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Sunday

8.30 a.m. Holy Communion (2nd & 4th Sundays)
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From the Registers

Baptisms



2 September

Leah Brooke Shaw, Hamilton Street, Stalybridge

Joel Ethan Chadwick, Carter Street, Mossley

9 September

James Anthony Hansell-Grayson, Tatton Street, Stalybridge

23 September

Katie May Birchall, Mottram Road, Stalybridge

Funerals



10 September

Jean Edith Acton (55) Atlas Street, Ashton-under-Lyne

14 September

Elsie Hampson (96) Woodford Court, Droylsden

26 September

George Smart (88) Carson House Nursing Home, Stalybridge

27 September

Joseph Alun Davies (77) Hazelhurst Road, Stalybridge

From Our Book of Remembrance

1 Oct	William Reynolds	1951	15 Oct	Kenneth Stevenson	1994
	Walter Meadowcroft	1980		Herbert Battersby	2009
2 Oct	Joseph Parkinson	1966	16 Oct	William Parkinson	1899
	Minnie Duffin	2004		Gillian Checkley	2007
3 Oct	Harry Shaw	1986	17 Oct	Albert Wood	1972
	Paul Thomas Sykes	1992	19 Oct	Harry Hamilton	1975
4 Oct	Harry Lees	1984		Dorothy Turner	2006
	Barbara Robinson	2007	22 Oct	Stuart Priestley	1968
	Vera Redfern	2008	23 Oct	Sidney Moorcroft	1989
	Gladys Worsnip	2002	25 Oct	Myfanwy Spencer	1985
6 Oct	Esther Wheal	1983		Muriel Grace Castle	2010
8 Oct	Olivia Haigh	1988	26 Oct	Dennis Selby	1981
9 Oct	Ethel Stokes	1981		Alice Kershaw Wood	1983
	Alfred Benjamin Street	2007	27 Oct	Paul Quarmby	2004
10 Oct	George Harry Garnett	1993		Norrie Stewart	2007
	Paulette Davenport	2009	28 Oct	Ethel May Nuttall	2007
11 Oct	Margaret Bates	1980		Lily Burgess	2010
12 Oct	Alice Brierley	1985	29 Oct	John McKee	1986
	Ellen Ridgway	2001		Kyle Richard Turner	1987
13 Oct	Doreen Kay	2004		Eric Lister Jones	1995
14 Oct	George Alan Wilson	2010		Edna Smyth	2004

With the absence of a lead article this month I am including a piece from The Parish Pump by Bishop Graham Cray, Archbishops' Missioner and team leader of Fresh Expressions with the declining number of young people in the congregation it seemed appropriate.



Why the old and the young often struggle to get along in church

The relationship between older and younger generations in the Church is complex.

Older people can hang on to leadership too long, while younger people (if they stay) get frustrated. Well-intentioned, but often token, appointments of young people are made to church bodies. But those meetings can frustrate - or bore the life out of - those same young people. Yet there are also older people looking for someone younger to take on roles they have filled for years – and they can't find anyone to take their place.

The problem is essentially one of power: who has a say and who does not. The issue is also vocational: is each generation respected and released to obey God's call and trusted to trust God's promises?

Young people often feel that their church is out of date; that they couldn't invite their friends, and they feel powerless to make changes. Or an older generation wonders why people no longer come to church. They are operating from different models; one is attractional - wanting to make church more attractive - and the other more incarnational, in seeking to engage more with the everyday lives of non-Christian friends.

In today's culture, respect for the wisdom of the elders has largely been lost. But no generation of Christians is meant to start from scratch as they serve Christ in the world. We are not meant to ignore the wisdom of previous generations, nor recycle their mistakes out of ignorance. Unless, of course, we want to learn for ourselves the truth of Christian writer and poet Steve Turner's lines, 'History repeats itself. Has to – nobody listens.'

Sometimes the problem is that we confuse particular forms of worship or discipleship with the eternal truths they convey. An older generation finds it hard to imagine a different, perhaps more informal approach to worship, while a younger one fails to see beyond the form to the truths being expressed.

A lot of this is evidence of fractures within our culture, which inevitably impact the Church. But that is no reason to give in to them. There can be

a better way. Each generation can pass on the truths of the faith and the callings and promises of God to the next. Each can learn to recognise and bless God's calling on the others. Each can play their part in releasing each generation for their calling.

There is plenty to do. Without effective youth and young adult ministry the Church has no future, but given the rapidly growing proportion of the population over 65, ministry by - and to - that generation will be essential in the coming decades.

The stories around the birth of John the Baptist and of Jesus in Luke chapters one and two provide a model for relationships between the generations. We are even told that John will 'turn the hearts of parents to their children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the righteous, to make ready a people prepared for the Lord (1:17).' God wants to sort out intergenerational conflict.

A fine example of this was seen in a small Methodist church in Polzeath, Cornwall. The chapel was down to two members, aged 85 and 90. They did not want their church to die, and so warmly welcomed a proposal that it should be developed as a church for the surfers on the adjoining beach. The new focus would involve changes in both the building and in worship, but these two were thrilled to see what God wished to do in the next generation, and blessed it.



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Readings and Psalms for October 2012

Tues 2 nd	10.30	Job 3.1-3,11-17,20-23; Psalm 88.14-19; Luke 9.51-
Sun 7 th	10.45	18th Sunday after Trinity Genesis 2.18-24; Psalm 8; Hebrews 1.1-4;2.5-12; Mark 10.2-16
Tues 9 th	10.30	Galatians 1.13-end; Psalm 139.1-9; Luke 10.38-end
Sun 14 th	8.30	19th Sunday after Trinity Amos 5.6-7,10-15; Mark 10.17-31
	10.45	Amos 5.6-7,10-15; Psalm 90.12-end; Hebrews 4.12-end; Mark 10.17-31
Tues 16 th	10.30	Galatians 5.1-6; Psalm 119.41-48; Luke 11.37-41
Sun 21 st	10.45	20th Sunday after Trinity One World Week Isaiah 35.3-6; Psalm 91.9-end; 2 Timothy 4.5-17; Luke 10.1-9
Tues 23 rd	10.30	Ephesians 2.12-end; Psalm 85.7-end; Luke 12.35-38
Sun 28 th	8.30	Bible Sunday - Feast Day of St Simon and St Jude Isaiah 28.14-16; John 15.17-end
	10.45	Isaiah 28.14-16; John 15.17-end Worship For All
Tues 30 th	10.30	Ephesians 5.21-end; Psalm 128; Luke 13.18-21

8.30a.m. Holy Communion Service from February 2011

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Wordsearch for October

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Corn
Rain
Mud
Wheat

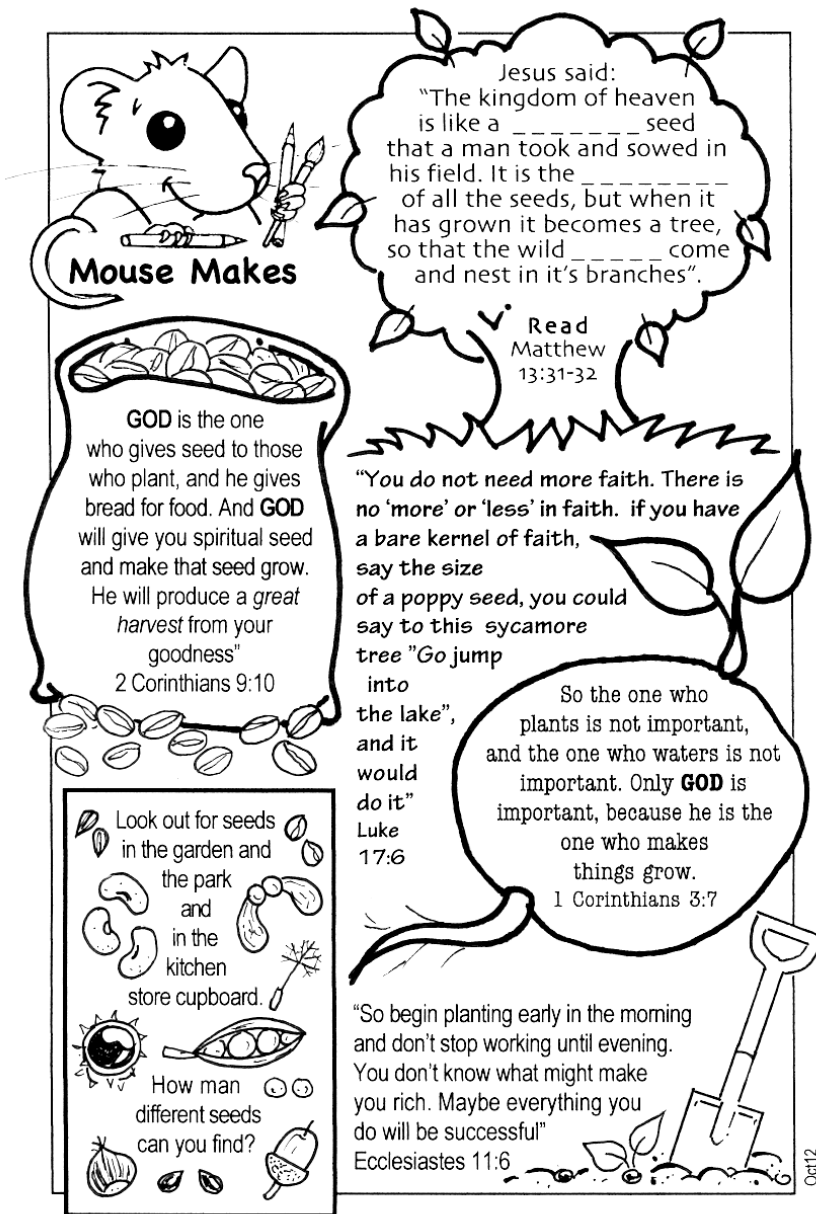
Abundance
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Some dates for your diary—October 2012

Thursday	4th	Time 4 Fun 0 - 5yrs
Sunday	7th	18th Sunday after Trinity 10.45a.m. Parish Eucharist & Junior Church 12.30p.m. Holy Baptism x 1 6.30p.m. United Service at St. Paul, S/B
Tuesday	9th	7.45p.m. Knit & Natter (Craft Group)
Thursday	11th	9.30a.m. Time 4 Fun 0 - 5yrs 7.30p.m. Tameside Community Voices Practice
Sunday	14th	19th Sunday after Trinity 8.30a.m. Holy Eucharist 10.45a.m. Parish Eucharist & Junior Church
Tuesday	16th	8.00p.m. Parochial Church Council Meeting
Thursday	18th	9.30a.m. Time 4 Fun 0 - 5yrs 7.30p.m. Tameside Community Voices Practice
Sunday	21st	20th Sunday after Trinity 10.45a.m. Parish Eucharist & Junior Church 12.30p.m. Holy Baptism x 3
Saturday	27th	2.00p.m. to 4.00p.m. Afternoon Tea & Gift Day
Sunday	28th	Last Sunday after Trinity 8.30a.m. Holy Eucharist 10.45a.m. Worship For All 12.30p.m. Holy Baptism x 1
Tuesday	30th	7.45p.m. Knit & Natter (Craft Group)

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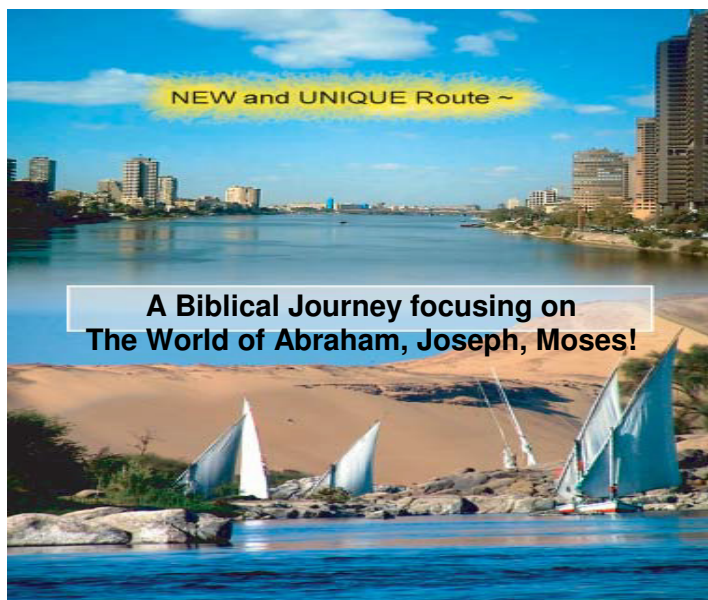
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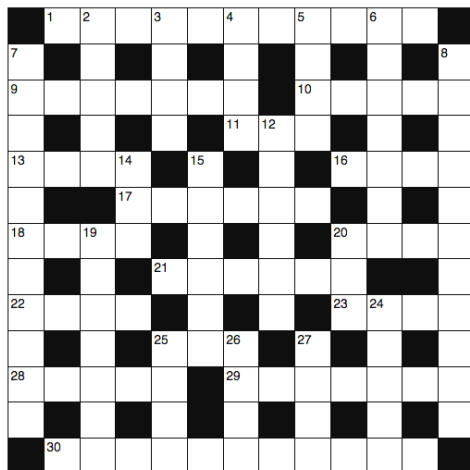
Special Poem for Older Folks

A row of bottles on my shelf
 Caused me to analyze myself.
 One yellow pill I have to pop
 Goes to my heart so it won't stop.
 A little white one that I take
 Goes to my hands so they won't shake.
 The blue ones that I use a lot
 Tell me I'm happy when I'm not.
 The purple pill goes to my brain
 And tells me that I have no pain.
 The capsules tell me not to wheeze
 Or cough or choke or even sneeze ..
 The red ones, smallest of them all
 go to my blood so I won't fall.
 The orange ones, very big and bright
 Prevent my leg cramps in the night.
 Such an array of brilliant pills
 Helping to cure all kinds of ills.
 But what I'd really like to know
 Is what tells each one where to go!

September Crossword Solution

ACROSS: 1, Also. 3, Offering. 9, The Magi. 10, Rules. 11, Soper. 12, Help me. 14, Isaac and Jacob. 17, Scorch. 19, In man. 22, Loads. 23, Inertia. 24, Vicinity. 25, Belt.
 DOWN: 1, Artistic. 2, Sleep. 4, Faith in Christ. 5, Enrol. 6, Islamic. 7, Gasp. 8, Fabric. 13, Abundant. 15, Archaic. 16, Jailer. 18, Resin. 20, Mitre. 21, Slav.

October Crossword



Across

- 1 The sixth disciple (Matthew 10:3) (11)
 9 'And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the — —' (Matthew 6:13) (4,3)
 10 Love intensely (Song of Songs 1:4) (5)
 11 From Mt Carmel to Jezreel, Elijah — all the way (1 Kings 18:46) (3)
 13 One of the Midianite leaders who was captured and killed after Gideon's victory in the valley near Moreh (Judges 7:25) (4)
 16 Metallic element (4)
 17 At line (anag.) (6)
 18 'Cursed is everyone who is — on a tree' (Galatians 3:13) (4)
 20 Where Samson killed a thousand Philistines with a donkey's jawbone (Judges 15:14) (4)
 21 He succeeded Moses (Deuteronomy 34:9) (6)
 22 'When he saw him, he took — on him' (Luke 10:33) (4)
 23 'For — is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction' (Matthew 7:13) (4)
 25 'The god of this — has blinded the minds of unbelievers' (2 Corinthians 4:4) (3)
 28 Fear or terror (Psalm 31:22) (5)
 29 'We, who are many, are one body, for we all — of the one loaf' (1 Corinthians 10:17) (7)
 30 Assyrian ruler assassinated by his sons while worshipping his god Nisroch (2 Kings 19:37) (11)

Down

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



Grandparents Day 7th October

In praise of Grandparents

How often do your children see their grandparents? Sadly, an estimated one million children in the UK may not see their grandparents at all, because so many families separate or lose touch.

Yet grandparents can offer so much in terms of love and stability. They have the time to really play with their grand-children, to take them places, help with homework, attend school events in a 'cheerleading' role, and offer wise advice and support. Research has found that in times of family crisis, children who felt close to a grandparent felt more resilient and protected.

There are 14 million grandparents in the UK, and this month they have their 'day'. It is 7th October, 'Grandparents Day' for the UK. It is only the fourth such day in the UK so far; it began in the USA in 1978, and Age Concern brought it to the UK in 1990. If you have grandparents in your family, here is an opportunity to show your appreciation. But really, who needs an excuse to tell grandparents that you love them?

Diamond Jubilee

This month we offer you the ninth in a series on Queen Elizabeth II, looking back down the 60 years of her reign. This month we consider...

Diamond Jubilee: Elizabeth - pt 9. : 'ANNUS HORRIBILIS'

The Queen looks as though she's enjoyed 2012. The Jubilee went well, the Olympics were 'simply fabulous'. She has looked at home in all kinds of situations, with international leaders, heads of State, crowds in the streets and even when being apparently whisked away by James Bond to descend on the Olympic Stadium by parachute.

So perhaps 2012 will make up for 1992, because that was the year, exactly twenty years ago, which she dubbed her annus horribilis, her 'horrible year' And by any standards, it was. It seemed that the Queen's immediate family was simply disintegrating before her eyes. Secure in her own life-long and life-enhancing marriage to Prince Philip, she could only watch and grieve as the marriages of all their children began to break up.

Clearly the marriage of her eldest son, Charles, to the wildly admired Princess Diana, was heading for the rocks. The marriage of her second son, Andrew, to the flame-haired and unpredictable Sarah ended in divorce, as did her daughter Anne's marriage to Mark Phillips - and all within the space of that single year. Then, in November, as though all of that was not horror enough, a disastrous fire destroyed much of Windsor Castle, the oldest of the royal residences.

Later that month, in a speech marking the fortieth anniversary of her accession, the Queen acknowledged, in a remarkable moment of self-exposure, how painful it had all been, using that Latin phrase (annus horribilis) to describe its impact. For a person who had always carefully protected the private lives of her family and her own feelings from public exposure, it was a defining moment. Monarchs, too, can hurt. Royalty is no impenetrable defence against 'the slings and arrows of outrageous fortune'.

More was to follow, sadly. The month after that speech Charles and Diana separated, and inevitably, it seemed, divorce followed in 1996. Christmas 1992 may not have been the happiest occasion at Sandringham as the Queen and the Duke surveyed the devastating events of the past year. As we shall see, that was not even the end of their family sorrows, which makes the genuinely happy mood of the Summer just ended a wonderful bonus for the year of Jubilee.



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If you would like to pack and send a shoe box, or even volunteer some time during November or December to work in a warehouse that sorts and send OCC shoe boxes, please visit: www.samaritanspurse.uk.com for further details.



Don't forget to put your clocks back one hour at 2 am on Sunday 28th October when British Summer Time ends.