

ABBNEY HILL U.R.C. MAGAZINE

October
2023



**You designed and made the
earth,**

**Ps 74:17
and winter.**

You made summer...

Give Thanks / Be Thankful

Having had a wonderful if somewhat hectic summer full of family visits, we suddenly found ourselves isolating!! With the family, including grandson and daughter in law from Hong Kong whom we had not seen for five years, I was out and about a great deal visiting various attractions, and entertaining grandchildren and seeing the joy on the face of HK grandson when he was at Cadbury World was really great and then, Suddenly, it was all quiet on the Western Front!!

This was a bit of a shock to the system, but very necessary as Tony, who was to have an operation, was told at the pre op that if he got Covid the operation would be put back by several months, so we did as in Covid times and locked down. Back then everybody was doing the same so one didn't feel quite as isolated as suddenly we did.

However, we had had the blessing of seeing the family and then I was able to spend much time in the garden that needed much attention having been neglected for several months. This too was a blessing, getting immersed in nature and marvelling at the tenacity of many plants to get a root hold in the unlikeliest of places..... the tiny spaces between paving slabs and among the roots of well-established plants.....a challenge to extricate them without damaging the main plants roots. Doing all this in the wonderful peace of our surroundings, also a blessing. So much to be thankful for.

It is really therapeutic to have time away from all media, the news of all the terrible happenings and disasters that have been occurring across the world. It is amazing how nature will regenerate in many of the devastated areas. More to give thanks to the creator for.

We are giving thanks at church on the 23rd September when we celebrate worshipping in our current church building for 150 years. Celebrating our lovely fellowship at the same time.

At the beginning of October there is the Harvest Service where we give thanks to the Lord for his bounty and also, we are blessed to have a great team of flower arrangers who will decorate the church windows for the occasion, as they do also for Advent and arrange the weekly Sunday flowers. Thank you, team.

Being thankful and saying thank you can have a very positive effect on one's own wellbeing. So, look around you, look for the things in daily life for which to be grateful and give thanks for them. It can make you smile and if you smile someone will smile back at you. 😊

Anne Gilmore - Elder

CHURCH SERVICES FOR OCTOBER 2023

- 1st Sunday** **11.00 Harvest Parade Service led by Donna Curran.**
- 8th Sunday** **11.00 Family Service led by The Healing Group.**
- 15th Sunday** **11.00 Family Service with Communion led by George Jones.**
- 22nd Sunday** **11.00 Family Service led by Kath Shortley.**
- 29th Sunday** **11.00 Messy Church Service led by Worship Group**



CHURCH SERVICES FOR NOVEMBER 2023

- 5th Sunday** **11.00 Family Service led by George Jones.**
- 12th Sunday** **10.00 Remembrance Service led by Jane Woods-Scawen.**
- 19th Sunday** **11.00 Family Service with Communion led by George Jones.**
- 26th Sunday** **11.00 Family Service led by Donna Curran.**

Home Bible Study Group

This group meets at Hilary Scott's house on Wednesday evenings – 7.30pm.
Contact Hilary for further details – 07749 836928/01926 859337

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY – OCTOBER 2023**CHURCH CALENDAR EVENTS**

| Event | Venue | Date | Time | Coordinators |
|---|--------------|--|------------------|---|
| Elders | Abbey Hill | 1 st Wednesday every month | 7.15 start | Jo Warren - church secretary |
| Managers | Abbey Hill | 2 nd Wednesday every month | 7pm start | Ivan Pointon - manager's secretary |
| Coffee Pot | Abbey Hill | Every Thursday | 9.30 to 11.30 | Betty and David Connelly |
| Community Listening Exchange hosted by Coffee Pot | Abbey Hill | 3rd Thursday every month | 10.00 | Ivan Pointon and Ed Watson |
| Repair cafe | Abbey Hill | Every 3rd Saturday | 2 to 5pm | Kenilworth Repair Cafe |
| Harvest Festival preparation | Abbey Hill | Saturday 30th September | Morning | Anne Gilmore and flower group |
| Harvest Festival | Abbey Hill | Sunday 1st October | 11am service | Anne Gilmore and flower group |
| Memories Service | Abbey Hill | Wednesday 13th December | 12 noon | George Jones |
| Carols by Candlelight | Abbey Hill | Sunday 17th December | 7pm | Hilary Scott and Bible study and prayer group |
| Christmas Eve service | Abbey Hill | Sunday 24th December | 11am | George Jones |
| Christmas Day Service | Abbey Hill | Mon 25th December | 10.30am | George Jones |

AUTUMN/ WINTER PROGRAMME OF EVENTS

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| Clinton School Harvest | Abbey Hill | Monday 2nd October | Private event | Clinton School |
| Talisman Theatre Sweet Charity - a musical | Talisman Theatre | Tuesday 3rd October | 7.00pm For 7.30 start | John Nichols |
| Eco talk from 'Friends of Abbey Fields' | Abbey Hill | Saturday 14 th October | 10am start | Anne Gilmore and Eco group |
| Pintogether | The Green Man | Friday 20th October | 7pm | Anne and Fred Holloway |
| Stoneleigh Male Voice Choir | Abbey Hill | Saturday 21st October | 7.30 to 9.30 | Phil Inshaw |
| Poulenc Piano Recital | Abbey Hill | Saturday 28th October | 7pm to 9pm | George Jones |
| Preparing for Christmas Craft fayre and Toy Drop | Abbey Hill | Saturday 4th November | 10am to 2 | Vivien Nichols and Eco group |
| Carols in the Castle | Kenilworth Castle | Saturday 16th December | TBA | Kenilworth Lions Website: kenilworthlionsclub.co.uk |

Treasurer's Report

August communion offertory raise £60 for the RNLI.

The October offertory will be donated to the Morocco Earthquake Appeal.

The family of Joy Verrall donated £500 to church funds. I will put this in the Legacies Fund.

If you shop online, please sign up to Easy Fundraising. It will cost you nothing, but some stores are willing to give away a small percentage of whatever you pay. We received another £48 recently, making the total for the year so far £160.

Pintgether

There will be another opportunity to meet together and chat over a drink at The Green Man on Friday 20th October from 7pm. This will be the final meeting this year - but we'll be back!

All are welcome to join us.

Anne and Fred

Reform and CWM links to the past.

As we celebrate the 150th Anniversary of our Abbey Hill church building, and its origins even earlier in the Barn and then schoolrooms, we might like to remember two other links to our past history.

'REFORM', the magazine of the United Reformed Church, came into being just over 50 years ago when Congregational and English Presbyterian churches joined together in 1972. It is still going strong with a variety of news, articles, reviews, letters, photos and 'A Good Question', about other URC churches and the wider world. For example, the June issue included 'What can we learn from children?' as well as an interview with Andy Atkins (the chief executive of the environmental organisation A Rocha), and an article on Ukraine's other conflict.

There is a church copy of Reform available each month for anyone to borrow (and return!) in the church vestibule, and I have some spare copies of past editions for anyone interested. Or you could visit the website www.reform-magazine.co.uk. Digital editions are £18 a year (10 copies) or paper £29-50 and you can order either yourself or through me (distributor for Abbey Hill). It will soon be time to order for 2024, so please contact me if you are interested.

CWM (Council for World Mission) goes back even earlier as its origins lie in the LMS (London Missionary Society) formed in 1795. (Some of you may remember going to Trentham Gardens in Staffordshire in 1995 when LMS's 200th Anniversary was celebrated as part of the West Midlands Synod gathering.) Early missionaries included David Livingstone in Africa, and John Williams in the Pacific after whom ships were named and launched to make travel between the islands easier. More info. online or I have literature you can have or borrow. Today 30 churches worldwide are partners in CWM and share resources of people, experience and money with one another. We at Abbey Hill send a donation each year so please contact me if you would like to contribute or have a collecting box!

Thank you for your support for both Reform and CWM.

Janet Turner

ROTAS – October 2023

| | | | |
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| | | Flowers provided by | Flowers arranged by |
| 01/10 | | Esme Thorpe | Barbara Gillard |
| 08/10 | | Susan Derwent | Heather Barton |
| 15/10 | | Anne Gilmore | Anne Gilmore |
| 22/10 | | Rosemary Lawrence | Rosemary Lawrence |
| 29/10 | | Vivien Nichols | Vivien Nichols |
| | Projector & Sound | Stewards | Readers |
| 01/10 | Alison | Di Wilson & Julia Graham BINS - Black | Colin Ritchie |
| 08/10 | Ivan | Hilary Scott & Ann Banning BINS - Recycling | David Connelly |
| 15/10 | John | Anne & Fred Holloway | Jane Woods - Scawen |
| 22/10 | Bronwen | Rosemary Lawrence & Donna Curran BINS –Recycling & Black | Donna Curran |
| 29/10 | David | Betty Connelly & Kath Shortley | Fred Holloway |
| | Coffee | | Vestry |
| 01/10 | Kath Shortley & Cheryl Ritchie | | Colin Ritchie |
| 08/10 | Rosemary Lawrence & Suzanne Hall | | John Nichols |
| 15/10 | Alison Pointon & Hilary Scott | | Jane Woods – Scawen |
| 22/10 | Pete & Jo Warren | | Anne Holloway |
| 29/10 | Jane Woods-Scawen & John Thomas | | Anne Gilmore |
| | Communion Prep. | Comm. Servers | |
| | Jane Woods Scawen & Donna Curran | | |

ROTAS – November 2023

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| 5/11 | | Mavis Duckworth | Di Wilson |
| 12/11 | | Remembrance Sunday Gaynor Watkins | Barbara Gillard |
| 19/11 | | Donna Curran | Donna Curran |
| 26/11 | | Jane Woods-Scawen | Christmas Arrangements |
| | Projector & Sound | Stewards | Readers |
| 5/11 | Alison | Phil Inshaw & Eileen John BINS – Recycling | Elinor Davies |
| 12/11 | Ivan | John & Vivien Nichols BINS – Black | Rosemary Lawrence |
| 19/11 | John | Jo & John Williams BINS – Recycling | Ivan Pointon |
| 26/11 | Bronwen | Pat Cowan & Anne Gilmore | Anne Gilmore |
| | Coffee | Car Park | Vestry |
| 5/11 | Susan Derwent & Di Wilson | | Jo Warren |
| 12/11 | Betty Connelly & Eileen John | | Kath Shortley |
| 19/11 | Pat Cowan & Glenys Hobbins | | Vivien Nichols |
| 26/11 | Anne & Fred Holloway | | John Nichols |
| | Communion Preparation & Communion Servers | | |
| | Vivien Nichols & Colin Ritchie | | |

NEWS OF THE CHURCH FAMILY

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OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

A Happy Birthday to all of the following:-

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| October 1 st | Glo Ford |
| October 2 nd | Gloria Cordery |
| October 9 th | Layla McKenzie |
| October 11 th | Roz Morris |
| October 16 th | John Nichols |
| | Emma Watt |
| October 22 nd | John Thomas |
| October 24 th | Pete Warren |
| October 29 th | Alison Crichton |

Also celebrating a birthday are

| | |
|--------------------------|----------------------|
| October 3 rd | Mia Shortley (13) |
| October 12 th | Sophie Stratton (21) |
| October 16 th | Toby Lawrence (14) |

Congratulations to Sophie on her 21st Birthday which she will no doubt be celebrating at University!

THINKING OF

We continue to pray for Tony Gilmore, Janet Turner, Mary Skidmore, , Edna Dixon, Mavis Duckworth, Winnie Tawil and Esme Thorpe All of the above mentioned and any who do not wish to be mentioned by name, are in our thoughts and prayers.

HARMONY

*October, crisp and frosty bright,
In harmony with Autumn's hue,
A month of richly coloured leaves,
A time of changing seasons too –
And like the richness Autumn brings,
Our lives reflect it every day,
Enriched through all the friends we know,
And valued more than words could say.*

Elizabeth Gozney

Please let Pat Cowan know on 01926 313904 if you have any news of the church family.

ABBEY HILL ECO TALK

THE NATURAL CHANGING LANDSCAPE OF ABBEY FIELDS: FLORA AND FAUNA – PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE

An illustrated talk by Ojars Bartmanis
Chair of Friends of Abbey Fields



Saturday October 14th 2023 10 til 12

Talk starts at 10:15am

Abbey Hill Church, Abbey Hill, Kenilworth CV8 1LW

Free entry, hot drinks and cake available.

Limited accessible parking on request. Some on-street parking nearby or Abbey End car park is a short walk.

Eco Matters

What a summer it has been across the world.

Wild fires, torrential rains and subsequent floods, earthquakes! Such an awful, heartbreaking loss of life; the destruction of infrastructure and habitats. They say it's down to Global Warming and resulting Climate Change.

At the recent G20 meeting in India, there was a report from the UN on climate change which showed that there had been some reduction in projected temperatures due to actions taken by countries to date. 😊 HOWEVER the prediction now is for temperatures to increase by 1.1% above the target of keeping the increase to 1.5 % 😞😞. The window to make the needed changes to reach the 1.5% is almost at the critical point!!!

I learnt, very recently, from an article by founder, Guy Sing-Watson, of " Riverford organic Farmers" in leaflet sent out with deliveries, that surprisingly (very, to me) the following multinational companies support regenerative agriculture. Mars, Pepsi and Mcdonalds!!

What is regenerative agriculture in the UK? (National Resources Defence Council)

'Regenerative Agriculture' describes farming and grazing practices that, among other benefits, reverse climate change by rebuilding soil organic matter and restoring degraded soil biodiversity – resulting in both carbon drawdown and improving the water cycle."30 Nov 2022

5 Principles of Regenerative Agriculture. (groundswellag.com)

- Don't disturb the soil. ...
- Keep the soil surface covered. ...
- Keep living roots in the soil. ...
- Grow a diverse range of crops. ...
- Bring grazing animals back to the land.

Twenty years ago our Eldest son went on a course about 'Permaculture', when he had a Finca in Spain, which covered the above principles and then practiced this on his land.

Look out for a poster about a very interesting talk about The Abbey Fields at church on Saturday 14th September by The Chairperson of FOAF assisted by Richard Gillard. Please Put the Date in Your Diary.

The Eco Group

Loyalty

In Edinburgh, the capital city of Scotland, stands Greyfriars Graveyard. In 1858 a faithful dog called Bobby followed the remains of his beloved master to this cemetery. Here the dog stayed on or near the graveside until his death, 14 years later.

This is a story about loyalty. More poignantly, many people have devoted themselves to others through all kinds of circumstances. It's amazing what some people have gone through in giving their lives to someone to ensure their comfort, safety, and well-being.

There are numerous examples of loyalty in the Bible. The widow Ruth refused to return home to Moab to be with her people. Instead, she committed herself to staying with her mother-in-law, Naomi, whatever happened.

The young David, many years before he became king, and Jonathan the son of King Saul promised to look out for each other no matter what ill befell them.

Moses was faithfully loyal to God. They spoke with each other as if they were friends! He served God endlessly despite the frustrations of leading a vast crowd of people through the desert for 40 years.

What about us? How loyal are we to God? A difficult question, when so much can sway our eyes, our minds, emotions and behaviour in a world that thinks it doesn't need a faithful and loving God to care for them! It's easy to be loyal when times are good, but a different thing when hardships surround us.

Do we ever feel uncomfortable singing hymns about courage, obedience and service? Some provoke a challenge. Do we *really* mean all the words we sing? Consider the popular hymn *Jesus I have promised to serve Thee to the end*. It is a stirring declaration of faith, with prayer requests that we be steadfast in all circumstances. While it is good to sing hymns about loyalty, we should also endeavour to work out what our commitment to God really entails.

Jesus made some testing statements about loyalty, and warned His hearers about weighing up the pros and cons before following Him. Jesus said 'Take up your cross'. This challenging phrase is the ultimate test of our devotion and dedication to Him.

Loyalty in all relationships is a joy to behold, but no loyalty is greater than our loyalty to the Lord. Fortunately, God knows our weaknesses and will always pick us up when we stumble and will forgive us when we fail. After all, Jesus is 100% loyal to us and promised "I will never leave you and never forsake you." Amen to that!

All in the month of October

150 years ago, on 1st Oct 1873 that Edwin Landseer, artist and sculptor, died. Known for his animal paintings, and for his famous lion sculptures at the base of Nelson's Column in London.

90 years ago, on 17th Oct 1933 that physicist Albert Einstein arrived in the USA as a refugee from Nazi Germany.

80 years ago, on 17th Oct 1943 that the Burma Railway was completed. The Japanese built it using Asian labourers and Allied prisoners-of-war, thousands of whom died. One of the railway bridges is the famous film *Bridge over the River Kwai*.

75 years ago, on 27th Oct 1948 that the Morris Minor car was launched at the British Motor Show at Earl's Court in London. It cost £358.

70 years ago, on 30th Oct 1953 that former US Secretary of State George Marshall was awarded the 1953 Nobel Peace Prize for engineering the Marshall Plan – a massive economic aid programme for Europe in the aftermath of WWII.

65 years ago, on 1st Oct 1958 that Michael Bond's children's book *A Bear Called Paddington* was published. It marked the debut appearance of Paddington Bear.

60 years ago, on 15th Oct 1963 that the term 'Beatlemania' first appeared in the Daily Mirror newspaper in the UK. It described the intense, frenzied reaction of fans of the Beatles.

40 years ago, on 5th Oct 1983 that Lech Walesa, leader of the Solidarity movement in Poland (and later President of Poland) was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize.

Also 40 years ago, on 25th Oct 1983 that Microsoft Word 1.0 was released. It was the first version of the popular word processor, and Microsoft's first full-featured application.

30 years ago, on 15th Oct 1993 that South African leaders Nelson Mandela and F.W. de Klerk, won the 1993 Nobel Peace Prize for their efforts to end apartheid.

25 years ago, on 16th Oct 1998 that David Trimble and John Hume won the 1998 Nobel Peace Prize for brokering the Northern Ireland peace accord.

20 years ago, on 19th Oct 2003, that Mother Teresa was beatified by Pope John Paul II and given the title Blessed Teresa of Calcutta. (She was canonised as Saint Teresa of Calcutta in 2016.)

15 years ago, on 24th Oct 2008 that the 2008 financial crisis 'Bloody Friday' took place. The world's stock exchanges suffered one of the worst declines in their history – about 10% in most cases. About £89.5 billion was wiped off the value of Britain's biggest companies.



STONELEIGH MALE VOICE CHOIR CONCERT

The choir will be singing a selection of popular songs
at Abbey Hill United Reformed Church.

With guest soloist Lucy Morris

Abbey Hill, Kenilworth, CV8 1LW

On Saturday October 21st 2023 at 7.00 pm

To support Waverley Day Centre, Warwick District
Foodbank and Kenilworth Reader and Visitor Services who
provide home visiting services to local blind and partially sighted people.

Tickets £15, to include light refreshments, available from
Kenilworth Books or Phil Jones on 07910 240453

Those over-the-top words that we use

I'm trying to stop saying the word 'incredible'. It's overused and has become almost meaningless. "We are incredibly grateful"; "I had an incredible meal". As the word really means 'beyond belief or understanding', it can't actually apply - in either case.

'Unbelievable' is similarly misused. So is 'fantastic', which is meant to describe something belonging to an imaginary world. So, strictly speaking, a fantastic tennis player can't be a real one.

How about 'amazing'? Count how many times you hear it today. It should be reserved to describe something astonishing, out of this world. If you think about it, if everything is amazing or incredible, then nothing really is. When the exceptional becomes normal or commonplace, nothing is special.

We seem to be struggling to find words to convey something out of the ordinary. Try 'iconic'. Iconic only appeared recently and has been distorted to mean 'historic' or 'traditional' or 'classic'. My dictionary tells me iconic actually means something to do with an icon, which is a depiction of Christ, the Virgin Mary, or a saint.

In fact, most of these over-the-top words, now in everyday use, have a religious association. Originally, they were reserved to communicate otherness, difference, deep respect.

For example, what about 'awesome'? It should mean 'awe' or reverence. It's a take-your-breath-away word. Awe is what Moses felt when he saw a bush on fire, because it didn't actually burn away, and he sensed the presence of God. Awe is something St Peter experienced, when he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, 'Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!'

If you try to imagine what Moses and Peter actually felt, words like 'unworthiness' and 'fear' might come to mind. They really were experiencing something out of the ordinary, too hot to handle. They were out of their depth. An experience like that stayed with them for life. They had encountered holiness. Now there's a word worth using.

“He gave us eyes to see them’: ‘Still Life with Lemons, Oranges and a Rose’

The weekday eucharist in a parish church, with only a handful of worshippers present, can be a great contrast to the bustle and liveliness of Sunday services. It can offer you a quiet time to focus on the gifts of bread and wine offered on the altar. This month’s painting of 1633 is an opportunity to focus on the gifts that have been offered at the altar of *this* table, in ‘Still Life with Lemons, Oranges and a Rose’ by Francisco Zurbarán. He was a contemporary of the more famous Velázquez and worked in Seville until his death in 1664.



There is something quite special and evocative in the arrangement of fruits and flowers – two highly polished plates, one bearing the citrons (not lemons as the title tells us), the other a cup of water and a rose. In the centre there is a

basket with oranges and orange blossom. Against the dark background we sense the cool tones of the plates and cup, and the warmth of fruits and flowers.

There is a curious balance and poise here, and some critics have suggested a Trinitarian allusion in the three groups so deliberately placed on the table. Others have pointed to the rose and water as symbols of our Lady, and the fruit and blossom as signs of the new life of Easter. A devout Spanish Catholic in the 17th century would have noticed these allusions, but they may be too fanciful, as X-rays have shown that Zurbarán painted out another plate which simply contained sweet, candied potatoes.

What he has portrayed is an allegory of the senses. We can almost smell the fragrance of orange blossom and the tanginess of the fruits. We want to reach out to touch and taste. But no, we must look and ponder the offering of these gifts for our delight, and simply give thanks for the artist who has shown us something of the sacramental beauty of creation in them.

Quotes of the Month

Exercise daily - walk with the Lord. - *Anon*

We don't change God's message - His message changes us. - *Anon*

Whatever we part with for God's sake shall be made up to us in kind or kindness.
- *Matthew Henry*

Affliction is God's shepherd dog to drive us back to the fold. - *Anon*

God's biggest problem with labourers in His vineyard is absenteeism. - *Anon*

God works in us and with us, not against us or without us. - *John Owen*

God always provides a light through every one of His tunnels. - *Anon*

We are saved not by our deeds but by Christ's sacrifice for our misdeeds. - *Fred Catherwood*.

Necessary evil: one we like so much we refuse to do away with it. - *Anon*

The need of the world is to listen to God. - *Albert Einstein*

A religion that does not begin with repentance is certain to end there – perhaps too late. - *Anon*

If Christians praised God more, the world would doubt Him less. - *C E Jefferson*

The Bible has a great deal to say about suffering and most of it is encouraging. - *A W Tozer*

Some people treat God as they do a lawyer; they go to Him only when they are in trouble. - *Anon*

The wages of sin is death. Repent before payday. - *Anon*

One thing all nations have in common is the ability to see each other's faults. - *Anon*

Over the centuries, people seem to have improved everything - except people. - *Anon*

Remembering the Beatles

Sixty years ago, on 15th October 1963, the term 'Beatlemania' first appeared in the *Daily Mirror* newspaper in the UK. It described the intense, frenzied reaction of fans of the Beatles and their music.

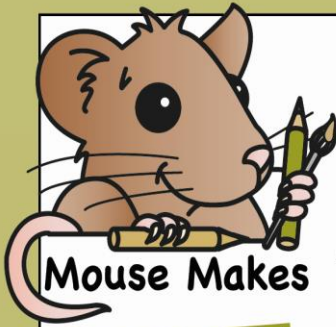
The group – John Lennon, Paul McCartney, George Harrison, and Ringo Starr – had been attracting wild adulation in the north of England, notably at the Cavern Club in Liverpool, since the start of the 1960s. But from 1964 Beatlemania spread throughout the country, and then the world – particularly the USA, where the Beatles were transported to concerts by armoured car for their own protection.

Commentators were eager to diagnose the cause of the phenomenon – sometimes not convincingly – but it was agreed that the high-pitched screaming by girl fans had similarities with religious fervour and hysterical worship of young men they saw as gods.

As is well known, in 1966 John Lennon remarked that the group had become more popular than Jesus, but this was a step too far for many, leading to a backlash and violence at subsequent concerts worldwide. This and the inability of the group to hear themselves play above the screams led to the Beatles stopping touring altogether. Their 1965 album *Rubber Soul* already projected a different, more progressive, thoughtful feel.

But a cultural trend had been set, and subsequent boy bands, from the Monkees to One Direction, tended to get the kind of 'worship' from their fans that was undeniably linked to a freedom from authority and convention.

It was not totally new, however. Back in the 1840s, fans of Hungarian pianist and composer Franz Liszt apparently displayed a similar level of fanaticism, which poet Heinrich Heine called 'Lisztomania'.



Mouse Makes



CONNECT THE BIBLE FOOD PAIRS

- | | |
|---------|-------|
| MANNA | HONEY |
| OIL | WINE |
| WATER | FISH |
| LOCUSTS | QUAIL |
| LOAVES | FLOUR |



What drink ran out at the wedding?

_____ and what did Jesus use to make more?

John 2:3 and 7



What food did God supply for his people in the wilderness?

_____ and _____

Numbers 11:7-9 and 31

After Elijah came to visit, what never ran out?

_____ and _____



1 Kings 17:14

What food did the ravens feed Elijah?

_____ and _____

1 Kings 17:6

What food did John the Baptist eat in the wilderness?

_____ and _____

Matthew 3:4

What did the boy give Jesus to feed 5,000 people?

Five _____

and two _____

John 6:9



FIND THE BIBLE VERSE

Change each letter in this bible verse to the letter **before** it in the alphabet.

NBO TIBMM OPU
MJWF PO CSFBE
BMPOF, CVU PO
FWFSZ XPSE UIBU
DPNFT GSPN UIF
NPVUI PG HPE.

NBUUIFX 4:4



DID YOU KNOW?

As Lot escaped Sodom with his family an angel told him not to stop or look back, but Lot's wife did look back and became a pillar of salt.



READ Genesis 19 v15-26

E B R E A D H O N E Y Q J S F
L O A V E S G Q W A T E R C I
M Q I W M F R U I T F I S H G
E U S H A L A A N O L I V E S
A I I E N O I I E G R A P E S
T L N A N U N L O C U S T S Y
M U S T A R D E I H D A T E S
E V E G E T A B L E S A L T H

Find the words below and the answers to the questions all in the word search

- OLIVES • CHEESE
- FIGS • DATES
- MUSTARD
- RAISINS • WHEAT
- SALT • GRAIN
- FRUIT • GRAPES
- VEGETABLES

Helping the older people in church

'Silver Sunday' is 1st October - the 'national day for older people'. So perhaps this is a good month to consider what churches can do to support their older people.

Nearly one in five people in England and Wales is aged over 65. The over-70s currently make up around a third of the Church of England, and 40% of Methodist/URC churches.

But many churches are very focused, for all the best reasons, on children and young people. This means that the needs of the older generations may be neglected, in terms of resources.

Here are some things to consider:

Loneliness is apparently as bad for your health as smoking 15 cigarettes a day.

Yet Age UK has found that half of older people say the television or pets are their main form of company. Half a million older people go at least five or six days a week without seeing or speaking to anyone at all. Churches are in an excellent position to proactively combat this reality.

Churches can help people prepare for end of life.

Sometimes older people neglect to do important practical things, like sorting out their old-age care, finances, or lasting power of attorney. While church leaders can't offer advice, of course, but they could help to point people towards the right professional bodies.

A quarter of our children will live to be 100

Apart from grandparents, church may present the best opportunity for children to discover intergenerational relationships. We can more easily cultivate a positive imagination of a long life when we have models to inspire us.

The Bible presents a wonderful vision of the fruit of later years and longer life. Psalm 92 says: 'In old age they will still bear fruit; healthy and green they will remain, to proclaim, "The Lord is upright; He is my Rock, and in Him there is no unrighteousness."'

With all this in mind, in 2017 a charity, Faith in Later Life, was formed by a group of other Christian charities to reach, serve, and empower older people through the Church.

Faith in Later Life has a network of 'church champions' who ensure that older people are not forgotten in their churches. The 'champions' receive regular training and support – and it is completely free to join. If you are concerned for the older people in your church, then this may be for you.

More info at: <https://faithinlaterlife.org>

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SUNDAY 22nd OCTOBER 2023
PLEASE 😊? (e-mail to
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Is your car too big to park?

For decades, parking spaces have remained largely the same size, but our cars have grown bigger and bigger. And bigger.

So now we have a glut of 'autobesity', according to motoring experts.

The consumer watchdog WHICH? has found 161 models which are simply too big for the average parking spot. 12 of the models exceed the standard parking bay limit by more than 12 inches.

The BMW i7 exceeds a standard bay by more than 20in. The Mercedes-Benz S-Class hybrid is 17.5in longer. The Audi A8 exceeds the limit by 14.6in.

And it is not just length. WHICH? found that 27 models are *too wide* for drivers to comfortably open their doors, once parked between two other cars. (Vehicles are "too wide" if their width leaves less than 8.7in between the car and the bay.)

The Land Rover Discovery is 81in wide, leaving only 6.5in of space between the doors and the bay's borders. The Jaguar I-Pace is 79in wide, while the BMW X5's width spans 78.7in, leaving motorists with only 7.8in each side in a parking bay.

The simple answer would seem to be wider parking bays. But the British Parking Association (BPA) told Which? that adapting car parks is not always simple. For example, the additional weight of larger cars poses major problems for multi-storey car parks.



From medical records....

- ~ On the second day, the knee was better and on the third day it had completely disappeared.
- ~ The patient has been depressed ever since she began seeing me in 2022.
- ~ Alive, but without permission.
- ~ She slipped on wet leaves in late September, and her legs went in separate directions.
- ~ The patient was released to the Outpatient department without dressing.
- ~ She is numb from the toes down.

What would Jesus do?

While waiting in line to check out at a Christian bookstore, a man in front of me asked the clerk about a display of hats with the letters WWJD on them. The clerk explained that WWJD stands for 'What would Jesus do?', and that the idea is to get people to consider this question when making decisions.

The man pondered a moment, then replied, "I don't think He'd pay £17.99 for that hat."

Don't mention it!

As part of his annual talk to our local Town Council, our minister told some funny stories. Since he planned to use the same anecdotes at the forthcoming Harvest Dinner at church, he asked the young reporter covering the event not to include them in his report.

Reading the newspaper on the following morning, he noticed that the well-meaning reporter had ended his story on the banquet with the observation "The minister told a number of stories that cannot be published."

Long wait

We went away for a half-term break but found the service in the local restaurant abysmally slow. My husband was getting really irritated, so I tried to distract him with small talk. "You know," I said, "my friend Christine is getting her baby baptised."

"Really?" my husband snapped. "It was even born when we walked in here."

Apples

Mother: "Martin, last night I put two apples in this cupboard and now there is only one. How do you explain that?"

Martin: "I expect it was so dark I couldn't see the other one."

Salt

The Sunday School teacher was describing how when Lot's wife looked back at Sodom, she turned into a pillar of salt. Young James nodded with understanding. "My mum looked back once while she was driving," he observed, "and she turned into a telephone pole."

Those Church Bulletin notes that didn't quite work as intended

The Fasting & Prayer Conference includes meals.

The sermon this morning: 'Jesus Walks on the Water.'

The sermon tonight: 'Searching for Jesus.'

Ladies, don't forget the jumble sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.

Remember in prayer the many who are sick of our community.

Smile at someone who is hard to love. Say 'Hell' to someone who doesn't care much about you.

Don't let worry kill you off – let the Church help.

Miss Charlene Mason sang 'I will not pass this way again,' giving obvious pleasure to the congregation.

At the evening service tonight, the sermon topic will be 'What is Hell?' Come early and listen to our choir practice.

Eight new choir robes are currently needed, due to the addition of several new members and to the deterioration of some older ones.

The senior choir invites any member of the congregation who enjoys sinning to join the choir.

Please join us as we show our support for Amy and Alan in preparing for the girth of their first child.

For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.

Working

First friend: Who are you working for nowadays?

Second friend: Same people. The wife and four kids.

Heredity

Everyone believes in it, until their child does something really stupid.

Past & present

As half-term ended, the English teacher returned to teaching with a sigh. He felt nostalgic. He found the past perfect and the present tense.

Prove it

The biggest joke on mankind is that computers have begun asking humans to prove they aren't a robot.



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Repair Café Kenilworth

Repair Café Kenilworth (ReCK) is a free meeting space that's all about repairing things together, be that clothes, toys, furniture, electrical appliances, bicycles ... there's very little that can't be repaired by our team of expert volunteers.

We meet at the United Reformed Church every third Saturday in the month, between 2PM and 5PM. There is free parking outside the Church, but it can get quite busy. If your item is particularly heavy or large, we'll always try to assist you as best as possible.



Sustainable. Social. Economic. Fun.

A local Repair Café is a not-for-profit community event, created by neighbours, for their neighbours. The aim of the Repair Café Kenilworth (and those worldwide) is to reduce waste, increase sustainability, save money, and have fun in an informal social gathering.

Oh ... with lots of tea and cake on tap also. It is a Repair CAFÉ after all.

Bin it? No Way!

Some things have to be thrown away ... the old toothbrush with curly bristles, that blown light bulb that's been sitting inside the cupboard since 1983, the fish 'n' chip wrappers from last night's tea ... but what about that broken bedside lamp, or the rickety wooden stool that belonged to your grandparents?

The Repair Café movement has one simple question, and an even simpler answer; Bin it? No Way!

Along with actually repairing your broken items, we'll help you to develop the skills to start repairing them yourself, to promote the culture of repair over replace, and to give you the satisfaction of bringing your treasured memories back to life.



Further details

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The third Saturday afternoon of the month at Abbey Hill Church 2pm-5pm.

PRAYER DIARY OCTOBER 2023

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| 1 st | Rosemary and Gerald Lawrence |
| 2 nd | Gill and David Littleford |
| 3 rd | Alice McAdam |
| 4 th | John & Ayse McKenzie, Iain, Layla and Scott |
| 5 th | Mhari McLintock and Hugh Maccallum |
| 6 th | Roz Morris |
| 7 th | Pam Muckersie |
| 8 th | Vivien and John Nichols |
| 9 th | Alison and Ivan Pointon |
| 10 th | Cheryl and Colin Ritchie |
| 11 th | Hilary Scott |
| 12 th | Pat Scott |
| 13 th | Kath Shortley |
| 14 th | Jayne Shores |
| 15 th | Barbara and Helen Sidebottom |
| 16 th | Mary Skidmore |
| 17 th | Lorna and John Spenser |
| 18 th | Jo Stratton, Sophie and Elspeth |
| 19 th | Ruth and Steve Sutton |
| 20 th | Winnie Tawil |
| 21 st | Helen and Dave Thomas |
| 22 nd | Esmé Thorpe |
| 23 rd | Joy Thorpe |
| 24 th | Bronwen and Martyn Todd, Sarah and Lottie |
| 25 th | Janet Turner |
| 26 th | Joy Verral |
| 27 th | Jo and Pete Warren |
| 28 th | Gaynor Watkins |
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| 30 th | Jo and John Williams |
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