

ABBHEY HILL U.R.C. MAGAZINE



October
2024



The earth has produced its harvest.

May God, our God, bless us. Ps 67:6

What does Autumn mean to you?

If, like me, you have only just got used to writing 2024 in the date, you will be amazed that autumn is here again! How did that happen, when it seems only a moment ago we were wondering how the year would unfold as we planted seeds and planned summer outings and holidays.

A quick internet search tells me that the word 'Autumn' comes from the old French word 'Autompne' or the Latin word 'Autumnus' with the root of the words meaning 'the passing of the year'. It is thought that this word has been used in English since the 1300s with the alternate term 'Fall' a shortening of 'Fall of the leaf' being used since the 1500s and largely adopted in America. It is this falling of deciduous leaves that I love; partly for the memories of scrunching through piles of fallen leaves as a child, but also because I see it not so much as an ending of summer, but as a sign of the trees preparing for new life.

As a Botanist I am aware that the beautiful leaf colours are not created in autumn, but revealed. They are due to the pigments that were already present and working hard to capture light energy within the leaf, but only become visible when the more abundant green chlorophyll is broken down. This displays real beauty in Autumn (especially in parts of the USA) but more significantly reclaims valuable chemicals to be stored in buds for new beginnings in the Spring. Autumn in the plant kingdom is a season of harvesting the useful, shedding the leaves that would be a burden in winter and preparing for Spring.

Isaiah 40:8 says 'The grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of our God stands forever' This verse offers a comforting reminder that despite seasonal or other changes, God is steadfast in his promises to us. With this reassurance, we can use autumn as a time to focus on the same three key areas as plants. We can take the opportunity to look back at what we have 'harvested' in our spiritual lives and identify areas of growth and accomplishments. We can reflect on the things in our lives that are holding us back or keeping us stagnant; we sometimes hold onto things that are no longer helpful out of familiarity, fear or a lack of awareness. Autumn offers us the chance to take stock of all that we don't need in our lives whether it is physical clutter, negative thought patterns or outdated beliefs. By making a conscious effort to let go we, like Maple leaves, could allow our glorious autumn beauty to show through, making way for new growth and preparing for the coming of a new life in Jesus.

Susan Derwent - Elder

CHURCH SERVICES FOR OCTOBER 2024

- 6th Sunday** **11.00 Family Service led by George Jones.**
- 13th Sunday** **11.00 Family Healing Service led by Kath Shortley**
- 20th Sunday** **11.00 Family Service with Communion led by
Jane Woods-Scawen**
- 27th Sunday** **11.00 Family Service led by George Jones.**



CHURCH SERVICES FOR NOVEMBER 2024

- 3rd Sunday** **11.00 Family Service led by George Jones.**
- 10th Sunday** **10.00 Remembrance Service led by Donna Curran.**
- 17th Sunday** **11.00 Family Service with Communion led by George Jones.**
- 24th Sunday** **11.00 Family Service led by Bill and Erica Young.**

Home Bible Study Group

This group meets at Hilary Scott's house on Wednesday evenings – 7.30pm. Contact Hilary for further details – 07749 836928/01926 859337

Treasurer's Report

With a late donation of £50, the puddings evening raised £570 for the Friends of the Holy Land project of fitting new water tanks for families. Well done all concerned.

Coffee Pot donated £150 to church funds

The September Communion Offertory was £ 35 for the Red Cross Gaza Appeal.

The Communion Offertory for October will be for Macmillan Cancer Support.

Eco Call

Our enthusiastic Eco Group has achieved two fantastic awards from Arocha Eco Church, Bronze and Silver, both of which are displayed in the church porch.

Due to changing circumstances a number of the group have stood down and we are looking for some more Eco Enthusiasts to join the group.

We meet as need dictates usually a Saturday am but occasionally in an evening. We wish to keep the congregation aware of Eco developments, keeping up what we have achieved and possibly look at " GOING for GOLD"!!

If you are or could be interested, please speak to one of the team.....
Eileen John, Hilary Scott, Sue England, Vivien Nichols or Anne Gilmore. We would be delighted to welcome you to the team.

Pintgether

Pintgether will be on Friday 15th November in The Green Man from 7pm. All are welcome to join us for a relaxed evening of company and conversation.

Anne and Fred

Regular events 2024

Event	Venue	Date	Time	Coordinators
Elders	Abbey Hill	1 st Wednesday every month	7.15 start	elders
Managers	Abbey Hill	2 nd Wednesday every month	7pm start	Ivan Pointon - manager's secretary
Coffee Pot	Abbey Hill	Every Thursday	9.30 to 11.30	Betty and David Connelly
Community Listening Exchange hosted by Coffee Pot	Abbey Hill	3rd Thursday every month	10.00	Ivan Pointon and Ed Watson
Repair cafe	Abbey Hill	Every 3rd Saturday	2 to 5pm	Kenilworth Repair Cafe

Dates For Your Diary October 2024

Event	Venue	Date	Time	Coordinators
London Assurance <i>A humorous tale of love and wit</i>	Talisman Theatre	Tuesday 1 st October	7 for 7.30 Start	John Nichols
Church Meeting	Abbey Hill	Sunday 6th October	After morning worship	George Jones/ Vivien Nichols
Leading Your Church into Growth (LYCiG)	Baginton Road	Monday 7 th October	2.00pm to 3.30	George Jones/Elders
Repair Café	Abbey Hill	Saturday 19 th October	2 til 5	Repair Café hello@repaircafekenilworth.org
Pintogether	The Green Man	Friday 15 th November	7pm	Anne Holloway
Memories Service	Abbey Hill	Wednesday 18 th December	12pm	George Jones and elders
Carols by Candlelight	Abbey Hill	22 nd December	7pm	Anne Holloway

Church Calendar

Jan 21st	Church Meeting
Feb 13th	Shrove Tuesday
Feb 14th	Ash Wednesday
March 10 th	Mothering Sunday and Parade
March 20th	Church Meeting and AGM
March 29th	Good Friday
March 31st	Easter Day
June TBA	Church Meeting
Sept 29th	Harvest and Parade
October 6 th	Church Meeting
Nov 10 th	Remembrance Sunday
December 22 nd	Carols by Candlelight

Pudding Evening and Water Themed Quiz

We were delighted to see a full School Room of familiar faces and new, on Saturday August 31st, for an evening which began with us eating delicious puddings.

Then came the first 3 rounds of the quiz, where each question was, in some way, linked to water. Our quiz master was Alison Pointon and Ruth Loutit totalled up the scores.



Between the two halves of the quiz, we drew the raffle and were treated to a very interesting, and at times shocking, talk by Mike from The Friends of The Holy Land, a Kenilworth based charity. He spoke about the need for water storage tanks for the Christians in Bethlehem and other areas and the progress made already.

The evening was a tremendous success with everyone saying how much they enjoyed it. Plus, an astonishing £570 was raised for The Friends of The Holy Land.

I'd like to thank everyone who made puddings, generously donated raffle prizes, supplied the PA system and set up tables.

But special thanks must go to the members of the Hospitality Group who are: Mary Lea, Ruth Loutit, Alison Pointon, Cheryl Ritchie, Barbara Rose, Hilary Scott and myself, Susan Derwent.



GO ON, YOU KNOW YOU WANT TO!

I'm looking to increase the number of possible drivers on a Sunday morning. If you drive to church and feel you could offer someone a lift, please get in touch with me (john.c.a.nichols@gmail.com or 07770 598598)

I intend to inquire at local retirement homes etc to see if there is anyone who would like to come to a service and enjoy chat, coffee and biscuits afterwards (occasionally even cake!) but cannot come under their own steam.

This will not interfere with our current driving scheme for bringing church members who require lifts.

At the risk of repeating myself.....go on, you know you want to.

 or even  !!!

Craft Workshop

These are the beautiful items made for inclusion in our shoeboxes this year. What a talented congregation we have!



Now the shoeboxes are complete we will take a break from meeting. We may reform in the Spring if people are interested - please let me know what form you would like this to take.

Susan Derwent

Discussion Group

You may remember that the Church ran a very successful Discussion Group for a couple of years before Covid put an end to people gathering together.

A topic was chosen before each meeting, so that, if they wished, people could acquaint themselves with the topic. The topic was then discussed, everyone who wanted to could speak, and often this led to a lively and informative debate around the issue.

There has recently been a groundswell of support for the reprise of the Group so we have decided to restart.

As before the Group is open to everyone who is a member or otherwise associated with our Church.

The first meeting will be on Tuesday 22nd October at 7.15pm in the Vestry, where we will briefly go through the “ground rules” of the Group, before our first discussion, the topic is yet to be decided.

This is an opportunity for people to get together for discussions on a range of different topics, in a friendly, confidential safe environment. Please put this date in your diary, as the first of hopefully many interesting meetings.

For further information please feel free to contact me by phone, email or in person.

Phone number is 07852 704431.

Email is cjritchie3@hotmail.co.uk.

Best Wishes

Colin

NEWS OF THE CHURCH FAMILY FOR SEPTEMBER

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

A Happy Birthday to all of the following:-

October 1 st	Glo Ford
October 2 nd	Gloria Cordery
October 9 th	Layla McKenzie
October 11 th	Roz Morris
October 16 th	John Nichols Emma Watt
October 22 nd	John Thomas
October 24 th	Pete Warren
October 29 th	Alison Crichton

Also celebrating a birthday are

October 3 rd	Mia Shortley (14)
October 16 th	Toby Lawrence (15)

THINKING OF

We think particularly this month of Gaynor Watkins, Joy Thorpe, John McKenzie and Di Wilson and we continue to pray for Mary Skidmore, Edna Dixon, Janet Turner, Mavis Duckworth, Winnie Tawil and Esme Thorpe

All of the above mentioned and any who do not wish to be mentioned by name, are in our thoughts and prayers.

MICHAELMAS DAISIES

*Bright eyed and welcoming you wait,
In gardens large and small,
Clustered by a garden gate,
Or round some stately hall,
Where windfalls lie upon the grass,
And gossamer is spread.
Like little veils of silver lace,
Across each flower bed.*

Kathleen O'Farrell

Please let Pat Cowan know on 01926 313904 if you have any news of the church family.

Lions Emergency Ambulance – The Drive to the Ukraine Border

Thank you to all who waved us off from the Lions furniture store on the Thursday evening and thanks to those of you who gave medical supplies or donated towards medical supplies.

My co-driver, Bill and I had been warned, over the weekend, we would not have time for anything other than driving during the day and sleeping for a short period at night. We can now confirm this to be very true as we had over 1,300 miles to drive in two and a half days.

The first day was NOT without issues. The ambulance (ambo 1) was parked outside my house overnight. I went out to the ambulance at 5:45 a.m. in good spirit, sat in the driving seat but the ambulance engine wouldn't start. Minutes past until the engine started - this is relevant to a problem later in the day.

We knew the previous day, when documents were checked, the MOT for our ambo 1 was no longer valid. When I eventually started the ambulance and picked Bill up, our first job was to get the vehicle MOT tested at a garage in Leamington where a 6.30am appointment had been specially arranged.



Our convoy of two ambulances and a Range Rover met at Cobham Services on the M25 and continued on to Le Shuttle at Folkestone. We spent several hours waiting at Folkestone in the lines of trucks and feeling sorry for the HGV drivers who have to queue there on a regular basis. We were expecting to be on a train by 12 noon but it was after 4:00p.m. before

being loaded onto a train.

When we arrived in Calais and we were due to follow our other two vehicles off the train our ambulance engine would not start! We held up the entire Le Shuttle operation whilst taking up the floor in the ambulance cab and sorting out the battery. The next day we borrowed a spanner and tightened the battery connection to prevent the embarrassment of it occurring again.

It was very slow in the French Customs office having our ambulance documents approved. Why did we leave the EU?! It was after 7pm and we still had around 300 miles to drive before our overnight stop in Dortmund and we did not arrive there until well after midnight. The lights from the heavy industry in the Ruhr (Duisburg and Essen) were very pretty as we passed through. With no time to stop for a meal, we ate whilst on the move – Bill's sausage sandwiches and Alison's buttered fruit loaf.

Day two was a long but straightforward 500-mile drive from Dortmund in Germany to Wroclaw in Poland. Towards the end of this day Bill and I were both driving an ambulance as I was requested to relieve a driver in ambo 2. There was much traffic on the Polish motorway and we both reached Wroclaw with very little fuel left in the tanks!

Bill had been kind enough to bring a carrier bag full of music CDs. Each day we were treated to an all-day disco with Bill as DJ in ambo 1 which helped us along the way.

Sunday was the big day; we drove the final 300 miles from Wroclaw along the A4, west to east, to the Poland Ukraine border crossing. Just before the border we turned north to a rendezvous point we had been sent. We had been told there would be a reception and I was most surprised when we arrived how very quiet it was with nothing around the isolated warehouse. We handed the ambulances over to local ladies reasonably quickly without unloading and without any ceremony and we were taken away in a people carrier travelling through woods and bumping over a railway line. Shortly afterwards we were shown pictures (we were not given copies) of our ambulance with Ukrainian soldiers. I understand it was soldiers of the 142nd Medical Brigade of the Ukrainian army. Since the invasion, all service vehicles in Ukraine are controlled by the army.

We were driven to a Polish town called Lezajsk. We were welcomed at the fire station by the mayor and in the hall, we were offered food from a buffet, taken outside for entertainment by a band and then back inside for more food and vodka! Both the Major, Ireneusz Stefanski and local MP, Marcin Worchol (ex-Deputy Prime minister of Poland) spent time talking to us and thanking us.

The local people were very welcoming and the mayor and local MP took time to speak to us and make us feel very welcome. I have to admit, I discovered the festivities were not entirely due to our arrival although all ambulance convoys in the past had been welcomed with similar events. The people of the area, on that Sunday we arrived, were also celebrating the 'Silver Birch'. I understood the King in the seventeenth century was sat under a silver birch in the Brzoza Forrest when he gave the area a royal title.



We were well looked after by the Rural Housewives Association who had prepared the food and sang to us – obviously a very dynamic and active group in the area. Our first plate of food was traditional dumplings and later we ate baked potatoes brought to us from an open fire outside. The potatoes were samples of next month's 'Rural Housewives Association Autumn Rites Baked Potato Festival'.



We had been warned about the importance of drinking vodka at these occasions and we were looking forward to a few shots. After enjoying several shots of home-made vodka, the bottles of quality vodka were served and we lost count of the number of shots!

In the late evening, we were driven to Krakow for a night's sleep before our return flight to Luton Airport on Monday.



Why is the Polish Centre in Leamington Spa and a town in Eastern Poland so concerned with people in Ukraine? The obvious answer is they wish to provide aid to the innocent people in Ukraine who are suffering greatly following Russia's 'special operation'. In addition, I felt the Polish people had a strong empathy for the people of Ukraine. They had their own relatively recent memories of harsh Soviet rule. I was also told about the German occupation of the area in June 1941. Lezajsk had been a town of pilgrimage for Jewish people with a significant Jewish population. An Einsatzgruppen was sent into the town and the Jewish people were rounded up and massacred.

Lions purchased and we handed over the 30th ambulance to be sent by the local Polish Catholic Mission in Leamington Spa. It was good to know that these ambulances and large quantities of other aid sent by the Mission are distributed by Christian Churches in Poland and Ukraine and totally free of any corrupt practices associated with some other organisations. I think Alison (my wife) may have been the first to make contact with the Polish Centre in Leamington last year and as a result, Dave Maxted organised many new boxes of children's furniture from our furniture store to be loaded onto one of the earlier ambulances to be sent over. Dave and Bill have since developed the relationship with Dawid Kozlowski (secretary of the Polish Centre) resulting in our delivery of the 'Kenilworth Lions ambulance' (loaded with medical supplies).

I must finish with a thank you to Euro Car Parts (<https://www.eurocarparts.com>) who sponsor the ambulances for Ukraine. The cost of Le Shuttle, fuel and other costs for the ambulance, our accommodation and flight home were all paid for by Euro Car Parts.



Editorial comment

In September's magazine I included an article penned by Anne Graham Lotz entitled "*How could God let all these bad things happen*". The piece was part of the resources provided by Parish Pump a "*.... resource for church magazines, news-sheets, and websites*" that we regularly use and subscribe to for content.

The article is, in my opinion, controversial and I included it to highlight a point of view held by many Christians around the world and to provoke some response and lively debate from our readership. I also believe the title of the piece is an eternal question posed to us Christians by many who are interested in religion and the existence of God – a question for our new discussion group to consider perhaps?

Since publication of the article I am pleased to report I have received and include in this month's magazine, an eloquent critique of Anne Graham's position by Mary Lea. It is refreshing to be able to present all points of view on this subject.

I have also received indirect reports that the original article has offended some of our readership who believe its inclusion somehow represents the view of Abbey Hill United Reformed Church. In response, my decision to include it was with the intention to inform and not condone. In addition, it should be noted the whole piece was bounded in quotation marks indicating these were the author's own words.

I can appreciate that original piece could be interpreted as polemic, but as editor I chose to include it as an advocate of free speech and healthy debate.

Martyn Todd - Magazine Editor

A Response to last month's article *"How could God let all these bad things happen?"*

I was open-mouthed with shock to read what Anne Graham Lotz had to say. I can't take a woman seriously who was reported by The Independent as saying that the 9/11 attack on America was God punishing them for the gay rights movement and the acceptance of evolution.

The first point I would make is that it is untrue that one of Dr Spock's sons committed suicide, presumably as a result of not being smacked as a child. His sons are both still alive and well. It is true that one of his grandsons committed suicide by jumping off a museum building when he was 22. The young man was suffering from schizophrenia at the time. A person committing suicide is always a tragedy and there will be many different reasons as to why. But it won't be because they were not smacked. Dr Spock did believe in disciplining children – just not using physical punishment. It is perfectly possible for teachers and parents to discipline children without smacking them.

The second point is that Anne Graham Lotz is an American and talking about the situation in American schools. Prayer in public schools in the US has been banned since 1962. The situation in this country is different. In primary schools RE is taught and there is still prayer in primary schools at least. But schools have to be mindful that not all pupils are from a Christian background – many are Muslims, Sikhs and Hindus; many come from families with no Church background at all.

I disagree with her analysis of what has gone wrong. Indeed, I would even suggest that nothing has gone wrong. Things have just become different. I am glad that today we are more accepting of different people. I am glad that my son can be openly gay and that he does not have to be ashamed of who he is. I am glad he will not know how awful it was for men who were gay in the past. I am glad that domestic abuse is recognised as a crime and that it is not seen as ok for a husband to hit his wife, control his wife or to rape his wife. I am glad I live in a society that is more open than when I was a child. I am glad people can't put signs on their doors saying "No Blacks, No Irish and No Dogs". I am glad women can be financially independent

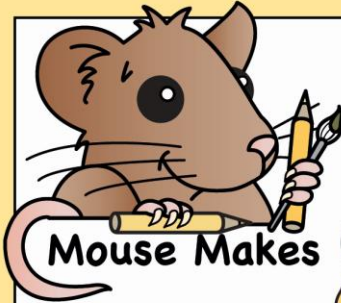
and don't need a man to guarantee a mortgage which was the case until 1980. I am glad that it is OK to be different now. I am glad we teach in school that we should respect everyone. I am glad we no longer live in a world when women are forced to put their babies up for adoption just because they are single. So much trauma was produced when that was the case in the 50s, 60s and 70s.

We should not look at the past through rose-coloured spectacles. It was never as lovely as we think. There have always been prisons and there has always been crime. There have always been murders. People used to live in the most appalling slum conditions with several families sharing a toilet. In the first world war the government was forced to put school meals on the agenda as they discovered how many working-class young men who wanted to be soldiers had stunted growth and had been malnourished. Look at the pictures of Hogarth and his depiction of the gin alleys in London. As for politicians – their private lives have always been lurid but the press were not so intrusive. William Gladstone – a fantastic 19th century politician and statesman- had an addiction to sex and pornography. He used to whip himself as a punishment and consorted with prostitutes. President Kennedy was addicted to pain killing medication.

Times change but people do not. I don't think people are any more sinful, or violent or decent than they ever were. Our technology changes the challenges we face and offers us different solutions. We do live in an uncertain world but it was ever thus.

Why does God let bad things happen? I don't know. But people do bad things to each other. The reasons for this are many. Lots of people are very damaged. And sometimes when bad things happen other people come and do good things and show the love of God for all humanity in their actions. If we truly followed what Jesus taught and produced a society that fully represented a Christian ethos it might be different. But beware the Christian right in America – they want the Ten Commandments displayed on classroom walls but do not want to provide free lunches for kids.

Mary Lea



Mouse Makes

WALK WITH THE LORD

"Teach me your way,
O Lord, that I would
walk in your _____."
Psalm 86:11

"For we walk by

not by sight."
2 Corinthians 5:7

"Walk by the

"
Galatians 5:16



Jesus said:
"I am the light
of the world.
If you

me you won't
have to **walk**
in darkness
because
you have
the light
that leads
to life."
John 8:12



"Walk in

as Christ loved
us and gave
himself up for us."
Ephesians 5:2

"Walk in
a manner
worthy of the
Lord, fully pleasing
to him, bearing

in every good work
and increasing in
the knowledge
of God"
John 8:12



"_____
is everyone who
fears the Lord,
who **walks** in
his ways."
Psalm 128:1



GOD • JESUS • LORD • WALK
WAYS • STEP • FEET • PATH • GO • TEACH • KNOWLEDGE • LIGHT

Find the words from the questions too!

**COULD ANY ARTICLES/NOTICES FOR THE
NOVEMBER 2024 MAGAZINE PLEASE BE SENT
TO ME BY
SUNDAY 20th OCTOBER 2024 PLEASE 😊?**

'REFORM' - the Magazine of the United Reformed Church

If you already subscribe to Reform or have looked at the church copy for September, you will have noticed that it is more pages than usual.

The reasons? - as well as the usual news and interesting letters and articles etc. it has 3 pages summarising resolutions and debates from the URC General Assembly held in July. (More detailed reports and papers discussed can be read online at www.urc.org.uk/general-assembly.)

Then there are 10 pages about The Church Life Review, as well as the Good Question and 4 Answers to 'What is your prayer for the future of the Church?'.

Please ask me if you would like more information about Reform.

Janet Turner.

Christmas Angels

Kenilworth Methodist Church has invited us to join them this Advent in bringing the Good News of Christ's coming to our community through the creation and distribution of knitted angels. This has been done successfully in the past. The aim this year is to spread a message of Christian love across the town during advent in a very simple way by sharing a small gift that many people can make at home over the next few months. This is part of a national initiative which has been running for a few years and more details can be found at <http://www.christmasangel.net>.

Non knitters are needed too, to pray for the people who will be touched by these angels, to gather wool, to prepare the angels for distribution, to support through media communications and to distribute quietly on the day.

The Angels can, and ideally should be, any colour and depending on the wool used may come in a variety of sizes too. **Please don't give them faces or different coloured heads**, angels are after all, pretty diverse. The pattern is attached and can also be found at

<http://www.christmasangel.net/wp-content/uploads/2014/09/Christmas-Angel.pdf>



When you have completed your Angel, please pass to Susan Derwent.



CHRISTMAS ANGEL

What you will need.

- Some wool (in any yarn or colour)
- Knitting needles (between size 10-8 (thats 3.25mm and 4mm))
- Darning needle (like a big sewing needle)
- Small amount of stuffing

The angels have been designed to be as simple and as flexible as possible so everyone from a beginner to a more advanced knitter can have a go. Feel free to adapt the pattern if you want by adding in different colours or making a larger angel.

If you want a place to start we have used size 9 needles with double yarn to knit some of ours.

You will need a basic knowledge of knit and purl to make these angels but don't let that stop you if you haven't done it before. Find someone who can teach you and ask them to help you learn a new skill.

And most of all have fun.

The Pattern

Angel - Body

Cast on 48 sts

1. Knit row
2. Purl row
3. K2TOG, K10*, repeat until end
4. Purl row
5. Knit row
6. P2TOG, P9*, repeat until end
7. Knit row
8. Purl row
9. K2TOG, K8*, repeat until end
10. Purl row
11. Knit row
12. P2TOG, P7*, repeat until end
13. Knit Row
14. Purl Row
15. K2TOG, K6*, repeat until end
16. Purl row
17. Knit row



This angel is knitted in sparkly cream, with sparkly mohair wings.

18. P2TOG, P5*, repeat until end
19. Knit row
20. Purl row
21. K2TOG, K4*, repeat until end - 20 sts
22. Purl row
23. Knit row
24. Purl row
25. Knit row
26. Purl row
27. Knit row

Pattern is continued on the other side.



CHRISTMAS ANGEL
www.christmasangel.net

At this point, you can change your colour to create the face if you want.

28. Purl row
29. knit row
30. Purl row
31. Knit row
32. Purl row
33. Knit row
34. Purl row
35. K2TOG - repeat until end
36. Purl row
37. Knit row
38. P2TOG - repeat until end

Using a darning needle, thread the end of the yarn through the stitches and tighten to create the top of the head. Turn the angel inside out and sew up the head and the body. Around the neck, take a small amount of stuffing and place at the top of the head, then thread some yarn between stitches and pull loosely together.

Angel - Wings

Option 1

Cast on 27 sts

1. Knit row
2. Knit row
3. Decrease at each end (Knit)
4. Knit
5. Knit 12 rows, decrease at each end cast off

Option 2 (more advanced)

The wings are knitted in short rows, with the yarn wrapped around the last stitch in the middle of each ridge. To complete this you need to bring your yarn forward, slip the stitch over purlwise, take the yarn back again, replace the slipped stitch, bring the yarn forward again and turn the work.

w&t = wrap & turn



Wings as they should look using option 2.

Cast on 9 sts

1. K8, w&t, K8
2. K6, w&t, K6
3. K4, w&t, K4
4. K2, w&t, K2
5. K4, w&t, K4
6. K6, w&t, K6

Repeat these 6 rows, 4-5 times as necessary. Sew wings to the body.



Repair Café Kenilworth

Repair Café Kenilworth (ReCK) is a free meeting space that's all about repairing things together, be that clothes, toys, furniture, electrical appliances, bicycles ... there's very little that can't be repaired by our team of expert volunteers.

We meet at the United Reformed Church every third Saturday in the month, between 2PM and 5PM. There is free parking outside the Church, but it can get quite busy. If your item is particularly heavy or large, we'll always try to assist you as best as possible.



Sustainable. Social. Economic. Fun.

A local Repair Café is a not-for-profit community event, created by neighbours, for their neighbours. The aim of the Repair Café Kenilworth (and those worldwide) is to reduce waste, increase sustainability, save money, and have fun in an informal social gathering.

Oh ... with lots of tea and cake on tap also. It is a Repair CAFE after all.

Bin it? No Way!

Some things have to be thrown away ... the old toothbrush with curly bristles, that blown light bulb that's been sitting inside the cupboard since 1983, the fish 'n' chip wrappers from last night's tea ... but what about that broken bedside lamp, or the rickety wooden stool that belonged to your grandparents?

The Repair Café movement has one simple question, and an even simpler answer; Bin it? No Way!

Along with actually repairing your broken items, we'll help you to develop the skills to start repairing them yourself, to promote the culture of repair over replace, and to give you the satisfaction of bringing your treasured memories back to life.



Further details

[Repair Cafe | Repair Cafe Kenilworth | Kenilworth \(repaircafe-kenilworth.org\)](#)

The third Saturday afternoon of the month at Abbey Hill Church 2pm-5pm.

ROTAS – October 2024

	Transport	Flowers provided by	Flowers arranged by
06-10	Colin Ritchie 01926 512507	Esme Thorpe	Barbara Gillard
13-10	John Nicholls 07770 598598	Anne Gilmore	Anne Gilmore
20-10	Hilary Scott 07749 836928	Vivien Nichols	Vivien Nichols
27-10	Colin Ritchie 01926 512507	Rosemary Lawrence	Rosemary Lawrence
	Projector & Sound	Stewards	Readers
06-10	Bronwen	Pat Cowan & Anne Gilmore BINS - Recycling	Phil Inshaw
13-10	David	Barbara & Ian Rose BINS – Grey Refuse	Colin Ritchie
20-10	Alison	David Nichols & Mary Lea BINS - Recycling	Emma Watt
27-10	Ivan	Jo & John Williams	David Connelly
	Coffee	Car Park	Vestry
06-10	Anne & Fred Holloway		Rosemary Lawrence
13-10	Kath Shortley & Cheryl Ritchie		Anne Holloway
20-10	Rosemary Lawrence & Suzanne Hall		Anne Gilmore
27-10	John Nichols & Mary Lea		Susan Derwent
	Communion Prep.	Comm. Servers	
20-10	Anne Holloway & Betty Connelly		

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If you are unavailable, please arrange to swap

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	Transport	Flowers provided by	Flowers arranged by
03/11	John Nichols 07770 598598	Mavis Duckworth	Di Wilson
10/11	Hilary Scott 07749 836928	Gaynor Watkins	Barbara Gillard
17/11	Barbara Rose 07534 104444	Donna Curran	Donna Curran
24/11	Colin Ritchie 01926 512507	Jane Woods-Scawen	Christmas arrangements
	Projector & Sound	Stewards	Readers
03/11	John	Di Wilson & Julia Graham BINS – Recycling and grey refuse	Donna Bloy
10/11	Bronwen	Kath Shortley & Betty Connelly	Elinor Davies
17/11	David	Anne & Fred Holloway BINS – Recycling	Fred Holloway
24/11	Alison	Hilary Scott & Gary Watt BINS – grey refuse	Rosemary Lawrence
	Coffee	Car Park	Vestry
03/11	Susan Derwent & Gary Watt		Kath Shortley
10/11	Barbara & Ian Rose		Vivien Nichols
17/11	Alison Pointon & Hilary Scott		John Nichols
24/11	Betty Connelly & Eileen John		Colin Ritchie
	Communion Prep.	Comm. Servers	
	Colin Ritchie & Donna Bloy		

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Signs of our times? Pew-sheet notices that didn't come out quite right...

Would the person who took the church step ladder last week please bring it back, or further steps will be taken.

After Sunday morning coffee, please empty the teapot and stand upside down on the draining board.

Hymn of Invitation: 'Whoever He Leads I'll Go'

Our visiting monster today is the Revd Jack Bains.

Church toilet out of order. Please use floor below.

Worshippers are asked to wail, until the choir has been served Holy Communion.

Pray for continual growth for our teens, that a food foundation will be laid in their lives.

We are always happy to have you sue our facility.

The activity will take place on the church barking lot.

Hymn: 'I am Thin, O Lord.'

When children meet liturgy...

"Give us this steak and daily bread, and forgive us our mattresses."

"Hail, Mary, full of grapes."

"He suffered under a bunch of violets." (Pontius Pilate)

Growing up

Your child has started growing up when he stops asking you where he came from and starts refusing to tell you where he's going.

Definitions

CHOIR: A group of people whose singing allows the rest of the Congregation to lip-sync.

HYMN: A song of praise usually sung in a key two octaves higher than that of the congregation's range.

RECESSIONAL HYMN: The last song at a church service, often sung a little more quietly, since most of the people have already left.

JONAH: The original 'Jaws' story.

AMEN: The only part of a prayer that everyone knows.

Ghost stories

"I'm a great lover of ghost stories."

"So am I, pal. Let's shake."

Experience

Experience is something you don't get until just after you need it.

Fish

Give a man a fish and he will eat for a day. Teach him how to fish, and he will sit in a boat and drink beer all day.

Lend

If you lend someone £20 and never see that person again, it was probably worth it.

Truth

If you tell the truth, you don't have to remember anything.

Bug

Some days you are the bug; some days you are the windscreen.

Judge

Good judgement comes from bad experience, and a lot of that comes from bad judgement.

Quick

The quickest way to double your money is to fold it in half and put it back in your pocket.

Mouth

A closed mouth gathers no foot.

Duct tape

Duct tape is like the Force. It has a light side and a dark side, and it holds the universe together.

Lips

Generally speaking, you aren't learning much when your lips are moving.

Retirement

The trouble with retirement is that you never get a day off.

Passwords

An elderly vicar got a call from a scammer who said, "I've got all of your passwords." The vicar replied: "Excellent! What are they? Just wait while I grab a pen."

Car wash

Ever feel like life is a car wash and you're on a bicycle?

Stress - Reality is the leading cause of stress.

PRAYER DIARY OCTOBER 2024

1 st	Jon Atkinson
2 nd	Heather and John Barton
3 rd	Louise Barton and Emileigh Warren
4 th	Peter and Barbara Champion
5 th	Judy Clarkson and Sam
6 th	Betty and David Connelly
7 th	Vera and Andy Cooper
8 th	Gloria Cordery
9 th	Pat and Ian Cowan
10 th	Alison and Robert Crichton
11 th	Donna and Michael Curran, Henry and Martha
12 th	Elinor Davies and Alexander Nunn
13 th	Susan Derwent and Henry Bentley
14 th	Edna Dixon
15 th	Mavis Duckworth
16 th	Paul Duffy
17 th	Judith and Terry Eaton
18 th	Sue England
19 th	Glo Ford
20 th	Barbara and Richard Gillard
21 st	Anne and Tony Gilmore
22 nd	Julia Graham
23 rd	Donna and Darren Hall and Emelia
24 th	Laraine Hall
25 th	Glenys Hobbins
26 th	Anne and Fred Holloway
27 th	Haro and Donald Horsefield
28 th	Jane and Phil Inshaw
29 th	Jennifer Jackson and Robert Banks
30 th	Eileen John and Leon
31 st	Emilie Jones

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