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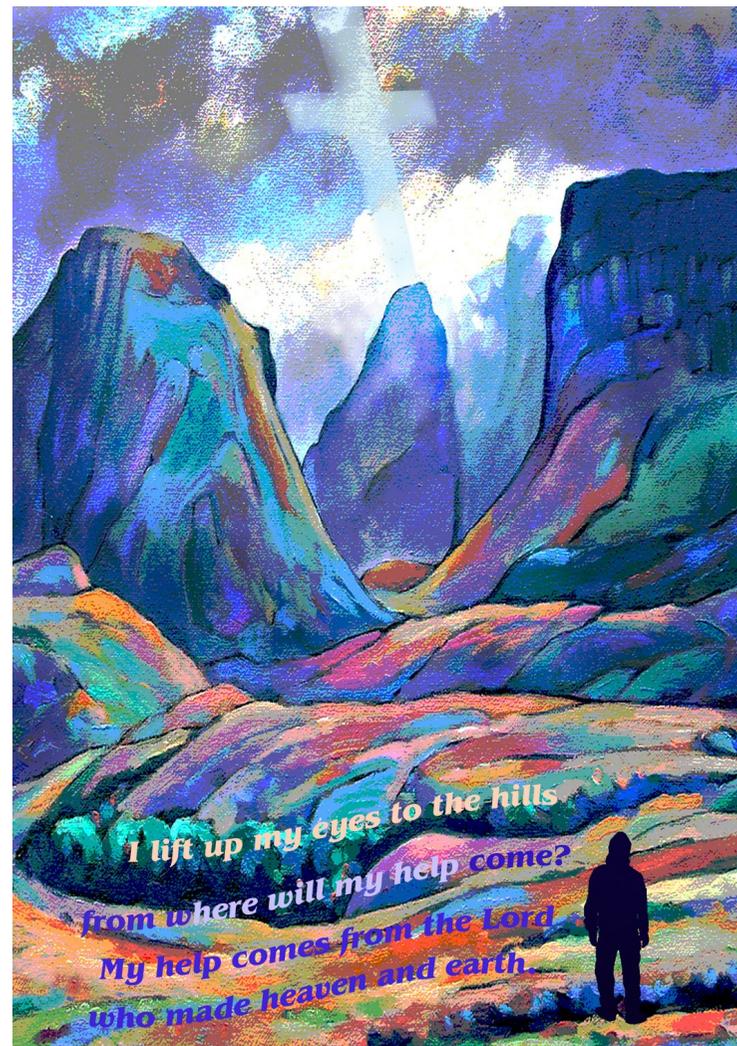
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Not the editorial

I can't think of anything profound and encouraging to say here this month.

To paraphrase words ([Luke 10:1-4](#)) that have been brought to my attention several times in the last week or two...there is a mission to save the world, we have a part to play...and it's urgent.

Any more to be said?

Chris Scarisbrick

Luke 10: 1-4 After this the Lord appointed seventy-two^[a] others and sent them two by two ahead of him to every town and place where he was about to go. ² He told them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field. ³ Go! I am sending you out like lambs among wolves. ⁴ Do not take a purse or bag or sandals; and do not greet anyone on the road.

Learn to 'wait well' for things

'My future is in Your hands...'

In her helpful book, *When, God, When?* Joyce Meyer writes: "God has taught me to keep living the life I now have, while I am waiting for the things that are in my heart to come to pass. We can become so intent on trying to birth the next things that we neither enjoy nor take care of the things at hand. I had a vision from God ten years before I began to see it fulfilled. During those years, I believe I missed a lot of joy trying to give it birth outside of God's timing."

Learn to enjoy where you are, while you're waiting to get to where you want to be. After all, all your life you will spend more time waiting than you will receiving. And when you receive what you're waiting for now – you'll begin waiting for something else. That's life! If we don't learn to 'wait well', we'll live with endless frustration.

Waiting well is what will deliver our dream. Listen: "in due season we shall reap, if we faint not" (Gal. 6:9). "Due season" is when God knows we're ready, not when we think we are. He has set appointments to accomplish certain things in our life, so we might as well settle down and wait patiently, because that's when it will happen – and not before.

God knows what you need, He knows when you need it and He knows how to get it to you. All He asks you to do is trust him.

From UCB 'Word for Today'

FROM THE REGISTERS

Baptisms

18 September 2016 Daniel-James Michael Gareth Grant

18 September 2016 Madelyn Rose Chambers

18 September 2016 Jaxon Lee Stephen Douglas

Funerals

13 September 2016 Mary Martin

PRAYERS

Please pray for:-

Pray for Mali, and the continuing violence despite the implementation of a peace agreement that was signed over a year ago. As a result, many vulnerable populations are yet to receive aid.

The 'United' activity day on 25 October.

The 'Party in Partnership' and those helping with the day's preparation

Prayer of trust in God's Word.

Father,

Thank you for your written Word to us in the Bible, inspired and interpreted by your Holy Spirit. Thank you that from beginning to end it reveals Jesus, the living Word, sent by you to rescue us from the mess of selfishness and disobedience. May we treasure your revelation to us and allow you to guide us by it through the confusion and pain of this world, confident that your Word is unchanging and powerful and trustworthy.

In Jesus name,
Amen.

By Daphne Kitching

Jazz in the Church

present Kim Cypher's 'Chameleon'

Friday 7th October – 7.30am start

St Michael's Church, Highworth.

Tickets £10 – available from The Lighthouse Bookshop, Highworth and The Visitor Information Centre at Central Library, Swindon and on the door.

Kim Cypher is an exceptional jazz saxophonist and vocalist who is currently making waves on the UK jazz scene. For this concert she will be accompanied by her quartet (Alex Steele - Piano, Lee Jones - Guitar, Tom Hill - Bass and Mike Cypher - Drums).

We hope that you will be able to attend – we'd love to see there.

Friends of Angel's Orphanage *every little helps, every penny counts*

World's Largest Nativity

Bible Society and Calne Town Council are delighted to announce that plans are now well underway to enable a Guinness World Records™ title attempt to take place right in the heart of Calne for the most living figures in a Nativity scene.

Bible Society, is the event's main sponsor this year!

The current world record was broken in Utah in December 2014 when they had 1,039 people participating in a nativity scene. This year we plan to break the record and have around 2,000 people dressed in full costume participating in a nativity scene in Calne.

The Guinness World Record requirement is to have as many people as possible dressed in full costume – an angel, shepherd or king, participating in a nativity scene for 30minutes.

Details

Date: Saturday 3 December

Time: 6pm-8pm

Venue: Calne Town Centre

Regular activities

2nd Sunday each month

Messy Church

09 October

4-5:30pm @ Shaw

Every Monday

After School Youth Group

3:30 – 6:00pm @ Holy Trinity Shaw

Contact Claire Camm 07981951381

Every Tuesday

Coffee Stop

1:30 – 3:00pm @ Holy Trinity Shaw

Bell Ringing

7-9pm St Mary's Bell Tower

2nd Wednesday of each month

Mothers Union

12 October

Contact Doreen Henderson 07434377587

2pm @ St Mary's Stable Room

Every Thursday

Toothill Tinies

10-11:30am @ Toothill

Operation Christmas Child asks for one million shoeboxes

This year Operation Christmas Child UK hopes to send one million shoeboxes to needy children in developing countries. And if you find it hard to get hold of a shoebox, no worries: OCC is now offering flat-pack shoeboxes for individuals, families, churches, schools and community groups.

The vision of Operation Christmas Child remains so simple: "a Christmas shoebox gift is a 'treasure chest' for a child who has never received such a gift before. It is a powerful symbol of hope that someone, somewhere, cared enough to pack a gift. Last year, people across the UK set 900,008 shoeboxes to 14 different countries. They played a key part in over 11 million children globally experiencing God's unconditional love through a simple gift. Thank you!"

More details at: <https://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child>

Messy Thoughts for Harvest

It's that time of year when churches and school assemblies groan with tins, jars and the occasional marrow as we come together to say 'Thank you' for Harvest. In our last Messy Church we thought about how important it is to say 'thank you' and in cooperation with the Messy Church magazine this is what we said together:

Thank You, God for all that grows
Thank You for the sky's rainbows
Thank You God for making plants and minerals
To turn into medicine to make people better
Thank You for friends and family
And reminders of being 1 and 3
Thank You God for holidays
And travelling to different places
Thank You for the friends you send
To support us and be your angels on earth
Thank You for the stars that shine
Thank You for these friends of mine,
Thank You for all we eat
Thank You for the people we meet
Thank You for the moon and sun
Thank You God for all you've done!

At the end we sang an upbeat version of an old favourite 'Count your blessings and it will surprise you what the Lord has done'

May God grow in us an attitude of thankfulness, not just on special occasions once or twice a year, not just when something amazing happens but every day in the ups and downs of our lives together.



Spirituality Taster Day

29 October 2016

Locking Castle Church, Jasmine Way, Weston-Super-Mare, BS24 7JW

There will be a variety of workshops covering different ways of engaging in a spiritual journey, as well as some display material of even more ideas. The workshops currently planned are detailed below, and there will be the opportunity to do three one hour workshops during the day. To help us to help you make the most of the day we are asking you to tell us which three workshops you are interested in.

The day costs £5.00 per person* Bring your own lunch but drinks will be provided during the day. If you cannot make this date there will be another opportunity to 'Taste and See' at Barnstaple United Church on the 1st April 2017, with a slightly different range of workshops will be available. You may want to do both!

The workshop options are:

Colour my prayer with Sue Henderson

Ignatian Spiritual Exercises with Sue Henderson

Spirituality through movement with Meryl White

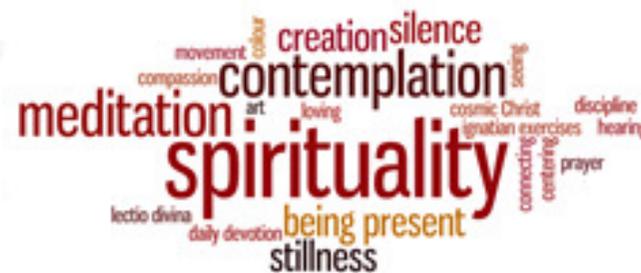
Spirituality through Godly Play with Sian Collins

Lectio Divina with Peter Henderson

Internet based spirituality with Peter Henderson

Unpacking the parables with Helena McKinnon

If you would like more information please email sue@suehenderson.co.uk



Why gardener Alan digs the Real Advent Calendar

Alan Titchmarsh has welcomed the launch of the 2016 Real Advent Calendar, describing it as 'a great idea'. Each Real Advent Calendar comes with a free 28 page copy of the Christmas story in the box, 24 Fairtrade chocolates and sales of the calendar support charitable causes.

David Marshall, from The Meaningful Chocolate Company which makes the calendars, said: "Three years ago we saw survey research which showed that knowledge of the Christmas story was fading. Among 5-7 year olds, 36% didn't know whose birthday was celebrated at Christmas.

"Among adults, less than 12% knew the full nativity story and 51% said that the birth of Jesus was irrelevant to their Christmas. As a result of this survey we launched The Real Advent Calendar hoping to help adults and children engage with the Christmas story for the full 24 days of Advent."

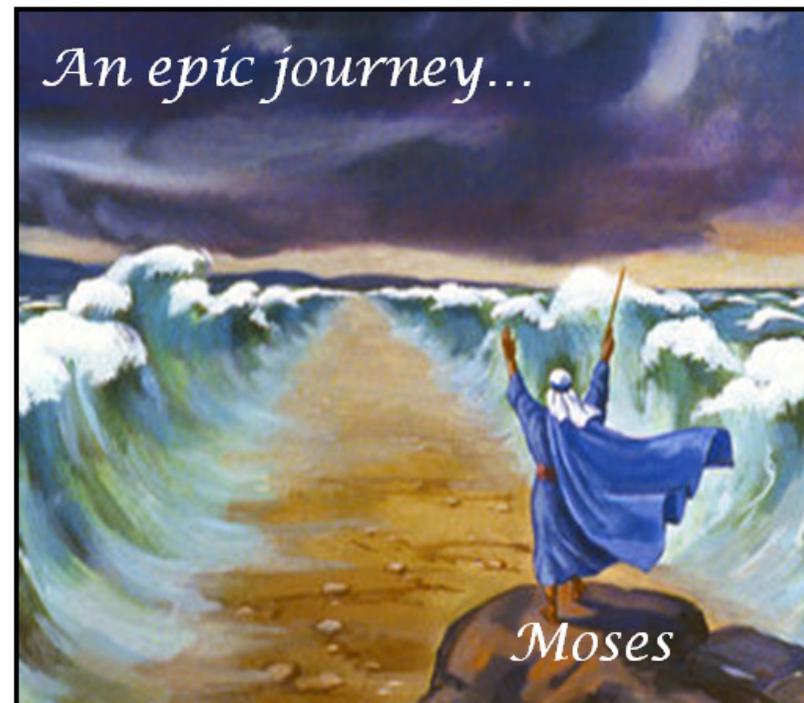
More than half a million Real Advent Calendars have been sold, which means over a million people have read the Real Advent Calendar Christmas story, many for the first time. This year the story is illustrated by award winning artist Alida Massari and includes activities and challenges.

From the charitable donations, the calendar has helped equip a baby clinic in Kenya and supported charities such as Traidcraft Exchange and The Children's Society.

Alan Titchmarsh said: "The Real Advent Calendar is a great idea. Not only does it raise money for good causes and is made from Fairtrade Chocolate but is also tells the Christmas story."

Delivery is free on orders of at least one case of 18 calendars if made by 1st November. Schools receive a 10% discount for each case ordered in October. Free resources for schools and churches are also available online.

Visit www.realadvent.co.uk



United

Holy Trinity Church, Shaw
Tuesday 25th October 10am – 3pm
An activity day for all Primary School aged children

To register your children email
gayleschoolswork@gmail.com or phone 01793 874221

School Work Plans 2016 -2017

Dear Friends,

I am looking forward to working with many of you this academic year as we deliver lots of exciting educational events to our wonderful Primary Schools.

At Shaw this morning we discovered two special things about Moses. Firstly that because of his curious nature he inquisitively stepped toward the Burning Bush leading him to an amazing encounter with God. Secondly that God chose Moses not for his ability but for his availability. God equipped Moses for his journey and he will do the same for us.

I hope and pray that many of you will be curious to meet God in our schools and that you will share your availability readily.

Please take a careful and prayerful look at the list of activities we have planned in our schools for 2016-2017.

I encourage you to put the dates in your diary so you can pray for all the activities and I look forward to hearing from you with your availability to help.

Every blessing
Gayle

School Work Plans 2016 -2017 'In Unity'



Tuesday 25th October **'United'** Activity Day for Primary school children
10-12 volunteers required.

Tuesday 15th November Brook Field Primary Year 3 **Prayer Workshop**
9-10am.
Set up 8.15am.
2-3 volunteers required.

Thursday 10th November Remembrance Walled Garden 10.30am
Brook Field and Westlea Singers

Monday 21st November Oliver Tomkins **Advent Trail** 9-3pm. Set up 8am.
3-4 volunteers required

Friday 25th November Oliver Tomkins **Advent Trail** 9-3pm
3-4 volunteers required.

Thursday 1st December Brook Field **Advent Workshop** 1.30pm – 3.00pm.
Set up 12.30pm.
2-3 volunteers required.

If ever you are frightened by anything occult, remember some sound biblical advice: resist the devil, and he will flee from you. (James 4:7). But remember, a Christian has no business dealing in anything occult. All occultism is to be ruthlessly shunned (eg Leviticus 19:31;20:6; 1 Samuel 28; 1 Chronicles 10:13; Isaiah 8:19,20; Acts 19:18-20.

Remember: the demonic world is very real, very powerful, but it is also already doomed and defeated. (Colossian 2:15; Hebrews 2:14,15). Why? Because the death of Jesus Christ has achieved this victory.

So – be confident in Christ, but not complacent in your everyday life. Satan's kingdom is alive and well in this present world, and it will still not admit its defeat at the Cross. The final destruction of all things occult will not come until the return of Christ.



Monday 17th October - TEARFUND 'BIG BAKE'(4.30-6.00pm) at Holy Trinity Shaw.

You are invited to our 'Big Bake' on Monday 17th October.

This annual Tearfund event is being led by Martha Collison from the 'Great British Bake-Off'.

Groups are encouraged to roll up their sleeves and get baking to raise money to beat malnutrition in drought-ridden areas of the Sahel, Africa. As an example, 5 cupcakes sold at a pound each could provide a good meal for a child every day for a whole month!

So, if you like baking, please consider baking us some cakes; and if you like eating cake please come along on Monday 17th October and buy some! Tea and coffee will also be served as well as some GBBO style competitions for you to try.

Thank you, Claire, Lily, Lindsay & the Monday After School Club

Contact Claire: 07981951381 for more details

As Halloween approaches...

Have you ever wondered what a Christian is to make of the unseen world of evil and the occult? Where do evil spirits come from, anyway?

The Bible takes the unseen world of evil spirits very seriously indeed. It tells us clearly that evil spirits were once part of the created angelic order (Genesis 6). They were not created as evil beings, for all of God's original creation was good (Genesis 3:1). The Bible relates how a number of angels, headed by Satan, or Lucifer, rebelled against God's authority and fell (Isaiah 14:12-15; Ezekiel 28:11-19).

Satan, who disguised himself as the serpent in Eden, is leader of the fallen angels, and opposes himself to God. But evil and good are not co-equal! Thus the idea of 'dualism' (belief in the equal and permanent existence of evil alongside the good) has no place in the Bible. Unlike goodness, evil has a beginning and an end. Satan's final destruction is already assured (Revelation 12:12; 20:10).

So what is the world of the occult, then? The word 'occult' comes from the Latin: occultus, 'secret', 'hidden', and is our intrusion into the forbidden territory of superstition, fortune telling, magic and spiritism. Its downfall one day is promised us through Jesus. His early ministry established a bridgehead against the evil unseen world: no wonder the hostile, and sometimes violent, reaction of the demons! (Mark 1:23-27; 32-34).

But Jesus had no fear of demons, and neither should you, if you are a Christian. Further, it is important not to become obsessed with the unseen world – don't let it intimidate or fascinate you. Occult films can have deeply disturbing after-effects on people. Avoid them. A Christian has better things to think about.

While the occult world is certainly there, we are wise not to imagine, as some do, that every sin we commit, every bad habit, illness or misfortune we meet is due directly to an attack on us by Satan himself, and that therefore we need to be 'exorcised'. Terrible damage has been done in this regard by Christians who mean well but who are uninformed.

The kingdom of spirits is real, but so too is Christ's authority. Before Christ, the spirits shrink and retreat. Magic spells and charms have no power over the true Christian (provided we do not open ourselves to their influence) for "the one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world." (1 John 4:4)

13th December Hazlewood Academy Foundation Stage, Yr 3 and 4 for
Christingle
9-3pm.
Set up 8.30am
3-4 volunteers required.

Wednesday 14th December 9am-12pm **Christmas Unwrapped**
Brook Field Year 2
3-4 volunteers required.

Friday 16th December Foundation Stage Brook Field **Christingle**
2 volunteers required.

Sunday 18th December '**Descendent**' Nativity Workshop HTS 10-4pm
Worship and breakfast at 8.45am
As many volunteers, children and families from across the Partnership as possible.

Tuesday 14th February '**Harmonic**' Activity Day for children
10-12 volunteers required

20th March **Easter Gardens** Foundation Stage Westlea School

29th March Peatmoor **Eggciting Easter** Year 1 10.30am-11.50am
4-5 volunteers required.

31st March Oliver Tomkins **Easter Trail** KS1 9am-3pm
4 volunteers required.

5th April **Easter Trail** Westlea KS 2 All Day
4-6 volunteers required

6th April **Eggciting Easter** KS1 Westlea 1.30pm
4 volunteers required

Easter Reflection at Shaw
Shaw Ridge Monday 3rd April
Brook Field Tuesday 4th April
Peatmoor Thursday 6th April
6-7 helpers required.

12th and 13th April '**Together**' Holiday Club at Shaw
10-12 volunteers required.

15th May Moses Journey Peatmoor Year 2 1pm
2-3 helpers required

26th /27th July '**Connected**' Holiday Club St Marys/Shaw
10-12 volunteers required.

Party in Partnership

30 October 2016, 12.00pm
Holy Trinity Church, Shaw

I have just been watching a programme where archaeologists using old maps and texts were attempting to find where Moses crossed the Red Sea and was interested to hear one of the researchers say he was looking for "God's finger print on earth". I hope through our series of services we will all be more aware of God's 'print' in our lives each and every day.

On Sunday 30th October as a culmination of our journey with Moses we invite the whole Partnership to join together for a wonderful day of Worship, Fellowship, Food and Fun at Holy Trinity.

At 12pm we will start with our 'Tablet to table' Worship where, as the family of God we will celebrate God's faith and love to his people in word and song. I would like to involve adults and children from all our Churches to take part in the service so will be looking for volunteers to read and lead prayers.

At 12.30pm our Midday Manna will be a wonderful bring and share lunch.

At 2pm we will continue our afternoon with fun games and activities inspired by Moses at our Sinai Shining Light Party. Please bring along a Pumpkin if you would like to carve it with a heart to support World Vision. Clive has promised to make pumpkin pie so we don't waste anything!

At 4pm we will finish our day with Partnership Praise where we can reflect on God's calling of Moses and how God wants all his people to share his light. Our heart carved pumpkins will be lit to light up the darkness.

If you have any other questions or queries please don't hesitate to contact Clive or myself.

Every blessing
Gayle

Re-opening of Central Church Café

Great News! The Central Church Café, Regents Circus is re-opening on Wednesday, 12th October, 2016 - under the new name of 'Café @ Central'.

The Café is to be opened by the Mayor of Swindon - and it would be great if as many people from the local churches could come along from 10 o'clock onwards - to support this exciting new venture.

Opening 3 days a week on a 'Volunteer Only' basis. If you are interested in helping, please contact Moyra Davies at: pilcen@aol.com

Baptist church launches radio station

A Christian radio station has been launched by Cornerstone Baptist Church in Norfolk

Faithful Radio is an online, 24-hour radio station without adverts and can be accessed free from mobiles and computers. It broadcasts a mix of topics, including music, chat and interactive Bible study.

The Revd Linda Turner is one of the key players in the new radio station. She used to broadcast a two-hour morning worship show on the local community radio station, which proved popular and had good listening figures.

'I soon realised we could reach more people if we had a Christian radio station. We prayed about it with the church and discussed it and with the church's support we developed and grew into Faithful Radio,' said Linda.

The stream features live shows and music and can be accessed free at www.marthambaptistchurch.com

SPRING HARVEST 2017		
MINEHEAD ONE 4 - 6 APRIL	MINEHEAD TWO 6 - 13 APRIL	SKEGNESS 10 - 14 APRIL

Book now online at www.springharvest.org/book/ or over the phone on 0330 100 9330. If you have any questions, you can call the Customer Service team on 01825 769000.

Day Visitor Tickets will be available in early 2017.

EARLY BOOKING DISCOUNT: Book by 31 October and save £10pp at Minehead One and Skegness.

Faith and Feathers

A weekend of bird-watching and Christian reflection on Holy Island

Led by Revs David Peel and Rachel Poolman

Lunchtime Friday 21st Oct to Lunchtime Sunday 23rd Oct 2016

Whether you are a novice, or a veteran birdwatcher, Faith and Feathers is a weekend of good conversation and good birdwatching. There will be plenty of time in our programme to enjoy birdwalks in this special place and to relax with God.

Holy Island is a very special place in the far North East of England, separated from the rest of Northumberland by a 4 mile long causeway, which is covered by the North Sea for 5 hours at a time, twice a day.

As well as being a place of great natural beauty, Holy Island (also known as Lindisfarne) is the place where Christianity first arrived in England in 635 AD. It has been a place of pilgrimage ever since.

Accommodation on Holy Island will be in the Lindisfarne Hotel, the Crown & Anchor Pub, the Bungalow B&B, or Rose Villa B&B

Cost is £220.00 per person, which includes all birdwalks and programme items, B and B accommodation and a packed lunch on Saturday.

Arrangements have been made for an evening meal on Friday at the Manor House Hotel & Saturday at the Ship Inn (to be paid for individually)

There are a limited number of places so booking will be on a first come, first served basis.

For more information please contact:

Rev Rachel Poolman (Warden, St Cuthbert's Centre)

Tel: 01289 389254 E mail: centre@holyisland-stcuthbert.org

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'

Worship

Games

Fellowship

Light

Party in Partnership

Serving and Sustaining

Sunday 30th October at HTS

12pm 'Tablet to table' Worship

12.30pm Midday Manna (Bring and Share)

2.00pm Sinai Shining Light Party

4pm Partnership Praise

Stories

Food

Faith

Dancing

Happy Birthday” to “Mothers’ Union”

2016 has seen the world’s largest lay Christian Membership charity, “Mothers’ Union”, mark 140 years of faithful outreach, to families of all faiths and none.

Since 1876, when our founder, Mary Sumner, a Bishop’s wife, first brought together parents in her own Hampshire parish, to build their confidence in bringing up their children, it has grown to an organisation of over 4 million women – and men – in over 80 countries of the world.

Over the past 140 years, Mothers’ Union has faced, and will continue to face, many challenges. Family life is under increasing pressure and the call on charitable resources is higher today than ever before. But, we can look at how we are meeting these challenges and say, like Samuel, “thus far has the Lord helped us”.

The Mothers’ Union has been the Church’s best kept secret for too long. “Let’s make a noise and be heard this year, so that people see what we’re doing and want to join us!”

First and foremost, the M.U. is a prayer group belonging to the Church. We start and end all our meetings with prayers.

Wherever M.U. exists in the world, our mission is to express our Christian faith by the transformation of families and communities worldwide

Aims and Objectives of Mothers’ Union

To promote and support married life.

To encourage parents in their role to develop the faith of their children.

To maintain a worldwide fellowship of Christians united in prayer, worship and service.

To promote conditions in society favourable to stable family life and the protection of children.

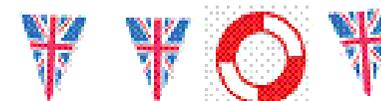
To help those whose family life has met with adversity.

Wherever M.U. exists in the world, our mission is to express our Christian faith by the transformation of families and communities worldwide. So far, this year, we have supported at least 400,000 people globally through our training and family support projects.

I do not know all that goes on, “Action and Outreach” is the umbrella that our projects come under ... mainly in Bristol. I would like to run through the projects to give you an idea what we do, here and abroad.

‘Friends for Parents’, running for 30years: There is always an M.U. member on duty at Bristol Children’s Hospital, to offer hot drinks to parents of sick children; that’s why we are always asking for tea and coffee!

HARBOURFEST swindon



13-15 Oct 2016



Thurs 13 Oct

Launch Event with
Swindon City of Sanctuary
**Live music, dance, poetry,
performance & song from
around the world**

Fri 14 Oct

Fab Friday ..
**Arabic Dinner
Swindon Film Premiere
World Music Disco Party**

Sat 15 Oct

**BIG GIG feat.
Misfires|Sonya Titus|Aural Candy
MC Cashback|Hitesh Mistry & Guests**

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PROJECT

Be like a pumpkin

A lady had recently become a Christian and been baptised. Curious, one of her colleagues at work asked her what it was like to be a Christian.

The lady was caught off guard and didn't know how to answer. Then she saw the office 'jack-o'-lantern' on a nearby desk and blurted: "Well, it's like being a pumpkin."

Her colleague asked her to explain that one. And so she said: "Well, God picks you from the patch and brings you in and washes off all the dirt on the outside that you got from being around all the other pumpkins.

"Then He cuts off the top and takes all the yucky stuff out from inside you. He removes all those seeds of doubt, hate, greed, etc.

"Then He carves you a new smiling face and puts His light inside of you to shine for all to see.

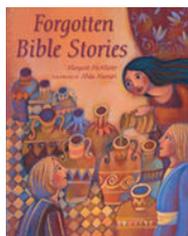
"It is our choice to either stay outside and rot on the vine or come inside and be something new and bright."

Are you something new and bright? Will you be smiling today, and shining with His light?

Forgotten Bible Stories

By Margaret McAllister and Alida Massari,
LionHudson, £9.99

Here is an elegantly illustrated collection of 13 lesser-known Bible stories. These tales of often-forgotten people were specially chosen for their care and compassion towards the vulnerable, and their (sometimes unexpected) strength of character. Balaam, Hagar, Mephibosheth, Naboth's Vineyard, The Widow, Naaman's Servant, Ebedmelech, Elizabeth, Centurion, The Servants in the Courtyard, Dorcas, Barnabas, Eunice and Philemon.



'Away from it all holidays': we send about six families away for a well-deserved holiday, staying in very high rate caravans - some children have never seen the sea before. M.U. pays for the caravans, food vouchers, help with transport. Another idea is to send more families away on a day trip; I believe that idea started this Summer, just gone.

There is help for **Refugees and Asylum Seekers**

Knitted Jerseys: 3,400 have been sent to Uganda.

We send hundreds of Christmas cards to **inmates in Bristol Prison** signed 'from a friend'.

There are 80 members, who are **Welcomers** at the Cathedral in Bristol, giving out leaflets in different languages. On one occasion, when I was on duty, I had a long conversation with a Chinese school teacher – in English. One of his students on practising his English said to me, 'I love you'. I explained to him that he should say those words to his girlfriend. I think he's still laughing! On shaking hands with the teacher he said to me, 'You must come to Beijing, there are wide roads and tall buildings!'

The M.U. has over 300 workers working overseas. They are drawn from the region in which they work, mainly in Africa. An example is a worker, Lillian, who visits 20 parishes and 22 schools, speaking on many subjects; marriage, laws and human rights. They have a M.U. centre managed by Lillian and other workers.

Overseas and Relief funds are sent where needed, most of our knitted tops and hats were being given to the refugees arriving by boat into Greece and Italy well before the situation became headlines.

When the earthquakes hit Nepal, within days the knitted garments were used as packaging for medical supplies, accompanied with an emergency doctor.

I went to Bristol Cathedral in April this year for the commissioning service of our new President. I looked around the Cathedral at the hundreds of M.U. members, some middle-aged, some old and older, with the same mixture of hair colour. I sent an arrow prayer to our Lord, "Thank you God for the work we are still doing in your name!"

Also, us old-uns can and do make a good cup of tea!

... to be continued (I hope)

Someone asked 'Mother Theresa', 'how can you feed thousands of starving children?' Mother Theresa answered, 'One at a time, one at a time.'

Amen

Yours in Christ
Barbara Allen

Church Services in the Partnership St Mary's Lydiard Tregoze

Date	Time	Form
02 October	10:00am	Morning Service
09 October	10:00am	Communion
16 October	10:00am	Family Service
23 October	10:00am	Communion followed by Baptisms
30 October	12:00pm	Party in Partnership @ HTS ...continuing at 4.00pm for Partnership Prayer and Praise also at HTS (see page 8 for more details)
30 October	4:00pm	

Holy Trinity Shaw

Date	Time	Form
02 October	10:30am	Harvest Communion
09 October	10:30am	Communion
09 October	4:00pm	Messy Church
16 October	10:30am	Morning Service
23 October	10:30am	All Age Service
30 October	12:00pm	Party in Partnership @ HTS ...continuing at 4.00pm for Partnership Prayer and Praise also at HTS (see page 8 for more details)
30 October	4:00pm	

Toothill

Date	Time	Form
02 October	10:30am	All Age Service
09 October	10:30am	Communion
12 October	11:30am	Midweek Worship
16 October	10:30am	Morning Service
23 October	10:30am	Morning Service
26 October	11:30am	Midweek Worship with Communion
30 October	12:00pm	Party in Partnership @ HTS ...continuing at 4.00pm for Partnership Prayer and Praise also at HTS (see page 8 for more details)
30 October	4:00pm	

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Date	Time	Form
02 October	10:00am	Morning Service
09 October	10:00am	Harvest Festival
16 October	10:00am	Communion
23 October	10:00am	All Age Service
30 October	12:00pm	Party in Partnership @ HTS ...continuing at 4.00pm for Partnership Prayer and Praise also at HTS (see page 8 for more details)
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Partnership Prayer and Praise

Sunday 30 October 2016

Holy Trinity Shaw

4.00pm

This will be a presentation of the afternoon's preparation for the

“Party in Partnership”

See page 8 for more details

Please note Winter venue and time

All Welcome

This is an opportunity to Pray and Praise together

Memorial Service

Being held at

**St Mary's Church
Lydiard Tregoze**

on

Sunday 06 November

at

2.00pm

A thanksgiving service which will give you the opportunity to remember a loved one.

Refreshments will be served afterwards.