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Every tree in the
forest will sing for
joy when the LORD
comes to rule the earth.
Psalm 96:12-13

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Autumn Praise



October can seem a gloomy month - gone is any chance of those hot days which sometimes arrive in September, we've probably all given in by now and put the heating on, days are noticeably shorter.

Unless we have one of those perfectly planned gardens we see on TV programmes with lots of late flowering plants, we probably look out instead on plants which are past their best, dying down and just nagging at us that we ought to get out there in the drizzle and do a good clear up.

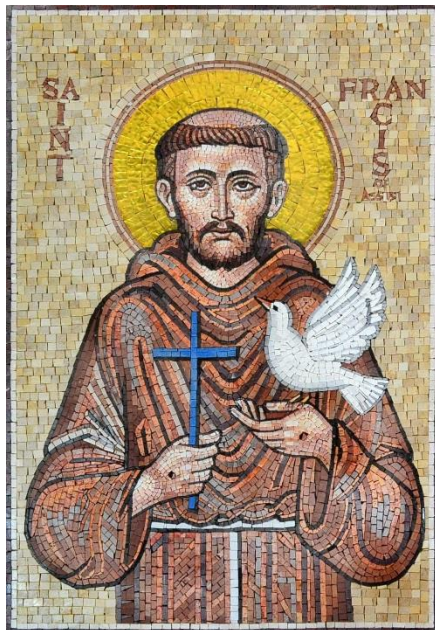
However there is also gentleness and subtlety about autumn, as nature begins to slow down and settle itself for winter, all a reminder of the natural cycle of life and death and renewal.

The church is still good at marking the seasons of the year, even though modern life seems to try to fight against this by making the same foods available year round, and having hot cross buns and Christmas cakes side by side in our supermarket aisles.

Sometimes, as now, the season we are in can be "in between", a settling down period, when we have time to pause and reflect before we gear up to busier seasons to come. Last month Revd Sue reflected on trees. After the rush of new beginnings for so many folk in September, this is a good moment to find time if we can to just pause and drink in the beauty of the trees as they clothe themselves in a little of God's reflected glory.

St Francis of Assisi has his feast day on October 4th. St Francis has long been thought of as the patron saint of animals. As the plants in our gardens fade, many of us enjoy watching animals preparing for

winter, birds visiting our gardens, or squirrels hiding nuts and acorns. We have two hedgehogs visiting our garden, and on those evenings when we manage to catch a glimpse, there is such a joy in seeing "our" hedgehogs enjoying their snack of mealworms. In fact these days St Francis is described as patron saint of ecologists. He taught respect for all of God's creation. He did not just believe creation was something to move us to worship God, though it certainly does that. He believed that creation in itself worshipped God, and that all other living creatures are our brothers and sisters, and that is why we should cherish them and extend love of neighbour to animals as well as fellow humans.



This is so beautifully expressed in that lovely hymn:

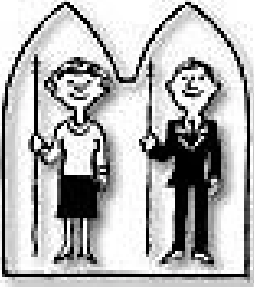
All creatures of our God and King, lift up your voice and with us sing, Alleluia.

Dear mother earth who day by day, unfoldest blessing on our way, O praise Him, alleluia,

The flowers and fruits that in thee grow, let them his glory also show. O praise Him, alleluia.

So if we do find ourselves a bit caught up in the gloom of October, maybe we can look at creation around us in our gardens and as we walk along our streets. Then instead of feeling as grey as the skies, we can try to hear the birds and the breeze in the trees singing praises, with us, to God, the creator of us all.

Revd Rosemary Pantling



Hello friends and neighbours!

I do hope that you have all enjoyed the summer months, and maybe have had the pleasure of some time away from your home for a break from routine. This is what does us all the power of good. 'A change is as good as a rest'.

I'm in pensive mood, thinking about 'change'. It is a truism that nothing stays the same, and change is inevitable. As I write this it is obvious from a quick sniff of the air outside, and the low temperature this morning at breakfast time, that summer is changing into autumn. Most of us love the different seasons - it's in our DNA!

How do you personally cope with change? Sometimes changes can be startling and scary, other times gently evolving so that you hardly notice. The Japanese would call this 'kaizen' and they apply this philosophy to their car manufacturing.

A change of clothes, ringing the changes (bells), change your mind, a change in the weather, climate change, small change; all call upon the actual word 'change' to convey the scene, but there are very many phrases where the meaning of change is implicit without the appearance of the 'change' word. You can drive yourself crazy (yes, I know) trying to be nimble with your grey cells. Here are a few to get you going - they all have the feeling of change

Ebb and flow, wax and wane, light and dark , alive or dead, old or young, black or white....

These all involve a shift in patterns or situations.

Any changes necessary in your home or your life? Think on!

With my love and prayers for you all,

Glyn Wright



WALKERS' GROUP



September 2017 walk

Nine of us met outside church. We then headed off to the Fleur-de-Lys at Lowsonford for the start of our walk. From Lowsonford we set off along the Stratford Canal, which is renowned for its barrel-roofed cottages, with some now hired out as holiday lets.

Heading towards Lapworth, we passed under the N40 motorway. We then walked towards the Tom o' the Wood at Rowington, where we joined the Grand Union canal.

After about a mile, at Bridge 62, we climbed the embankment to a public footpath and bridleway. Following the bridleway past arable land and pastures, we passed under the railway, and then back over the M40 again to a lane at the top side of Lowsonford, where we returned to the Fleur-de-Lys for a well-earned lunch.

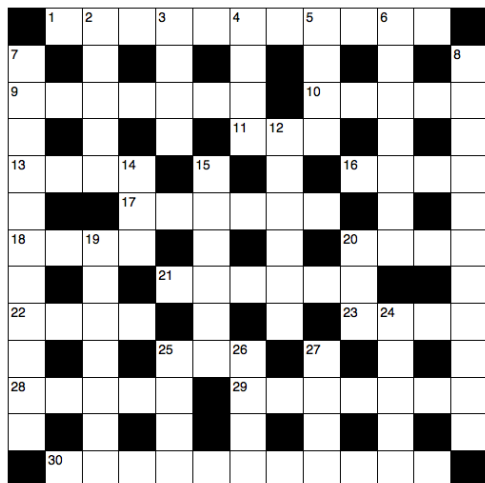
Sue and John Hollins

The October Walk is on Saturday 7th, leaving the church at 9.30 am. It will be led by John & Sue Hollins.



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Answers on Page 6



Across

- 1 The sixth disciple (Matthew 10:3) (11)
 9 'And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the — —' (Matthew 6:13) (4,3)
 10 Love intensely (Song of Songs 1:4) (5)
 11 From Mt Carmel to Jezreel, Elijah — all the way (1 Kings 18:46) (3)
 13 One of the Midianite leaders who was captured and killed after Gideon's victory in the valley near Moreh (Judges 7:25) (4)
 16 Metallic element (4)
 17 At line (anag.) (6)
 18 'Cursed is everyone who is — on a tree' (Galatians 3:13) (4)
 20 Where Samson killed a thousand Philistines with a donkey's jawbone (Judges 15:14) (4)
 21 He succeeded Moses (Deuteronomy 34:9) (6)
 22 'When he saw him, he took — on him' (Luke 10:33) (4)
 23 'For — is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction' (Matthew 7:13) (4)

- 25 'The god of this — has blinded the minds of unbelievers' (2 Corinthians 4:4) (3)
 28 Fear or terror (Psalm 31:22) (5)
 29 'We, who are many, are one body, for we all — of the one loaf' (1 Corinthians 10:17) (7)
 30 Assyrian ruler assassinated by his sons while worshipping his god Nisroch (2 Kings 19:37) (11)

Down

- 2 'For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made — ' (1 Corinthians 15:22) (5)
 3 'After supper he — the cup' (1 Corinthians 11:25) (4)
 4 The request of a man of Macedonia in Paul's vision: 'Come — to Macedonia and help us' (Acts 16:9) (4)
 5 He disobeyed his father Judah by refusing to impregnate his dead brother's wife (Genesis 38:9) (4)
 6 I veto me (anag.) (7)
 7 Fourth king of Judah (1 Kings 15:24) (11)
 8 Priest of God Most High, who blessed Abram (Genesis 14:18) (11)
 12 'I have made you — — for the Gentiles' (Acts 13:47) (1,5)
 14 Implore (1 Samuel 15:25) (3)
 15 'Out of the eater, something to eat; out of the — , something sweet' (Judges 14:14) (6)
 19 'I am the most ignorant of men; I do — — a man's understanding' (Proverbs 30:2) (3,4)
 20 'Sin shall not be your master, because you are not under — , but under grace' (Romans 6:14) (3)
 24 Native of, say, Baghdad (5)
 25 The last word in the Bible (Revelation 22:21) (4)
 26 Heroic tale (4)
 27 'Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you — ' (John 8:32) (4)

ACROSS: 1.

Bartholomew. 9, Evil
one. 10, Adore. 11,
Ran. 13, Oreb. 16,
Zinc. 17, Entail. 18,
Hung. 20, Lehi. 21,
Joshua. 22, Pity. 23,
Wide. 25, Age. 28,
Alarm. 29, Partake.
30, Sennacherib.

DOWN: 2, Alive. 3,
Took. 4, Over. 5,
Onan. 6, Emotive. 7,
Jehoshaphat. 8,
Melchizedek. 12, A
light. 14, Beg. 15,
Strong. 19, Not have.
20, Law. 24, Iraqi.
25, Amen. 26, Epic.
27, Free.

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18 July	Roy Nabbs, Age 86
WEDDINGS	
5 June	David MASIH and Sonia KLEC
27 July	Karl PEMBERTON and Josie POOL
RENEWAL OF VOWS	
10 June	John & Christine BUTLER (25 years)



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Saturday 21 October

10.30 am to noon in The
Octagon

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information and exchange
latest news – while eating
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Carer Support Group

2nd Monday of the month 10am - 12pm

**Are you struggling to support Mum
and don't know what to do next?**

Is Dad finding it hard to adjust to needing care?

**Would you like some help understanding the world
of care by somebody that has been there themselves?**

The Carer Support Group is an informal group of Family Carers who meet up to support each other, offer advice or just lend a sympathetic ear. It is run by family carers for family carers. So if you have been there and are now in a position to offer advice or maybe need some help yourself why not pop along.

Meetings will be held at:

Arden House Care Home
20 Clarendon Square,
Leamington Spa CV32 5QT

Call Geraint for details on
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We are doing REVERSE ADVENT again this year - remember it just keeps on giving!

Our Reverse Advent project went down so well last year that we have decided to run it again this year, and once more to support the Leamington Night Shelter and our local Lillington branch of the Leamington and Warwick Food Bank.

****Here is some advance notice to get you started**** We will launch Reverse Advent at our 9.30am service of Morning Praise on Sunday 3rd December when we will be distributing boxes and baskets for you to take home and fill up, ready for Christmas. (there will also be baskets/boxes available at the 8.00am service).

****Here is how it works**** Lots of us now have an Advent calendar with a chocolate or little toy for each day. With the Reverse Advent Calendar, you GIVE a little something for each day. You could fill a box or basket for the Night Shelter, or our local Food Bank and at the same time your help will support what "Love Lillington" is doing in our Community. For the Night Shelter, the little gifts can be new socks, hats, gloves, scarves, underwear, toiletries, chocolates or biscuits and other luxury foods, and for the Foodbank, tins of vegetables, stuffing, gravy, bread sauce, little Christmassy goodies and stocking fillers, or even a supermarket gift card. At the end of Advent these will be fantastic boxes and baskets of little gifts for us to distribute to Leamington and Lillington people in need. Perhaps think about writing a short prayer and enclose it with your gifts, or tie it on with a ribbon?

If filling a whole box or basket is not for you, there will be a 'whole church' Reverse Advent box, available in church, where your contribution may be made.

There will be more information in the November edition of Crosstalk, so look out for that.

Thank you once more for all your support.

Christine Butler

Reverse Advent Calendar
A Church-Wide Effort to Help Those in Need This Holiday Season!



WHAT I LOVE ABOUT.....

The first in a new series describing the secret passions of church members.

Jeff Burgess on classical music.

I was listening recently to the radio and Vaughan Williams' "The Lark Ascending" was played. It was the version for violin and piano, not the orchestral arrangement. The violin was played very simply, with little vibrato, and perfectly in tune. Most of the time when I tune to a music station on the radio, I'm not really listening, it is just there in the background. But this playing was so beautiful, I was compelled to give it my whole attention. It put me in a wistful frame of mind which led on to nostalgic thoughts and, strangely, regrets. I have to admit that my eyes glistened.

Now, I'm sure that the same recording might have affected another person differently; they may have been exhilarated by the picture in their mind of the lark soaring towards the heavens. My point is that music has the power to affect emotion, to touch the soul.

Before the purists amongst you point out that this was not classical music (strictly music composed between about 1750 - 1830), let me say that I use the term loosely. I include composers from Hildegard of Bingen to Leonard Bernstein.

So the first reason why I love classical music is the fact that it can mysteriously stir emotion, make one feel more alive. Another is the sheer sound of a full orchestra, best appreciated in the concert hall rather than the sitting room. That first chord still surprises; the rich, all-enveloping sound. And the variety of sound. Wind instruments from penny whistle to tuba with reedy oboes and raucous trombones in between. Double basses played en masse; you can feel the vibration. Thrilling percussion with insistent rhythm from the snare drum and wake-up clashes from the cymbals. This is not to say that I only love the big sounds. It is amazing to witness the musicality and sheer skill of a chamber group. Or the rapport which a solo performer can build with an audience.

Another thing I love is the variety of musical styles out there. The almost mathematical precision of JS Bach contrasting with the free-form playfulness of Janáček. The grandeur of Elgar. Sibelius, evoking the great outdoors.

It's great. Have I persuaded you?



The 500th Anniversary of the Reformation

October 31st marks the 500th anniversary of Martin Luther nailing his 95 Theses to the Wittenberg church door in 1517, signalling the

start of the Protestant Reformation. He was protesting against the practice of indulgences, where the good deeds of the saints could be purchased to reduce time spent in purgatory, before arriving in heaven. For Luther, this cheapened grace, repentance and forgiveness: 'You can't buy God's friendship!'

Luther rediscovered the truths of God's grace: 'For in the gospel the righteousness of God is revealed – a righteousness that is by faith from first to last, just as it is written: "The righteous will live by faith".' (Romans 1:17). He recognised that righteousness (being right with God) and forgiveness are not earned by good works, but faith. The undeserved love of God and His acceptance is a matter of trust. This challenge to the Church of Luther's day remains so today! At the Diet (Council) of Worms, he refused to recant his views: 'Here I stand; I can do no other!'

Luther stood for the free forgiveness of the gospel, by which God accepts us because of the death of Jesus on our behalf to deal with our sin. Is this what we believe? Only trusting Jesus can make us right with God. In what ways can we slip into a mindset that seeks God's approval for what we achieve in our spiritual lives, rather than in how we can serve as a response to all He has done for us? We will continue to get things wrong, but God never gives up on us!

'Be a sinner, and let your sins be strong (sin boldly), but let your trust in Christ be stronger, and rejoice in Christ who is the victor over sin, death, and the world.' (Martin Luther).

SERVICE DETAILS

SUNDAY WORSHIP - OCTOBER 2017

1 st October	08:00	Holy Communion
	09:30	Morning Praise (No Sunday Club) Harvest Festival
	18:30	Evensong
8 th October	08:00	Holy Communion
	09:30	Holy Communion with Prayers for Healing and Sunday Club
	18:30	Youth Club
15 th October	08:00	Holy Communion
	09:30	Holy Communion & Sunday Club
	18:30	Evensong
22 nd October	08:00	Holy Communion
	09:30	Holy Communion and Sunday Club
29 th October	08:00	Holy Communion
	09:30	Holy Communion & Sunday Club

SUNDAY CLUB

For children of all ages up to 10 years during School Term time. Children join the main 09:30 service at the beginning and the end, and leave for a 30 minutes Sunday Club session, which has a range of age appropriate activities

WEEKDAY WORSHIP:

Tuesday	31 st October	13:30	Holy Communion
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THE CHURCH OFFICE

The office is open Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 9:30am till 1:00pm. Please note that the office is no longer open on a Wednesday.

During these hours, the church may be used for private prayer - please use the office entrance. For Baptism, Weddings and general enquiries please contact the church office (01926 470449). Outside of office hours please leave a message on the answer phone and we will get back to you.

WHAT'S ON

October 2017

Mon 2	AM	Lillington Nursery & Primary School Harvest Service
Tues 3	AM	Telford Infant School Harvest Festival Service
Sat 7	9:30 am	Walkers' Group – John & Sue Hollins
Sat 7	7:30 pm	Anniversary Organ Concert
Tue 10	6:30 am	Knitters' Group in the Octagon
Wed 11	3.00 pm	Poetry Group at 17 Lime Avenue. Friendly and informal. Contact 07758857740 for more information
Thurs 12	7:30 pm	PCC meeting
Sat 21	9:30 pm	Lillington History Group in The Octagon. See advert.
Tue 24	6:30 pm	Knitters' Group in the Octagon
Fri 27	10:30 am	Dementia Friendly Coffee Drop-In at Acorn Court, Stockton Grove, Lillington
Tue 31	2:00pm	Tea & Chat in the Octagon

November 2017

Fri 3	6:00 pm	Fireworks at Lillington Primary School
Sat 5	9.00 am	Walkers' Group AGM followed by walk - Ted & Sandra Dear
Wed 8	3:00 pm	Poetry Group at 17 Lime Avenue
Thurs 9	7:30pm	PCC meeting
Tue 14	6:30 pm	Knitters Group in The Octagon
Fri 24	10:30 am	Dementia Friendly Coffee Drop-In at Acorn Court, Stockton Grove, Lillington
Tue 28	2:00 pm	Tea & Chat in The Octagon
Tue 28	6:30 pm	Knitters Group in The Octagon

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COOKING WITH CROSSTALK

OCTOBER – DIWALI: FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS

Diwali is perhaps the most well-known of the Hindu festivals. The word Diwali means 'rows of lighted lamps'. Diwali is known as the 'festival of lights' because houses, shops and public places are decorated with small earthenware oil lamps called *diyas*

The festival celebrates the victory of good over evil, light over darkness and knowledge over ignorance, although the actual legends that go with the festival are different in different parts of India:

In Britain, as in India, the festival is a time for:

- spring-cleaning the home,
- wearing new clothes
- exchanging gifts (often sweets and dried fruits) and preparing festive meals
- decorating buildings with fancy lights.
- huge firework displays often celebrate Diwali.



Pumpkin Halwa

Pumpkin halwa is a very popular sweet dish usually made for special occasions.

450g/1lb pumpkin, courgettes,
bottle gourd or carrots
550ml/1 pint milk
1 tsp cardamom seeds, crushed
1 tbsp sultanas
2 tbsp clarified (or unsalted)
butter
8 tbsp sugar

3 tbsp halved cashews, flaked
almonds, and pistachio slivers,
lightly toasted
1 tsp rosewater
silver leaf, chironji nuts and
watermelon seeds (available in
Indian grocers), and red rose
petals to garnish (optional)

1. Trim, peel and finely grate the vegetables.
2. Combine them with milk, cardamom and sultanas in a large non-stick frying pan.
3. Heat gently and bring to a simmer, stirring occasionally.
4. Cook until the vegetables are tender and almost all the liquid has evaporated, stirring frequently as the mixture thickens.
5. Add butter, sugar, nuts, and rosewater and stir well.
6. Spread halwa out in a shallow pan to cool; garnish.
7. When cool, cut into squares and serve.

Goan coconut pancakes

For the pancake batter

100g/4oz plain flour
1 tbsp caster sugar
a pinch of salt
1 egg
150ml/5fl oz coconut milk
1 tbsp melted butter, plus
extra for brushing
a few drops of vanilla extract
a good pinch of grated lemon
zest
a little oil or butter for
making the pancakes and for
greasing the pan

For the stuffing

10-12 tbsp fresh grated
coconut
1 tbsp golden raisins
80g/3oz brown sugar
¼tsp ground cardamom
¼tsp nutmeg, grated.



1. Sift the flour, sugar and salt into a bowl. Make a well in the centre and add the egg, coconut milk and melted butter. Whisk to a smooth batter, then stir in the vanilla and lemon zest. It should have a thin pouring consistency.
2. Mix together all the ingredients for the stuffing.
3. Heat a little oil or butter in a 15-18cm/6-7in frying pan. Pour in enough batter to coat the bottom thinly, tilting the pan to spread it. Cook for 1 minute, until lightly browned underneath, then flip over and cook the other side. Turn out and make the remaining pancakes in the same way.
4. Divide the filling between the pancakes and roll up. Place on individual serving plates, brush with melted butter and heat through under the grill.
5. Serve with vanilla ice cream.

WORD SEARCH – William Tyndale

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Anniversary
Reformation
Bible
Sunday
Tribute
William
Tyndale
First
Common
Person
word
God
King
Furious
Betrayed
Arrested
Burned
Prayer

This month we remember both the 500th anniversary of the beginning of the Reformation, and Bible Sunday, so it is a good time to pay tribute to William Tyndale (1494 – 1536). William Tyndale was an English priest and scholar who was the first to translate the Bible into English, and thus give the common person direct access to the Word of God.

The Roman Church and King Henry VIII were furious, and Tyndale fled England for the Continent. Here he completed the Bible, but was finally betrayed, arrested and imprisoned. He was condemned to be strangled and burned at the stake near Brussels.

His dying prayer was that God would ‘open the eyes’ of the King, and sure enough – two years later King Henry commissioned the Great Bible for the Church of England – which relied heavily on Tyndale’s version.

Many new faces at St Mary Magdalene Brownies.

The Brownies have been busy in the summer term concluding with an overnight trip to Conkers in the National Forest and a weekend camp at Hardiman Fields, Warwickshire Guiding's camp site. 16 girls made their promises and were formally welcomed into 3rd Leamington, St Mary Magdalene Brownies. They got to choose their method of celebration and they chose a whipped cream pie fight, at the Barefoot Walk at Conkers, at a Disco and at camp.

We joined south Leamington district for their annual camp which was a great success. There were around 150 guiding members and highlights were the climbing, inflatable obstacle course, paint fight, slip 'n' slide and boom whacker concert. In June we also attended Leamington Division's campfire where we joined other members of Guiding including Rainbows, Brownies, Guides and Rangers in song followed by hot dogs. It's always good to get to see others in the Guiding family and for our Brownies to appreciate they're part of something massive.

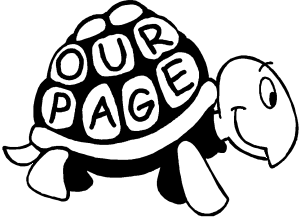
One of our Young Leaders, who's been all round the world with Guiding, followed on this as we worked our way towards the World Traveller badge. Activities included learning origami, wearing authentic kimonos from the World Scout Jamboree in Japan, learning another language, using chopsticks, basic cooking and much more. During the more clement weather there was a chance to do further cooking in the form of making damper bread for our fires. The Brownies got to practise safely lighting a match, using a flint, starting a fire, building a fire and clearing up safely after, as well as eat yummy s'mores. None of this

would be possible without volunteers or fundraising so if you'd like to help out or can help us fundraise please do get in touch. Many Thanks to the church for their ongoing support.

Bryony (Brownie Leader)



MIXED UP MONTHS



Words that begin with 'oct' mean to do with the number eight – an octopus has 8 tentacles, an octagon has 8 sides. So October should be the 8th month of the year, shouldn't it? But it isn't.

The reason goes back to Roman times. October was the eighth month in the Roman calendar until July was added to celebrate the birth month of Julius Caesar. This was followed by Augustus who also added another month (guess what that one was called!). With these two extra months fitted into the calendar what was the eighth month became the tenth month. Which gets more muddled: because words beginning with 'dec' mean to do with the number ten, so under the old way December was the tenth month. Shall I stop now before we all get even more confused?



The Vineyard and the tenants

JESUS OFTEN TOLD STORIES WITH HIDDEN MEANINGS

HE ONCE TOLD A STORY ABOUT A MAN WHO OWNED A VINEYARD

AS THE MAN LIVED A LONG WAY AWAY FROM THE VINEYARD...

...HE ARRANGED FOR SOME TENANTS TO LOOK AFTER IT FOR HIM.

BUT WHEN THE OWNER SENT SOME SERVANTS TO CHECK ON THE CARE AND PROGRESS OF THE VINEYARD...

...THE TENANTS BEAT THEM UP!

THIS HAPPENED SEVERAL TIMES. EVENTUALLY THE OWNER SENT HIS OWN SON TO SEE WHAT WAS HAPPENING.

BUT THE TENANTS BEAT THE SON UP SO BADLY THAT HE DIED!

JESUS USED THIS PARABLE TO EXPLAIN WHAT WOULD HAPPEN IN HIS OWN LIFE. IT IS A VERY CHALLENGING STORY. see Luke 20:9-16

OUR SUPER NEW ROOF



We thought that you would like to see this great photograph of the new roof. It shows what a complicated structure it is. Many of the valley gutters had rotten timber beneath the lead, and had to be renewed. The second photo illustrates this. It also shows the poor state of some of the ceiling lathes.

Our contractors applied great skill to a complicated job and are to be congratulated. Not only roofing skills, but masonry as well. The main photo shows the two fine new crosses which have been mounted on the ridge.

We give thanks for all those who were engaged in this great project and pray that the new roof will shelter congregations for generations to come.

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Meets term time from 10.30am – noon.

Octotots is an informal weekly get together for babies, toddlers and their grown-ups in the Octagon at St. Mary Magdalene's.

We meet on Thursday mornings during term time for a mixture of chat, bible stories and songs with plenty of toys to keep the

little ones busy.

We start with tea or coffee at 10.30 am and finish by 12.00 pm. The dates we are meeting are listed overleaf. Just pop along, or contact the church office to find out more.

FROM THE CHURCH RECORDS

BAPTISMS	
27 August	Jake Ernst-Philip KLAHN
WEDDINGS	
20 August	Mathew LEE and Fiona PERKIN
5 August	Dan BRADFORD and Harriet HILLIER
FUNERALS	
21 August	Sheila Margaret BRYSON (81)

TREE CARE

Did you take a tree home after last year's Christmas Tree Festival? How is it doing? I potted mine into a slightly larger pot and it has been doing very well. However, I turned it round yesterday and it is a bit shabby on the back, so I brushed it off, fed it with Growmore and am hoping it will soon be looking really good. I will be bringing it to church on 8th December to be decorated and added to the host of others we are hoping for.

Margaret Rushton's tree has already been to three festivals, and I am sure there will be others from last year which will be in good shape to 'fight another day'. If yours wants to join the fun just mark the space on the registration form when it comes out next month. If yours is not too good, or flourishing in the garden, no matter, you can have a fresh tree.

We will be buying trees from Smith's of Baginton again, so lots of people, with and without existing trees, can take part. Have you come up with your decorating idea yet?

We welcome trees by church groups, community groups, schools, shops, families, businesses and individuals. The more the merrier!

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May I introduce myself as the new editor of "Crosstalk"? Most readers will know Ruth and me as we have been members of the Mary Magdalene family for most of this millennium. I have previously served as church treasurer.



I follow in illustrious footsteps and I hope that I will live up to the high standards of Vanessa, Robin, and John. I come to the job with no previous experience so, in the words of Miranda's mother, "bear with". I hope to hone my editing skills with each edition.

The trick is, of course, to persuade others to provide interesting and stimulating copy, and I have an idea about that. It has often occurred to me that there is a lot I do not know about fellow members of the congregation; what are their interests, their passions. Roderick Clark provided some glimpses with the series of articles he wrote following interviews of church members.

So I'm asking people to complete the sentence "What I love about.....", and to follow that up with about 400 words telling why they have this passion. If a photo can be included, that would be good. So you might love steam trains, opera, the Lake District, cinema, reading, jogging, coin collecting, knitting. The list is endless. I want you to share your enthusiasm with readers of this magazine.

I have started the ball rolling with a piece on classical music in this edition.

Please let me know what you think of Crosstalk. I hope that it will not be radically different to editions produced by my predecessors, but I am very open to constructive criticism and new ideas which we may incorporate.

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