



# The Magazine for the Parish of Chigwell & Chigwell Row

October 2025



**Ps 85:9-12 ... the Lord will bless us with good  
things, and the land will produce rich harvests**

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St Mary's Church, Chigwell Village  
All Saints' Church, Chigwell Row  
St Winifred's Church, Chigwell



## The Churches in Chigwell and Chigwell Row, open & online

### St Mary's Church

High Road, Chigwell IG7 6QA [www.stmaryschigwell.org.uk](http://www.stmaryschigwell.org.uk)

Churchwarden: Joy Madeiros 07976 803887

Sunday Services: 9:15am – traditional CofE service  
10:45am – service on a big screen with a blend of informality and liturgy, and our children's group, Treasure Seekers, during term time.

Morning Prayer: 9:00am on Wednesdays



### All Saints' Church

Romford Road, Chigwell IG7 4QD [www.allsaintschigwellrow.org](http://www.allsaintschigwellrow.org)

Churchwardens: Helen Ellis-Poole 07887 731320  
Cindy Barber 07506 387070

Sunday Service: 10:00am

Morning Prayer: 9:00am on Thursdays

Holy Communion: 9:15am, on 16<sup>th</sup> October, in lieu of Morning Prayer



### St Winifred's Church

Manor Road, Chigwell IG7 5PS [www.stwinifredschurch.org.uk](http://www.stwinifredschurch.org.uk)

Churchwarden: Daniel Forshaw 07591 857657

Sunday Service: 11:15am with Tiga Club  
on the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays

Morning Prayer: 9:00am on Tuesdays



**Morning Prayer** is online as well as meeting in person as above. It is hosted on the Parish of Chigwell & Chigwell Row Facebook page at 9:00am on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. Watch live or later.

The Parish of Chigwell & Chigwell Row is part of the [Vale of Roding](#) benefice, alongside the parishes of Lambourne with Abridge, and Stapleford Abbotts.



**Charlie writes...**

## **Trick or Truth?**

It's getting darker out there, people are firing up their boilers, getting the heating on and searching for that overcoat.

Church treasurers are getting apprehensive as we think about putting the heating on. It is slowly getting colder and darker out there!



October is of course also a beautiful time of change in nature, the trees look stunningly beautiful, school children are encouraged to explore the wonders of the changing seasons. For myself, I do enjoy picking up conkers!

Another sign that presents this season is the increasingly vast merchandise for celebrating Halloween, I seem to see more on offer each year. Yes of course for most families it is no more than harmless fun trying to scare people and get lots of sweets. However for some others it can have more sinister meanings.

Halloween or “All Hallows Eve,” is the day before the Christian festival of ‘All Hallows’ or ‘All Saints’, which is celebrated on the 1st of November. This is traditionally a day on which the church remembers with joy the lives of the Christians who have gone to heaven before us.

However, many ideas and practices were added, both from pagan (pre-Christian) traditions and from non-Biblical ideas. There was a belief that the spirits of the dead would roam the earth until All Saints Day and on Halloween they would take their last chance to have revenge on people they disliked. The only way to appease them was to offer food or drink, which may be the origin of why children now “trick or treat.”

As Christians, we are called to hold up the light of Jesus in a dark world, His light and presence offering life and meaning to all. May

we pray that many who feel in darkness, would catch the light of Christ. Instead of Trick or Treat, may they discover a Truth that is real and lasts forever.

Every Halloween afternoon, we put on a Light Party for children in St Mary's Churchrooms, with fun, games, sweets, with a theme of the light of Jesus. This is a free event and grown-ups are also welcome, to join in celebrating the light instead of the dark.

Please also check out our Autumn Course in October, which gives an opportunity on Zoom or in a group, to look at what we believe as church and Christians. If you feel your faith needs a spiritual booster jab, then this is for you.

May October be for you, a month of discovery, growth and new faith.

God bless

*Charlie*

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**“I AM THE LIGHT  
OF THE WORLD.”**

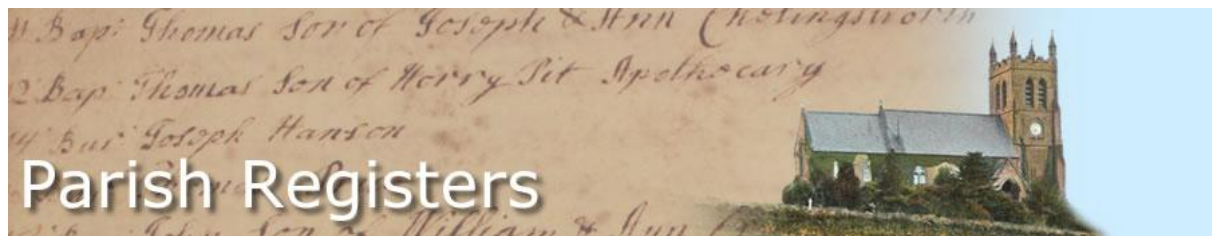
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**WHOEVER FOLLOWS ME WILL NEVER  
WALK IN DARKNESS,  
BUT WILL HAVE THE LIGHT OF LIFE.”**

JOHN 8:12







## *We celebrated the Wedding of ....*



Shona Chiamaka Austin-Chukwu and  
Trust Oluwatobi Adediran

3<sup>rd</sup> September

St Mary's

## *We mourned the loss of ...*



Robert Austin  
Bull

2<sup>nd</sup> September

Burial of Ashes

St Mary's Garden  
of Remembrance

Ryszard Wladyslaw  
Niemierko (Richard)

4<sup>th</sup> September

Funeral

All Saints' Church &  
Forest Park Cemetery

## **Prayer for October**

Dear Lord,

In this autumn season, when the harvest is gathered, we thank You for Your provision for us. We have so much, and yet we see terrible images of starving children on our televisions and smartphones and in our newspapers.

Lord, prompt us to do what we can to change things, whether that is by writing a letter or email to someone with influence, or by contributing in some way to aid agencies.



Lord, we ask You to touch the hearts of those leaders of nations whose decisions cause such hunger and suffering. Soften those hard hearts, Lord. Fill them with Your compassion. May there be a new harvest of love - and a kinder world.

In Jesus' name, Amen.

*by Daphne Kitching*

by Canon Paul Hardingham

## The Friend at Midnight

As we remember St Luke this month, let's note that one of the major themes in his gospel is prayer. Jesus tells the *Parable of the Friend at Midnight* (Luke 11:5-8) in the context of teaching His disciples to pray (1).

Rejoice  
in hope,  
be patient  
in tribulation,  
be constant  
in prayer.

Romans 12:12, ESV



### **Pray Shamelessly:**

In the parable a man approaches his friend at midnight and asking: *'Friend, lend me three loaves, for a friend of mine has arrived on a journey, and I have nothing to set before him'* (5-6). Despite the hour, the rules of hospitality mean that this is not an unreasonable request. Jesus says, *'though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, yet because of the man's boldness he will rise and give him whatever he needs'* (8). Jesus is telling us to approach our heavenly Father in *'shameless boldness'* with our needs. As adopted children we should have no hesitancy in coming to talk with our Father. It is not God who is reluctant to answer, but we to ask. Do we pray with shameless boldness?

### **Pray Persistently:**

Like children we should be persistent in our requests: *'Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you.'* (9). All three verbs indicate a continual habit: *'Keep on asking...seeking...knocking'*. We will not be content simply to ask once and then move on. Jesus tells us to bring our prayers to God persistently. Do we give up too easily in prayer?

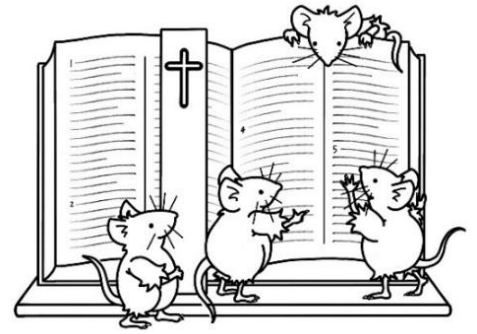
### **Pray Expectantly:**

*'For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened.'* (10). Are we expectant in our prayers, believing that God delights in meeting our requests? Why not begin this adventure of prayer today!



Canon Paul Hardingham continues his series on the books of the Bible.

## **What's the Big Idea? – An Introduction to the Books of the New Testament: Galatians**



Paul's letter to the Galatians has been described as the '*Magna Carta of Christian Liberty*', because it emphasises the freedom that we have through faith in Jesus Christ. Paul vigorously defends the truth that people are justified ('*made right with God*') by faith in Jesus Christ alone. Our standing with God is not determined by what we do, but by dependence on what Christ has done.

It is generally believed that Paul wrote this letter in 48/9AD to the churches in the southern area of Galatia, which he planted on his first missionary journey. It was written before the Council of Jerusalem (Acts 15), making it the earliest of Paul's letters.

Paul is dealing with Jewish-Christians (or Judaizers) who were advocating ceremonial practices of the Jewish law, including circumcision, in addition to faith in Christ as the means of salvation. They were undermining Paul's authority as an apostle, by asserting that his gospel didn't agree with the apostles in Jerusalem.

In response, Paul defends his apostolic authority and presents the true gospel, by emphasising the unique importance of Christ and His cross in salvation. He argues that '*a person is justified not by the works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ*' ([2:16](#)). He appeals especially to the examples of Abraham ([3:6-9](#)) and Hagar and Sarah ([4:21-31](#)), who stand in contrast as being a 'slave' under the law and 'free' in Christ.

*'It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery.'* (5:1). We are justified through faith alone and it is by faith alone that we live out our new life in the freedom of the Spirit.

## **Danny Kruger's extraordinary speech in the House of Commons**

What does the MP for Devizes in Wiltshire have in common with the Anglo-Saxon king Athelstan?

It became clear this summer, during an extraordinary speech Danny Kruger MP gave to an all but empty House of Commons on the eve of the summer recess.

First, some background: (4<sup>th</sup> September marked the 1100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the coronation of Anglo-Saxon King Athelstan, in 925AD. As grandson of King Alfred the Great, Athelstan became the first King of all England.

And his coronation revealed his decision that England should be a Christian kingdom, living under a version of the Law of Moses. So, like Alfred before him, Athelstan took oaths reminiscent of the 'blessings and curses' of Exodus 21 and 22, and promised to bring his young kingdom into the blessing of the Christian God, by means of obedience to His commands.

Danny Kruger reminded Parliament of this sacred oath made by the first king of all England this summer. The MP's call for the restoration of our national Christian heritage has since been viewed more than three million times, and has been called a 'roadmap' for a Christian counter-revolution.

For Kruger called for the country to remember Athelstan's ancient Covenant.

He said: "Uniquely among the nations of the world, this nation - England, from which the United Kingdom grew - was founded and created consciously on the basis of the Bible and the story of the Hebrew people. In that sense, England is the oldest Christian country and the prototype of nations across the West."





He went on to say that the impact of “one thousand years” of the Christian common law tradition – is the demand “that power should arrange itself for the benefit of all the people under it, and specifically for the poorest and weakest.

“In the absence of the Christian God”, he said, “we do not have pluralism and tolerance, with everyone being nice to each other in a godless world”. Instead, we have “catastrophes of social breakdown, social injustice, loneliness and emptiness on a chronic scale.”

Kruger stresses that “in abandoning one religion we simply create a space for others to move into.” He identifies Britain today as being “a combination of ancient paganism, Christian heresies and the cult of modernism”.

Kruger has written on the idea of spiritual warfare as reflected in the dynamics of law-making in Westminster in his book, *Covenant: The New Politics of Home, Neighbourhood and Nation*. He writes, “The culture war...is a religious conflict about the right gods to worship. As such, it is more than a series of skirmishes for the tokens of identity, for flags and statues and the history curriculum. It is a battle for the strongholds of society itself.”

In his speech in the House of Commons that day, he developed this theme of ‘strongholds’.

He attacked the votes of MPs to decriminalise abortion and legalise assisted suicide. He said they had authorised “the killing of unborn children, of nine-month-old babies” and to “allow the killing of the elderly and disabled,” describing these votes as “a great sin.”

He went on: “The fact is that the strong gods are back, and we have to choose which god to worship. I suggest we worship the God who came in the weakest form, Jesus Christ. This God is a jealous god—it is Him or nothing—and we have to own our Christian story, or repudiate it.”

Kruger believes strongly that secularist religion “must be banished from public life - from schools and universities, and from businesses and public services.”

Instead, he has called for a “restoration” and “a revival of the faith.” He warned: “a wind is blowing, a storm is coming and when it hits, we are going to learn if our house is built on rock or on sand.”

**Join our Benefice Autumn Course to learn more about what *We Believe*...**

**Wednesdays 1-29 October**

**in person: 10:30am, All Saints' House**

**on Zoom: 7:30pm**

The Nicene Creed is one of the most enduring statements of faith, uniting us with believers down the centuries and around the world. It is 1700 years since its development.



**Sign up in church or  
contact the Parish Office**



## DAY WITH A DIFFERENCE

Join us for fun activities, chat, and lunch of soup and a roll. All free.

Wednesday 29th October, open  
from 10:00am - 3:00pm,  
all welcome, come and go  
as you need.

St Winifred's Church Hall



*Our series on the Nicene Creed continues this month, by Canon Paul Hardingham.*

## **The Nicene Creed: The Person of the Holy Spirit**



*We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son He is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets.*

This month we are considering what the Nicene Creed says about the Holy Spirit.

*‘We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life’:* The original version of the Nicene Creed ended simply *‘We believe in the Holy Spirit.’* However, the phrase *‘the Lord, the giver of life’* was added to counter the teachings of Macedonius (Bishop of Constantinople), who viewed the Holy Spirit as a creation of the Son. The Holy Spirit is part of the Trinity who shapes us, according to Christ’s image, through His fruit and gifts: *‘the Spirit gives life...we are being transformed into His image with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.’* (2 Corinthians 3:6,18).

*‘who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son He is worshipped and glorified’:* In the late 6th century the Latin churches added the phrase *‘and the Son’* (the Filioque Clause), which was rejected by the Orthodox Churches. Augustine described the Spirit as *‘love proceeding’* from the Father and the Son, so we can know God: *‘When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who goes out from the Father, He will testify about me.’* (John 15:26).

The Creed is clear that the Holy Spirit is due equal status and worship with the Father and the Son, as a distinct divine person: *‘May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.’* (2 Corinthians 13:14).

*‘He has spoken through the Prophets’*: Why does the Creed include this activity of the Spirit? It is not just referring to the OT prophets, but the whole of Scripture. He has inspired Scripture, so that we have God’s word communicated by human writers: *‘All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness’* (2 Timothy 3:16). When we read the Bible, the Spirit enables us to hear what God is saying to us.

In what areas of life have you felt the Holy Spirit at work in you?

*David Pickup, a solicitor, considers Harvest Festivals.*

**Let Him lead me to the banquet hall  
and let His banner over me be love**

Song of Songs 2:4



I like a good harvest festival. ‘Come, Ye Thankful People, Come’, ‘For the Fruits of His Creation’, ‘Now Thank We All Our God’ and my favourite, ‘We Plough the Fields and Scatter’, the last one is not everyone’s favourite but I like it. It reminds me of school assembly and teacher who pointed out the words sound like ploughing fields and then running away. I can remember the fields near where I lived and seeing the tractor followed by flocks of birds, eager for food.

Harvest is about being thankful for God’s provision and how the harvest, in this part of the world at least, never fails. No matter how dry or wet the growing seasons are, we always get a harvest.

I enjoy a good harvest lunch. We used to have really good ones in the parish, and it brought out people who were not regular church goers but occasional attenders, mainly when food was on the table. I like a buffet because you can choose what you want and how much of it, and if you are clever, you can get two helpings. My advice is let the polite people go first, as they eat little and then go for it when most people have had their fill. No! don’t be greedy but do tuck in and make sure you help others.

God invites us to a banquet where there is plenty to eat for everyone and everyone makes sure all have their fill.

## The scary amount of money spent on Halloween

When did you first spot Halloween-themed items in the shops this year? Some were on sale in August. Seriously. August.

But perhaps no wonder – as in the UK Halloween has become the third-largest retail event after Christmas and Easter. In 2019 we spent £474million. By last year it had grown to £776million.

Who spends all this money? Millennialists and young children are driving the sales, with about £40 spent on each costume. The supermarkets are the most popular places to buy the costumes, and then there is all the party stuff and trick & treats to add to the shopping trolley...

Some retail analysts predict that America will spend about \$12 billion dollars (£8.8 billion pounds) on Halloween this year. The UK might spend about £800 million. That may be frightening enough, never mind the costumes.





## **Children's Society gives an urgent warning**

Thousands of children across the UK are being exploited to move money for criminals. Some are only 15 years old.



So warns the Children's Society. In a recent report, it has highlighted what is going on behind closed doors.

Young people "are being tricked, pressured and groomed into handing over their bank details, receiving transfer or even opening new accounts. This is financial exploitation."

And it is ruining young lives.

Children's Society explains: "It can start innocuously enough online: a friend request, an advert for 'quick cash' or a message that seems harmless. But the consequences are anything but harmless. Some families end up in financial trouble, some have their bank accounts frozen. Other children carry criminal records into adulthood, and some victims have faced serious violence.

"Many don't realise what's happening until it's too late. Too often, the adults around them don't realise either. And sadly, any child can be vulnerable."

What can adults do? If you have a young person in your life, check out our tips below:

1. Talk about money and online offers – how to treat 'quick cash' adverts as a red flag.
2. Create a no-blame space – children need to know they can speak up without automatic punishment.
3. Watch for changes – sudden new clothes, unexplained deposits, or anxious behaviour around phones can signal grooming.
4. Report and seek help early – banks, schools and safeguarding teams can act faster when informed quickly.

Meanwhile, Children's Society is urgently calling on the Government, the police, financial regulators, and banks "to work together to tackle this hidden crisis, setting an ambitious target of significantly reducing child financial exploitation by the close of this parliament."





The  
Children's  
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No child  
should feel  
alone

# Quiz night

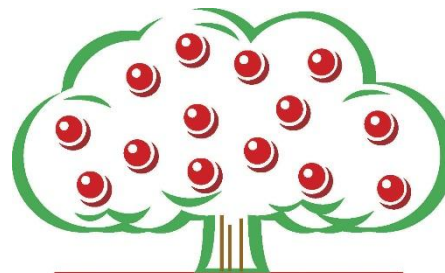
**Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> October**  
**7:00pm at**  
**St Mary's Churchrooms**  
High Road, Chigwell IG7 6QA

Join us for the Children's Society's  
Quiz Night. Tables of 8.  
Bring your own drink & nibbles,  
with raffle. Tickets on the door, £10.



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*We continue our occasional series on prayer by the Rev'd Dr Herbert McGonigel, a former Senior Lecturer in Historical Theology & Church History, Nazarene Theological College, Manchester.*



## **Praying with the Prayers of the Bible: the Prayer for Holy Love**

And the Lord make  
you to increase and  
abound in love one  
toward another...

**1 Thessalonians 3:12**

*1 Thessalonians 3:12, 13, runs: 'May the Lord ...establish your hearts unblameable in holiness.'*

Paul's first letter to the Thessalonian church, dating from about 51 AD, is generally regarded as the first book in the New Testament to have been written. That means that this prayer is the first New Testament prayer to have been composed.

Paul has already highly commended the genuine spiritual experience and character of these new Christians. He thanked God for their faith, love and hope, 1:3; they were examples to others, 1:7; their faith in God was being widely spoken about, 1:8; and having turned from idolatry they were now serving the true God and expecting Christ's Second Coming, 1:9, 10. It is for these new and enthusiastic believers that Paul now prays.

The prayer asks for two great blessings for these Christians. First that they may abound in love toward each other and to the world, and then that their conduct will be characterised by holy living. What a model prayer this is for Christians in every age! Note Paul's words, 'may the Lord make you increase and abound in love' (v.12). This is not merely asking that these believers will love one another, but that their love will be full and overflowing.

Perhaps Paul is recalling that Jesus said the world would recognise His disciples by their love toward one another (John 13:35). But this love, the essence of Christian experience, is not narrow or parochial. Paul prayed that their love would abound not only to each other but also 'to all men.' What a picture of what His church should be! All of us who

claim to be His people should be known by our love for one another and for the world for which He died.

Then comes the second request in the prayer, that their hearts will be 'established unblameable in holiness.' (v.13). The word translated 'established' means to be fixed, to be settled, indicating constant character. In this world no Christian can be faultless, but by His grace and mercy we are called to be blameless. In the prayer Paul brings together the condition of our hearts – overflowing in love, and the quality of our conduct – steadfast in holy living. What a combination of holy love, a reflection of what Jesus was!

One other aspect of this prayer is worth noting. When Paul prays that the love of these Christians will abound to each other, he adds that this is how he feels about them; 'as we do to you' (v.12). Likewise, in 2:10 Paul says the Thessalonians are witnesses of His holy, righteous and blameless conduct among them.

The love and holiness for which Paul prays for these believers can be seen in his own life and work. Surely the most pressing need in all our congregations is that all of us as Christ's disciples will consistently bear witness to His love controlling our hearts and our conduct.

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*David Pickup, a solicitor, reflects on how few church services we now hold.*

## **All Day Breakfasts**

*For where two or three gather in My name, there am I with them.”  
(Matthew 18:20)*

You can get most things whenever you want these days. We had three services recently in one day at our local church. Not much to brag about I suppose, but for us in small rural village it was





encouraging. It was hard work having several times for worship, but there is something rather marvellous about a church being used nearly all day long. Some people came once, others twice and a few three times.

More than one weekly service was the pattern of worship for centuries. There would be a continual cycle of prayer and worship, and up until quite recently there would be two or three services every Sunday. On high days such as Easter and Christmas the vicar and curate would start in the early hours, and continue through midday, afternoon and evening. I wonder what happened to change this and make a single service the norm. I suppose television happened! People wanted to stay at home and watch the box, and church attendances fell.

Perhaps we should start having more services again. It suits some of us to have an early service, because then you have the rest of the day to do whatever you like. Other people are busy during Sunday, and so an evening service fits their needs.

“People will not come” or “we cannot ask the vicar” some will say. Well, what about more lay led services? Every church is different and what suits one will not work in the neighbouring parish, but what do you think?



## Sunday Services & Readings for October

<b>Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> September</b> <b>15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity</b>	Jeremiah 32:1-3, 6-15 Luke 16:19-31
St Mary's: All Saints': St Mary's: St Winifred's: All Saints' House:	9:15 Matins 10:00 Morning Worship 10:45 Holy Communion 11:15 Holy Communion 4:00pm Café Church
<b>Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> October</b> <b>Harvest</b>	Deuteronomy 26:1-11 John 6: 25-35
St Mary's: All Saints': St Mary's: St Winifred's:	9:15 Holy Communion BCP 10:00 All Age Holy Communion 10:45 All Age Morning Worship 11:15 All Age Morning Worship
<b>Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> October</b> <b>17<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity</b>	Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7 Luke 17:11-19
St Mary's: All Saints': St Mary's: St Winifred's:	9:15 Holy Communion BCP 10:00 Morning Worship 10:45 Holy Communion 11:15 Holy Communion
<b>Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> October</b>	
All Saints'	9:15 Holy Communion
<b>Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> October</b> <b>18<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Easter</b>	2 Timothy 3:14-4:5 Luke 18:1-8
St Mary's: All Saints': St Mary's: St Winifred's:	9:15 Holy Communion 10:00 Holy Communion 10:45 Morning Worship 11:15 Morning Worship
<b>Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> October</b> <b>Bible Sunday</b>	Romans 15:1-6 Luke 4:16-24
St Mary's: All Saints': St Mary's: St Winifred's:	9:15 Matins 10:00 Morning Worship 10:45 Holy Communion 11:15 Holy Communion 4:00pm Café Church
<b>Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> November</b> <b>All Saints' Day</b>	Ephesians 1:11-23 Luke 6:20-31
St Mary's: All Saints': St Mary's: St Winifred's:	9:15 Holy Communion BCP 10:00 All Age Holy Communion 10:45 All Age Morning Worship 11:15 All Age Morning Worship



## Parish Diary

For Sunday services, please see the Sunday Readings page.



Date	Time	Event	Venue
Mondays	8:00pm	Hour of Prayer	circulates around the benefice
Tuesdays	9:00am	Morning Prayer	St Win's Church
Wednesdays	9:00am	Morning Prayer	St Mary's Church
	10:30am	'Open House'	St Mary's Church
	6:15pm	Time 2 De-stress	All Saints' House
Thursdays	9:00am	Morning Prayer	All Saints' House
	10:30am	'Open House'	St Mary's Church

Wed 1 <sup>st</sup> Oct	10:00am	Ladies' Coffee & Chat	St Win's Church
	10:30am	Autumn Course	All Saints' House
	7:30pm		Zoom
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	9:45am	Hour of Cleaning	All Saints' Church
Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup>	6:30pm	Quiz Night	St Win's Hall
Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup>		Harvest Services	All churches
	12:30pm	Parish Lunch	St Mary's C/rooms
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup>	8:00pm	Hour of Prayer	Stapleford Abbots
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup>	10:30am	Autumn Course	All Saints' House
	7:30pm		Zoom
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup>	7:00pm	Thursday Club	Cindy's home
	7:30pm	Men's Group	All Saints' House
Saturday 11 <sup>th</sup>	7:00pm	Barn Dance	All Saints' Hall
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup>	8:00pm	Hour of Prayer	St Win's Church
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup>	2:30pm	Let's Make Music	All Saints' House
	7:45pm	All Saints' DCC	
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup>	10:30am	Autumn Course	All Saints' House
	7:30pm		Zoom
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup>	9:15am	Parish Holy Communion	All Saints' Church
	8:00pm	St Win's DCC	St Win's Hall
Saturday 18 <sup>th</sup>	8:00am	Men's Breakfast	All Saints' House
	8:30am	Ladies' Breakfast	St Mary's C/rooms
Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup>	After church	Gardening, BYO lunch	St Win's
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup>	8:00pm	Hour of Prayer	St Mary's



Tuesday 21st	2:30pm	Time 4 Tea	All Saints' House
	7:30pm	St Mary's DCC	St Mary's Church
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	10:30am	Autumn Course	All Saints' House
	7:30pm		Zoom
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	8:00pm	PCC	St Win's Hall
Saturday 25 <sup>th</sup>	7:00pm	Children's Society Quiz Night	St Mary's C/rooms
Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup>	4:00pm	Café Church	St Winifred's Hall
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup>	8:00pm	Hour of Prayer	Lambourne Church
Wed 29 <sup>th</sup>	10:00am	Day with a Difference	St Win's Hall
	10:30am	Autumn Course	All Saints' House
	7:30pm		Zoom
Friday 31st	4:00pm	Light Party	St Mary's C/rooms
Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	3:00pm	In Loving Memory services	All Saints' Church
	3:30pm		St Mary's/St Win's
Saturday 8 <sup>th</sup>	10:00am	Table Top Sale	St Mary's C/rooms
Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup>	10:45/50	Remembrance services	All churches
Saturday 15 <sup>th</sup>	11:00am	Christmas Fair	St Win's Hall

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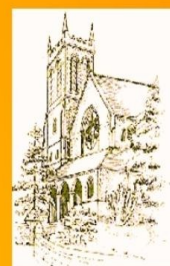
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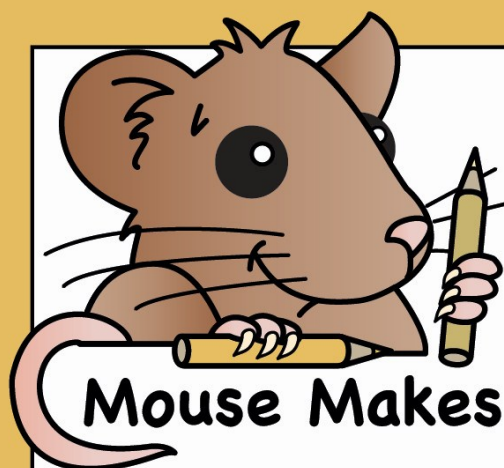


# **Barn Dance**

**Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> October**  
**7:00 for 7:30pm**

**Tickets £10 (concessions £7), bring your  
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## Mouse Makes

"May the people **praise** you **God**...  
The **land yields** its harvest, God,  
our God **blesses** us."

- from Psalm 67:5-6

"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

"**Honour** the  
**Lord** with your  
wealth and the  
first part of  
your **harvest**."

- Proverbs 3:9

"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**."

- from 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**."

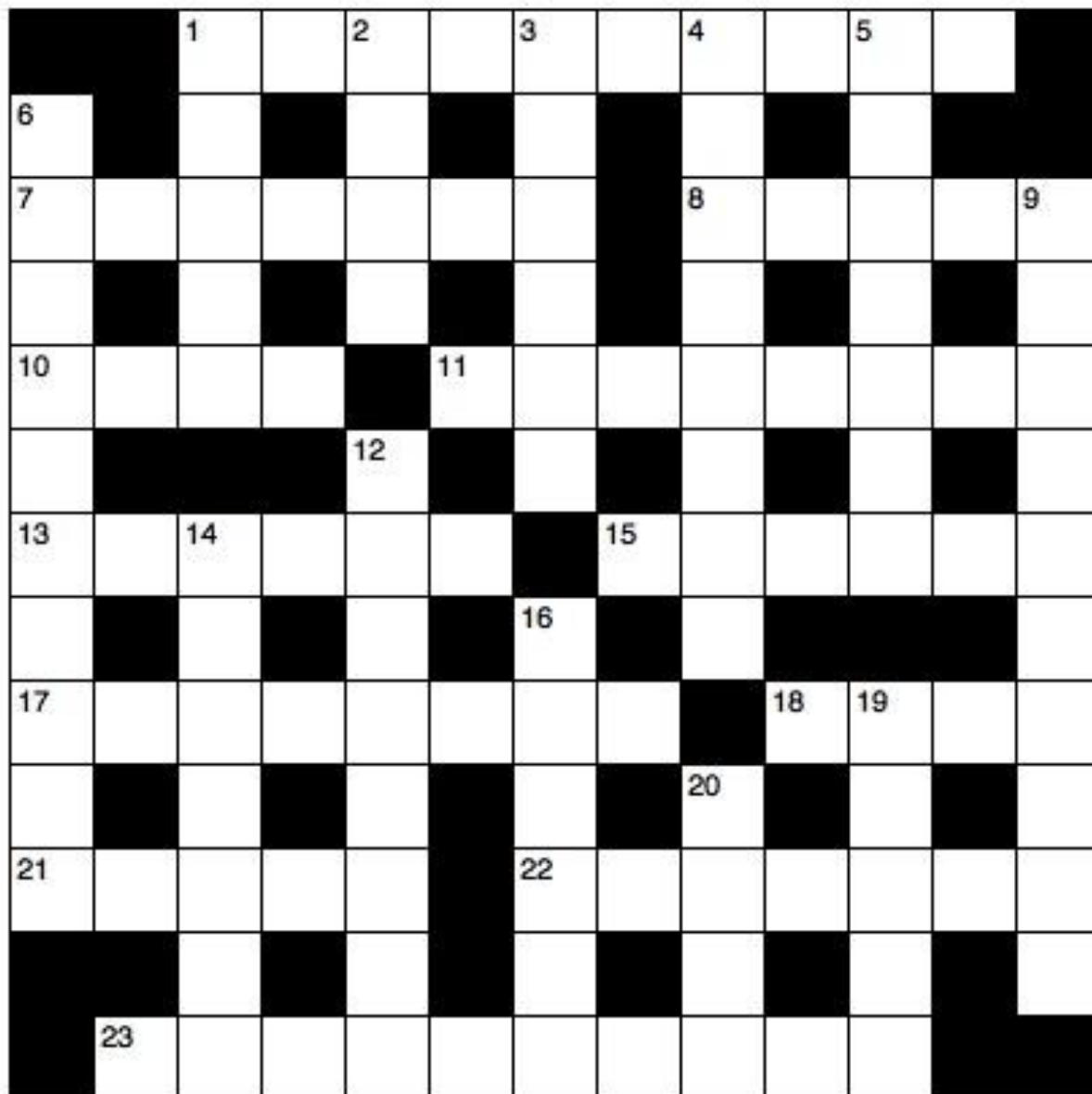
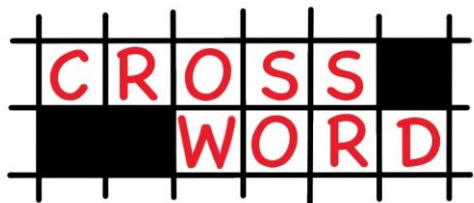
- 1 Corinthians 3:7

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Find the words in **bold** type in the bible quotes in the  
wordsearch then look for the words below too!

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## ACROSS

- 1 He was replaced as king of Judah by his uncle Mattaniah (2 Kings 24:17) (10)
- 7 'Let us fix our eyes on Jesus... who for the joy set before him — the cross' (Hebrews 12:2) (7)
- 8 Relieved (5)
- 10 Impetuous (Acts 19:36) (4)
- 11 Surprised and alarmed (Luke 24:37) (8)

- 13 'It is — for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for the rich to enter the kingdom of God' (Mark 10:25) (6)
- 15 Directions for the conduct of a church service (6)
- 17 One of the acts of the sinful nature (Galatians 5:19) (8)
- 18 and 20 Down 'She began to wet his — with her tears. Then she wiped them with her — ' (Luke 7:38) (4,4)
- 21 'We will all be changed, in a flash, in the twinkling of an — , — the last trumpet' (1 Corinthians 15:51–52) (3,2)
- 22 'But he replied, "Lord, I am — — go with you to prison and to death"' (Luke 22:33) (5,2)
- 23 Third person of the Trinity (2 Corinthians 13:14) (4,6)

## DOWN

- 1 He betrayed Jesus (Matthew 27:3) (5)
- 2 Paul's assurance to the Philippian jailer: 'Don't — yourself! We are all here!' (Acts 16:28) (4)
- 3 'Fear God and keep his commandments, for this — the whole — of man' (Ecclesiastes 12:13) (2,4)
- 4 The sort of giver God loves (2 Corinthians 9:7) (8)
- 5 Sun rail (anag.) (7)
- 6 Naboth, the ill-fated vineyard owner, was one (1 Kings 21:1) (10)
- 9 Paul said of young widows, 'When their sensual desires overcome their — to Christ, they want to marry' (1 Timothy 5:11) (10)
- 12 This was how Joseph of Arimathea practised his discipleship 'because he feared the Jews' (John 19:38) (8)
- 14 Mop ruse (anag.) (7)
- 16 Foment (Philippians 1:17) (4,2)
- 19 Where Joseph and Mary escaped to with the baby Jesus (Matthew 2:14) (5)
- 20 See 18 Across



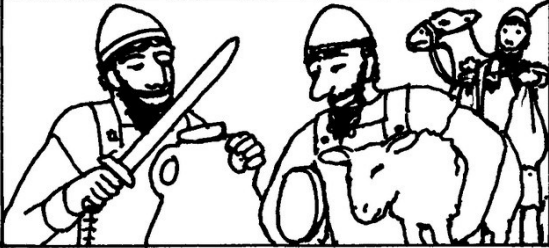
# Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in  
Judges 6:1-7, 11-16, 25-35

Once the Israelites had moved into their  
promised land, they obeyed God, but not for  
long, so God let other countries invade.

The Midianites invaded every  
year, and stole all the food  
the Israelites had grown.

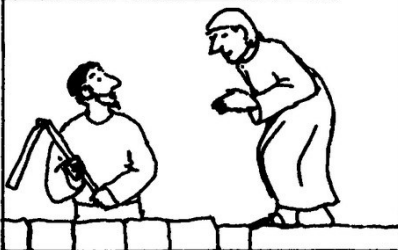


The Israelites had to  
hide in the hills.



After 7 years,  
the Israelites called  
out to God for help.

Gideon was secretly  
threshing wheat when  
an angel arrived.



The Lord is helping you,  
mighty warrior.



I don't  
mean to be rude, but it  
doesn't look like He is.

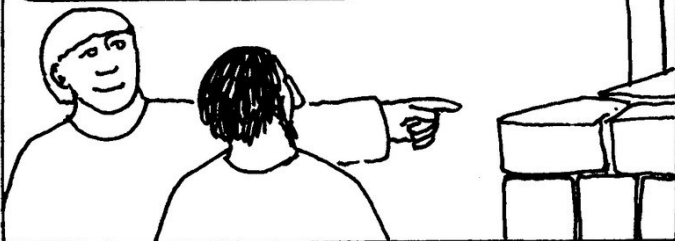
God said

I will give you the  
power.



But my clan  
is the weakest in our tribe and  
I'm the weakest in my family.

I'll be helping you. Start by pulling  
down the altar built for Baal and  
build one for Me.



Gideon did as he was told (but he  
waited and did it at night).



In the morning, people  
came to complain to  
Gideon's father



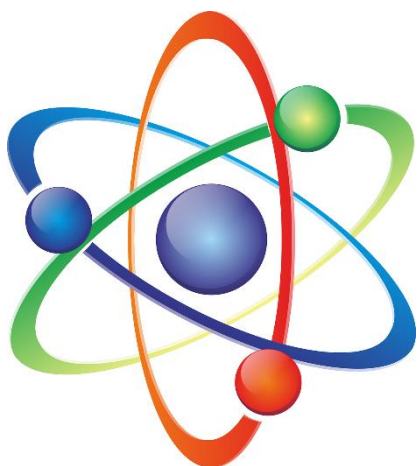
If Baal is upset, he  
can take his own  
revenge, can't he?



Gideon sent out messages  
to call men to fight the  
Midianites..



and 32000 came.



Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> October  
7:30pm  
All Saints' Vicarage

A talk by Jimmy Xu from the Cambridge Men's Group on '**Researching how life began**'.

On Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> October, at breakfast, Rev'd Charlie will be sharing his experience of participating in a 'Body, Mind & Spirit' event, 8:00am at All Saints' House.



## NOTE THE DATES!

**SATURDAY 8TH NOVEMBER, 10:00AM – 2:00PM**  
**TABLE TOP SALE, ST MARY'S CHURCHROOMS**

**SATURDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER, 11:00AM – 3:00PM**  
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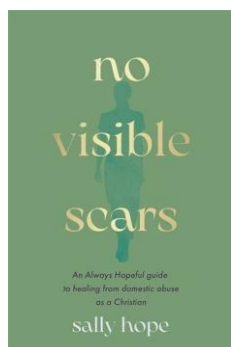
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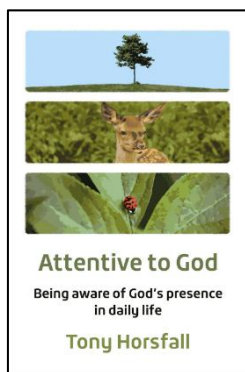
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## No Visible Scars - An Always Hopeful Guide to Healing from Domestic Abuse as a Christian

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One in four Christian women will experience domestic abuse. Survivors report that their churches are not adequately equipped to support them, and that secular domestic abuse services do not understand their faith. So this book explores domestic abuse and the unique challenges that Christian women face. It seeks to help survivors find answers to commonly asked questions such as 'Where is God in all this?' and survivors will be helped to recognise that God is firmly on the side of the abused, He heals the broken-hearted and binds up their wounds.



## Attentive to God: Being Aware of God's Presence in Daily Life

by Tony Horsfall, BRF, £9.99

Mindfulness is not new, and God's people down the centuries have always been encouraged to practise 'the sacrament of the present moment' – that is, to notice God in the events of everyday life and become attentive to that presence.

Tony Horsfall explores six Bible stories that describe individuals encountering God, showing how we can learn how to notice the presence of the divine for ourselves. He also unpacks key spiritual practices that anyone can follow and introduces insights from influential writers on the awareness of God in the ordinary.

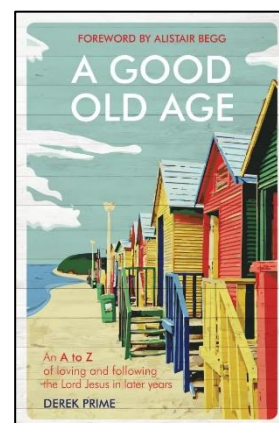
## A Good Old Age - An A to Z of Loving and Following the Lord Jesus in Later Years

by Derek Prime, 10Publishing, £7.99

Old age often gets a bad press. Associated with grumpiness, aches and pains, loneliness, and isolation it's not something we particularly look forward to or relish when we're there.

Pastor and Bible teacher, Derek Prime, writing in his 80s, shows us that there is another way to view old age. He guides us through 26 Christian priorities that we should hold to in later life.

With biblical wisdom and practical advice, Prime helps us to navigate the unique challenges and joys that old age can bring. This is a book to dip into, meditate on and read prayerfully as you let the truths it contains gently transform the way you live your old age.





## WORDSEARCH - St Andrew (Feast Day 30th November)

St Andrew is the patron saint of Scotland, though his only connection with the country is that some of his bones were reputedly transported in the 8th century to Fife and preserved at a church in a place now named St Andrews.

Andrew was one of the first disciples of Jesus, and the very first to bring someone else to Christ - his own brother. Like many fervent Jews at the time, Andrew and an unnamed companion had been drawn to the prophet John the Baptist. When one day John pointed Jesus out to Andrew and his friend, and described Him as the 'Lamb of God', the two young men realised that the next stage of their spiritual search was about to unfold. So, as Jesus made off, they followed Him.

When Jesus turned and asked them what they were 'seeking', all they could come up with was a lame enquiry about His current place of residence: "where are you staying"

The reply of Jesus was the most straight-forward invitation anyone can receive: "Come and see". So they did, and the results of their response were life changing. For Andrew brought his brother, Peter, to Jesus, and soon the little apostolic band who would carry the message of Jesus to the whole world was formed. And right at the front of the column, as it were, was Andrew, the first disciple of Jesus.

How many words can you find on these themes in this month's Wordsearch?

Words to search for:

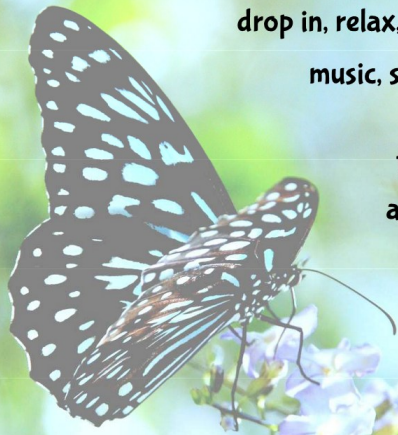
Andrew	patron	saint	Scotland
Fife	first	disciple	John
Baptist	lamb	God	followed
Jesus	come	see	peter
apostolic	band	message	world

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drop in, relax, slow down ...

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More info from  
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## Breakfast!

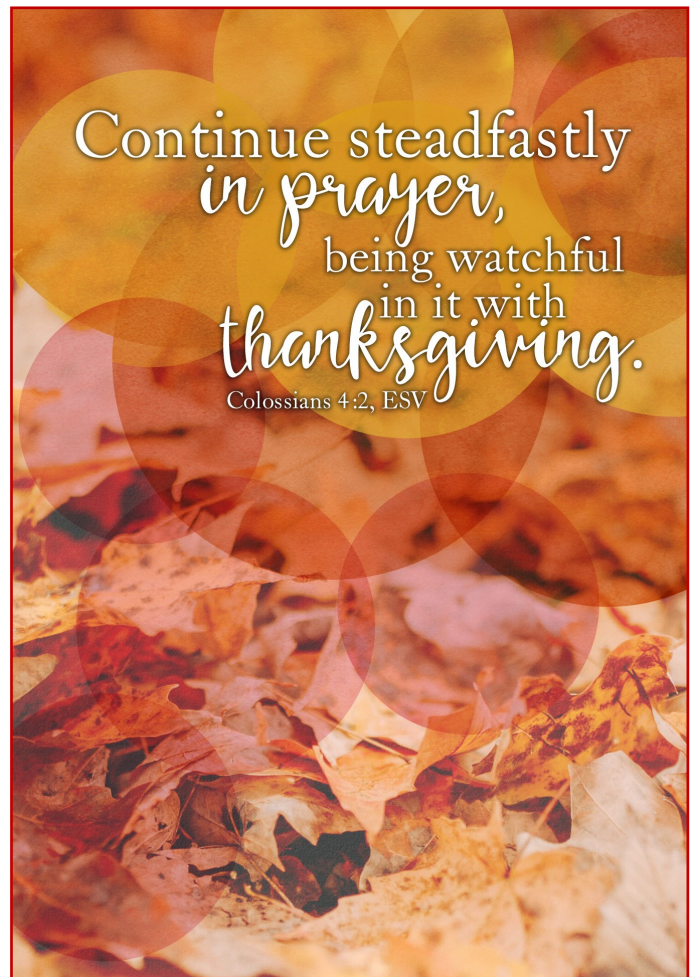
**Saturday 18th October**

**8:00 men at All Saints'  
House**

**8:30 ladies at  
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Continue steadfastly  
*in prayer,*  
being watchful  
in it with  
*thanksgiving.*

Colossians 4:2, ESV





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## **Wear out**

Three little boys were bragging about how tough they were. "I'm so tough," said the first boy, "that I can wear out a pair of shoes in a week."

"Well," said the second little boy, "I'm so tough, I can wear out a pair of jeans in a day."

"That's nothing," said the third boy. "When my parents take me to see my grandma and grandpa, I can wear them out in just one hour."



"Good news on the lottery-funding for the organ repairs, Vicar – three of our numbers came up for £25!"

## **All Angels?**

The slightly harassed minister stood on the railway station platform with a number of lively Sunday School children, while the two Sunday School teachers went off to buy tickets. A porter came up to him and asked: "Excuse me, are you St Michael and all the Angels?"

## **Bye bye**

Our lay preacher is from France and occasionally amuses us with using words slightly out of context. One morning, coming to the end of a long sermon, he solemnly assured us: "Just a few more words, and then I will definitely decease."

## **Where two or three are gathered...**

A lady was describing the small attendance at her local church. "We were so few last Sunday that when the vicar began 'Dearly beloved,' I blushed."

## **Cheap at the price**

A little boy was pestering his parents for a baby brother or sister. They kept telling him 'maybe one day, but we can't afford one yet.' Then one Sunday the little boy dragged his parents over to the noticeboard at the back of church. It was advertising a coming sale at the church and announced: 'Children: free'.

## **Listening**

While visiting a cathedral recently, I couldn't hear the service over the chatter of the two people sitting in front of me. Finally, I tapped one of them on the shoulder. "Excuse me," I said, "I can't hear."

The reply was swift and indignant. "I should hope not! This is a private conversation."

## **Flying**

I love flying. I've been to almost as many places as my luggage.

## Answers



### Crossword

#### ACROSS:

ACROSS: 1, Jehoiachin.

7, Endured. 8, Eased. 10, Rash.

11, Startled. 13, Easier. 15, Rubric.

17, Impurity. 18, Feet. 21, Eye at.

22, Ready to. 23, Holy Spirit.

DOWN: 1, Judas. 2, Harm.

3, Is duty. 4, Cheerful. 5, Insular.

6, Jezreelite. 9, Dedication.


12, Secretly. 14, Supremo.

16, Stir up. 19, Egypt. 20, Hair.



*...if you have been affected by any  
of the issues raised in this sermon...*



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