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Thought for the Month

Although the meteorological autumn officially begins on 1st September, most of us probably think of autumn as beginning in earnest in October. Of course, this year, because it has been so dry, many trees started to lose their leaves much earlier than usual and we might already have found ourselves tramping through piles of leaves in September, or even late August.

Although there's no denying that the summer is over by the time we get to October, autumn has its compensations, particularly the beautiful colour of the leaves - the reds, the yellows and the various shades of orange and brown, as well as the vibrant autumn berries.

Change is part of life for all of us, whether it be a change in the seasons or change in our health or personal circumstances. Many of you will be familiar with the works of Patience Strong. Patience Strong was the pen name of Winifred Emma May (4 June 1907 - 28 August 1990). As well as writing many poems and short reflections she was also apparently a successful lyricist, composing English words for the tango "Jealousy" and "The Dream of Olwen", and an author of several books dealing with Christianity and practical psychology.



A close-up photograph of autumn leaves on a branch, with some leaves showing signs of being eaten or damaged. The background is a warm, out-of-focus orange and yellow.

**This is what Patience Strong
had to say about change:**

Changes come - it's Life - things cannot always be the same. Conditions alter - otherwise, life would seem very tame. So when there's an upheaval, don't resist the circumstances. Accept it - make the best of it - it's all a game of chance. But change is good for us sometimes, for we get in a rut. Our roots may be a long way down, but they must be cut. Move on and welcome changes, and no doubt, in time you'll see - the change you dreaded was a God-sent opportunity. For only outward things will change - the real things always stand, though life seems all confusion with distress on every hand. The inner things remain - our principles, our faith, our love, the confidence that we have placed in that great Power above. The secret places of the heart will always be secure - invincible and changeless, for the word of God is

We need to look for God in every season, every situation, every change in our lives.
And if we look for him, we are more likely to find him!

With all good wishes,

Reverend Karen Crowhurst

OUR CHURCH SERVICES IN OCTOBER



Details of any changes
will be published on the St. Blasius website
and Facebook page



*You are warmly invited to join us for
Our Sunday Worship at
10.15am Every Sunday (unless otherwise stated)*

Sunday 5th October - Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

HOLY COMMUNION

Reverend Tony Richards

Sunday 12th October - HARVEST FESTIVAL CELEBRATION

MATINS

Reverend Karen Crowhurst

**Followed by a Bring and Share Harvest Lunch
at Shanklin Cricket Club**

Sunday 19th October - Maritime Sunday

HOLY COMMUNION


Reverend Tony Richards

Sunday 26th October - Bible Sunday/last Sunday after Trinity

HOLY COMMUNION

Reverend Karen Crowhurst

***Shared
Worship***

at 6.30pm 

Christians Working Together in the Bay

Warmly invite you to join them on Sunday
evenings in a different Church each week.

Details will be published in the
weekly newsletter.

FESTIVALS IN OCTOBER

From the Church of England Calendar

- 1 Remigius, Bishop of Rheims, Apostle of the Franks, 533
1 Anthony Ashley Cooper, Earl of Shaftesbury, Social Reformer, 1885
4 Francis of Assisi, Friar, Deacon, Founder of the Friars Minor, 1226
6 William Tyndale, Translator of the Scriptures, Reformation Martyr, 1536
9 Denys, Bishop of Paris, and his Companions, Martyrs, c.250
9 Robert Grosseteste, Bishop of Lincoln, Philosopher, Scientist, 1253
10 Paulinus, Bishop of York, Missionary, 644
10 Thomas Traherne, Poet, Spiritual Writer, 1674
11 Ethelburga, Abbess of Barking, 675
11 James the Deacon, companion of Paulinus, 7th century
12 Wilfrid of Ripon, Bishop, Missionary, 709
12 Elizabeth Fry, Prison Reformer, 1845
12 Edith Cavell, Nurse, 1915
13 Edward the Confessor, King of England, 1066
15 Teresa of Avila, Teacher of the Faith, 1582
16 Nicholas Ridley, Bishop of London, and Hugh Latimer, Bishop of Worcester, Reformation Martyrs, 1555
17 Ignatius, Bishop of Antioch, Martyr, c.107
18 Luke the Evangelist
19 Henry Martyn, Translator of the Scriptures, Missionary in India and Persia, 1812
25 Crispin and Crispinian, Martyrs at Rome, c.287
26 Alfred the Great, King of the West Saxons, Scholar, 899
26 Cedd, Abbot of Lastingham, Bishop of the East Saxons, 664
28 Simon and Jude, Apostles
29 James Hannington, Bishop of Eastern Equatorial Africa, Martyr in Uganda, 1885
31 Martin Luther, Reformer, 1546

A Prayer of Teresa of Avila

Christ has no body now on earth but yours,
Yours are the only hands with which he can do his work,
Yours are the only feet with which he can go about the world,
Yours are the only eyes through which his compassion can shine forth upon a troubled world.
Christ has no body now on earth but yours.

PRAYERS FOR THE MONTH

The Sunday/Festival Collects for this month

5th October - Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

O Lord, we beseech you mercifully to hear
the prayers of your people who call upon you;
and grant that they may both perceive and know
what things they ought to do,
and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil them...

12th October– HARVEST THANKSGIVING

Eternal God,
you crown the year with your goodness
and you give us the fruits of the earth in their season:
grant that we may use them to your glory,
for the relief of those in need and for our own well-being...

19th October - Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity/Maritime Sunday

Almighty and everlasting God,
increase in us your gift of faith
that, forsaking what lies behind
and reaching out to that which is before,
we may run the way of your commandments
and win the crown of everlasting joy...

26th October - Bible Sunday

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning:
help us so to hear them, to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them
that, through patience, and the comfort of your holy word,
we may embrace and for ever hold fast the hope of everlasting life,
which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ...



**The Next Meeting of the St Blasius MU Branch
is on Monday 27th October**

In the Parish Room at St Blasius Church

Details of the worldwide work of the Mothers' Union, together with many good ideas for Christmas cards and presents, can be found on the MU Website:

<https://www.mothersunion.org/>

Coffee Mornings

First Monday of the month, 10am -12noon, at St Blasius Church

*Our coffee mornings have been so successful that we are continuing them on
6th October*

3rd November *(in aid of the Children's Society)*

8th December *(with Christmas Craft Sale)*

Craft items also on sale at each, and maybe a raffle. Do come along!



Eco Tips for October

Creationtide, also known as The Season of Creation, is the period in the annual Church calendar dedicated to God as our Creator and the Sustainer of all life. Creation tide is from 1st September to 4th October and during this time we are encouraged to think prayerfully about our role as stewards of creation.



This month, Newport Minster hosts an important event and the top Eco Tip is to come along, find out more and get involved! There is so much we can do both as individuals and as Church communities. Could your Church also consider becoming an Eco Church? This doesn't cost anything and there are a lot of resources available to help you.

An inspiring and practical mini conference to help you on your NZC and Eco Church journey. The Journey to Net Zero, Eco Church Perspectives, Exhibitors Presentations, Christ the King College Presentation, A time for discussion and networking, Closing Reflections, Prayers and Blessing.

There will be contributions from:

- St Helens Church, St Helens (who are Eco Church Gold award winners)
- The Creation Matters! team
- Isle of Wight Community Energy
- Hampshire and IoW Wildlife Trust
- Together for Mission Zero
- The Diocesan net zero teams of Portsmouth and Guildford.

Towards an Eco Island Conference

Saturday 18th October

10am to 2pm

Newport Minster, St Thomas' Square, Newport PO30 1SL

The cost is £5 per person

A Canticle of Creation

Each year on 4th October, the Church remembers St Francis of Assisi. In art, he is often shown surrounded by birds and animals. St. Francis of Assisi viewed all of creation—people, animals, plants, and even inanimate objects—as a gift from a loving God, a reflection of His presence, and worthy of deep respect and care. He famously penned "The Canticle of the Creatures," a hymn of praise to God through all elements of nature, which he saw as his family and a mirror of God's goodness. This reverence led him to treat all beings as sisters and brothers, emphasizing a compassionate, interconnected relationship with the entire created world.

William Henry Draper, based his beautiful hymn "All Creatures of Our God and King," on the poem by St. Francis. It was first published in a hymn book in 1919.

**1. All creatures of our God and King,
Lift up your voice and with us sing
Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Thou burning sun with golden beam,
Thou silver moon with softer gleam,
O praise him, O praise him,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**3. And all ye saints of tender heart,
Forgiving others, take your part,
O sing ye, alleluia!
Ye who long pain and sorrow bear,
Praise God and on him cast your care:
O praise him, O praise him,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**2. Thou rushing winds that art so strong,
Ye clouds that sail in Heav'n along,
O praise him, alleluia!
Thou rising morn, in praise rejoice,
Ye lights of evening, find a voice.
O praise him, O praise him,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**4. Let all things their creator bless,
And worship him in humbleness,
O praise him, alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
And praise the Spirit, Three in One:
O praise him, O praise him,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

Shanklin Hyde WI

Report by Maureen Meers

At the September meeting members brought a wide variety of sweet and savoury foods along for supper. There were 29 members and 2 guests at the meeting. Before tucking in to the meal each member was invited to brought along something 'special' to them and talk about it with others at their table. Each table then nominated one person to speak to the meeting.

Phoebe was first and spoke about a special blanket she made for her late brother, in the colours of his favourite football team. Next, it was Chris who spoke about a, a lovely family photo of her grandmother, Doris Hewlett. Back in 1933 she owned a Singer Nine Sports car. The 4-seater has been lovingly restored by the new Canadian owner. Michelle then showed us her fertility necklace and told us how she nearly got into trouble with the police in Qatar.

Maureen didn't bring anything- she brought someone! Her best friend of 70 years, Jo, here on holiday from Australia. Maureen and Jo met at Sunday school and have remained friends all this time, visiting each other when they could.

There have been some interesting WI events during September including a visit to Shanklin Theatre, a lunch club, a book club and supper club. Karen held a cheese, cake and wine event to celebrate the 110 years since the Women's Institute was founded in England.

**The next meeting will be on
14th October at 7.30pm
and the speaker, Celia Lowe,
will give a talk on the history of underwear.**

New members and visitors are always welcome to join us at our venue, the Sacred Heart Church Hall on Atherley Road.

Maureen Meers



Deadline for the November issue is Wednesday 15th October

St Blasius Church Fete



Against the background of having to rearrange the date at short notice because of the temporary closure of Church Road for emergency waterworks our Annual Summer Fete took place on Wednesday, 13th August.

The Fete was opened by Reverend Tony and Mrs Anne Springman and was once again a great success both raising £1,500 for Church Funds and the profile of the church within the local community. It was a day built on the foundation of enthusiastic and energetic volunteers which resulted in a lot of happy and contented visitors.

We had a variety of church stalls selling homemade craft goods, books, bric-a-brac, cakes, clothes, new and nearly new goods which were supplemented by some independent and charity stalls and our refreshments were as popular as ever with the cheese scones selling out very quickly!

We were once again well entertained by the Vectis Brass Band, of whom Reverend Karen is a member, who played two excellent twenty minute sessions. In between these sessions we had an informal dog show that proved to be very popular with an impressive number and variety of dogs together with

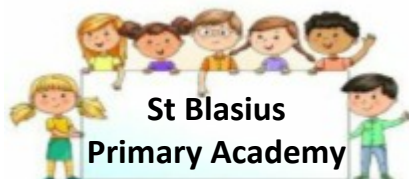
their well behaved owners. Thanks go to Moira Erwin for her even-handed judging.

The weather was not quite as good as we hoped with some thunder, lightning and rain but it did have it's uses. Whilst I was talking to Charlotte, one of the stallholders who had a stall inside the church, she remarked that the footfall into the church was quite light and maybe it would be a good idea if an announcement was made to bring people into the church. I agreed to this but on exiting the church there was a flash of lightning and a particularly large clap of thunder and the church quickly filled with people from outside, what very effective communication!!

Our thanks go to everyone who helped make this event such a success (my thank you email was addressed to thirty four people). As well as volunteers from our Church Family we were helped by friends from the URC, the Sacred heart, St Saviours and Abbeyfield. Particular thanks go to Pam Dana who did such a splendid job as the overall organiser for the event.

Now to start planning next year's Fete!

Bob Crawley, Churchwarden



Extracts from Recent Newsletters

By Jemma Powell, Assistant Principal

A Joyous Start to the New Academic Year...

What an absolute joy it has been to welcome everyone back to St Blasius Academy!

The school is positively buzzing with excitement, and there's nothing quite like that wonderful energy that fills our corridors when our fabulous, smiley children return. It truly is the heartbeat of our school community.

I'm delighted to extend a very warm welcome to our new team members who have joined us this term. Please join me in welcoming Miss Stevens, who will be working with our Year 4 children, and Miss Westmore, who is settling beautifully into Year One. We're also thrilled to have Mrs Dunn with us as our higher level teaching assistant, and she'll be working across St Blasius, bringing her expertise to support our children's learning journey.

Of course, the biggest welcome of all goes to every single one of our wonderful children. Seeing their bright faces and hearing their laughter echoing through the school reminds us exactly why we do what we do. Each child brings their own unique spark to our community, and we couldn't be prouder to be part of their educational adventure.

Speaking of adventures, we have so many exciting experiences planned for this coming term! There's truly something special happening around every corner... I'm particularly excited to announce the welcome return of our parent lunches, which will be starting with our Year 6 families. These occasions are such a wonderful opportunity for our community to come together and share in the school experience. Here's to what promises to be a brilliant term ahead!

The big question last week was: If you could invite an inspirational person to dinner, who would it be and why? Here are some of the children's answers:

Jesus

Arlo, Year 1

Vincent Van Gogh

...because I want to know how he drew the starry night. *Dolly, Year 3*

The drummer from Metallica

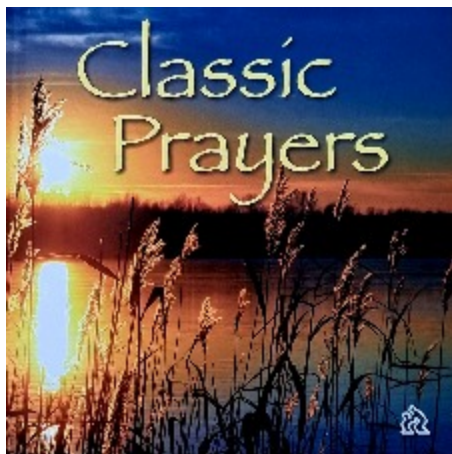
...because I want to learn how to play the drums like him. *Jasper, Year 4.*

The Wright Brothers

...because they created the first powered plane and I would love to know how it was done. *Jackson, Year 6*

Book Review

Title: Classic Prayers
Compiled by: Judith Merrell
ISBN: 978-1-909092-50-1



This is a beautiful little hardback book to keep on a bedside table. It is a collection of thoughtful prayers for every time and situation.

There are ancient traditional prayers together with the prayers of Brother Lawrence, Sir Thomas More, Richard of Chichester, Mary Sumner, Billy Graham, John Wesley, Charles Spurgeon, C.S. Lewis, William Wilberforce, Charles Dickens and many others. Among these prayers are short extracts from the psalms and other books of the Bible.

“Prayer should be the key of the day and the lock of the night.” George Herbert

The prayers are illustrated with inspiring photographs, with locations of the pictures and the different photographers printed beside them. So, it is encouraging to reflect on the number of people who have contributed to the creation of this book in many different ways.

I was recently given this as a thoughtful birthday gift and it has become one of my ‘special’ books. At only £5.99 it would make a perfect Christmas present.

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2PM - 4PM

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