



*The Parish of
S. Philip & S. James
Up Hatherley*



Parish Magazine

October 2026



Harvest Festival

*S. Philip and S. James Parish Church,
Cold Pool Lane, Up Hatherley,
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Church Calendar

October 2026

Thur 1 st	St Therese of the Child Jesus
Fri 2 nd	The Holy Guardian Angels
Sat 3 rd	Feria
SUN 4th	27th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Mon 5 th	Feria
Tue 6 th	Feria
Wed 7 th	Our Lady of the Rosary
Thur 8 th	Feria
Fri 9 th	St John Henry Newman, Priest
Sat 10 th	Feria
SUN 11th	28th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Mon 12 th	Feria
Tue 13 th	Feria
Wed 14 th	Feria
Thur 15 th	St Teresa of Jesus (of Avila)
Fri 16 th	Feria
Sat 17 th	St Ignatius of Antioch
SUN 18th	29th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Mon 19 th	Feria
Tue 20 th	Feria
Wed 21 st	Feria
Thur 22 nd	Feria
Fri 23 rd	Feria
Sat 24 th	Feria
SUN 25th	30th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Mon 26 th	Feria
Tue 27 th	Feria
Wed 28 th	St Simon & St Jude
Thur 29 th	Feria
Fri 30 th	Feria
Sat 31 st	Feria

SUNDAYS: 10:00 Parish Mass

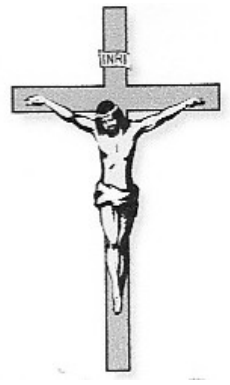
WEEKDAYS: Said Mass on Thursdays is suspended during the vacancy.

For times of other services please see the church noticeboard or
visit our parish website.

The church is open daily for Private Prayer and closes at 15.00 (3pm).

The Years Mind

Every day the Church remembers and prays for the souls of those whose anniversary of death falls during the month. Below are those who we remember this month.



- 2nd Mildred Mae Gregory, Frank Terence Bennett.*
- 3rd Alberto Ramento (Bp).*
- 5th Ernest Frank Penfold, Renaldo Capaldi.*
- 6th Richard Bassett Horne.*
- 7th Mary Louise Coles.*
- 9th Reginald Tom Ireland, Julie Anne Hurley.*
- 11th John Smirk.*
- 12th Maria Jones.*
- 13th Daniel Joseph Connors.*
- 15th Frank William Ovell, Joyce Christine Doris Richards.*
- 16th Ronald R. Sargison (Pr).*
- 17th Amy Lilian Smith, Amy Halpin.*
- 19th Paul Graham Davies, Samuel Douglas Britton.*
- 20th Ada Caroline Wiseman.*
- 22nd Laurence Newman, Doris Cecilia Fisher, Edna Armstrong-Prior.*
- 23rd John Heidt (Pr).*
- 24th Ethel Houghton, Percy Theodore Williams.*
- 25th Ivy Georgina Milward, Dennis William Goodwins, Betty Bushell.*
- 26th Arthur James Robinson.*
- 27th Verity Anne Barrett, Brian Duffy.*
- 28th Vera Wildsmith, William Charles Osborne.*
- 29th Lily Gratton, Fredrick Thomas Ilsley, Jack Major.*
- 31st Thomas Williams, Joseph Hunt.*



'STARTERS'

Our Sunday morning children's group

meets on the 2nd & 4th Sundays

at 10:00 in the Church Centre.

Worship & activities before joining
the adults in Church
for the rest of the Mass.

Go to our website:

www.achurchnearyou.com/church/14268

for weekly children's activity sheets.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO
WELCOMING YOU.

Harry Potter Characters

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Bagman

Bellatrix

Diggory

Draco

Dumbledore

Fleur

Fudge

Gaunt

Hermione

Lily

Lupin

Malfoy

McGonagall

Minerva

Percival

Potter

Ronald

Sirius

Snape

Tom Riddle

Tonks

Umbridge

Voldemort

Wormtail

Up Hatherley Parish Council



I have just written a letter to the Prime Minister.
You might think – what's this got to do with the Parish Council?

It was triggered by the announcement that the government was going to look at setting up a National Care Service. My thinking is that with rising levels of youth unemployment, why not bring back National service – but instead of military service, community service – indoors and outdoors – people service and environmental service.

Local government and the health service are cash strapped and playing the “blame game” gets us nowhere. We need to get Britain working again – and in our local communities is the place to start. Volunteers to set that up would be very welcome.

The experience of setting up the 2 o'clock club made me realise that there was a need for a regular social – to get people talking. There is too much social isolation – social media doesn't help and a club is one way of facilitating this.

Chris Evans has the right idea at Dundry Nurseries – with the Butterfly garden – a place where volunteers can try a whole range of activities – growing, retail, arts and crafts, recycling and more.....

When you think about all the things that need doing – personal care, home care, environmental care and consider (leaving party politics aside) the state of finance in local authorities and the NHS, surely, we should be thinking of how we could get our unemployed working at a job that suits their abilities.

In so many areas we are dependent on volunteers – but this requires a supply of people who can work and give their services for free. My worry is that with the next generation often working several jobs and starting pensions later, this supply is time limited.

Could a way be found to move funds from the benefit system to the care sector and offer appropriate and useful work to those who presently have no prospects?

How much better could our green spaces and footways look? Is there a role for Parish councils here? Food for thought – tea anyone?

Sarah Bamford (Chair)

Citizens Advice provides an
appointment only advice service on
Thursday morning at the
Up Hatherley Library.



Please call 01452 527202 to arrange an appointment:

Free confidential advice on issues including:



*Benefits * Employment
*Housing * Debt * Family *
Consumer Rights



The winners of the September Draw were

1st Prize = Judith Stannard
2nd Prize = Pauline Critchley
3rd Prize = Bob Donnelly

The next Draw will be held on
11th October 2026

Gardening News



What a strange Summer we have had, the solid unrelenting block of hot days actually was something of a distraction, I think. The heat rolled on day after day, each day punctuated by the mutterings of the cooked and frustrated populus, who, whilst they all said they liked sunshine, didn't enjoy the longevity or intensity of the sun. Then it was over, the whole Summer whisked away as a blob. Certainly, the gardens were not impressed, and we were witnessing leaf fall in mid-August. What is staggering is the way nature shrugs and just gets on with it. Over night lawns that were treated to a splash of rain, went from bleached to green quickly and inside of a week needed a trim. So, its time to sweep out the old season and hastily reshape. Whilst Pansies and bulbs were around a month ago, only now are we finding the confidence to plant. Garden Centres are full of autumn stock, with good supplies of bedding plants, perennials and bulbs. As usual my money is on the tulips and whilst I will be getting some dwarf daffodils and probably some Snowdrops, the Tulip remains top of my list. There is a sense of carnival to tulips and with care varieties that will flower over several months. I you fancy something for indoors, then Hyacinths, Crocus and for the more adventurous Amarylis are on sale. There is great interest this year in Giant Amarylis which produce massive, showy blooms up to 22cm across and yield multiple sturdy stems and more flowers per bulb. They do need a good weighted pot, but are dramatic and great fun to grow. Returning to the garden, you can finish cleaning up the vegetable patch and introduce some spring greens, spinach and over wintering onion sets and towards the end of the month broad bean seed. Aquadulce is still the best variety for over wintering, just take a precaution against mice if the weather stays mild.

More generally, as leaves fall, gardens can be reconfigured, with shrubs, trees and retreating perennials being relocated and if you have space new items can be introduced. Looking around in the autumn will allow you to see the bonuses offered by many plants, with good leaf colour and berries being noteworthy.

And finally, I am dividing up the Rhubarb clump, which seems to have made big growth this year. A sharp spade pushed firmly through will increase your stock.

Happy Gardening

Chris Evans

Recipe for the Month

Pavlova

4 egg whites

$\frac{1}{4}$ teaspoon salt

8 oz caster sugar

4 tsp. cornflour

3 tsp. vinegar

$\frac{1}{2}$ tsp. vanilla

$\frac{1}{2}$ pint double cream

Strawberries or fresh fruit of your choice

Pre heat oven 270 f (130C) or gas mark 1.

Beat Egg whites and salt together until stiff.

Add sugar 1 tablespoon at a time whisking until very stiff.

Beat in cornflour, vinegar and vanilla.

Grease and line with baking parchment a flat baking tray.

Spoon some of the mixture onto the base, make a hollow in the centre and using a piping bag, pipe the rest of the mixture around the sides.

Bake for 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ hours.

When cool whip cream and arrange your fruit on top.

CHURCH CENTRE HIRE



We are pleased to be able to offer the following availability for the regular hire of our Church Centre:

Mondays: from 09:00 – 16:00.

Wednesdays: from 09:00 - 16:00.

Thursdays: from 13:00 – 21:00.

Fridays: from 16:00 – 21:00.

For full details of availability and features please contact Guy Mewha-Williams on 07576 659969.

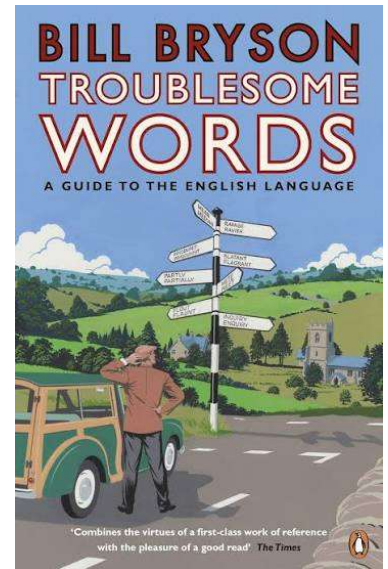


Troublesome Words by Bill Bryson 1984

This was Bryson's first book, researched when he was a sub editor at The Times and before he enjoyed major publishing success. It's what I would call a bathroom book – something you can dip into at leisure and full of interesting and amusing information.

Troublesome words are those that we commonly misspell, misuse or use unnecessarily – and there are so many of them.

With increased use of IT, we are often not aware that we have used the wrong word in the wrong situation. We might be urged to correct grammar or be more succinct – but often ignore the advice.



Taking some examples – and I am guilty of this one- we often say more than we need to. “Advance planning” for example – what is planning if it is not in advance? I frequently say “in order to” where “to” would suffice and “first and foremost” is a favourite.

Then there are common misspellings – in elections, we talk of “bellwether” constituencies – not “bellweather”. The word comes from an archaic word for sheep – the leader of the herd had a bell, so the other sheep could follow. It wasn't a harbinger – it was a leader.

English language has its challenges. Flammable and inflammable have the same meaning – if you want to say something won't catch fire, you have to call it incombustible.

If someone has their just deserts, it is not as pleasurable as having just desserts. Someone saved from a near disaster, has been saved from a disaster.

Bryson's trademark wit makes this an enjoyable companion for when you have 5 minutes spare.

Sarah Bamford

The Church Centre...



*... is the ideal venue for...
your children's party, work's conference, friends
get together & concert performance or that extra
special occasion ...*

*Wedding breakfast &
Anniversary celebration*

*With fully equipped kitchen,
tables & chairs, disabled access
& outside space.*

*Room for Bouncy Castles, DJs
& Children's Entertainers.*

Free car parking

For further details telephone

07576 659969

What's On at our Church Centre

Mondays: 18:00-19:00 Balance of Life Pilates.

Tuesdays: 09:30-11:30 Child Minders
Pre-School Group

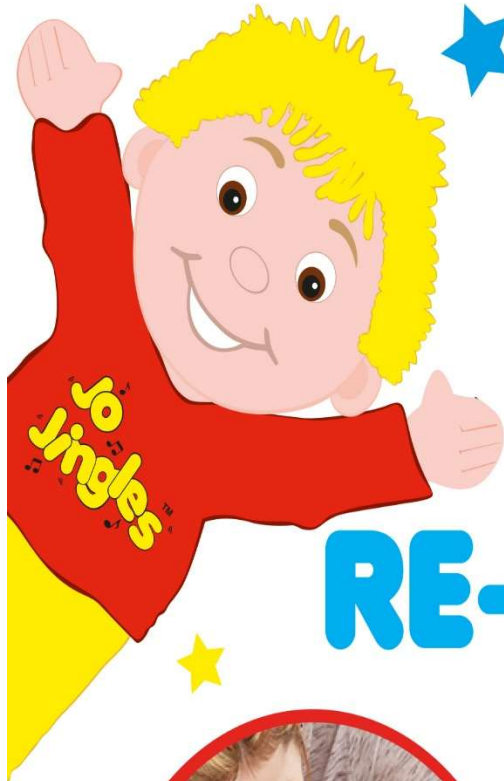
13:30-16:00 Strength & Balance

Wednesdays: 16:15-21:00 Slimming World

Thursdays: 09:30-12:30 Jo Jingles Play Group

Fridays: 09:30-10:30 Balance of Life Pilates.

For further details of all these activities please see the noticeboards
in the Centre lobby.



BABY CLASS RE-OPENING!



**Saints Philip and James
Church Centre,
Cold Pool Lane,
Up Hatherley**

**Thursdays
at 11:45am**



Click on the link in the post to book or
contact Gill for more information at
gillb_jojingles@hotmail.com
www.jojingles.com/centralglos

MAINTENANCE OF BURIAL & INTERMENT PLOTS

What is permitted:

Permanent stone vases are only those authorized and have permission granted, and only fresh flowers (out of their wrappings), or cuttings from shrubs and bushes, may be placed in them.

Grassed interment plots are enclosed by a band of paving. Vases should be placed on this and not on the grass, both to respect other plots and to facilitate the maintenance of the churchyard.

Small spring bulbs may be planted (from **September to October**), under the grass of a grave with minimal disturbance to the turf.

Poppies (or small wooden remembrance crosses) at the time of Remembrance Sunday. To be removed by **30th November**.

Christmas wreaths of natural foliage are welcome from mid-December. To be removed by **31st January**.

What is not permitted:

No artificial flowers of any kind. The only exception to this is for poppies on Remembrance Sunday.

No trees, shrubs, or roses are allowed to be planted.

No individual gardens are permitted.

Items not allowed because they are dangerous, interfere with grass cutting, will get damaged or are out of keeping with the churchyard, include such items as:

glass or other breakable or sharp items; chippings or gravel; pictures, portraits or photographs; statues or ornaments; lights (candles, solar or battery); plastic bowls, birdbaths; kerbs, railings or chains; windmills, wind-chimes, cards, animal figures, angels, etc.

The PCC retains the right to remove anything from the churchyard which does not comply with these or other regulations.