

Witney Congregational Church

CORNERSTONE

October 2008



*Christ Jesus is the chief cornerstone. In Him the whole fabric is bound together,
as it grows into a temple, dedicated to the Lord – Ephesians 2:21*

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WHAT'S ON GUIDE

Witney Congregational Church offer a whole range of activities through which we seek to Worship, Work and Witness to the Lord Jesus Christ in this community today.

Further information can be obtained from the Church Administrator, Minister, Church Secretary or the leaders of the particular activities who are listed at the back of this magazine.

WORSHIP

Daily Worship	9.30 am	Mon-Fri	Short time of Prayer and Reading
	10.30 am	Saturday	Short time of Prayer and Reading
Noah's Ark Service	2.00 pm	Tuesday	For under 5's parents and carers
Saturday Praise	11.00am	1 st Saturday of the month	
Sunday Services	10.30 am		
	6.00 pm		There is a crèche facility at both services

Communion is normally held twice during the month at the first Sunday evening and third Sunday morning services

PRAYER

The Church is open each morning for Prayer; also in the Garden Room on Sunday morning and evening prior to, and after, Worship - All welcome

STUDY & FELLOWSHIP

Wednesday	7.30 pm	Church
Friday	10.00 am	Church

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Sunday	10.30 am	Crèche, Noah's Ark & The K.I.C.K. on Sundays
Monday	10.00 am	Noah's Ark - Infant Group for babies and pre-school children

OTHER ACTIVITIES

	Monthly	Hi 5's
Tuesday	Monthly	Deacon's Meeting
	Bi-Monthly	Church Meeting
Thursday	10.00 am	Rest & Chat (Coffee/Tea available)
Saturday	10.30 am	Coffee Morning

SUNDAY LINK

Weekly bulletin for all Christians providing stimulating thought along with news and notices concerning our Church

WITNEY ECUMENICAL YOUTH TRUST (BASE 33)

4 Welch Way (Entrance - High Street) ☎ 01993 777870 Jude Levermore

St ANDREW'S BOOKSHOP

☎ 01993 709429

Opening Hours: Monday - Saturday 09.00 am - 5.00 pm



Despite the fact this is a monthly publication, the time for writing another editorial seems to have come round rather quickly. Perhaps it is just a symptom of all our lives being busier than ever. I am sure we will all be busy soon in the lead up to Christmas - which is now less than three months away! Plenty of time I hear you say - or is there? According to my diary, the clocks are due to change on Sunday 26th of this month, and for some this heralds long periods of darkness.



Turning to the contents, alongside the 'Standard' features, there is a Prayer Bible Study by Nanna Blackman - which is an answer to prayer!! Elaine Gudem tells us what we can & cannot do for the Shoebox Box appeal and the series on historic Christian sites in Britain - Whitby is continued.

Many thanks to those who have contributed to this edition, but would also encourage anyone to consider

submitting articles for the remainder of the year, by either:

- Floppy Disk/CD
- E-mail: terrypowlesland@hotmail.com or jacquipowlesland@uwclub.net
- Or, if you haven't got a PC, just plainly written on paper which can be typed up

For your information, the magazine for the remainder of the year is due on: 2nd & 30th Nov

ESSENTIAL NOTE: In order to meet these deadlines, all contributions should be submitted ***NO LATER THAN the WEDNESDAY*** of the week in which the magazine will be published.

Your Editor

26th October - Don't forget!!

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Daily Prayer Time:

Mon-Fri 9.30 am Sat 10.30am

Services (10.30 am & 6.00pm unless advised)

Oct

5th am Beryl Cartwright & Elaine Gudem Harvest All-Age Worship
 pm Hope 08 service at High St Methodist Church
 12th am Rev Mark Evans
 pm Rev Mark Evans
 19th am Judi Holloway Communion
 pm CTiW United Service at High St Methodist Church
 26th am Rev Barbara Bridges
 pm Karen Brusch

Nov

1st am 11.00am Saturday Praise (Praise, Prayer & Reflection)
 2nd am Nigel Lindsay
 pm Karen Brusch Communion

The following events in October are given for your particular attention:

Oct

7th Deacon's Meeting
 8/15/22/29 Bible Study - Signs of Glory by Rev David Winter - High St Methodist
 9th Fellowship Group 2.30pm 9 Pensclose
 11th Prayer Chain meeting 9.15am
 Ignite - CF Autumn gathering at Southam 10.30am
 16th Pins & Needles 7.30pm
 17-19th CF Youth Winter Warmer at Ashby Congregational Church
 19th Meditation 7.30pm
 26th Sunday Diners
 31st Hi 5's Alternative Halloween

Nov

8th Craft Stall →

Craft Table
Saturday
8th November



Florence Smith is having a Craft Table from 10.00am during Coffee Morning. Many of the items she will have made herself

Do come along and see what she has. Maybe you will find a 'Christmas present'

HOW TO BUILD A CHRISTIAN

CFYouth Winter Warmer 2008



DATE: 17TH – 19TH OCTOBER

AGE: 13 – 17

**WHERE: ASHBY CONGREGATIONAL
CHURCH**

COST: £30



We will be looking at the
basics of Christianity and
church, how to become a
Christian and how to tell
your friends.

FUN



GAMES

BRING A FRIEND

FOR EVERYONE

COME ALONG

**Alternative to
Halloween**

FRIDAY 31 OCTOBER 2008

7.00pm in the Lounge

FIND OUT

WHAT IT'S ALL ABOUT



Deacons Letter

Dear friends

It's that time of year again - Autumn. I have to admit that it really is my favourite time of year - my favourite season. Ecclesiastes 3 tells us that there is a time for everything and so it is with the four seasons of the year - although sometimes we see odd weather patterns due to global warming and other climatic happenings. However, there do appear to be clear delineations where the seasons change and no more obvious than Autumn - the chill at night, the bright sunny days with the changing colours of the leaves and oh yes, for the locals, Witney Feast! That's a sign of the changing of the seasons.

So, what is a season? I read recently that a season in our life is a time frame that has been allotted for something to happen. Genesis 8:22 reads..."As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night will never cease" - a brief description of the seasons?

But of course we do have seasons in our lives. They can be of childhood, of motherhood, or old age (if there is such a thing) but all seasons are for "such a time as this" (Esther 4:14) - Esther had an opportunity to save her people but she could lose her life in the process. She knew that she was the only one who could persuade the king to reverse the decree to destroy her people but that meant risking everything including her life. She went ahead and the king received her request.

We are not all Esthers but we could ask the question - Am I truly willing to make myself uncomfortable at work to witness to my colleagues? Do people really know what I believe, or do they just know that I go to church? Is it *for such a time as this* that I've been called to be more than another face in the crowd? Like Esther, am I willing to be that light in the darkness, even if it means admitting my own inadequacies, and lack of perfection?

I will leave you to ponder on these questions as you sit by your nice warm fire, drinking your hot chocolate, reading your favourite book or watching the television. Maybe we could all think, especially in these times of credit crunch - what on earth am I doing to make a difference to someone's life? We can all make a difference in such a time as this.

God bless you all

Judi

To every thing
there is a **SEASON**
and a **TIME**
to every purpose
under the *heaven*

Ecclesiastes 3:1

The following Prayer Study has been submitted by Nanna Blackman, and is entitled:

Blessings from God

1 Chronicles 4: 9&10

⁹Jabez was more honorable than his brothers. His mother had named him Jabez, saying, "I gave birth to him in pain." ¹⁰ Jabez cried out to the God of Israel, "Oh, that you would bless me and enlarge my territory! Let your hand be with me, and keep me from harm so that I will be free from pain." And God granted his request.

As is so often the case, a number of coincidences have conspired for me to bring to you a message of hope for a life, blessed by God that I have been receiving in my own life. It is as if God is shouting at me through a loud-hailer - you can have all the blessings you want, just ask me. It is really that easy?

I have a friend who called his company Jabez. I never really thought about why he should call his company after an obscure character in 1 Chronicles, but then I had never really thought about the prayer of Jabez as being relevant in my life - although it clearly is in his.

Leah put a Bible Study book on the Prayer of Jabez in the library and when I saw it I vaguely thought about my friend and his odd company name. Then one day I decided to borrow it. It made very interesting reading and I had to start looking at the blessings from God that I receive daily, and maybe even take for granted.

So where to start?

Let's start with the blessings we have because we are Christians. We read in **Ephesians 1: 3 - 10**

Spiritual Blessings in Christ

³Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ. ⁴For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love ⁵he predestined us to be adopted as his sons through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will - ⁶to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves. ⁷In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace ⁸that he lavished on us with all wisdom and understanding. ⁹And he made known to us the mystery of his will according to his good pleasure, which he purposed in Christ, ¹⁰to be put into effect when the times will have reached their fulfillment—to bring all things in heaven and on earth together under one head, even Christ.

So there are some blessings, which we have, because Christ came and died for us:

- ❖ We are holy and blameless in the sight of God, through Jesus Christ
- ❖ We are his children, through Jesus Christ
- ❖ We have redemption and forgiveness of sin, through Jesus Christ
- ❖ And what's even better, we know God loves us, because he sent Jesus Christ to give us these blessings.

The blessing of Christ in our lives gives us a head start over Jabez, who lived long before Jesus came to save mankind.

Are these conditional blessings? Do we have to do something to receive them? We have to accept Christ into our lives and live in accordance with his purpose; that is all and that is everything.

Jabez, who lived before the time of Christ had to work much harder than us to find favour with God. 1 Chronicles lists a large number of persons, starting with Adam and barely drawing breath until we get to Saul in Chapter 9. Before Chapter 10, when David takes over from Saul as king, few persons listed are described, other than their name, clan and relationship with the persons before and after them in the list. The list, it is believed, was compiled to boost the confidence of the people of Israel, who had just returned from exile. It is an impressive list of persons through whom God had accomplished his purposes, it includes Abraham and Moses. Jabez however gets a special mention ⁹Jabez was more honorable than his brothers ... ¹⁰and God granted his request. Jabez clearly was seen to have a special relationship with God.

We have a special relationship with God, through Jesus Christ., but is that, impressive collection of blessings enough? Can we sit back and rest on our laurels? Look at the next part of Jabez' prayer - Oh, that you would bless me and enlarge my territory!

Now in Jabez's time "enlarge my territory" meant just that; give me more land. But with land came responsibilities, for the animals on the land, for the people that tended the animals, these, in biblical times would become Jabez's dependants. So by

enlarging his territory, he not only became wealthier but he gained more responsibility. Remember God granted his request.

Do we ask for more territory, more responsibility? God put us on this earth to grow. We very simply can't not grow. We experience life, each in our own way, and as a result we grow. So why not grow with God? Let God enlarge our territory and trust that he knows best how to do that so that we grow in the right direction.

But is it OK to ask God for more territory, more wealth? Isn't that a bit selfish? Aren't we supposed to pray for good things for others and not for ourselves?

Matthew 7: 7 -8

Ask, Seek, Knock

⁷"Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. ⁸For everyone who asks receives; he who seeks finds; and to him who knocks, the door will be opened.

1 Corinthians 2: 9 & 10

⁹However, as it is written:

No eye has seen,
no ear has heard,
no mind has conceived
what God has prepared for those who love him"— ¹⁰but God has revealed it to us by his Spirit.

So, yes, it's OK to ask. If you ask you will receive. And your mind cannot conceive, that is, you can't even imagine what God has prepared for those who love him. So it's not only OK to ask, God wants us to ask and he is ready and

waiting to give us the blessings we dearly desire. How do we ask? Well God already know our deepest desires and what is good for us. But as we know, God wants us to communicate with him. He wants our attention and our hearts and minds need to be focused on him for us to give him our attention - so we must pray.

Do we always get what we thought we asked for?

Let's look at praying for materials goods, our equivalent of territory:

1 John 2: 15 - 17

Do Not Love the World

¹⁵Do not love the world or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him.

¹⁶For everything in the world—the cravings of sinful man, the lust of his eyes and the boasting of what he has and does—comes not from the Father but from the world. ¹⁷The world and its desires pass away, but the man who does the will of God lives forever.

Do not love anything in the world - the man who does the will of God lives forever. I interpret this to mean do not love material goods for their own sake. It means that the love we have for God and others should not be turned on to material things. Material goods are useful, they are of the world but they are transient and doing the will of God is ultimately the most important thing we can do. So if we ask for material goods, and God has a purpose for us where these material goods are useful, then we might get them. But then we might not get them, or we might get them in a way that is

different to that which we expected. You might ask God for a Rolls Royce and he will give you a Mini, because what you really need is a car to get you from A to B, economically.

What about health? Surely God would grant us good health if we ask for it nicely: Surely he will give us the health and energy and the motivation we need to cope with our enlarged territory, our expanded responsibilities.

Jabez prayed: Let your hand be with me, and keep me from harm

This week I have been rather poorly, ending up at the Doctors with bronchitis and the need to take strong medication. I was feeling very sorry for myself and grumbling against the unfairness of it all. Then in my head came the message; "I got you through much worse things than this. Maybe I'm trying to tell you something - like SLOW DOWN and COUNT YOUR BLESSINGS, COME CLOSE TO ME!"

As I said, God has got a bit of a loud-hailer to my ear at the moment, maybe I have been deaf to him and this is how he is catching my attention. The point is we can pray for good health, but maybe healing is part of the process God has in store for us.

Can we pray for power?

Power to increase our territory; Power to stop people from harming us or our loved ones; Power to retaliate against those that have already harmed us? Yes it's very tempting to ask for that kind of power.

We already have power. We have the knowledge that we are children of God, that he loves us and that he has granted us eternal life. What more power do we need? We need the ability to love others, as we love ourselves. We need the power of sharing God's love with each other. Our foundation, as Christians is to love God and to love our neighbours as ourselves. We don't need any power beyond that.

So Jabez prays: Let your hand be with me, and keep me from harm so that I will be free from pain

In some version that is translated as "that I may not cause pain" - They are of course two sides of the same coin.

Does that mean that we should not ask God for material comforts, health or the power to deal with our relationships? Of course not; we have seen the Lord has prepared for us things that we cannot even see, hear or our minds conceive. He is ready to bestow on us every blessing that we need, to draw ever closer to him and lead lives that are pleasing to him. We just need to be careful what we ask for; we might get it in ways and quantities that we are not quite prepared for.

Amen

Nanna Blackman

Note: The Prayer of Jabez Bible Study by Bruce Wilkinson is available in our lending library.

The following article has been submitted by Florence Smith, and is entitled:

A Journey Through Life

Fresh new soul cocooned in shawl
May God protect you as you grow
Immune from cares within our world
May his great love you'll come to know

Uncertain steps and faltering ways
Challenging the elements of time
As youth will seek to mould his ways
Uniting hearts with love that binds

Time bestows advancing streaks of grey
Weary heads intent upon reflection
Nostalgic memories none can take away
Progress forward with anticipation

Frail and feeble contemplating life
Slowly walks the citizen with age
Resigned to shedding earth's
encumbrances
Welcoming the turn of life's last page

Life soon slips away to new dimensions
Restful solace halts the need to plan
Worldly gains no longer crave our
service
Which is purchased by the architect of
man

Bradwell Village Christian Fellowship

Jewish Fasts and Feasts

A talk by Revd David Price
Formerly Vicar of Christ Church, Jerusalem

Wednesday 8th October 7.45pm
Bradwell village hall, Bradwell Village

Retiring collection for C.M.J.



News around the world

The following information has been taken from CWM Website dated 3rd October, so is up to date at the editing of this month's magazine

American Samoa - Awaiting direction from the top

More than a year into her missionary placement in American Samoa - Rami Fanai is still adjusting to life in a country many miles from her native India. But with the responsibility of a challenging group of 16-17 year olds on her hands - she has more than enough to keep her busy. She talks to Zoe Hussain about her experiences.

It's a waiting game for Rami Fanai. Having served as a missionary in American Samoa for 18 months now, she still feels God has yet to reveal just exactly why he has put her there. But she's more than willing to stick around to find out.

Teaching history at Kanana Fou High School which is part of the Congregational Christian Church of American Samoa, Fanai has been sent from the Presbyterian Church of India along with two others on a three-year placement through Council for World Mission - and she certainly isn't short of challenges.

I am hoping that I'll be able to help my students have a better relationship with God. With low discipline levels among the pupils compared with the strict school regimes back at home, she has had to learn to adjust - and fast. And although the pupils have responded well to her

traditional take on discipline and are learning more in class - she is holding out for something more.

"I am still praying to God to find out what it is I must do in American Samoa," she says. "There are times when I don't feel like I am making any real difference. We have had to teach the children to be more disciplined in class and that has helped them to learn. But I still feel there is more we can do."

Despite the welcoming nature of the native people and the breathtaking natural beauty of the country's island landscape, Fanai says there is no getting away from the negative influences drifting across from the United States which are affecting the country's impressionable youth.

Among them, teenage pregnancy has become a major issue. It's something she's noticed in the classrooms of her own school. Rigorous awareness campaigns to try and tackle the problem are very much a part of everyday life and something the church is actively involved in.

In order to help combat the negative influences affecting the children she teaches, Fanai has recognised the importance of lifting herself up as a role model.

"Although the school is a church school and the children take part in church activities, they don't seem to have the personal relationship with God that they could," she says. "What I am hoping is that I will be able to influence the lives of my students by helping them have a better relationship with God. If I can be a good model for them and they look at me and think that's how they want to be then hopefully I can help them this way."

"The influences affecting them from outside are strong and we need to move them away from that and help them get closer to God." She adds: "It's difficult to talk about God in school all the time. I need to teach lessons too, but I try to get little things in here and there.

"I am being patient and praying about it a lot. I pray that God will show me how I can help these young people and help them come closer to him. I am open to whatever he has planned for me."

Mizoram - People of faith and a dirty business

On 5 March 1966 two Indian fighter planes flew over Aizawl, the principal town of Mizoram, and dropped incendiary devices on its people. It was the lowest possible point in the relations between the Mizo people and the central government. It was also the point at which the Presbyterian Church began to take an active role in politics. "In 1966 we church people were not aware of the political events," says L N Ralte who was the headmaster of the Presbyterian High School at the time. "Our commitment was with the church."

Feeding off anger at the inadequate response of the government to the Mautam famine in the 1960s, the Mizo National Front (MNF) led a sustained protest which ended in them declaring independence from India on 28 February 1966. From that day the people of Aizawl began to hear the sounds of gunfire and bomb blasts.

He went to consult the moderator of the Mizoram Synod Rev Alwyn Roberts, saying, "Brother, see

what we have become. Our people are in fright. There is no organisation that can stand for the people. We need to do something."

They hastily decided that a standing committee of the synod be convened the next day with as many members as they could gather.

The emergency committee meeting decided first to publish an appeal declaring that violence is not in accordance with the teaching of Christ. "We should desist." And they decided to start what became the Aizawl Citizen Committee. They selected members from all denominations of the Christian church and also some from the public offices.

At the first meeting Ralte was elected President of the Aizawl Citizen Committee. "The tasks assigned to me and the secretary were to protect the women, children and the general public from the MNF and from the army excesses," he recalls. "So it was like a nightmare." The affairs of the world are in the hand of God.

He approached the army heads, the heads of the administration of the district, people from the Assam state government and from Delhi. He had a copy of the defence of India rules. The rules outlined how the army should conduct itself in the case of internal disturbance.

"Once the army chief came to know that I had this book, everybody had to go according to the rules," he says. Within four months life was more or less manageable.

Next came the challenge of resolving the dispute. They organised a Christian Peace Committee with the Baptist Church. When they started the Christian Peace committee Ralte never

believed it could be possible to have the MNF and the Indian government people to talk across the table because the enmity was so bitter.

When they met the president of the MNF, they were surprised to find him receptive and willing to negotiate. "He himself was a Presbyterian church man," Ralte recalls. He laid down conditions for the Government of India to come to talk across the table. In May 1967 they met the prime minister, the home minister and the defence minister. But they said the MNF must be crushed. "So we were completely disappointed," he says. "But we were not downhearted. We said to ourselves, things may change, let's watch."

Settlement - The watching and persuading and negotiating lasted for 20 years until on 30 June 1986 the MNF and the Union Government signed a peace accord that paved the way to the formation of Mizoram State the following year. The churches' political involvement at such a fundamental level has a profound effect on the church and on the state. But this is due to organisation rather than a spontaneous response.

"The Mizo spirituality is so spiritual that at times it looks as if it lost its relevance in everyday life," Ralte says. "In comparison the moral life was not very conspicuous."

Worried that Christianity would lose its social and political relevance and vitality, the church established the Social Front, to Christianise politics, economics, day-to-day life and work ethics. The Mizo people claim to be 70 per cent Christian and indwelt by the revival spirit of God, but the church is asking how this strong profession of

faith translates into the issues of everyday life.

Today the biggest challenge is endemic corruption in business and politics - it is not easy to prosper in Mizoram without engaging in the system of backhanders. Current secretary of the Social Front Robert Halliday suggests that Mizos typically compartmentalise different aspects of their life.

Mizos can worship devotedly on a Sunday and still be swayed by underhand practices in their business life without appreciating the contradiction. Still with around half of the total population of the state associated with the church, and with well respected leaders, the Presbyterian Church is well positioned to make its voice heard. This is a key factor in the state elections.

The Presbyterian Church is campaigning for its people to vote and support candidates of moral integrity. Whichever direction the political leaders turn in Mizoram, they will be accompanied by the support and challenge of the church.





PRAYER LETTER No 126

'O Lord my God in Thee do I put my trust' (Psalm 7 v 1)

Relationships, networking, interactive, these are some of the words used nowadays to get people talking and engaging in communication, involved in what they are doing and building trust. I would put it more simply by saying **talk to people, listen to people, get to know them** and if you have a common purpose actively **work together** to achieve that.

Prayer is talking and listening to *God*, active and passive. Prayer is getting to know *God* and putting your trust in Him. Sometimes we find it difficult to pray or even how to start praying. Two simple acrostics to help us are the teaspoon (TSP) prayer and the ACTS prayer.

Teaspoon Prayer

T	Thanks	thank <i>God</i> for what he has done for you
S	Sorry	sorry for the wrongs you have done
P	Please	asking for help for those in need

This is very simplistic but it is a start.

ACTS Prayer

A	Adoration	addressing and worshipping <i>God</i>
C	Confession	confessing your sins, asking for forgiveness
T	Thanksgiving	thanking <i>God</i> for all his Blessings
S	Supplication	putting requests for yourself and for others Humbly before <i>God</i>

Relationships of any kind break down by not speaking and listening to each other, by being inactive. Build up your relationship with *God* by talking and listening to Him in prayer.

Almighty and Merciful *God*

We are sorry and ask forgiveness when we abandon you and are not in touch.

We thank you for the good things you give us and for always being ready to listen to us

We ask that in our weakness you will give us strength and hope to build our trust in you and to face the difficulties in our lives and to help those in need - Amen

Every Blessing
Beryl

Please note that for up-to-date prayer requests contact Beryl Cartwright (703717)

The following article has been extracted from Church News Service, and is in four parts, entitled:

PILGRIM PLACES: Historic Christian Sites in Britain: WHITBY - Part two



How did early Christianity spread in Britain?

If we take the year 600AD as our starting point, then the following picture emerges:

The Celtic Church begun by St Patrick in Ireland, was now established in Scotland, spreading out from its centre at Iona. Celtic Christianity was vigorously evangelistic and its monks showed great courage and determination in preaching the gospel and establishing a life style of simple piety, prayer and work. Then in 597 St Augustine landed in Kent, sent by Bishop Gregory of Rome. Augustine's mission was to make contact with the Christian settlements he knew already existed and persuade them to become a part of the Roman Church he represented.

For fifty years, between 600 and 650, these two forms of Christianity were working in England, both engaged in preaching the gospel and building up

converts and believers. So we have the older Celtic Christianity now joined by the Roman form of Christianity that came with Augustine. There were no major or important differences between these two organisations. In particular, they were both strongly Trinitarian and they were both committed to preaching the gospel and baptising converts. The differences between them were not in doctrine but rather in organisation and in the celebrations of the Christian year.

The Bishop of Canterbury was soon recognised as the Archbishop of all the churches and clergy and monks under his leadership and he, in turn, recognised the Bishop of Rome as his Superior. With the Celtic Church it was different. It also appointed Bishops but it had no Archbishop nor did it see itself in any way a part of the Roman/Canterbury administration. The Celtic Church had been established before Augustine arrived and so it regarded itself as the British Christian Church.

(Continued next month.)



SHOE BOXES 2008 1st - 18th November

We will be filling our boxes together on **SATURDAY 15th NOVEMBER** about **10.00 to 12.30**. Please come along and help if you can or just to support. We hope to have all the boxes wrapped by then. You can donate items to go in the boxes, see the list below. Or a donation for transport costs, which have obviously increased this year. If you would like to fill your own box then we suggest you bring it to the **SHOEBOX CELEBRATION SERVICE ON SUNDAY 23RD NOVEMBER**.

All items should be **NEW** or as new. Please include items from each category. Remember to make your box both **FUN** and **EDUCATIONAL!**
PLEASE DO NOT wrap any items individually.

✓ **TOYS - something to love**

Bear, soft toy, tennis ball, finger puppet, jigsaw, yo-yo, building blocks, small musical instrument, (for boys - trucks and cars, for girls - doll, clip-on earrings, make-up or hair accessories) etc.

✓ **EDUCATIONAL SUPPLIES - something to do**

Felt pens, pens, pencils, pencil sharpener, rubber, colouring book, notepad, picture/puzzle book, chalk, pencil case, stickers etc.

✓ **HYGIENE ITEMS - something to use**

Toothbrush, toothpaste, hairbrush, comb, hair clips, bar of wrapped soap, flannel etc.

✓ **OTHER ITEMS - something to eat or wear**

Sweets (sell-by date to be at least March of following year), gloves, scarf, sunglasses, cap, hat, bangles, necklaces etc.



✗ **DO NOT INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:**

✗ **FOOD** Chocolate, crisps, biscuits, tinned food or cakes (or any other food)

✗ **MEDICINE** Medicines or vitamins of any kind

✗ **WAR RELATED ITEMS** toy guns, soldiers or knives

✗ **CLOTHING** (other than listed above)

✗ **FRAGILE ITEMS** Glass containers; mirrors

✗ **LIQUIDS** of any kind including blow bubbles, shampoo, bubble bath, toiletry sets or aerosols

✗ **DANGEROUS ITEMS** Marbles or sharp objects - scissors or razors

✗ **NOVELS**

✗ **ANYTHING OF A POLITICAL OR RACIAL NATURE**

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- Oct 03 Kathy Lucas
 06 Mark Hazell
 07 James Hazell
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 09 Alex Nicoll
 10 Susan Wass
 13 Mark Stanley
 15 Chris Esapa
 19 Emma Holloway
 26 Hannah Hayes
 28 Karen Bruschi
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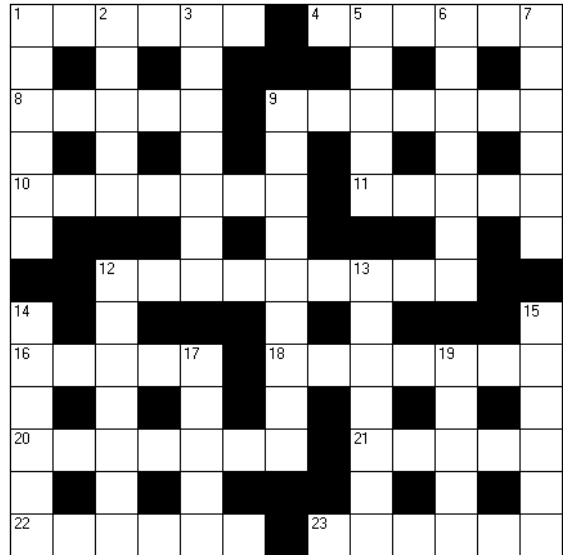
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September answers

Ps 51: 10-12

Create in me a pure heart o God and
 renew a steadfast spirit within me.
 Do not cast me from your presence
 or take your Holy Spirit from me.
 Restore to me the joy of your
 salvation and grant me a willing spirit
 to sustain me

Submitted by Maureen Miles



Across

- 1 Unexpectedly sudden (6); 4 Location of St Basil's 12 across(6); 8 ..which _____ throughout the earth (Zech 4.10); 9 Grazing described by Ps 37 as safe (7); 10 Sea to which the land of Judah stretched in Deut 34 (7); 11 Japanese rice dish (5); 12 Church containing the bishop's throne (9); 16 Body part preserved as worthy of veneration (5); 18 OT book and prophet (7); 20 Most like those who will inherit the earth, according to the sermon on the mount (7); 21 His servants discovered a well of fresh water in Gen 26 (5); 22 I will _____ them in their homes (Hos 11.11) (6); 23 Way out (6)

Down

- 1 Flaming missiles in Psalm 7 (6); 2 Sounds the church bells (5); 3 I will _____ pests from devouring your crops (Mal 3.11) (7); 5 Fertile spot in a desert (5); 6 Plans fail for lack of it, says Prov 15 (7); 7 Type of beetle (6); 9 Whitsun (9); 12 Brief formal prayer that varies with the day (7); 13 Delivering a lesson at a service (7); 14 Food fragments eaten by dogs in Mark 7 (6); 15 Gathered under the hen's wings in Luke 13 (6); 17 Angler's basket (5); 19 ..or an _____ that teaches lies (Hab 2.18) (5)

ROTAS

DEACON & STEWARDS

Oct	05	Pip & Beryl Cartwright
	12	Nanna Blackman & Irene Jephcott
	19	Susan Wass & Irene St Clair
	26	Jill & Robert McBride
Nov	02	Nanna Blackman & Val Obriain



COMMUNION

Oct	19 am	Pat Smith & Nanna Blackman	Irene Jephcott
		Jacqui Powlesland & Dave Wesson Preparation	
Nov	02 pm	Susan Wass	Iris Lindsay
		Preparation	



FLOWERS

Oct	05	Harvest
	12	Elaine Gudem
	19	Val Obriain
	26	Beryl Cartwright
Nov	02	Jacqui Powlesland



COFFEE

Oct	05	Susan Wass & Theo Howells
	12	Jill & Robert McBride
	19	Pat & Ben Smith
	26	Val Obriain & Sarah Hopwood
Nov	02	Marjorie Lee, Iris Lindsay & Judith Bungey
	Note:	Reserve Irene St Clair



REST & CHAT

Oct	09	Pat Smith & Gwen Mee
	16	Marjorie Lee
	23	Jean Stanley
	30	Iris Lindsay & Joan Currie
Nov	06	Jill & Robert McBride



Every effort has been made on the rota list to meet individual circumstances. However, please change with someone else if the dates are not convenient for you - Thank You