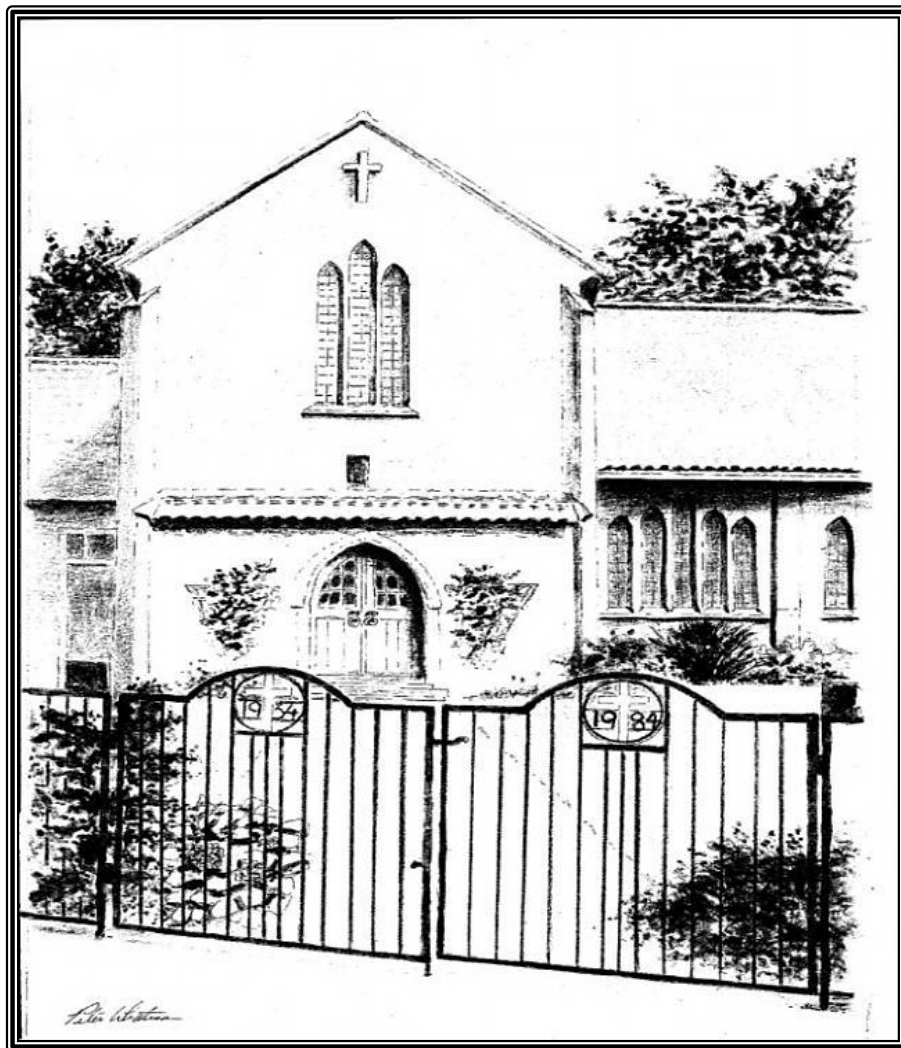


OCTOBER - NOVEMBER 2018

**ST MARY OF NAZARETH
WEST WICKHAM**



**A WELCOMING FAMILY WITH CHRISTIAN
FAITH AT THE HEART OF ALL WE DO**

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NORMAL SERVICES

Sunday:	8:00 a.m. Holy Communion - (1 st and 3 rd Sundays only)
	9:15 a.m. -Sung Communion, Sunday Club & Crèche
All age Service:	9:15 a.m. normally on the 2 nd Sunday of the month
Messy Church:	3:45 p.m. normally on the 2 nd Friday of the month
Holy Baptism:	By appointment
Other Services:	Refer to the Calendar in this magazine
Weddings/Banns, etc.:	By appointment

MESSAGE FROM RICHARD

Dear Friends,

Autumn, the time celebrated so memorably by Samuel Coleridge as the “season of mists and mellow fruitfulness.” And his reference to fruitfulness reminds us, that it is also the time of harvest celebrations, which will be taking place in both our churches on October 14th.

Harvest festivals are traditionally held on or near the Sunday of the Harvest Moon. This is the full Moon that occurs closest to the autumn equinox (about September 23rd). In two years out of three, the Harvest Moon comes in September, but in some years it occurs in October. In this country harvest festivals go back to pagan times, to times when people were much more aware of the cycle of the seasons than we are today and much more vulnerable to the effect of the vagaries of climate on the harvest, although in the week in which I am writing this, there have been news reports that the very hot, dry weather we have experienced this year, much appreciated by holiday makers, has had a negative impact on the harvest, with the result that there is going to be an increase in food prices this autumn.

The same week also saw my daily paper carry the headline: “Four million UK children too poor to have a healthy diet.” The article went on to say that the poorest fifth of families in this country, that’s 20%, would have to set aside more than 40% of their total weekly income, after covering their housing costs, if they were to

have a healthy diet. Imagine what it must be like for them when there is a significant hike in food prices such as expected following the hot dry summer.

So as we celebrate this year's harvest, let's be aware of those for whom putting food on the table for their family is a constant challenge and resolve to put a little extra in the Bromley Food Bank collection or make a donation to an organisation such as the Salvation Army, the Church Urban Fund (which is a Church of England charity combatting poverty in deprived inner-city areas) or Christians Against Poverty (CAP), which provides advice and support to those in debt, the unemployed and those lacking life skills.

Perhaps the earliest description of a harvest festival is to be found in the Book of Genesis, where we're told that Cain and Abel brought their offerings to the Lord. Cain, "who worked the soil, brought some of the fruits of the soil as an offering.... But Abel brought fat portions from some of the firstborn of his flock. The Lord looked with favour on Abel and his offering, but on Cain and his offering he did not look with favour."

At first sight, this may seem a little unfair on Cain, but a more careful reading reveals that while Cain's offering was a bit grudging and offhand ("some of the fruits of the soil"), Abel gave the best that he could ("fat portions," the choicest parts).

Happy harvest home!

Richard

CALENDAR FOR OCTOBER

Date	St. Mary of Nazareth	St. Francis of Assisi
3 rd Wednesday		10.45 a.m. Holy Communion <i>Richard Ford</i>
7 th	NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion <i>Hazel O'Sullivan</i> 9.15 a.m. Holy Communion <i>Hazel O'Sullivan</i>	8.00 a.m. No Service 10.45 a.m. Holy Communion <i>Hazel/Brian Griffiths</i> 3.00 p.m. Pet Service <i>Hazel O'Sullivan/Lesley East</i>
10 th Wednesday		10.45 a.m. Holy Communion <i>Hazel O'Sullivan</i>
12 th Friday	3.45 p.m. Messy Church <i>Hazel O'Sullivan</i>	
14 th	TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY – Harvest Festival 8.00 a.m. No Service 9.15 a.m. Morning Praise <i>Hazel O'Sullivan/Ken Bryan</i>	8.00 a.m. Holy Communion <i>Hazel O'Sullivan</i> 10.45 a.m. Worship all Ages <i>Hazel/Brian Griffiths</i>
17 th Wednesday		10.45 a.m. Holy Communion <i>Hazel O'Sullivan</i>
21 st	TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion <i>Hazel O'Sullivan/Ken Bryan</i> 9.15 a.m. Holy Communion <i>Hazel O'Sullivan/Ken Bryan</i>	8.00 a.m. No Service 10.45 a.m. Family Communion <i>Hazel O'Sullivan</i>

Date	St. Mary of Nazareth	St. Francis of Assisi
21 st	3.30 p.m. Service at Burrell Mead <i>Ken Bryan</i>	
24 th Wednesday		10.45 a.m. Holy Communion <i>Richard Ford</i>
28 th	BIBLE SUNDAY 8.00 a.m. No Service 10.00 a.m. Joint Service <i>Hazel O'Sullivan/Phil Jenkins – CAP</i> 6.30 p.m. CTWW United Service at WW & Shirley Baptist Church	8.00 a.m. Holy Communion <i>Richard Ford</i>
31 st Wednesday		10.45 a.m. Holy Communion <i>Hazel O'Sullivan</i>



CALENDAR FOR NOVEMBER

Date	St. Mary of Nazareth	St. Francis of Assisi
4th	ALL SAINTS DAY	
	8.00 a.m. Holy Communion <i>Richard Ford</i>	8.00 a.m. No Service
	9.15 a.m. Holy Communion <i>Hazel O'Sullivan/Brian Griffiths</i>	10.45 a.m. Holy Communion <i>Richard Ford/Brian Griffiths</i> 3.00 p.m. Memorial Service <i>Hazel/Rowena Griffiths</i>
7th Wednesday		10.45 a.m. Holy Communion <i>Hazel O'Sullivan</i>
9th Friday	3.45 p.m. Messy Church <i>Hazel O'Sullivan</i>	
11th	REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY	
	8.00 a.m. No Service	8.00 a.m. Holy Communion <i>Hazel O'Sullivan</i>
	9.15 a.m. Morning Praise <i>Richard Ford/Ken Bryan</i>	10.45 a.m. Worship all Ages <i>Hazel O'Sullivan/Brian Griffiths</i>
14th Wednesday		10.45 a.m. Holy Communion <i>Richard Ford</i>
18th	SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT	
	8.00 a.m. Holy Communion <i>Hazel O'Sullivan/Ken Bryan</i>	8.00 a.m. No Service
	9.15 a.m. Holy Communion <i>Hazel O'Sullivan/Ken Bryan</i>	10.45 a.m. Family Communion <i>Hazel O'Sullivan</i>
21st Wednesday		10.45 a.m. Holy Communion <i>Hazel O'Sullivan</i>

Date	St. Mary of Nazareth	St. Francis of Assisi
25th	CHRIST THE KING 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion <i>Hazel O'Sullivan</i> 6.30 p.m. CTWW United Service <i>Hazel O'Sullivan/Ken Bryan</i>	8.00 a.m. No Service 10.00 a.m. Joint Service <i>Hazel O'Sullivan</i>
28th Wednesday		10.45 a.m. Holy Communion <i>Hazel O'Sullivan</i>



From the Registers

Baptisms

Sunday 5th August at 2.00p.m.

Harley PRIEST-TOUT

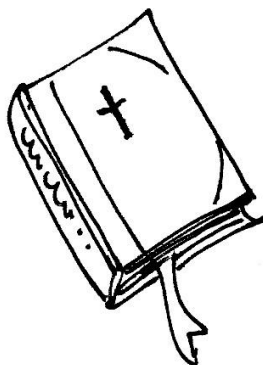
Sunday 23rd September at 2.00 p.m.

Charlotte Rose Kate RYE

READINGS AT THE EUCHARIST FOR OCTOBER

Date	Reading	Reader
7 th	Genesis 2: 18-24 Hebrews 1: 1-4, 2: 5-12 Mark 10: 2-16	MC Margaret Bond Hazel O'Sullivan
14 th	Special readings for Morning Praise	
21 st	Hebrews 5: 1-10 Mark 10: 35-45	Jean Mathers Ken Bryan
28 th	Jeremiah 31: 7-9 Mark 10: 46-end	Natalie Outten Phil Jenkins

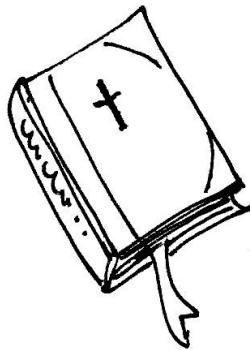
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READINGS AT THE EUCHARIST FOR NOVEMBER

Date	Reading	Reader
4 th	Isaiah 25: 6-9 Revelations 21: 1-6a John 11: 32-44	MC Claire Cordery Brian Griffiths
11 th	Special readings for Harvest Morning Praise	
18 th	Hebrews 10: 11-14, 19-25 Mark 13; 1-8	Katrina Walsh Ken Bryan
25 th	Joint Service at St. Francis	

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NOTES FOR YOUR DIARY

October

Parish Lunch

The Parish Lunch is on **Wednesday 3rd October** at 1.00 p.m. in the hall.

Pet Service

St. Francis' annual pet service will be held on **Sunday 7th October** at 3:00p.m. Please let all your family, friends and neighbours know about this opportunity to bring beloved animals to the church for a prayer of blessing.



Harvest Supper

Our Harvest Supper is on **Saturday 13th October** at 7.00 p.m. in the hall. The cost for the supper is £7 and you will need to bring your own drinks. There will be an optional table quiz and a music quiz. There is a list for you to sign up in the vestibule if you hope to come along. Any profit from the event will be given to Water Aid.

November

In Loving Memory

Our annual service to remember those who have died will be on **Sunday 4th November** at 3.00 p.m. in St Francis' Church. This is an opportunity for those who have faced bereavement to come and remember with thankfulness the lives of those that they have loved and lost.

If you would like the names of loved ones read out at this service, please complete the relevant sheet that will be in the church a few weeks beforehand. Also, do let others know who you feel might find this service helpful and offer to come along with them to provide support.

Parish Lunch

The Parish Lunch is on **Wednesday 7th November** at 1.00 p.m. in the hall.

*N.B. The Christmas Parish Lunch will be on **Wednesday 12th December** at 12.30p.m. and the cost will be £8 for regulars, £10 for any visitors.*

Christmas Market

Saturday 24th November from 10.30 a.m. – 2.30 p.m.

We are hoping to have the usual stalls, e.g. Christmas gifts, cakes, preserves, bottles, books, toys, tombolas, cafe etc. and the stall holders have confirmed they are willing to run them again. As always, we will need more people and so, if you are able to help in anyway, and haven't already been asked, please let us know.

Lists will be up on the notice board in due course for help with putting up the stalls, decorating the hall and dressing the stalls. Also, boxes for donations for the various stalls are out in the vestibule and all donations will be gratefully received.

We hope for another successful market and enjoyable day of fellowship. Thank you.

Giftly & Debbie



Advance Notice

The Big Christmas Sing this year is on **Saturday 1st December** at 4.00 p.m. at St. Francis.

Bromley Community Christmas Lunch

Each year a number of people gather at Bromley United Reform Church to cook and serve a Christmas Lunch to elderly people and others who would otherwise be alone on Christmas Day. If you are able to volunteer with them this year, they'd love to hear from you, in particular if you are able to drive guests to the venue (arriving by 12noon) and then take them back home (pick up at 3.30 p.m.). If you are able to do this, or to volunteer in other ways, please e-mail Ian at ianrutherford@ntlworld.com.

PARISH MATTERS

Jamie and the Jets – Elton John Tribute Band

Saturday 30th June 2018

Due to holiday, we missed Jamie and the Jets' Elton John Tribute evening last year so were delighted to hear there would be a similar presentation in June. Having been warned to expect very loud music, we arrived armed with earplugs and selected a table in the vestibule which promised fewer decibels of music reaching us.

Our table soon filled up, a mixture of people from our two churches and others new to us. To our surprise, it was nearly two hours before the music became quite loud so we enjoyed lots of chatting as we sampled delicious savoury platters of food and a splendid variety of drinks from the bar.

The band and its star singer, Jamie Bull excelled themselves with a varied programme of both the well-known classics and some interesting lesser – known songs. Our toe tapping after a while was not enough and little by little the dance floor filled up – a good time had by all!

Thank you Jamie and your group for sparing one of your precious Saturdays for us. A profit of £351.17 was made for Church funds.

Miriam and John Richards



West Wickham Choir Summer Concert

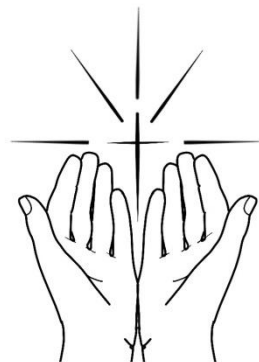
July 2018

We only decided to attend the Sunday afternoon concert at the last minute, but thank goodness we did, what a treat we would have missed - a truly uplifting afternoon with a varied programme appealing to everyone! It was evident that there had been a great deal of preparation and hard work by the professional standard achieved. As a 'pop-up' choir drawn from so many sources, it was a wonderful advertisement for Churches Together in West Wickham.

Thank you for such an enjoyable concert. Thanks also to the choir, soloists, organist, the Director of Music and the providers of refreshments, of course. We hope you enjoyed the experience as much as we did.

After expenses, £820 was raised, £410 each to St Francis and St Mary's to be donated to the charity of their choice. St Mary's donated half of the funds each to Water Aid and Bromley Food Bank.

Mary Messinger



Supporting Water Aid Charity



This harvest our church family is making sure that communities across the world have a harvest worth celebrating.

We will be joining together on Saturday 13th October at 7:00 p.m. to share a harvest supper and raise funds for WaterAid. Offertories at other services over the weekend will also be donated to this organisation. The money we raise will mean families around the world get access to clean water which they can use to grow healthy, nutritious food.

Families like Evelyne's in Sablogo, Burkina Faso. Before WaterAid installed a borehole in Sablogo, providing clean water for the whole community, they were forced to dig into a nearby riverbed to collect water from the sand. This water was dirty and unreliable which made growing crops hard and meant Evelyne's children suffered from stomach aches, sickness and diarrhoea. However, with the arrival of clean water, those illnesses are a thing of the past, and Evelyne's children are well enough to go to school.

Evelyne says, 'Water and food go together. Our harvest and food - we have them thanks to water. The quality of our meals also depends on the water that we use for cooking.'

This harvest, we will make sure that WaterAid can reach even more families like Evelyne's and bring life-changing clean water. Please contact Beryl Bolton (020-8289 8097 or bbolton@ntlworld.com) if you have any questions about our harvest supper. If you would like more information about WaterAid's Harvest Appeal visit:

www.wateraid.org/uk/harvest.

SOCIAL CALENDAR FOR 2018

October 13th Harvest Supper with Entertainment 7.00 p.m.
in the hall

November 24th Christmas Market 10.30 a.m. to 2.30 p.m. in
the hall

There may well be other events, but please save these regular annual and other event dates in your diaries and try to support them for Church funds.

Assistance Required

There were four people whose names were Everybody, Somebody, Anybody and Nobody. There was an important job to be done and Everybody was asked to do it. Anybody was asked to do it, but Nobody did. Somebody got angry about this, because it was Everybody's job. Everybody thought Anybody could do it, but Nobody realised that Everybody wouldn't do it. It ended up that Everybody blamed Somebody when Nobody did what Anybody could have done.

The Garden

For the Garden of your Daily Living

Plant Three Rows of Peas:

1. PEACE Of Mind
2. PEACE Of Heart
3. PEACE Of Soul

Plant Four Rows of Squash:

1. Squash Gossip
2. Squash indifference
3. Squash grumbling
4. Squash selfishness

Plant Four Rows of Lettuce:

1. Lettuce be faithful
2. Lettuce be kind
3. Lettuce be patient
4. Lettuce really love one another

No Garden should be without Turnips – So Plant 3 Rows of Turnips

1. Turnip for meetings
2. Turnip for service
3. Turnip to help one another

Finally, Your Garden must have Thyme:

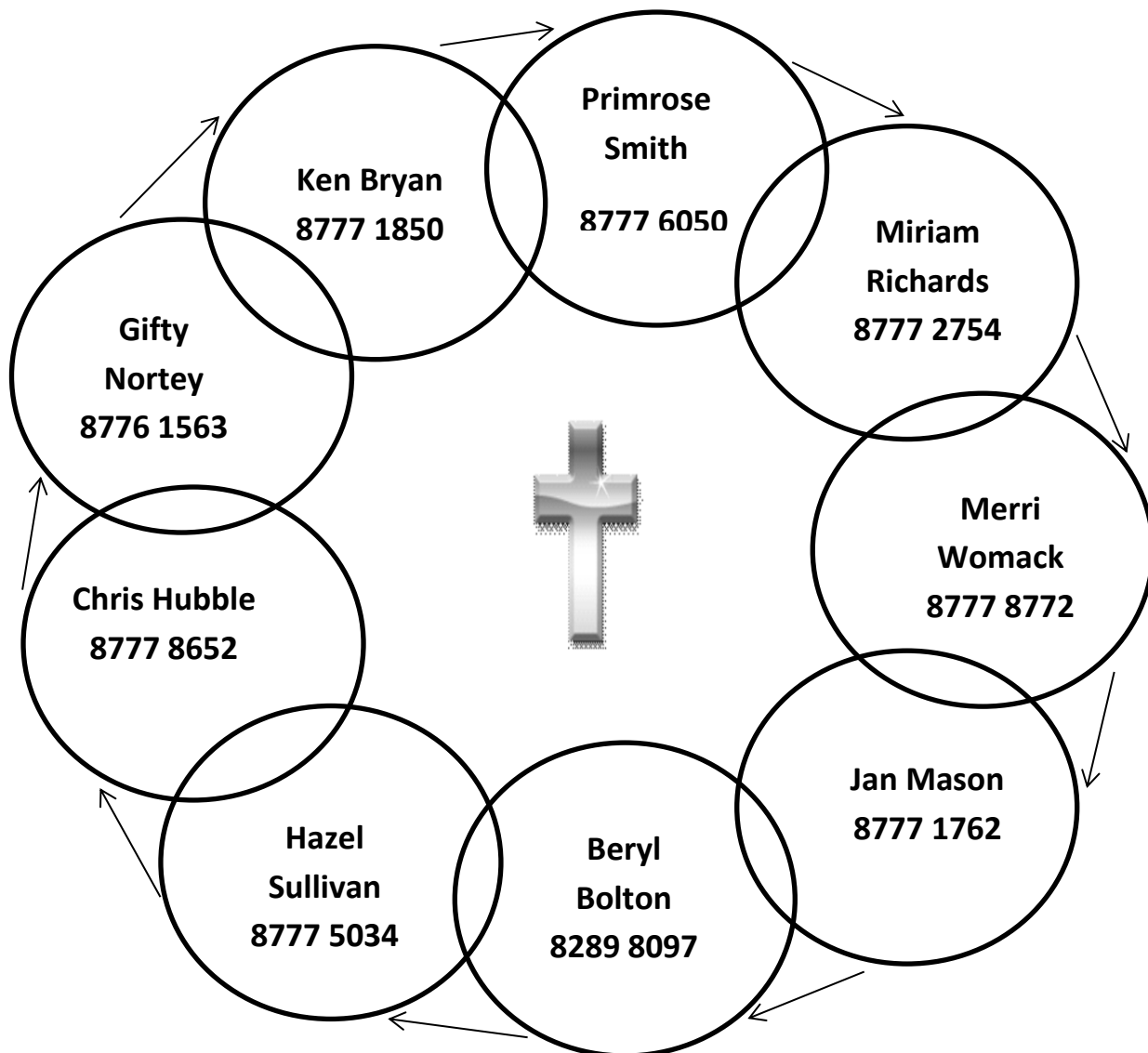
1. Thyme for each other
2. Thyme for family
3. Thyme for friends
4. Thyme for prayer

Water freely with Patience and Cultivate with LOVE.

There should be much fruit in your garden, after all “We Reap what we Sow”. Anon

ST. MARY'S PRAYER LINK

Serving God who cares for all



If you would like the support of others praying for a particular need, then call any of the above people who will pass the request round the circle, often within a few minutes.

October

4th Pray for all who worship and minister at St. Francis
St. Francis of Assisi Church and for all who live and work in the parish.

18th Pray for all who work in the medical profession –
St. Luke Those who seek to heal and care for the sick in body,
mind or spirit.

28th Give thanks for all who have laboured and suffered
St Simon & St Jude to establish the church's foundation of faith.

Prayer for Harvest Time

Lord of all, as we thank you for our harvest, we remember those who do not celebrate – those whose harvest is poor and lacking, those with insufficient resources to tend their land, those denied a just reward for their labours, those whose harvest has been destroyed in the chaos of war or natural disaster.

Lord, you have blessed us richly; teach us to remember others.

Help us as we celebrate our plenty, to remember those with much less – the poor and needy of our world, driven by famine, disaster or civil war to the brink of starvation. Speak to us at this harvest time so that our hearts may be stirred and our consciences quickened.

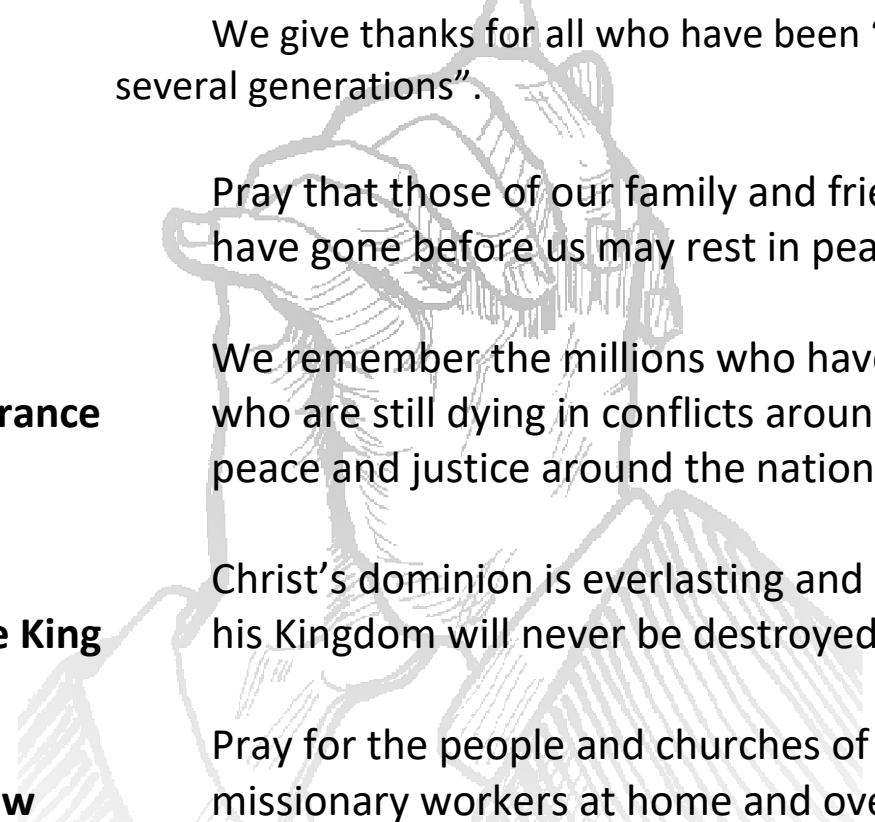
Teach us to share our bounty with those who have nothing so that the time may come when all have enough and none too much.

Lord, you have blessed us richly; teach us to remember others, in the name of Christ.

Amen

FOCUS

November

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- 1st**
All Saints We give thanks for all who have been “lights in their several generations”.
- 2nd**
All Souls Pray that those of our family and friends who have gone before us may rest in peace.
- 11th**
Remembrance We remember the millions who have died and those who are still dying in conflicts around the world. Pray for peace and justice around the nations.
- 26th**
Christ the King Christ’s dominion is everlasting and will not pass away, his Kingdom will never be destroyed.
- 30th**
St. Andrew Pray for the people and churches of Scotland and for missionary workers at home and overseas.

God’s Reconciling Peace

You are the people of God; he loved you and chose you for his own. So then, you must clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Be tolerant with one another and forgive one another whenever any of you has a complaint against someone else. You must forgive one another just as the Lord has forgiven you and to all these qualities add love, which binds all things together in perfect unity. The peace that Christ gives is to guide you in the decisions you make; for it is to this peace that God has called you together in the one body. And be thankful Christ’s message in all its richness must live in your hearts. Teach and instruct one another with all wisdom. Sing psalms, hymns and sacred songs, sing to God with thanksgiving in your hearts. Everything you do or say, then, should be done in the name of the Lord Jesus, as you give thanks through him to God the Father. Colossians 3: 12-17



Update from Memory Box

One of the charities that we support on an annual basis

The idea came from some members of Ravenswood (West Wickham) W.I. when W.I's were asked by "Headquarters" to do something for their local community. A small working committee was formed and Memory Box was born.

The Alzheimer Society was consulted and cafés already working in other areas were visited. Funding had to be raised to pay for hiring a hall, refreshments, photocopying etc. Volunteers came from W.I's, local churches and once the café got going from West Wickham residents who wanted to help.

The Café is held at Emmanuel Church Halls on the 1st and 3rd Friday of each month from 2.00 p.m. to 3.30 p.m. It allows people with memory problems and their carers to enjoy a relaxing social afternoon. It provides an exchange of experiences and information, music and other social activities to do together and refreshments served in a pleasant setting.

Some examples of what we do:

- On the 16th March we were entertained by the Dane on Dance Group. They were an enthusiastic team of dancers in their sixties and seventies.
- From April, we have held both our meetings in the Richmond Hall so that we have plenty of space for our activities. On 6th April, we decorated Easter bunnies and eggs. We have some

new jigsaws suitable for our visitors and Wordsworth's poem about the daffodils was read. (Apparently, it is the most popular poem at Memory Box Cafes.)

- On 20th April, we welcomed a Keep Fit Tutor and celebrated St. Georges Day and the birthday of Shakespeare and the Queen. It was also Memory Box's 2nd birthday so a cake was supplied.

P.S. Thank you to members of St. Mary's church for their gift of £175 for 2018.

Primrose Smith

Christmas Big Sing

St. Francis, Ravensbourne Ave

Saturday 1st December at 4pm

Lots of carols and Christmas readings!

With carols also from one of
the local Primary Schools

**Free admission, with a bucket collection
for Christian Aid**

Prayers for Peace

You will probably already know that St Francis is holding a Festival of Peace in November to commemorate 100 years since the ending of World War One. There are more details on the next page.

As well as being a remembrance event, this is an opportunity to bring some peace through prayer before, during and after the festival. Our prayers for peace began on 4th August, mirroring the 100 days of prayer for peace that happened across this country in 1918, ending on 11th November 1918. There are some great resources available on the internet, in particular at www.remembrance100.co.uk. These show how God can bring peace in a wide variety of contexts:

- In a country or region where there is fighting.
- Where there are tensions between different groups of people.
- In situations of conflict within families or between neighbours.
- Where there are difficult relationships in workplaces.
- Anywhere where tension or anxiety abounds.

If you have a particular situation that you'd like to pray for, from early October it will be possible to add your own prayers to those that we have prayed from the resources above. Maybe you have family or friends in another country that you're worried about, or closer to home there may be a fragile situation that you cannot see being healed easily. Just come into to the church any time when it is open to join in with this initiative.

My prayer is that, the end of the year 2018 might find peace, hope and reconciliation happening throughout our community.

Hazel

Festival of Peace

**Commemorating 100 years
since the end of World War 1**

Friday 9th - Sunday 11th November 2018

Music, flowers, drama and film

Fri 9th 10.30am - Opening ceremony
11.30am - 5pm - Flower festival, incl.
photographs and short films:
12.30pm: Lunchtime recital
8pm - Reflective service

Sat 10th 10am - 5pm - Flower festival as above
plus children's activities:

10.30-11.30am: Coffee morning
with piano music of the era
11.30am-2pm: Dramatised readings
2.30-4.30pm: Afternoon tea with
music and readings

**5pm - Film showing: All Quiet on the
Western Front**

7.30pm - Concert with Croydon Male Voice Choir

Tickets £10 from John Curtis (john.curtis23@ntlworld.com or 8777-
5973) or on the door

Sun 11th 10.45am - Remembrance Sunday service

12noon - 4pm - Flower festival as above:

1-4pm: Dramatised readings

6.30pm - Film night: War Horse



Raising funds for:



**Events at: St Francis' Church,
Ravenswood Avenue,
West Wickham BR4 0PW**

For more details see our webpage:
www.stfranciswestwickham.co.uk

St Mary's
Christmas Market

Saturday 24th November

10:30am – 2:30 pm

Adults 50p, Children free entry

Cakes, Preserves, Toys

Refreshments, Fairtrade,

Christmas stall,

*Chocolate tombola, Books and
much, much, more...*

St Mary's Church Hall,

The Avenue, West Wickham BR4 0DX

St John's Church presents The Shirley

(Registered charity number 1140076)

CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

in the picturesque historical Grade II listed church of

St. John the Evangelist

Shirley Church Road, Shirley, Croydon, CR0 5EF

23rd - 25th November 2018

FRIDAY 23rd November : 1.00 - 7.00 p.m.

SATURDAY 24th November : 11.00 - 5.00 p.m.

SUNDAY 25th November : 12.00 - 4.00 p.m.

Entrance Tickets £3.00 (accompanied children free)

includes Festival wristband for unlimited entrance

CHRISTMAS MARKET - FESTIVAL TEAROOM

LIVE MUSIC every hour during the festival

TREE-FEST CONCERT

Saturday 24th November 7.00 p.m.

Tickets £8.00 in advance £10 on the door

includes refreshments

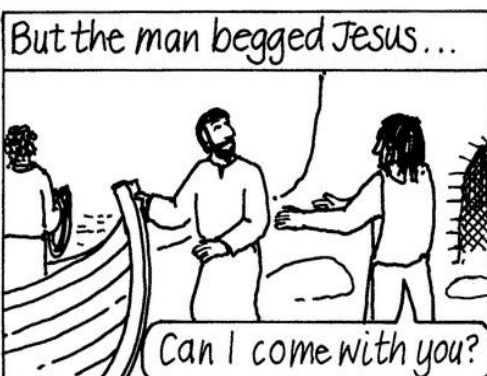
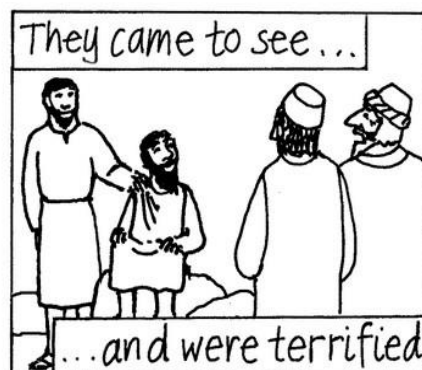
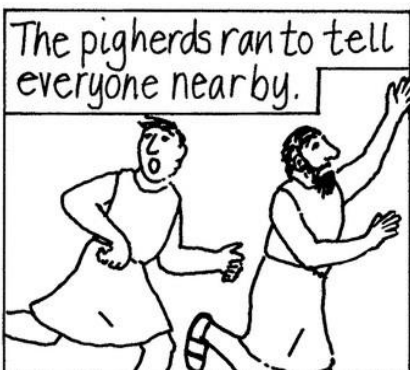
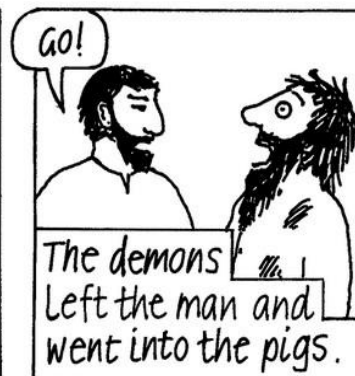
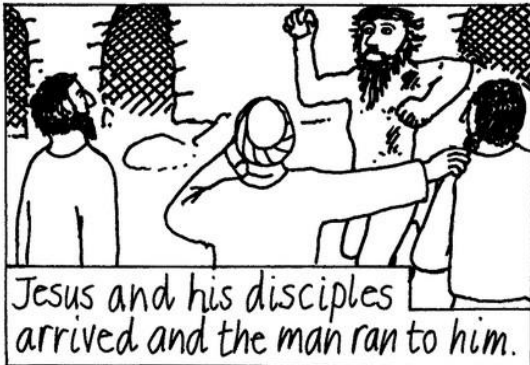
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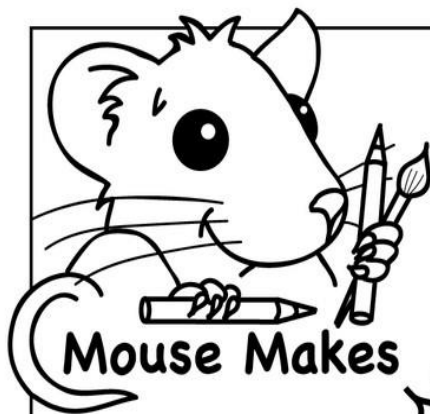
Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in
Mk 5:1-17, Lk 8:26-39, Mt 8:28-34

In Gerasa was a man filled with demons
He tore off any clothes or chains put
on him, and he lived in the graveyard.





Mouse Makes

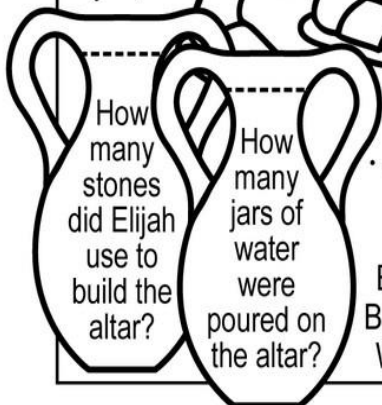
READ the whole story
in 1 Kings 18:16-40

God's prophet **Elijah** built a big bonfire and had the prophets of the god **Baal** build one too. Elijah said "*Call on Baal to light the fire and burn the sacrifice*" ... but Baal did not answer because he was just an idol made of stone. Elijah had his bonfire drenched in water then he called on the Lord God. The fire of the Lord fell and burned up the sacrifice, the wood, the stones and the water around it. All the people saw

this and cried:
"*The Lord -
He is God!*"



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How many stones did Elijah use to build the altar?

How many jars of water were poured on the altar?

Can you find these words from the story in the word search?
ELIJAH • ISRAEL • PROPHETS • BAAL • CARMEL • GOD
BULL • WOOD • LORD • TEST • ALTAR • SHOUT • STONES
WATER • POUR • FILL • FIRE • SKY • CONSUMED • DIRT

Solution to August's Crossword

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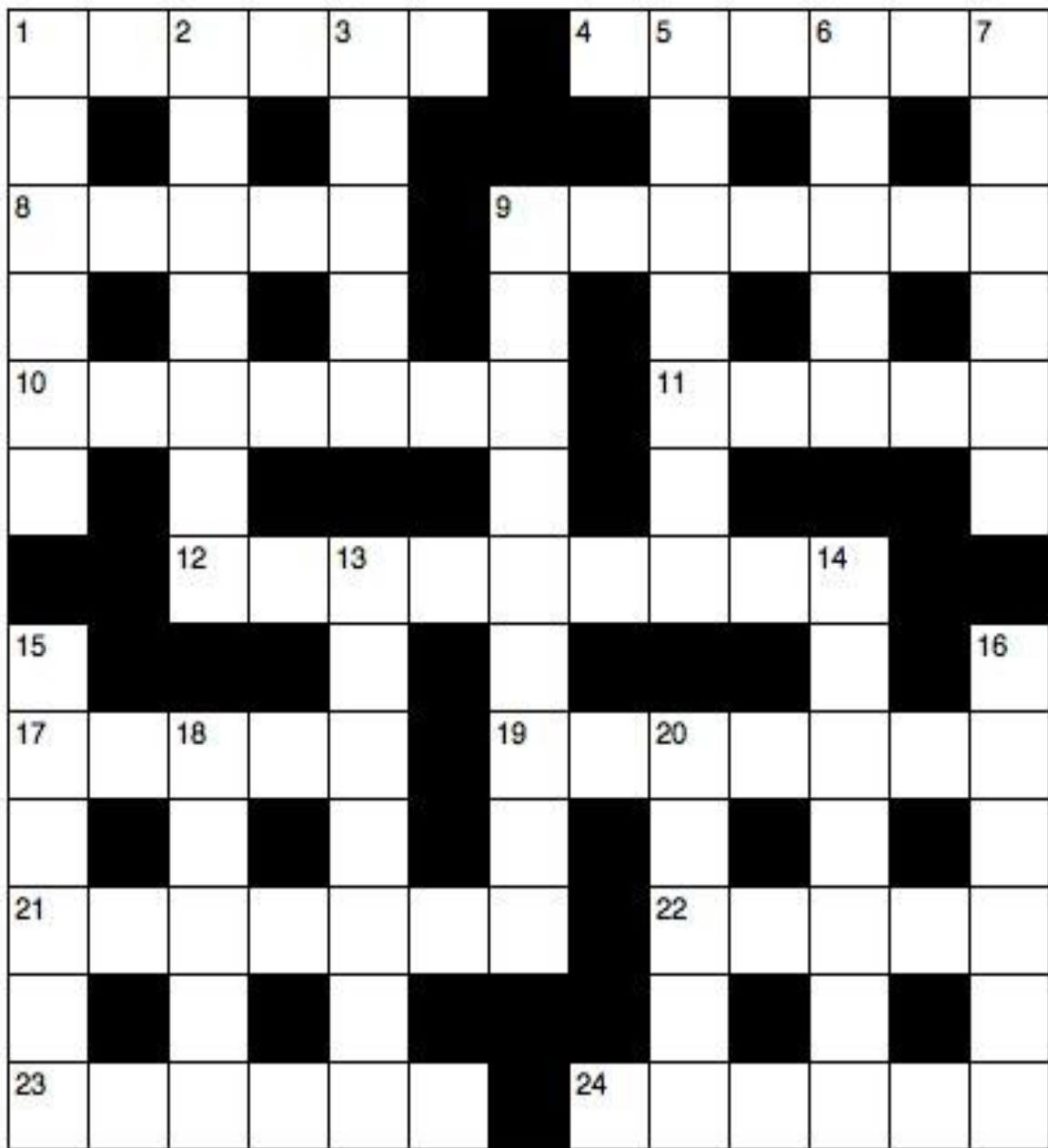
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The Guarding of the God of Life

*The God of life with guarding hold you,
The loving Christ with guarding fold you,
The Holy Spirit, guarding, mould you,
Each night of life to aid, enfold you
Each day and night of life uphold you.*

From Poems of the Western Highlanders

CROSSWORD PUZZLE



Across

- 1 Tertullus, who presented the high priest's case against Paul in his trial before Felix, was one (Acts 24:1) (6)
- 4 As balm (anag.) (6)
- 8 Having explored Canaan, he and Joshua urged the Israelites to take possession of it (Numbers 13:30) (5)
- 9 On becoming king of Judah, he had all six of his brothers killed (2 Chronicles 21:4) (7)

- 10 'Even the — has found a home, and the swallow a nest for herself' (Psalm 84:3) (7)
- 11 Banishment (Jeremiah29:1)(5)
- 12 'And now I will show you the most — way' (1Corinthians12:31) (9)
- 17 'Titus did not exploit you, did he? Did we not — the same spirit and follow the same course?' (2 Corinthians 12:18) (3,2)
- 19 Mice den(anag.)(7)
- 21 How Egypt is often described in the Old Testament: 'the land of — ' (Exodus 13:3) (7)
- 22 One of the first Levites to resettle in Jerusalem after the exile in Babylon (1 Chronicles 9:15) (5)
- 23 'As a sheep before her shearers is —,so he did not open his mouth' (Isaiah 53:7) (6)
- 24 Paul's birthplace (Acts22:3)(6)

Down

- 1 Ravenous insect inflicted on Egypt in vast numbers as the eighth plague (Exodus 10:14) (6)
- 2 Well-being (Philippians 2:20) (7)
- 3 Small piece of live coal or wood in a dying fire (Psalm 102:3) (5)
- 5 Sportsman or woman (2 Timothy 2:5) (7)
- 6 The original name of Abraham's wife (Genesis 17:15) (5)
- 7 'So in Christ we who are many form one body, and each — belongs to all the others' (Romans 12:5) (6)
- 9 According to Peter, a wife's beauty should not come from wearing this (1 Peter 3:3) (9)
- 13 'For God did not send his Son into the world to — the world' (John 3:17) (7)
- 14 'The Lord of heaven and earth...does not live in — built by hands' (Acts 17:24) (7)
- 15 'If your hand — you to sin, cut it off'(Mark9:43)(6)
- 16 Something like these fell from Saul's eyes as soon as Ananias placed his hands on him (Acts 9:18) (6)
- 18 Track(Job41:30)(5)
- 20 Religious doctrine(5)

SMILE - LINES

Of mice and men

A minister went into his local pet shop to ask for some help. 'I need at least 50 mice, 2,000 ants and as many of those little silverfish that you can get.' The pet shop owner was startled. 'We can probably do that, but it might take some time.

Mind if I ask why you are placing such an unusual order?'

The minister shrugged. 'It's simple. I've accepted a call to another church, and the church council told me to leave the parsonage the way I found it.'

Whose fault is it, anyway?

In a small town a businessman put in planning permission to build a nightclub complete with dancing girls. The local church started a vigorous campaign to block it from opening. The church launched a petition and held prayers in public. Work progressed, however, right up until the week before opening. Then one night a bolt of lightning strike hit the nightclub and it burned to the ground.

The church members were rather smug after that, until the nightclub owner sued them all - on the grounds that they were responsible for the fire.

Loudly protesting their total non-involvement and innocence, the church members were all taken to court.

As the case began, the judge looked over the paperwork and observed: 'I don't know how I'm going to decide this. It appears that we have a nightclub owner who believes in the power of prayer, and an entire church congregation that doesn't!'

Sky fright

An airliner flew into a violent thunderstorm and was soon bumping around in the sky. One very nervous lady happened to be sitting next to a clergyman and turned to him for comfort. 'Can't you do something?' she demanded forcefully.

'I'm sorry ma'am,' said the reverend gently. 'I'm in sales, not management.'

WE ARE ALL GUILTY

Well, I am. At times! Of complacency of leaving it to others to sort out!

BUT we do have a duty when it comes to the safeguarding of children **OR** vulnerable adults in the church.

There is a manual in our church vestibule entitled, '*A Safe Church*', which is for reference by anyone and acts as a guide to safeguarding matters.

If you do have a genuine concern about such a matter, then you may wish to speak to Malcolm Hubbard, our Safe Guarding Officer or one of the following; our Priest-in-Charge, Rev. Hazel O'Sullivan or to one of the churchwardens.

HAVE YOU OR WILL YOU BE MAKING A WILL?

If so, please consider leaving a legacy to St. Marys.

Legacies we have had in the past have been a great blessing and encouragement and enabled us to carry out important work. It is helpful if the bequest is given without conditions so the PCC can use the money as they feel appropriate.

Please give this prayerful consideration.

To make a Will is one of the kindest things you can do so your wishes are known.

ROTAS FOR OCTOBER

Sides Men/Women

	8.00 a.m.	9.15 a.m.
7 th	Mrs. D. Adams	Mr. J. Hubbard/Mr. P. Nortey
14 th	Mr. S. Howe	Mrs. M. Womack/Mr. J. Womack
21 st	Mr. R. Owen	Mrs. K. Walsh/Mrs. L. West
28 th	Mrs. D. Adams	Mrs. C. Hubbard/Mr. M. Hubbard

Coffee

7 th	Mrs. M. Womack/Mr. J. Womack
14 th	Mrs. C. Hubble/Mrs. C. Symes
21 st	Mrs. M. Bond/Mrs. J. Mason
28 th	Mrs. B. Bolton/Mrs. G. Nortey

Church Cleaning

5 th	Mrs. M. Bond/
12 th	Mrs. C. Bryan/Mrs. A. Cordery
19 th	Mrs. B. Bolton/Mrs. M. Womack
26 th	Mrs. K. Mussard/Mr. G. Mussard

Church Flowers

5 th	Mrs. A. Conway/Mrs. M. Womack
12 th	Mrs. W. Carvalho/Mrs. J. Mason
19 th	Mrs. B. Bolton/Mrs. C. Bull
26 th	Mrs. A. Conway/Mrs. M. Richards

ROTAS FOR NOVEMBER

Sides Men/Women

	8.00 a.m.	9.15 a.m.
4 th	Mr. S. Howe	Mrs. D. Howell/Mr. W. Howell
11 th	Mrs. D. Adams	Mrs. A. Cordery/Mrs. J. Mason
18 th	Mr. S. Howe	Mr. J. Hubbard/Mr. P. Nortey
25 th	Mrs. D. Adams	Joint at St. Francis

Coffee

4 th	Mrs. J. Greatorex/Mrs. J. Mathers
11 th	Mrs. P. Smith/Mr. L. Smith
18 th	Mrs. C. Davies/Mrs. L. West
25 th	Joint at St. Francis

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