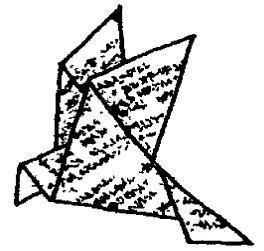


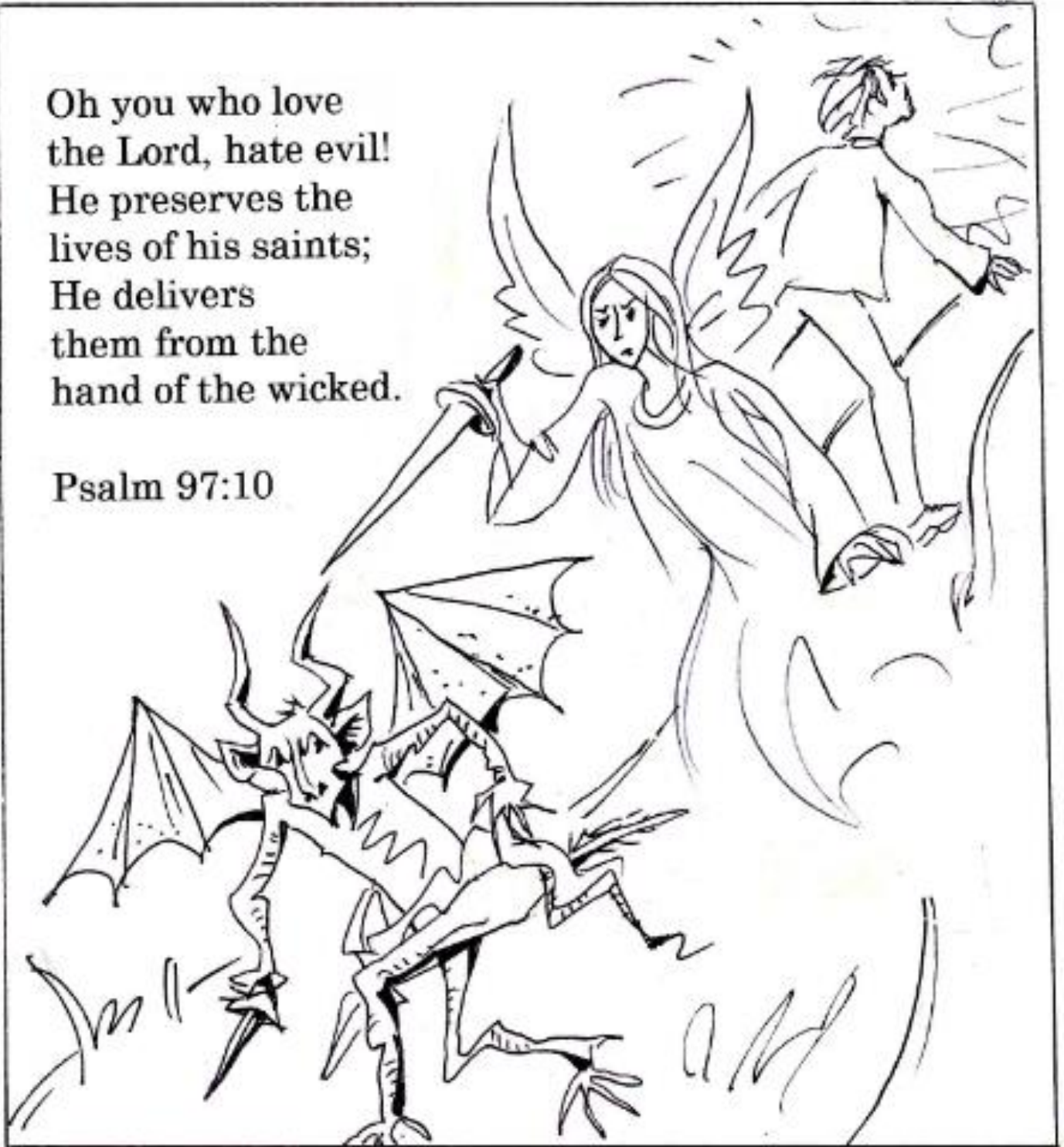
October 2013



# Hanham Methodist Church

Oh you who love  
the Lord, hate evil!  
He preserves the  
lives of his saints;  
He delivers  
them from the  
hand of the wicked.

Psalm 97:10



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We welcome all people to our church; you don't need to be a member to attend our worship.

## **Worship at Hanham Methodist Church**

Worship at Hanham is traditional Methodist, in an informal and welcoming style. Hymn singing is led by our traditional pipe organ and we have a loop system for those who are hard of hearing. Notices, Service Sheets and the Church Magazine are all available in larger print and Services on CD are available for the housebound.

Everyone will be most welcome at any of our services.

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## Word from the Minister

Dear Friends...

### **'Let us love one another for love comes from God' (1 John 4 v 7)**

I want to begin my letter this month by thanking everyone for their contribution both at Harvest and for their support of Messy Church and our new arrangements for the first Sunday of the Month. First it was wonderful on 1<sup>st</sup> September to see 30 children at Messy Church each with parents or members of their families gathered as one with members from the Church and the Messy Church Team. Together we had over 70 people for the worship at 4.45pm and the tea that followed. One highlight for me was when we celebrated forthcoming birthdays. One family stepped forward with their little baby girl soon to celebrate her first birthday followed by Audrey who would soon be 94! How wonderful to have such a span of age worshipping God and enjoying each other's company. Secondly, I must add to the many words of appreciation that have already been spoken a great big thank you to our Flower Committee for the wonderful display within the Church which they prepared for Harvest which stirred our hearts to think of all that God gives and set the mood for our worship and act of thanksgiving.

Such a coming together of All Ages both at Messy Church and for Harvest reminds me how God rejoices in seeing us worship and pray together as his people. In the New Testament John the disciple who authored the Gospel and whose name is given to the letters of 1-3 John calls us as God's people into a welcoming and inclusive community where we can pray for one another, care for one another and love one another. You might say as Christians we are in every sense the **'community of one another'** where all can find a home and where all can feel supported and valued. And such should ever be your experience in the life of the Church whether you are 1 or 94! Upon this theme I offer an invitation to you to join me in the Church Lounge on the mornings of Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October and Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November when I shall lead two **Bible Studies** on the books of 1-3 John. In preparation for the first of these two meetings I invite you to read in its entirety the book of 1 John and for the second the books of 2 John and 3 John. We also in October look forward to hosting the **President of the Methodist Conference** Rev Ruth Gee on the morning of 15<sup>th</sup> October. The President of Conference is a person appointed by the annual Methodist Conference to represent and encourage the Methodist Church throughout Great Britain. Please come along at 10.00am when coffee will be served.

Finally, the process to appoint my successor from September of 2014 continues and I ask your prayers for the Church and Circuit Stewards involved in this process. An appointment would be expected to be made sometime between November and January. I have also been firming up plans for my Sabbatical between January and March of next year. I hope in this period to evaluate a number of resources I might use in my future ministry, to look at some places where the Church is growing, to have a period of retreat after what will be 20 years either in training or in the active work as a minister, and to undertake a visit and pilgrimage to Rome. During my Sabbatical Rev Angie Hoare will be offering ministerial cover in my place.

We further remember Angie at this time as she recovers from hip surgery and wish her and Gary well, and remember in our thoughts and prayers the Rev Denise Yeadon following the recent passing of her husband Clive. God uphold and sustain both Angie and Denise at this time and all in need in the life of our Church and in the wider community.

Peace and Blessing

**Andrew**

**PS.** On the afternoon of Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> October we look forward to welcoming and hosting the Avon Battalion Boys Brigade for their annual battalion service which will follow our own Annual Company Enrolment Service in the morning of the same day, and on the morning of 27<sup>th</sup> October we are pleased to welcome to the morning service Sally and David Carter for an act of thanksgiving for their daughter Alice, and pray God's blessing upon them and all the family at this time.

## **Golden Wedding**

We would like to thank everyone who sent us cards and good wishes for our Golden Wedding. It made our celebration even more enjoyable, underlining the importance of friends and family at times like this.

We fell really privileged ask God's blessing on you all.

**John and Pam Liddiard**

## **Sunday Services**

6 October	10.45am	Rev Andrew Prout	Communion
	4.00pm	Messy Church	
13 October	10.45am	Mrs Valerie Williams	
	6.00pm	Food and Fellowship	
20 October	10.45am	Rev Andrew Prout (Boys Brigade Parade)	
	6.00pm	Mr David King	
27 October	10.45am	Rev Andrew Prout	
	6.00pm	Rev Andrew Prout	Communion

## **October Dates**

6 October at 4.00pm	Messy Church (No 6.00pm Service this Sunday)
12 October at 9.30am	Prayer Meeting
13 October at 6.00pm	Service of Food and Fellowship
15 October at 10.00am	Visit of President of Conference
15 October at 6.30pm	Messy Church Team Planning Meeting
19 October at 7.30pm	Circuit Meeting at Eden Grove
20 October at 10.45am	BB Annual Enrolment Service (Afternoon Battalion Parade)
22 October at 10.00am	Bible Study (1 John)
26 October at 9.30am	Prayer Meeting
27 October at 10.45am	Morning Service including Act of Thanksgiving

## **Church Fair – Saturday 30 November**

Look out for more information in the November magazine but please put the date in your diary now.

## **"They have done it again!"**

Once again the Flower Committee and their supporters have come up with a brilliant theme for Harvest and have decorated the Church beautifully. Work began on Thursday when flowers were purchased, evergreen was gathered and oasis prepared. Friday was the long haul, when flowers were gently teased into shape, some were supported, some were recessed, the majority were arranged and some were cried over (too much heat can ruin a chrysanthemum!) At times the sanctuary was ankle deep in foliage and it seemed that you couldn't see the wood from the trees, almost the last carnation was purchased from the local shop, praise was given quietly, the less confident arrangers were reassured; then as if by a miracle, it was all there!

Saturday and Sunday saw the flowers and arrangements, lovingly tended and watered and then it's all over, but not quite; bouquets are arranged, baskets made up and the last bit of greenery swept up.

Was it worth it? Of course it was, the colour, the smell, the sight of God's bounty so tastefully arranged will live in the Mind's eye, for many months as winter, the next season approaches and we look forward to the next challenge - Christmas!!

**Pam Blackmore**

## **Musical Evening**

Mission Committee are holding a Musical evening with supper (featuring Vron's choir) on 11<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30pm.

All proceeds for Mission charities (Fistula Hospital in Ethiopia & the Food bank-local). Cost will appear in the News sheet nearer the date.

Please reserve the date and come for an enjoyable evening.

**Pam Blackmore**

## **Mary and Joseph Need Accommodation**

We will be sending the figurines of Mary and Joseph around the area again during Advent. So, if you would like to take part this year from early December please let me know as soon as possible. A list will be on the table in the foyer for you to put down your details. This is an enjoyable activity leading up to Christmas, so if you have never been involved before I will be happy to give you information before committing yourself and the family.

Pauline Sampson

Y's Men's Club of Hanham

## **Y Not Pamper Yourself Evening - Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October**

Please come and join us for our Fund Raising Event. We shall have discounted Body Shop Products, Pampered Chef, Handicrafts, Jewellery, Massage, Waxing, Nails, Eyelashes and lots more. Cost of Entry is £3.00 and £1.50 for anyone in full time education. Start time 7.00 pm. There will be a delicious ongoing buffet included. If you wish to come please see Pam Liddiard (0117 967 0910) or any Y's Man.

## **Quiz night - Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> November**

Please come and join us for our annual Quiz Night. Make up a team of a maximum of 6 or we will put you into a team.

The usual magnificent prizes, delicious food and great fun. Start time 7pm. Cost £6. to include supper.

Names to: Pam Liddiard. 9670910  
Pam Blackmore. 9611754  
John Brown 9679869

We look forward to seeing you at these events.

**Pam Liddiard**



## Crossword

### 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 (Jeremiah 29:1) (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)

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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)

# Sudoku

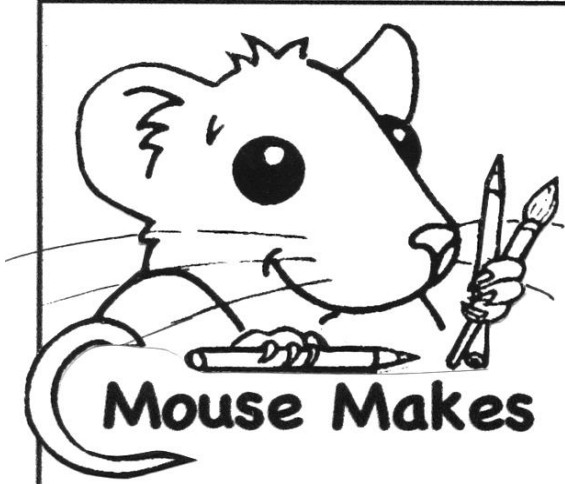
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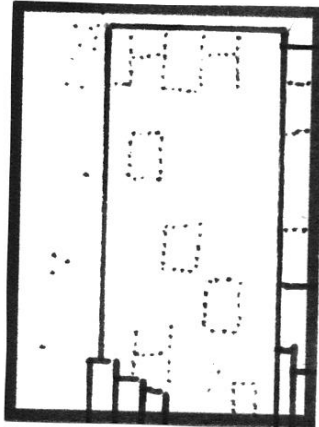
## For the Children – Mouse Makes



**SOLOMON BUILDS A TEMPLE**  
 King Solomon decided to build a temple to honour the Lord God. It took 80,000 men to cut the stone for it and 30,000 men seven years to build it. The finished temple was 60 cubits long, 20 cubits wide and 30 cubits high and the inside was completely covered with gold!

READ about Solomon's temple  
 in 1 Kings 5:1 - 6:38

The blocks for temple have all been mixed up! Carefully cut out each block and rearrange to build God's temple. Glue onto card and colour in.



A 'cubit' is about 18 inches or almost 45.5cm long

God said "Build

a temple that

will honour me"

## **The Prophet**

### **ON FREEDOM**

*You can only be free when even the desire  
Of seeking freedom becomes a harness to you,  
And when you cease to speak of freedom as  
A goal and a fulfilment.*

*You shall be free indeed when your days are not without care  
Nor your nights without a want or a grief  
But rather when these things girdle your life  
And yet you rise above them.*

In his letter to the church in Galatia Paul warns about turning our freedom into licence (Gal 5:13-14). Freedom isn't pleasing oneself without thought for others but is summed up in one commandment, 'serve one another and love your neighbour as yourself'.

Before slavery was abolished in the USA Abraham Lincoln bought a slave girl with the sole purpose of giving her her freedom. She didn't know this, thinking she was just part of a financial transaction.

On taking her home he handed her her papers of freedom. 'You are free' he said gently to her. 'Free?' she replied 'Can I go wherever I want to now' 'Indeed you can', said Lincoln. 'Then' she said 'if I am free to go anywhere I will stay here and serve you all my days'

We too are bought with a price. Are we ready to serve the one who paid that price all our days?

**Tim Lansdown**

## **Thank You**

Thank you to everyone for their cards and good wishes following my recent stay in hospital.

**Jennifer Angell**

## Hanham Wives

### **Secretary Report 2012/2013**

Our charity for 2012/2013 was The Teenage Cancer Trust, and our year started with a talk and slide show about the charity and the wonderful work they do.

As usual the programme was varied and included our Harvest service and auction of goods, which is always fun, and is the start of our fundraising.

Our year consisted of some lovely musical evenings as a tribute to Our Queen Elizabeth's diamond jubilee, which produced some nostalgic songs for us to sing along to.

David Fry's Town Cryer was a most enjoyable evening, with funny stories, and his very loud voice demonstrating the requirements for this position.

This year's fun night was as popular as ever, as was the Beetle drive, and our meal, catered for by the Wise Men, once again a roaring success.

Hanham History was an open evening and we had some most welcome visitors to the talk and slide show, adding their own personal knowledge of the area, most enlightening.

We had a trip down memory lane all about the 1950's and a demonstration on basket weaving.

Rain stayed off until the sponsored walk was over, and the walkers made it back to a superb supper, arranged by those unable to walk but who wanted to show their support.

This summer we had 10 coffee evenings hosted by individual wives members, which were all very well supported, and on some occasions we were able to sit outside and enjoy the balmy evening.

Our efforts to raise funds, include bring and buys and 4 coffee mornings in the church, which makes us so proud that among our small group of about

19 ladies, we have raised the great sum of £2,000.00 for our charity, so well done us.

As you know I have stepped down as social secretary this year, but have great confidence in Pat and Jennifer, wish them well, and we all look forward to another good year at The Wives Group, so why not come along and join us!!!

**Pat Murphy**

## All Hallows Eve

Modern Halloween celebrations have their roots with the Celtic peoples of pre-Christian times.

In those long-ago days, on the last night of October, the Celts celebrated the Festival of Samhain, or 'Summer's End'. The priests, or Druids, performed ceremonies to thank and honour the sun. For there was a very dark side to all this: Samhain also signalled the onset of winter, a time when it was feared that unfriendly ghosts, nature-spirits, and witches roamed the earth, creating mischief. So the Druid priests lit great bonfires and performed magic rites to ward off or appease these dark supernatural powers.

Then the Romans arrived, and brought their Harvest Festival which honoured the Goddess Pomona with gifts of apples and nuts. The two festivals slowly merged.

When Christianity arrived still later, it began to replace the Roman and Druid religions. 1 November - All Saints' Day - was dedicated to all Christian Martyrs and Saints who had died. It was called 'All Hallows' Day'. The evening before became an evening of prayer and preparation and was called 'All Hallows' Eve', The Holy Evening, later shortened to 'Halloween'.

For many centuries, however, fear of the supernatural remained strong. During the Middle Ages, animal costumes and frightening masks were worn to ward off the evil spirits of darkness on Halloween. Magic words and charms were used to keep away bad luck, and everybody believed that

witches ride about on broomsticks. Fortune telling was popular, and predicting the future by the use of nuts and apples was so popular that Halloween is still sometimes known as Nutcrack Night or Snap-Apple Night.

Today, Christians have learned to turn to prayer instead of charms to overcome the powers of darkness. And the deeper, true meaning of All Hallows' Eve, should not be forgotten. As Christians, we all draw closer to Christ when we remember and give thanks for our loved ones and for others who have gone before us through the gates of death.

## **The healing power of laughter**

The health benefits of laughter have become widely recognised in recent years. People feel less pain after a good laugh because (research suggests) it releases chemicals that act as a natural pain-killer.

Physical benefits of laughter have been found to include a drop in stress hormones and less risk of heart disease. Mental and social benefits include less anxiety and stress, improved mood and enhanced group bonding.

Humour helps us to keep a positive outlook in difficult situations, disappointments and loss. More than that, laughter gives us the courage and strength to find new sources of meaning and hope. It really is contagious – just hearing laughter primes your brain and readies you to smile. It dissolves distressing emotions. You can't feel anxious, angry or sad when you are laughing.

Humour gets you out of your head and away from your troubles. Infants begin smiling during the first weeks of life and laugh out loud within months of being born. But you can learn to laugh at any stage of life. Smiling is the beginning of laughter. It can help to set aside special times to seek out humour and build from there. Pay attention to children and emulate them. They are experts on playing, taking life lightly and laughing.

The old advice to "count your blessings" will distance you from negative thoughts. When you hear laughter, move towards it. Share your embarrassing moments. The best way to take yourself less seriously is to talk about times when you took yourself too seriously.

## Smile Lines

### **McDonald's**

As my five-year-old son and I were heading to McDonald's one day, we passed a car accident. Usually when we see something terrible like that, we say a prayer for whoever might be hurt, so I pointed and said to my son, "We should pray."

An instant later a fervent prayer was heard in the back seat. "Dear God, please don't let those cars block the entrance to McDonald's."

### **Love letter**

An advert appeared in the student newspaper of the university: Sweet little old lady wishes to correspond with university student – seeks six-footer with brown eyes answering to initials J.A.D.

Signed, his mother.

### **Henry Ford's secret**

When the late Mr and Mrs Henry Ford celebrated their golden wedding anniversary, a reporter asked them: "To what do you attribute your fifty years of successful married life?"

"The formula," said Ford, "Is the same formula I have always used in making cars – just stick to one model."

### **Hymn or maths?**

A father had taken his small son to church. The boy listened attentively without saying a word until the clergyman announced: "We will now sing hymn two hundred and twenty-two: 'Ten Thousand Times Ten Thousand', two hundred and twenty-two."

Alarmed the little boy nudged his father. "Do we have to work this out?"

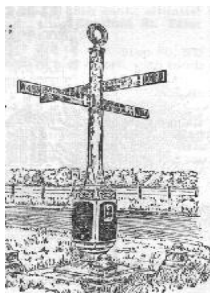
### **Sunday school lesson**

Very lively little Dora had returned from Sunday school, where she had been for the first time. "And what did my little girl learn this morning?" asked her father indulgently.

"That I am a child of Satan," was the beaming reply.



## Signposts



Suddenly time seems to have changed from summer to almost winter, although really we shouldn't miss out autumn with the wonderful changing colours. Some years it seems some things flourish and some years terrible for certain plants or vegetables.

This year has seen wonderful displays of roses with all the different shapes, colours and fragrance. Now is the time of harvest when people gather together to give thanks for all the wonderful things we have to enjoy, vegetables and fruit for strength and health, the tremendous display of various flowers. Weather plays such an important part in the process of planting, growing, maturing and finally the time of the gathering of harvest.

Yet we see so often across the world places destroyed by fire, so recently in America, Spain and Australia. Then the other extreme of terrible floods. These have occurred across the country to change the lives of many people, sometimes flash floods which changed the whole face of Lynmouth many years ago or have swept the whole length of the east coast.

For us we might take much for granted even grumbling when we have to again take that dreadful trip to the supermarket. (Perhaps I'm mistaken – some might enjoy it.)

Autumn is then a time to reflect, to rejoice in the colour around us, to give thanks to God for His bountiful creation and thanks to all who provide our food, farmers across the country and those who farm in countries across the world.

**Arnold Wheeler**

### Crossword Answers

ACROSS: 1, Lawyer. 4, Balsam. 8, Caleb. 9, Jehoram. 10, Sparrow. 11, Exile. 12, Excellent. 17, Act in. 19, Endemic. 21, Slavery. 22, Galal. 23, Silent. 24, Tarsus.

DOWN: 1, Locust. 2, Welfare. 3, Ember. 5, Athlete. 6, Sarai. 7, Member. 9, Jewellery. 13, Condemn. 14, Temples. 15, Causes. 16, Scales. 18, Trail. 20, Dogma.

## **Pause for Thought**

***Reflecting on our calling to 'love one another'  
From Singing the Faith (No. 611)***

Brother, sister, let me serve you,  
let me be as Christ to you;  
pray that I may have the grace to  
let you be my servant too.

We are pilgrims on a journey,  
and companions on the road;  
we are here to help each other  
walk the mile and bear the load.

I will hold the Christ-light for you  
in the night-time of your fear;  
I will hold my hand out to you,  
speak the peace you long to hear.

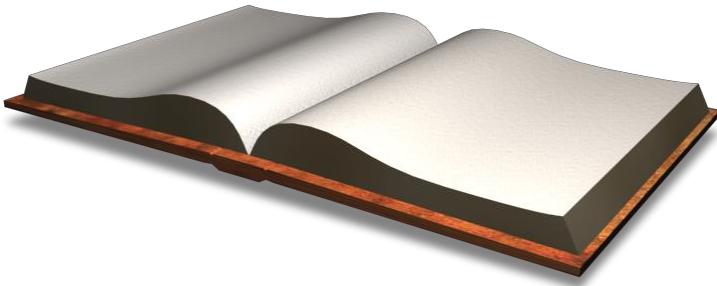
I will weep when you are weeping;  
when you laugh I'll laugh with you;  
I will share your joy and sorrow  
till we've seen this journey through.

When we sing to God in heaven  
we shall find such harmony,  
born of all we've known together  
of Christ's love and agony.

Brother, sister, let me serve you,  
let me be as Christ to you;  
pray that I may have the grace to  
let you be my servant too.

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## Rotas (Doors & Books and Flowers)



### Doors and Books

<b>Oct</b>	<b>6<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>13<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>20<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>27<sup>th</sup></b>
<b>AM</b>	N Howe M Howe	M Brooks J Angell	M Sagar A Sagar	P Blackmore J Green
<b>PM</b>	Messy Church	A Wheeler H Wheeler	A Houlden M Houlden	A Angell T Lansdown

### Rotas – Flowers



<b>Oct</b>	<b>6<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>13<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>20<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>27<sup>th</sup></b>
<b>Church</b>	Philip Biggs	Lilian Curnock	Dorothy Blackmore	Audrey Dayer
<b>War Memorial</b>	Bill Frost	Iris Tucker (Curtis)	Dorothy Blackmore	Audrey Dayer

## Weekly Activities

You are invited to share in our services and activities as listed below.

If you would like an introduction to any of the groups / activities please contact the Minister or a Church Steward.

Details of further events inside.

### **Sunday**

10.45am Morning Worship, Youth Church & Creche  
4.00pm Messy Church (First Sunday of each month)  
6.00pm Evening Worship

### **Monday**

10.00am – 3.00pm Friendly Table  
2.30pm Bright Hour  
Evening Brownies, Guides & Rangers  
Table Tennis

### **Tuesday**

7.30pm Girl's Night In  
(First Tuesday of the month, ask about venue)

### **Wednesday**

1.30pm Mums & Toddlers  
Evening Rainbows  
7.30pm Wives Group (Alternate weeks)  
Men's Curry Club (As announced)

### **Thursday**

2.15pm Shawl Ministry (Last Thursday of the month)  
Evening Boy's Brigade (Anchors, Juniors, Company & Seniors)  
Brownies

### **Friday**

7.30pm Y's Men (Third Friday of the month)  
Men's Curry Club (As announced)

### **Saturday**

9.30am Prayer Meeting (Second & Fourth Saturday of the month)  
Coffee Morning