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Partnership Ministers: Rev Kurauone Mutimwii
Rev Stephanie Atkins

Friends,

I hope you have enjoyed the Summer and are refreshed and renewed. It is a time for many for new beginnings. Many of our young relatives will be finding their way with new classes, schools and universities. It is a time of renewal for our churches too, a time when we think about creation.

Each year from **September 1 to October 4**, the Christian family unites for this worldwide celebration of prayer and action to protect our common home. It is a special season where we celebrate God as Creator. As followers of Christ from around the globe, we share a common call to care for Creation. This is known as Creationtide or the season of creation. There are lots of fabulous resources. Just search "Season of Creation" in your internet browser or get in touch and I can post some to you.

This year, the theme for the season is "**Peace with Creation.**" At a time when the world longs for peace, we are reminded that God's peace is built on right relationships and on justice. We are invited to live in peace with each other and with all of creation.

In our Missional partnership we are celebrating Creationtide this year with our annual Prayers in the Park, Fog Lane Park, Manchester, Sunday 28 September 2:30pm. There is also a zoom book club on Monday evenings, starting on 15th September. The book is "Not the End of the World" by Hannah Ritchie. It is a book filled with hope, reminding us that we could live a flourishing and truly sustainable life.

Please contact me or see the Synod Newsletter for details of these and other events.

This is also an excellent time of year to look at your church Eco Church plan. Care for creation is an important part of Mission. Whether you are just starting out, or looking at your next step, one of my roles is to support churches with Eco Church, so do get in touch and we can organise a time to look through things together.

May peace, built on justice, be in our hearts, our homes, our land and our world!

Liz Delafield
Mission and Discipleship Mentor

NEWS AROUND THE FELLOWSHIP

We are greatly saddened to announce the passing of Christine Brooks on 12 AUG: she reached the great age of 100 on 1 MAR last. She had been resident in a Care Home in Congleton near a daughter and her funeral will be at Cheadle Hulme on Tuesday 23 September at 11am followed by Macclesfield crematorium at 12.15pm. In the meantime we keep Christine's daughters Sally, Julie and Diane and their families in our thoughts and prayers.

We are grateful as always to visiting worship leaders and ministers and, over the summer, we welcomed Margaret Dexter-Brown, Rev Peter Sharp, Rev Kurauone Mutimwii, Rev Steph Atkins and Chris Whitehead. Our thanks to you all as well as our in house leaders and organist.

Free tickets are now available for the concert opposite on Saturday 13 September. Please speak to Alison if you would like to reserve any.

News team

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sat 4 OCT - Macmillan Coffee Morning & Cake Sale

**Sat 11 OCT -Fish n Chip Supper /Beetle Drive
FRI/SUN 17/19 JULY 2026 - Weekend Away
at Thornleigh, Grange-over-Sands.**

PARTNERSHIP PRAYER FOR

TRINITY CHURCH CHEADLE

Lord, thank you that you have promised to be with us always.

As we develop the mission of Trinity Church Cheadle, may we feel your presence.

Bless the work with children and their families in our RISE activity sessions and toddler group.

May they come to know of your love for them.

May our Community Café be a place of friendship and welcome.

Grant us the strength to fulfil our commitment to the Food Bank, so that those who come along may find support and companionship.

Bless our relationships with each other and with the Missional Partnership that we may witness to your loving presence always.

Amen

Trinity is in a Partnership with the Methodists.

"Autumn Serenade"

Sat 13 September 2025

at 7.30 pm

A musical evening featuring

Chapel Male Voice Choir

with Special Guest Singer

Gabriel Jones (R.N.C.M.)

(recipient of our

*The David Williams Memorial
Award)*

NORMAN ROBERT LAWRENCE

Norman was born in Edinburgh in 1941, the 7th child of 8. His early years of education began at Trinity Academy Primary School. At the age of 15 he began an apprenticeship as a compositor progressing to estimator, (gaining his City & Guilds in Estimating and Costing); then chief estimator, then appointed as Assistant to Financial Director H.P. Dorey in Romford, when the family moved to Chelmsford. Yes, you could guess what happened next... yet more promotion: Commercial Manager to Production Director. In 1980 promotion to Managing Director and then in 1991 he joined an old colleague at CW Print as Director of Production, where he helped build a successful and profitable company.

Back in 1959, he met Rena at Cavendish Dance Hall; their relationship developed and they were married. Robert was born in 1966 and in 1971 they welcomed Graeme. He retired in 1999 and in 2010 they relocated to Cheadle Hulme to have an opportunity of being involved in the lives of their grandchildren.

Everyone thought Norman was a 'nice' man - which means: natural, intelligent, compassionate, and empathetic.

Norman was someone who achieved success and lived well, laughed often and loved much, who enjoyed the respect of intelligent people and the love of little children, who filled his niche and accomplished his task; who left the world better

than he found it, who always looked for the best in others and gave the best he had; whose life was an inspiration, whose memory a benediction - such a man was Norman.

***Extract from Eulogy given by
Margaret Dexter-Brown***

QUESTION TIME WITH OUR M.P. TOM MORRISON

This meeting held on Saturday afternoon 12 July at Grove Lane Baptist Church was arranged by Churches Together in Cheadle Hulme and was open to anyone from the local churches. It was good to meet with thirty other Christians there, five from our church.



Tom answered questions on a huge variety of topics – the questions just kept coming! Some had been sent in advance, but most were impromptu.

Tom was very clear to tell us he had not got all the answers and if he did not have an answer he would find out and let the questioner know by email. He was also clear about when an answer was official Lib Dem policy (the majority) or when he was taking about his own views and would need to find out the official policy.

The topics covered began with local issues – Stepping Hill Hospital – the desperate need for repairs and a possible second hospital. Following the tragedy at a local Nursery Tom is working on an Early Day Motion regarding laws to improve safety in Nursery provision. The NHS funding problems were discussed as well as the current concern re the possible Resident Doctors Strike. We then covered a wide range of issues – from the problems affecting Hong Kong Visas to the Birmingham dustbin worker's strike which led onto council tax, business rates, bank levies... The situation re Prisons was discussed, with the need for rehabilitation highlighted and of course the funding problems.

Regarding families, the two-child benefit cap was asked about – Lib Dem's are keen to 'scrap the cap'. There was much discussion re vulnerable children and the role of local authorities with more funding needed for schools, children's homes and youth clubs. Housing also was discussed and Tom felt we need a national target for Social Housing.

Regarding Climate Change, Tom confirmed his party's commitment to reducing the use of fossil

fuels and encouraging the use of green energy – this led to discussion re debt relief for countries affected by climate related emergencies, which Tom supported.

Further afield questions were asked about LibDem policy re the Israel/Gaza conflict – Tom said his party had been the first to call for a cease fire. This led to discussion re banning goods from the settlements.

The meeting lasted an hour and those I spoke to afterwards felt it had been well worth attending – Rev Ruth Gouldbourne, the Baptist Minister who chaired the meeting, is planning another meeting with Tom in January 2026.

So if you are interested keep an eye open for the date!!

*Pat James
(Methodist)*

MARJORIE WIGHTMAN

Marjorie was born in Shipley, Yorkshire in 1930 and attended Saltaire Congregational Church from 4 years of age. Her faith was very important to her and she loved to sing, joining the choir at the age of 10.

But she certainly had many 'secrets' tucked up her sleeve' - at the age of 12, during the height of the bombing, she travelled to London to broadcast a message to a young man, who attended her local church, and who was training to be a pilot in South Africa. She doesn't tell us how it was broadcast, it may have been the BBC....or any other details other than that he was killed on his first flight.

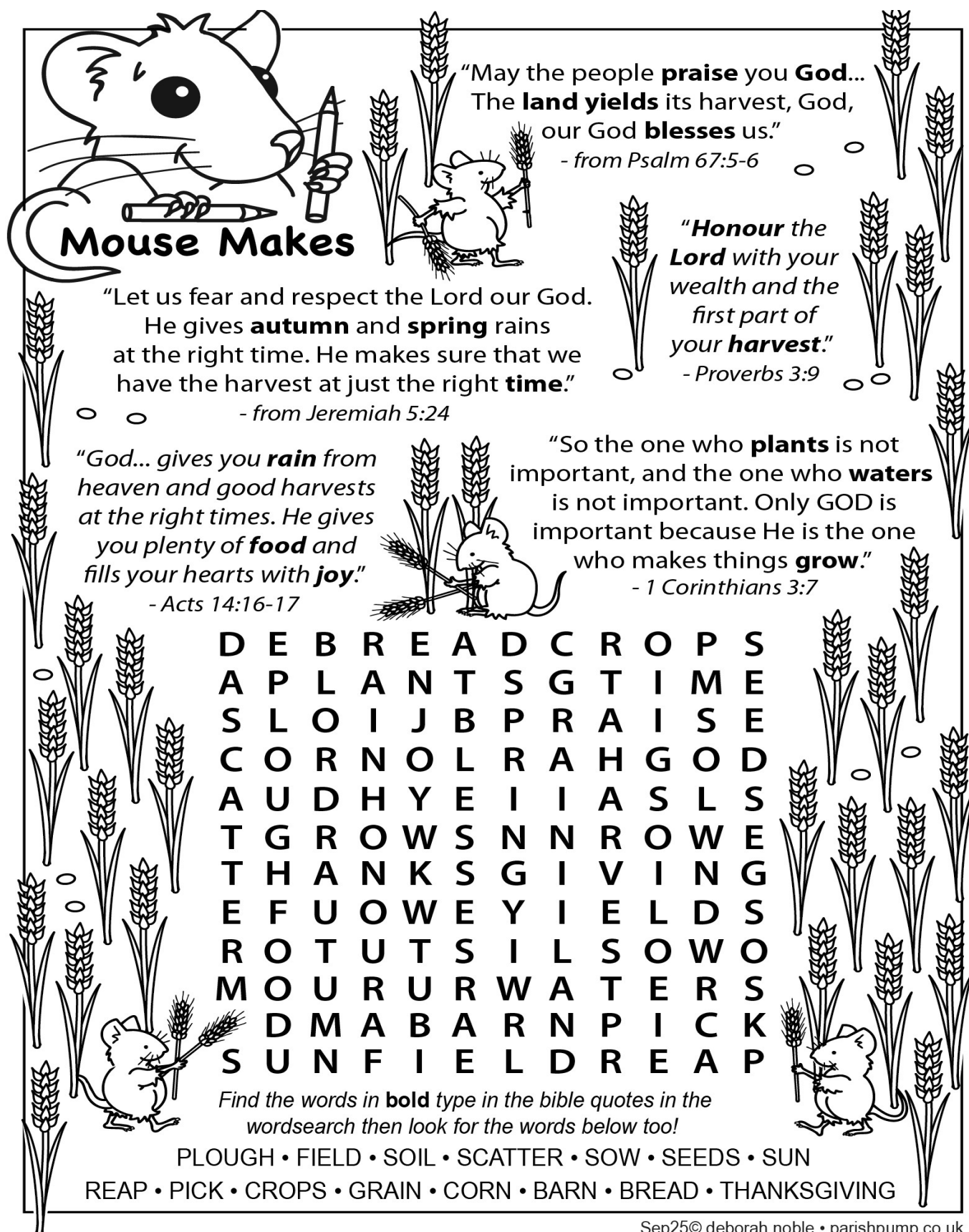
She helped form not only a dramatic society at Church, with whom she performed, but also a walking group venturing as far afield as the Lake District and overcoming her 'horror of heights' completely as she climbed Helvellen by Striding Edge.

She started dancing which she enjoyed very much, meeting her husband John whilst out dancing in 1951 and then marrying in 1955. She joined the Civil Defence only leaving in 1958 when she was expecting Pam; adding as almost an afterthought... then had Andy in 1960. As her children married the family grew - 4 grandchildren followed by 6 great grandchildren. She enjoyed and loved them all, wonderfully describing their individual personalities.

The family moved to Cheadle Hulme in 1962 and joined Swann Lane Church, where they both played badminton; and Marjorie became an active member of the Ladies Circle **and** Womens' Fellowship. The infamous jumble sales were also on her radar - referring to them as hard work, but great fun - she must have enjoyed them as she continued to help into her 90s.

She was a true Yorkshire lass, who spoke her mind, was careful with money, but had a heart of gold and was always there for family and friends. She was the most loyal of friends, keeping in touch with her bridesmaids and school friends all her life. Marjorie was above all else, a lady, in the true sense of the word.

Extract from Eulogy by Margaret Dexter-Brown



Mouse Makes

"May the people **praise** you **God**...
The **land yields** its harvest, God,
our God **blesses** us."
- from Psalm 67:5-6

"**Honour** the **Lord** with your
wealth and the
first part of
your **harvest**."
- Proverbs 3:9

"Let us fear and respect the Lord our God.
He gives **autumn** and **spring** rains
at the right time. He makes sure that we
have the harvest at just the right **time**."
- from Jeremiah 5:24

"God... gives you **rain** from
heaven and good harvests
at the right times. He gives
you plenty of **food** and
fills your hearts with **joy**."
- Acts 14:16-17

"So the one who **plants** is not
important, and the one who **waters**
is not important. Only GOD is
important because He is the one
who makes things **grow**."
- 1 Corinthians 3:7

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wordsearch then look for the words below too!

PLOUGH • FIELD • SOIL • SCATTER • SOW • SEEDS • SUN
REAP • PICK • CROPS • GRAIN • CORN • BARN • BREAD • THANKSGIVING

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.

SEPTEMBER	7 SEP	14 SEP	21 SEP	28 SEP
Service	Morning Worship	Morning Worship	Morning Worship	Morning
Time	10.30am	10.30 am	10.30 am	10.30 am
Leader	Alison Haigh	Elley Noden	Rev Kurauone Mutimwii	Robert Williams
Elder Duty	B Stevens	A Stevens	D Phillips	S Smith / P Oliver
Door /Reader	M Smith	M Hardie	G Elsdon	P Grieve
Flowers	Silk	M Hardie	Silk	H Elsdon
Coffee	H Elsdon	A Stevens	S Smith	M Hardie
Notes				COMMUNION

CHURCH REGISTERS - FUNERALS

NORMAN ROBERT LAWRENCE, who died on 6th June aged 84 years, at Macclesfield Crematorium on Friday 4 July 2025

MARJORIE WIGHTMAN, who died on 18 June aged 95 years, at Chesterfield Crematorium on 14 July 2025.

LECTIONARY FOR SEPTEMBER

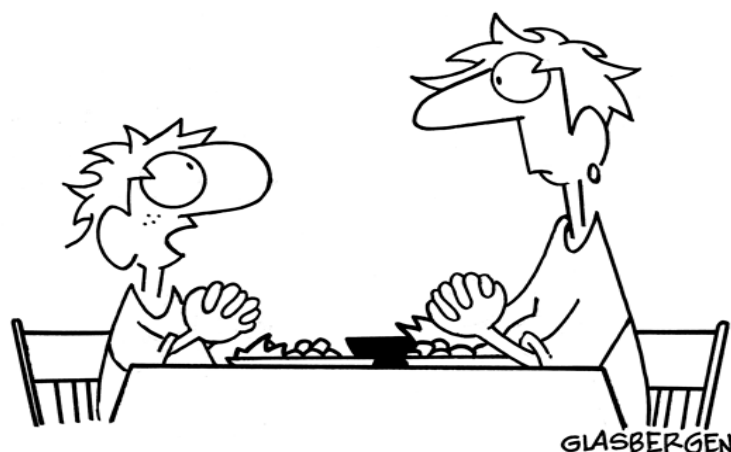
7 SEP: Deuteronomy 30.15-20; Psalm 1; Philemon 1-21; Luke 14.25-33
14 SEP: Exodus 32.7-14; Psalm 51.1-10; 1 Timothy 1.12-17; Luke 15.1-10
21 SEP: Amos 8.4-7; Psalm 113; 1 Timothy 2.1-7; Luke 16.1-13
28 SEP: Amos 6.1a, 4-7; Psalm 146; 1 Timothy 6.6-19; Luke 16.19-31



Members, friends & neighbours

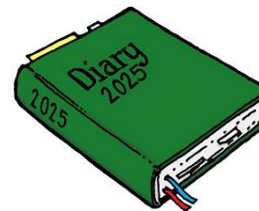
FILM MATINEE

Sat 27 SEPTEMBER
~2.30pm



"If God wants me to be thankful for vegetables, why did He make them taste like vegetables?"

CALENDAR



To the best of the Editor's knowledge, unless you know better...

SEPTEMBER

Thu 04	7.30pm	MP Steering Group - Church	
Fri 05	2pm	Choir Rehearsal	
Sat 06	10.30am	COFFEE MORNING & CAKE SALE in aid of Church charities	
Wed 10	7pm	Elders' meeting	
Fri 12	2pm	Choir Rehearsal	
Sat 13	7.30pm	Concert with Chapel Male Voice Choir and Gabriel Jones	
Wed 17	12 noon	Soup, Sweet & Meet	
Fri 19	10am	Management meeting	2pm Choir Rehearsal
Tues 23	11am	Funeral of Christine Margaret Brooks	
Fri 26	2pm	Choir Rehearsal	
Sat 27	2.30pm	Film Matinee	
Sun 28	2.30pm	Partnership Prayers in the Park 2025 - Fog Lane Park, M20 4UP Celebrate the Season of creation - Everyone Welcome including accompanied children and well behaved dogs on leads.	

ADVANCE NOTICE

Sat 11 Oct	6.30pm	Fish & Chip Supper (pre-ordered) and Beetle Drive	
Sun 12 Oct	10.30am	HARVEST FESTIVAL service followed by Church meeting	

Prayer for September 2025

Heavenly Father,

September is the month of new starts for so many. New starts can be exciting, but they can also be daunting. We don't always know what to expect and sometimes we feel as if we are on our own in a strange new place, or situation.

Help us to know that, as your people, we are never alone. You promised, through Jesus, to be with us always and You gave us Your Holy Spirit to empower us.

In some ways every day is a new start – a new gift from You. As we unwrap the gift of each new day, this September, encourage us to receive it confidently and expectantly.

Help us to know that we can do all things, through Christ Jesus, who strengthens us. We can! In Jesus' name,

Amen

*By Daphne Kitching
Parish Pump*

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