

# The Benefice of Groby & Ratby

## *September 2025*



### ***Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,***

Grace and peace to you all in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen

As we welcome the month of September, we find ourselves in a season of gentle change. The air begins to cool, the days slowly shorten, and nature prepares for its autumn rhythm. These visible signs of transition remind us that our spiritual lives also move in seasons times of growth, stillness, renewal, and deeper surrender to God's will.

September can be a beautiful opportunity for spiritual reset. The busyness of summer is behind us, and before the full rush of the year's end arrives, we are offered a space to slow down and reflect. What has God been teaching you in recent months? Where do you sense Him calling you to grow deeper?

In Colossians 2:6-7, Paul writes: "So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith... and overflowing with thankfulness."

This is our invitation for the season to continue in Christ, being rooted and strengthened. Our spiritual roots grow deeper not in hurried days but in quiet moments of trust, prayer, and obedience.

As a church, September is also a time to re-engage. Ministries resume, children return to school, and new opportunities arise for fellowship, learning, and service. I encourage each of you to consider where God may be inviting you to participate—whether in a Bible study, a prayer group, outreach efforts, or simply offering encouragement to someone who needs it.

Let's also be a people of gratitude. The blessings of God surround us every day in the beauty of creation, in the gift of community, and in the faithful presence of Jesus among us. May we not miss these blessings in our pursuit of what's next.

I pray that this month will be marked by renewed hope, strengthened faith, and joyful obedience in your walk with the Lord. As always, know that you are loved, prayed for, and cherished as part of this family of faith.

With every blessing in Christ.

*Rev'd Riffat Zamurad*  
(Assistant Curate)

## ***Rector's Ramblings***

I was wondering what I might write about in my Ramblings this month and as ever, God gifts the inspiration in those unexpected ways. So Hayley called me a few moments ago, not for the usual reason, to ask a question about any of the myriad of things that come into the office, but simply to tell me with exuberant joy that she had managed to persuade the printer to print the Holiday Club booklets exactly the way we wanted them. She simply wanted to share her moment of joy in achieving a task that she had been thinking about and trying to work out how to do. It might not seem like much (except perhaps to those familiar with trying to persuade printers to do what you tell them to!), but I could hear the delight in Hayley's voice and it was so lovely that she wanted to share that moment of joy and it lit up my heart too.

How good are we are counting our blessings and celebrating the little things in life – and importantly in sharing them? Sharing them not for the pat on the back or for self-aggrandisement, but simply so that happiness is shared to lighten up the lives of others too. We are often quicker to share the troubles of life (and that is good and right to do – for we share them in our mutual love and support of one another), but we must learn to share our joys even more than perhaps we do. Remember that Jesus *'came that they may have life, and have it abundantly'* (John 10:10) and in sharing our moments of delight and blessings we remind everyone of the God who in Jesus came to bring us that abundant life, both now in in the eternal life to come.

God calls us to be community, with Him and with one another and that we do best in sharing our joys and indeed our sorrows too. As Romans 12:15 reminds us to *"Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn"*, so our response to those who share the things of life with us is clear – to be alongside and share in them. In this we *'build up our common life'* and become the community of love and peace God intends us to be – one which I hope and pray is one others would see and wish to be a part of.

Oh, and well done Hayley – I know all too well the battles we can have with printers! I share in your joy!

*God bless you all.*

*Ed*

## ***Services and Events in September***

Our alternating 8am communions (1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays in Groby, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays in Ratby) and then a 9.30am (in Groby) or 10am (in Ratby) service every week, alternating between communion and morning worship will continue – a 'normal' month, with no 'special' services, although worshipping God is always special of course.

Never forget all our other regular services will continue – our lovely Telephone Church, every Sunday at 11.15am (call 0333 0164 757; room number 10336316#; pin 1920#) and during the week we continue to have morning prayer every Monday at 9am in Ratby and 9.30am Wednesday Communion in Groby every week. Our online Compline will be every Tuesday at 9pm (<https://www.facebook.com/StPandStJ>).

There are lots of events coming up as well so do come and join in:

**10<sup>th</sup> Sept** from 11.30am Daytime Ratby Band Concert in Ratby Church with soup and roll available.

**13<sup>th</sup> Sept** 10am-4pm (or 6pm in Groby) Ride and Stride, with the Scarecrow Festival in Groby, also running on Sunday **14<sup>th</sup> Sept**.

**29<sup>th</sup> Sept** 9.30am-3.30pm Quiet Day in Ratby Church

And all our regular activities will restart with the new term – details of these and other things all in the magazine!

*God bless you all. Prayers, as ever,  
Rev'd Ed*

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## ***SUNDAY TELEPHONE SERVICES - SEPTEMBER***

<b>DATE</b>	<b>GROBY/RATBY</b>
<b>7th</b>	11.15am Telephone Church (KW)
<b>14th</b>	11.15am Telephone Church (RS)
<b>21st</b>	11.15am Telephone Church (JH)
<b>28th</b>	11.15am Telephone Church (RZ)

## ***ON-LINE SERVICES - SEPTEMBER***

### ***REGULAR WEEKDAY ONLINE SERVICES***

**At 9pm Tuesday - night prayer**

### ***NATIONAL CHURCH SERVICES ON-LINE***

There are usually national church services being streamed on Sundays that can be accessed via:

<https://www.facebook.com/thechurchofengland>

and if that is not possible there is Sunday worship on Radio 4.

# GROBY/RATBY *IN-CHURCH SERVICES - SEPTEMBER*

DATE	GROBY	RATBY
<b>7th</b> 12th Sunday after Trinity	8.00am Holy Communion (EB)	
	9.30pm All Age Service (Team/EB)	10.00am Holy Communion (RZ)
	6.00pm Holy Communion (RZ)	
<b>14th</b> 13th Sunday after Trinity		8.00am Holy Communion (RZ)
	9.30am Holy Communion (EB)	10.00am Morning Worship (RZ)
	6.00pm Evensong (RS)	
<b>21st</b> 14th Sunday after Trinity	8.00am Holy Communion (RZ)	
	9.30am Morning Worship (RZ)	10.00am Holy Communion (EB)
<b>28th</b> 15th Sunday after Trinity		8.00am Holy Communion (EB)
	9.30am Holy Communion (RZ)	10.00am Morning Worship (EB)
	6.00pm Evensong (EB)	

MIDWEEK COMMUNION SERVICES September 2025					
GROBY	Wed 9.30am	3rd	10th	17th	24th

## September Diary

1st	Mon	9.00am 7.30pm	Morning Prayer at Ratby Julian Meeting: <i>Sharing Silence</i> at Groby Library
2nd	Tues	9.15 - 10.30am 3.15 - 4.30pm 9.00pm	Tots & Toddlers at Ratby Church Kids Konnect at Ratby Church Online Night Prayer
3rd	Wed	9.30am 1.30pm	Holy Communion at Groby 'Groby Sings' Rehearsals begin at Groby Club
4th	Thurs	10.30 - 12.00pm	CTG Fair Cuppa at Groby Village Hall
5th	Fri	9.30 - 11.00am 7.30 - 9.00pm	CTG CatCh at Groby URC Rock Solid at URC Groby
6th	Sat	10.00 - 12.00pm	Groby Tasters hosted at Groby URC
7th	Sun	8.00am 9.30am 10.00am 11.15am 6.00pm	<b>Holy Communion at Groby</b> <b>All Age Service at Groby</b> <b>Holy Communion at Ratby</b> <b>Telephone Church</b> <b>Holy Communion at Groby</b>
8th	Mon	9.00am	Morning Prayer at Ratby
9th	Tues	9.15 - 10.30am 3.15 - 4.30pm 9.00pm	Tots & Toddlers at Ratby Church Kids Konnect at Ratby Church Online Night Prayer
10th	Wed	9.30am 11.30am 2.30pm	Holy Communion at Groby Ratby Band Concert Women's Guild meeting
11th	Thurs	10.30 - 12.00pm	CTG Fair Cuppa at Groby Village Hall
12th	Fri	9.30 - 11.00am 2.00pm 7.30 - 9.00pm	CTG CatCh at Groby URC Over 60s Cinema at Ratby Church Rock Solid at URC Groby
13th	Sat	10.00 - 12.00pm 10.00 - 4.00pm 10.00 - 4.00pm	Groby Tasters hosted at Groby URC Ride and Stride visitors to Groby and Ratby Scarecrow Festival in Groby (see P11)
14th	Sun	8.00am 9.30am 10.00am 10.00 - 4.00pm 11.15am 6.00pm	<b>Holy Communion at Ratby</b> <b>Holy Communion at Groby</b> <b>Morning Worship at Ratby</b> <b>Scarecrow Festival in Groby</b> <b>Telephone Church</b> <b>Evensong at Groby</b>

15th	Mon	9.00am	Morning Prayer at Ratby
16th	Tues	9.15 - 10.30am 3.15 - 4.30pm 9.00pm	Tots & Toddlers at Ratby Church Kids Konnect at Ratby Church Online Night Prayer
17th	Wed	9.30am	Holy Communion at Groby
18th	Thurs	10.30 - 12.00pm	CTG Fair Cuppa at Groby Village Hall
19th	Fri	9.30 - 11.00am 7.30 - 9.00pm	CTG CatCh at Groby URC Rock Solid at URC Groby
20th	Sat	10.00 - 12.00pm	Groby Tasters hosted at Groby URC
<b>21st</b>	<b>Sun</b>	<b>8.00am 9.30am 10.00am 11.15am 6.00pm</b>	<b>Holy Communion at Groby Morning Worship at Groby Holy Communion at Ratby Telephone Church Taizé Service at Markfield Methodist Church</b>
22nd	Mon	9.00am	Morning Prayer at Ratby
23rd	Tues	9.15 - 10.30am 3.15 - 4.30pm 9.00pm	Tots & Toddlers at Ratby Church Kids Konnect at Ratby Church Online Night Prayer
24th	Wed	9.30am	Holy Communion at Groby
25th	Thurs	10.30 - 12.00pm	CTG Fair Cuppa at Groby Village Hall
26th	Fri	9.30 - 11.00am 7.30 - 9.00pm	CTG CatCh at Groby URC Rock Solid at URC Groby
27th	Sat	10.00 - 12.00pm	Groby Tasters hosted at Groby URC
<b>28th</b>	<b>Sun</b>	<b>8.00am 9.30am 10.00am 11.15am 12.30pm 6.00pm</b>	<b>Holy Communion at Ratby Holy Communion at Groby Morning Worship at Ratby Telephone Church Sunday Lunch Club at Ratby Evensong at Groby</b>
29th	Mon	9.00am 9.30 - 3.30pm	Morning Prayer at Ratby Quiet day in Ratby church (see P10)
30th	Tues	9.15 - 10.30am 3.15 - 4.30pm 9.00pm	Tots & Toddlers at Ratby Church Kids Konnect at Ratby Church Online Night Prayer

## ***Sunday School Makeover***

A huge thank you to **Devlin Carpets** for their generosity in helping the parish of St Philip and St James church Groby to refurbish the Sunday School area. The room where the children meet for Sunday school was looking very shabby, with holes in the carpet, and due to growing numbers of children attending was getting very tight on space.

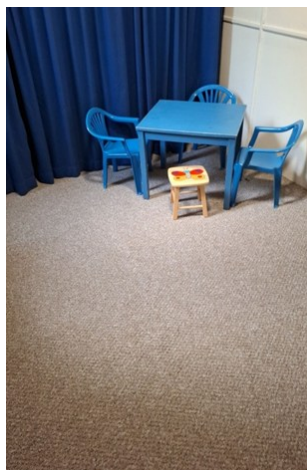
After a little reorganisation, more space was found, however the holes in the carpet remained.

**Devlin's** solved the problem by donating a wonderful piece of carpet and fitted it all free of charge. The children were very impressed on Sunday, as were their leaders.

Before:



After:



Sunday school is run from 9.30 to 10.30 on Sundays in term time and is aimed at primary age youngsters. Please come along and see for yourselves our new area and many new books.





# Activities for children and families in our Benefice in September



Tues 2nd	9.15am	Tots & Toddlers	Ratby Church	under 5s
Tues 2nd	3.15pm	Kids Konnect	Ratby Church	Primary
Fri 5th	9.30am	Catch	URC Groby	under 5s
Fri 5th	7.30pm	Rock Solid	URC Groby	Age 10 to 15
Sun 7th	9.30am	All Age Service	StP&J Groby	Families
Tues 9th	9.15am	Tots & Toddlers	Ratby Church	under 5s
Tues 9th	3.15pm	Kids Konnect	Ratby Church	Primary
Fri 12th	9.30am	Catch	URC Groby	under 5s
Fri 12th	7.30pm	Rock Solid	URC Groby	Age 10 to 15
Tues 16th	9.15am	Tots & Toddlers	Ratby Church	under 5s
Tues 16th	3.15pm	Kids Konnect	Ratby Church	Primary
Fri 19th	9.30am	Catch	URC Groby	under 5s
Fri 19th	7.30pm	Rock Solid	URC Groby	Age 10 to 15
Tues 23rd	9.15am	Tots & Toddlers	Ratby Church	under 5s
Tues 23rd	3.15pm	Kids Konnect	Ratby Church	Primary
Fri 26th	9.30am	Catch	URC Groby	under 5s
Fri 26th	7.30pm	Rock Solid	URC Groby	Age 10 to 15
Tues 30th	9.15am	Tots & Toddlers	Ratby Church	under 5s
Tues 30th	3.15pm	Kids Konnect	Ratby Church	Primary

## Quiet Day at Ratby Church

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> September

9:30 am - 3pm

(with the option to join Morning Prayer at 9am)

### Theme: The Kingdom of God

Jesus said that he was sent to share the good news of the Kingdom of God, and that the Kingdom of God is at hand. We will spend the day pondering some questions:

What is the Kingdom of God?

Where can we find the Kingdom of God?

How are we a part of the Kingdom of God?

There will be short times of teaching; time for individual reflection and time to share. There will be prompts and activities to help you in the quiet.

A Quiet day is a chance to take time out of the hustle and bustle of the world and focus on God. With all that is going on in the world at the moment, and the changes that will be happening in our churches, this feels like a good time to take time out and focus on God.

You will need to bring your own lunch, and we are requesting a donation of £5 to help cover costs. There will be teas, coffee and biscuits available throughout the day. I would suggest that you also bring a journal or notebook to capture your thoughts and feelings.

We will finish the day by sharing communion together. Book your place by signing up at church or emailing Ruth

Mwenya: [bananpemba@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:bananpemba@yahoo.co.uk)

And use the same address to ask any questions!



***Saturday 13th September***

Do you enjoy a walk or a cycle ride combined with visiting a nearby church, or even one further afield, maybe one that will be part of our minster community in the future? Maybe Anstey, Thurgaston, Birstall or Wanlip. Or further afield to Thornton, Bagworth and Stanton. This is an opportunity to raise funds for both our church and for Leicestershire Historic churches (from which we have received grants in the past) Three people have already agreed to take part, could you join them?

Registration forms are now in church together with an opportunity to sponsor those taking part.

***Saturday 13th and Sunday 14th September***



Once again we plan to take part in this increasingly popular village event by creating a scarecrow and holding a yard sale.

For both of these events we need volunteers to be in church to welcome visitors.

Saturday 10am to 6pm

Sunday 11am to 4pm

Sign up sheets are in church now.

## Curate's Cuisine

### Pakistani Palak Chicken Recipe (Spinach Chicken Curry)

#### **Ingredients:** For the Chicken Curry:

Chicken – 750 grams (bone-in pieces preferred)  
Spinach (Palak) – 500 grams (washed and finely chopped or blended)  
Onions – 2 medium, finely sliced  
Tomatoes – 2 medium, chopped or blended  
Garlic paste – 1 tablespoon  
Ginger paste – 1 tablespoon  
Green chilies – 2 (optional, adjust to taste)  
Yogurt – ½ cup (whisked)  
Cumin seeds – 1 teaspoon  
Red chili powder – 1 teaspoon (adjust to taste)  
Turmeric powder – ½ teaspoon  
Coriander powder – 1½ teaspoons  
Garam masala powder – ½ teaspoon  
Salt – to taste  
Oil – ½ cup (you can reduce if preferred)

#### **Optional for Garnish:**

Lemon juice – 1 tablespoon  
Fresh coriander – chopped  
Ginger – julienned

#### **Instructions:** Prepare the Spinach:

Boil spinach for 2–3 minutes until wilted, then blend into a smooth paste OR finely chop and set aside. (Tip: For a deeper flavour, sauté spinach briefly instead of boiling to retain nutrients.)

#### **Cook the Chicken:**

In a heavy-bottomed pot, heat oil.  
Add cumin seeds and let them sizzle for a few seconds.  
Add sliced onions and sauté until golden brown.  
Add ginger and garlic paste. Cook for 1–2 minutes until the raw smell disappears.  
Add chicken pieces and cook on high heat until the chicken changes colour and starts to brown slightly.  
Add Spices and Tomatoes:  
Add salt, red chili powder, turmeric, and coriander powder.  
Mix well and cook for a minute.  
Add chopped or blended tomatoes. Cook until the oil starts to separate from the masala and tomatoes are fully softened.  
Add Yogurt and Cook:

Lower the heat and add whisked yogurt slowly, stirring continuously to avoid curdling.

Cook for another 5–7 minutes until the chicken is almost done.

Add Spinach, Stir in the blended or chopped spinach.

Cook uncovered on medium heat for 10–15 minutes, stirring occasionally, until the oil rises to the top and the spinach is fully cooked and blended with the chicken. Finish with Garam Masala.

Sprinkle garam masala and sliced green chilies (if using).

Cover and simmer on low heat for another 5 minutes.

**To Serve:**

Garnish with julienned ginger, fresh coriander, or a squeeze of lemon juice.

Serve hot with naan, roti, or basmati rice.

**Tips:**

You can use frozen spinach if fresh is unavailable, but fresh gives better flavour.

For a richer taste, add a tablespoon of cream or butter at the end. Bone-in chicken adds more flavour, but boneless can be used for quicker cooking.

*Rev'd Riffat*



## CHURCH WOMEN'S GUILD, SEPTEMBER 2025

HELLO ALL HOPE YOU ARE ALL MANAGING TO STAY COOL?

On Wednesday 13th August 2025 7 of us went to THE BULLS HEAD and had a great lunch and good chat.

Our next meeting will be on WEDNESDAY 10th SEPTEMBER, 2025 at 2.30pm at the home of ANNETTE FOWLER, 24 MARINA DRIVE, GROBY . Speaker to be organised. Hope to see you there as I missed the last one.

More information from Annette Fowler (2873169)



### ***FAIR CUPPA***

FAIR CUPPA ROTA - SEPTEMBER	
<b>4th</b>	Peter & Enid
<b>11th</b>	Connie & Beryl
<b>18th</b>	Linda S & Pat
<b>25th</b>	Elizabeth & Janet



**Thursdays at  
Groby Village Hall  
10.30 to 12.00 noon**

***Please come along for a chat and a cuppa!***

For further information contact Elizabeth Jarvis 0116 431 9990

# Taizé Prayer

with songs and silence

inspired by the international  
monastic community of Taizé, France



**21st September**

At 6pm Trinity Methodist Church  
Main St, Markfield LE67 9UU

For more information: Karen 07739 555015  
[karensilverwood@googlemail.com](mailto:karensilverwood@googlemail.com) [www.taize.fr/en](http://www.taize.fr/en)

## ***August Charity Open Garden Event***

Thank you to all who attended our Open Garden event, and all who were unable to attend but made a donation.

Over the two days, the amount raised was £400, half of which has been sent to the Meek family in support of their mission in South Africa, and half to St P&J Groby.

It was lovely to see you all, and we were blessed with some excellent weather, though it was a bit hot on the second day. We hope you all enjoyed your take-away cake!

Blessings to all!  
From  
the Open Garden team  
Linda, John, Val & Martin



# Grobby Sings a Menagerie

Songs of birds and beasts

**Rehearsals at Groby Club from 3rd September**

**Wednesday afternoon choir: 1.30pm - 3pm**

Creche area available

**Children's choir 3.40pm - 4.40pm**

for children aged 7 years old and over

**Wednesday evening choir: 7.30pm - 9.00pm**



**Performances take place  
Saturday 29th & Sunday 30th November**



[www.grobysings.org](http://www.grobysings.org) for more information    Registered Charity no. 1180490



We're a dementia-friendly choir! For more information please get in touch with our dementia coordinator, Louise, at [lou\\_ross@yahoo.com](mailto:lou_ross@yahoo.com)



## NEWS FROM....



Amazingly it's time for a reminder that Groby Sings will be bursting into song again on **Wednesday 3rd September**.

Next season's theme is ***Groby Sings a Menagerie*** which will showcase songs about 'birds and beasts'! Interested in finding out which songs we'll be singing at our next concerts on **29<sup>th</sup> and 30th November**? Whether you've sung with us before or just want to come along to see what we're all about then you'll be very welcome to join us on **3rd September** or on any other Wednesday during term time.

Taking part in the concerts is always optional, we're happy for people to just enjoy singing with us on Wednesdays. Remember too that we are a dementia-friendly choir and would like to encourage singers experiencing dementia or memory problems to come along together with their friends and carers.

A reminder about the times of our weekly singing sessions:

**Adult singers:** 1.30-3.00pm **and/or** 7.30-9.00pm

**Youth & Children's Choir** (7 years and over): 3.40-4.40pm.

Pre-school children are welcome in the afternoon in the care of their adult with a crèche area available.

No experience needed, everyone's welcome so just come to enjoy singing, socialising and, of course, to eat cake!

Enquiries via our [website www.grobysings.org](http://www.grobysings.org) and [check out our Facebook page too.](#)

Groby Sings is a Registered Charity no. 1180490



***Thank you so much*** to everybody who sponsored Sophie for her ultra challenge walk raising funds for a charity close to her heart and ours, and in memory of her grandma, a very special lady.

Sophie celebrated her 30th birthday in June so she decided to walk 30 miles for 30 years accompanied by her dad Simon who is no stranger to charity walks! The weather was perfect, blue sky, sunshine and a gentle breeze at the start line with the beautiful Dunster castle towering over them in the distance. The first fifteen miles took them along the scenic and beautiful coastline all the way to Porlock where a picnic lunch was waiting! The remaining fifteen miles was pretty tough going, reaching the highest point of Exmoor! They finally finished back at base camp at 8.20pm with just over 12 hours of walking. See pictures next page!

After a welcome burger & chips and a big drink they headed back to our B&B in Minehead but managed a quick trip to the beach to dip some very sore feet in the sea just as the sun began to fade.

The weekend bought back many memories of Sophie's very early arrival into this world as we were staying in Minehead for a couple of days on our way to St Ives and had walked around Dunster and the castle before our lives turned upside down! Instead of St Ives we spent a week in Taunton hospital and then a further week in LRI before Sophie was born at 26 weeks weighing 1lb 11ozs (780 grams).

With the help of the medical care she received at LRI - we are truly indebted to our NHS and the love, care and prayers from family and friends. Sophie came home around her due date to grow and thrive at home in Groby and then Field Head.

Medical science improves year on year but there are no fewer babies born prematurely than when Sophie was born 30 years ago and it can happen to anyone. Because it happens so quickly and unexpectedly, it can leave parents and families feeling very vulnerable and apprehensive about the future. ADAPT was set up by parents who have all had similar experiences to help and support families through difficult times.

The ultra challenge event has raised just over £1100 for ADAPT (all dependant and pre-term babies) which is an incredible achievement. The money will be very welcome indeed as the charity receives no financial help from the government or NHS and is totally self funded.

Thank you so much

*Simon and Hayley Moore and of course Sophie!*

SOPHIE AND SIMON AT THE START



FIRST BREAK



FINISHING THE CHALLENGE



## Bhangra and Biryani – 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2025



*She not only cooked it she served it as well!*

Well, what a night. Our hope that we'd get at least 20 people coming, and we end up with close to 60 with the extras that turned up, many from Reverend Riffat's family. We had a brilliant meal, courtesy of Rev Riffat and her family. It was amazing not only biryani, but sweet rice, a dip, salad and of course, Samosas.



*Just a small pot of Biryani*



*The Dancers and the usual suspects*

Our wonderful dancers came from the Diocese. Michael is the IWC Enabler and Ephraim is part of the Minister communities team. In the next few months Michael and Shoba will be travelling to Tanzania to undertake some missionary work. They brought items that could be sold to raise money for this work and the kids had a lesson on where Tanzania actually is.



*Riffat's wonderful family*

Would we do this again? Of course. Unfortunately, next time it won't be Riffat's wonderful cooking as we'd need to get outside caterers. Look out for the adverts. We hope to see everyone soon. The one takeaway, or should I say that's two takeaways from the evening? Actually, it's for more than two. Everybody had a great time. It

brought our community together, people met people they've never met before. We had people in church who have never actually been into our church. And it was simply wonderful to get together as church and a community to share food, friendship and even to dance – with special thanks to Michael and Ephraim for teaching the basic moves we needed to join in and let our hair down!.



*At the end of the night we were still standing, just!*

Photos from Michael and permission has been granted to reproduce them.

Angie Cain





Over July and August you and I have experienced different weather; often extreme, highlighting our contrasting hemisphere and distance between us. hmmm maybe we are still not acclimatised here in South Africa!

Steve and I continued to be ill. We had what we think was the Swine Flu, lasting over 4 weeks. Afterwards, we caught head colds and sore throats. Hannah-Rachel had two nasty colds in that time. So we continued to serve 'user-friendly' meals in Town. And The Lord provided without time to worry! A farmer and a Church member made fantastic chicken or beef soups; the supermarket twice gave us 4 bin liners of excess loaves or bread rolls; the Innovation Education for the Blind donated their excess pasta dishes and meat balls and a friend purchased sausages, enough for everyone, so much of the thinking and shopping didn't need to be done. And the early starts were less frantic. And we could rest.

The rainy mornings were daunting but the rain stopped as we served the meals!

Some of the younger homeless have occupied an abandoned derelict house, naming the main building Buckingham Palace and the garage London Bridge! They navigate the mud and proudly hang out washing. It is another stop on our rounds and to see those falling ill. Obviously it is only temporary and its squalid conditions still a shelter in winter.

The pregnant lady has a baby girl. No name. We couldn't get her any official help. Her father was then gravely ill and she had to return home for his death and funeral. The husband is not welcome there and she was still at risk from family members. She returned to the pavement and a week later started labour one night. We could help for the labour and hospital needs; and transport. She needed to recover in hospital. then suddenly on Thursday, Siggy said she's back with him, on the pavement. The family had removed the baby from the hospital, leaving Kathy there. We still can't get answers. And really don't know what questions to ask

The couple have Faith in The Lord but its hard to have Hope or feel Love or to be comforted.

*A man from our Church has helped us serve food this week, and a Team of Ywam students (3-5 individuals) will come each Thursday for the duration of their Outreach. This is a most welcome addition to our schedule; time and space to serve with conversations, listening, praying throughout the whole meal time not just before and after. They will use our verse cards as stepping stones for their personal individual witnessing.*

*Also, we shall arrange our annual Birthday celebration while we have these extra pairs of hands, serving birthday cake, candle/ sparkler, card with the hot meal and coffee....and make a joyful noise with song and prayers (instead of the bickering between some of the guys last time!)*

*A promise and hope this month:*

*And God is able to bless you abundantly,  
so that in all things at all times, having all that you need,  
you will abound in every good work*

**2Corinthians 9:8**

XXX Steve, Val, Hannah, Ruth and Jean XXX

# CHURCH REGISTERS

## WEDDINGS

**Ratby**

*None*

**Groby**

*None*



## BAPTISMS

**Ratby**

*None*

**Groby**

*20th July ~ Orson McIntosh*



We welcome him into the church family

## FUNERALS

**Ratby** *16th May ~ Kieron Sloan*

*21st May ~ William Eaglesham*

*11th July ~ Robert Tate*

*14th July ~ Thomas Dorman*

*28th July ~ Veronica Miller*

*29th July ~ Eric Richardson*

**Groby**

*16th May ~ Michael Brewer*

*19th May ~ Goffrey Linthwaite*

*9th June ~ Judith Hemsill*

*23rd June ~ John Henson*

*21st July ~ Muriel Stanley*

*1st August ~ Julie Johnson*



We extend our sympathy and prayers to the family and friends, and pray that they may find peace through faith in Jesus Christ our Lord.





FLOWERS September		
	Altar	Memorial Vase
7th		Marjorie (Ruth)
14th	Ruth	
21st		
28th	Hayley	

### Church Cleaning - September

1 Sep - 14 Sep	Linda & John
15 Sep - 28 Sep	Gill & Alan
29 Sep - 12 Oct	Chris D & Julie



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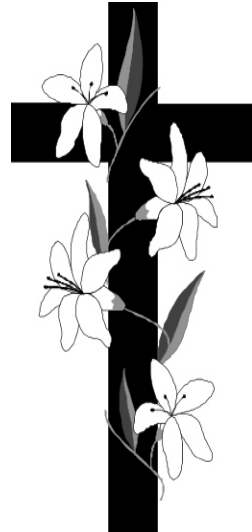


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