir Rehearsal
Sat 05	10~11.30am Coffee Morning and Cake Sale for MACMILLAN NURSES
Mon 07	
Tues 08	
Wed 09	1 ~2.30 pm Fellowship Circle 7.30pm CTCH AGM -Grove La
Thu 10	
Fri 11	2 pm Choir Rehearsal
Sat 12	6.30 pm BEETLE DRIVE + Fish & Chip Supper
Sun 13	11.45 am CHURCH MEETING
Mon 14	
Tues 15	
Wed 16	12 ~ 2pm SOUP, SWEET and MEET and Fellowship
Thu 17	
Fri 18	2 pm Choir rehearsal
Mon 21	
Tues 22	
Wed 23	1 ~2.30 pm Fellowship Circle
Thu 24	7.30 Worship Group (Zoom)
Fri 25	2 pm Choir rehearsal
Sat 26	2.30 pm FILM MATINEE
Mon 28	
Tues 29	
Wed 30	1 ~2.30 pm Fellowship Circle
Thu 31	

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