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OCTOBER THEMES

Oct. 2nd	<i>Faith and Servanthood</i> Luke 17:5-10 Communion	<i>A Minor Prophet and a Major Topic</i> Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4
Oct. 9th	Church Anniversary Prof. Paul Fiddes Regent's Park College	<i>And one came back ...</i> Luke 17:11-19
Oct. 16th	<i>The Widow's Plea</i> Luke 18:1-8	Megan Thompson Communion
Oct. 23rd	<i>Fighting against stereotyping</i> Luke 18:9-14	<i>Fighting Talk</i> Isaiah 1:10-18
Oct. 30th	Revd Carol Murray Moderator of the Central Baptist Association	Revd Graham Clarke Marshalswick Baptist Free Church

Dear Friends,

The 1999 film *Fight Club* introduced many people to the idea of 'white-collar boxing'. This form of boxing takes its name from the idea that it attracts men and women who work in 'white-collar' professions and who want to train to fight in boxing matches. Most people who take part have little experience of fighting and take part to get fit, but also for the thrill of engaging in one of the most basic of sports.



White-collar boxing was in the news last month because an event took place in Coventry Cathedral. This particular place of worship is renowned for its playing a significant part in peace-keeping since World War II. Some people have suggested that however noble is the art of self-defence, boxing is an inappropriate activity to take place in Coventry of all cathedrals.

While boxing in a cathedral might be unusual, there has always been a relationship between sport and faith. Paul used a number of sporting metaphors about 'running a race' and, yes, about boxing. A number of football clubs had their origins in church. Everton was founded by St Domingo's Methodist Church to allow the congregation to play sport all year around. Southampton FC was founded at St. Mary's Church by the young men's association. The new stadium that was opened in 2001 is named St Mary's to mark the club's beginnings.

Sport often generates bad publicity – drug-taking, cheating and money-grabbing are just a few of the criticisms that are levelled at some athletes. However, the best in humanity can sometimes also be seen on the sports field.

In the Olympics this summer two runners collided in the women's 5000 metres. One of them, Abbey D'Agostino, was quite badly injured, but the other, Nikki Hoblin, helped her along and encouraged her to finish the race. When Jonny Brownlee was close to

collapse from exhaustion when leading the last Triathlon of the season, his brother Alistair came behind him and gave up his own hope of winning in order to make sure his brother finished.

Love one another, said Jesus, as I have loved you.

In the 1992 Olympics, Derek Redmond, a British 400 metre runner, pulled his hamstring in the semi-final. He was desperate to finish the race for which he had trained for years, but was in agony. His father, jumped out of the stands and helped him along the track so that he could finish the race. How much so will your heavenly Father support you to enable you to finish the race.

The eternal God is your refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms. Deuteronomy 33:27

Best wishes,

Simon

PASTORAL CARE MATTERS

The Minister, Simon and members of the Pastoral Team are always happy to make appointments to visit, talk or pray with you. This can take place in your home, at Cross Street or at our homes at your convenience and at mutually convenient times.



Our Minister, Simon (01727 854041) can be contacted direct.

Brian Branch (01727 852738), Marjorie and Leslie Jones (01727 841845) Jessie Blair (01727 768887) and Ray Saunders (01727 830260) are also active members of the Pastoral Team.

Simon and the team hope you will notify them of anybody who you think may be ill, lonely or who needs help.

Pastoral Team



Pastor's News

A brief update on a number of items that might be of interest to the congregation and the wider readership of the magazine.

Church Anniversary – 9th October

Our Church Anniversary preacher this year will be Revd Prof Paul Fiddes from Regent's Park College. Paul was Principal of the College when I began training there 25 years ago this month and I'm delighted to be able to welcome him to Dagnall Street for this special day in the church's life.

St Albans Abbey Ecumenical Day Chaplaincy

I have been asked to become one of the Ecumenical Day Chaplains in the Abbey. The commitment is to be present in the Abbey on one day each month and this begins this month.

I will also be preaching at the **Free Church Service** in the Lady Chapel at **11.00am** on **5th October**.

Marriage Blessing

Our daughter Verity and her fiancé Paul Broadbent will be getting married this month and there will be a service of blessing at Dagnall Street at **11.00am** on **Saturday 29th October**. All members of the Dagnall Street community are welcome to attend.

Marshalswick/Dagnall Street Shared Worship

As part of our approximately quarterly plan for shared worship, the Revd Graham Clarke, Minister at Marshalswick Baptist Free Church will be leading worship here on **Sunday 30th October at 6.30pm** when we will be joined by members of Graham's congregation

Messy Church

The next Messy Church will be on **November 26th**. Further details next month.

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92.6FM Radio Verulam and Premier Radio



My regular *Premier Radio* slot to discuss some of the latest films from a faith perspective will be on Thursday 13th October 8.00am and 9.00am. You can also hear me discussing the latest films at the cinema and on television with Danny Smith every Friday from 6.30pm – 7.00pm on **Radio Verulam 92.6FM**.

Simon



Visit to Alcester Baptist Church Sunday 21st August 2016

Some of you might recall that, on 12th July 2015 we were visited by members of Alcester Baptist Church. We share an important piece of history with Alcester Baptist Church as we are both churches that (along with seven others) were formed in 1640! They gave a delightful presentation during the evening service on that occasion and, during their visit, invited us to come to Alcester and spend time with them.

For those of you that don't know, Alcester is a market town and civil parish of Roman origin at the junction of the River Alne and River Arrow in Warwickshire. Following a call from our church secretary Chris Penn, eight of us set off on an overcast Sunday afternoon.



We are grateful to Chris and Trevor Oakley for agreeing to drive the six-hour round-trip. Upon departure from Dagnall Street, it was clearly stated that, whilst we were travelling in two vehicles “in convoy”, this was not a race. Yet, the phrase “Have we lost Trevor yet?” could clearly be heard coming from the back of Chris’ car on numerous occasions!

When we arrived in Alcester, we were impressed with the bunting that adorned the high street, only to discover that this has nothing to do with our visit! We received a warm wel-

come from the Minister and members of the church, allowing us to have some light refreshments before our tour of the church and of the town of Alcester commenced. Following our tour, we were treated to a sumptuous buffet, before saying our farewells and heading back home.

The generosity of the people at Alcester Baptist Church, and their genuine enthusiasm to see us, was quite humbling. Especially so as this was the afternoon before a week-long pirate-themed holiday club was due to run at the church. Knowing how much goes into running a holiday club, we were most surprised that some of our hosts were playing a key role in delivering the holiday club as well!

As we left, we were each presented with a framed picture from our brief time in Alcester. Once again, we were humbled by the generosity of this, not to mention the speed and efficiency with which these framed photos were produced!



(Chris)

This trip was a wonderful opportunity to share in fellowship with a fellow "1640" Baptist church, being able to observe both the similarities and the differences between our two churches. I am sure I share the sentiment of all in our party when I say that it was a delightful experience and a great time of shared fellowship.

Danny Smith



(Andrew)



Dear Friends

I wish to thank you all for the help, visits, meals, cards, flowers and transport help you have given to Lennie and myself during her long and painful illness (various). She fought with great courage and did her best to be cheerful.

She is now at rest with Her Lord.

Since Lennie's passing, I myself have received much kind help for which I sincerely thank you.

After sixty one years of doing things together there is a huge vacuum, there is nothing that can replace Lennie.

Again, thank you for the dozens of sympathy cards that have come through my letterbox.

God Bless you,

John Luck

Mission News

It was encouraging to hear at the last Church meeting, the positive efforts we as a church are making in order to be more sustainable. Trevor explained what we are doing, where we might improve, and explained some of the constraints our 1885 church building impose upon our aim to improve our “Eco Church” sustainability rating. The overall objective is, as we are well aware, to deal with the effects of climate change – and, ultimately, to care for God’s creation.

The rich countries of the west may be able to cope with climate change, but what about the people in countries with few resources? BMS World Mission recently reported on a project in East Asia, that is actively working to address climate change.

Jack lives and works in a beautiful country in East Asia where, supported by BMS, he focuses on making factories more environmentally friendly. He manages a small consultancy company, working with the ready-made garment and textile industries. It is challenging as he works with hugely polluting tanneries. “I’m focused on helping improve factories,” he says, “I help them identify opportunities to make improvements to their processes and procedures to have a better impact on the environment.”

Asia is exquisite. From the beautiful Bengal tigers to the heavenly Himalayas and the phenomenal faces that inhabit the land. It’s a continent of awe and wonder but climate change doesn’t make any exceptions for beauty and, experts warn that Asia may be hit hardest by climate change. The impacts will be devastating. Hundreds of millions of people will likely lose their homes to floods, famine and rising sea levels. The very existence of the Bengal tiger is threatened, and the degradation of ecosystems poses threats to the economic, social and cultural stability of the continent. Although all this is heart-breaking, we can find inspiration from the Bible and hope from BMS mission workers like Jack. “I believe we should care for nature because God made this earth for us to enjoy and use,” he says. “But he also wanted us to tend and look after it. If we stop caring about nature I think it’s a sign we’ve stopped caring about God.”

Jack has seen climate change take its toll on the terrain of the country where he lives in East Asia. Weather extremes like flooding, cyclones and storm surges are becoming more and more frequent and having destructive impacts on the land. These storms have been especially damaging to the land in coastal regions. “Salinity intrusion is a recent issue I’ve seen,” says Jack. “Excess salt water due to the effects of cyclones is damaging land that was once used for rice growing. Because of this the land cannot support rice growing and so the loss of agricultural land has an awful impact on people.” The main goal of the consultancy company Jack manages is to help identify energy reduction opportunities for factories. These efforts help significantly reduce the carbon footprint of a garment factory by up to 40 per cent. “We advise people on corporate social responsibility, energy and waste reduction, fire safety, occupational health, chemical safety and engineering solutions,” says Jack. “We also carry out capacity building by training workers, engineers and managers.”

One specific way that he has helped to make a difference is by working with factories to optimise their use of dye chemicals. This can lead to a big reduction in the use of water for washing during the dyeing process. Often a 30 or 40 per cent reduction can be achieved. This reduces the outgoing toxic effluent, which ultimately means less pollution in rivers.

As Jack leads BMS’ efforts to care for creation in East Asia, he recognises that it’s really all about caring for people. “If you love your neighbour, you should care about climate change,” he says. “When we treat our planet as something to use with little regard for the consequences, then effectively we are showing little love for our creator and our fellow man.” God saw all of his creation was good, and we have a chance to keep it that way. Our world is in a fragile state, but as people like Jack lead the way, we find hope for the future. Together we can make a difference. “We should care for God’s creation. Everything that was created was for God’s glory,” says Jack. “It may seem like an impossible task, but if everyone in the UK did what they could, the cumulative effect would be tremendous.”

Chris Penn

Next Delivery to the Genesis Shop – Sheffield

Our next delivery to the Genesis shop on the Manor Estate in Sheffield will be arranged this month. The need for good quality clothing, footwear and soft furnishings is as great as it has ever been and we hope that enough bags will have been donated during the next few weeks to enable us to make our next trip up to Sheffield worthwhile.

This very necessary voluntary enterprise has been running since 1992 and, coincidentally, grew out of the joint churches 350th anniversary celebration event which took place in March 1990. 26 years on from that memorable anniversary, is a timely reminder of the way in which that initial commitment has continued over the years. So search out those unwanted but serviceable clothes, put them in black plastic bags, and leave them in the lower store room at the Cross Street Centre. You can be assured that they will end up in a very worthwhile place, and at the same time will contribute to our sustainability targets!

Chris Penn



CROSS STREET CAFÉ

I have just returned from the Cross Street reopening for business following the Summer break.

We are always surprised at the comments about missing the relaxed friendliness of our special form of putting people at ease.

Many differing visitors comment that they cannot find anywhere else among the other coffee houses of St Albans such a welcoming and relaxed atmosphere that they find at Cross Street.

Dagnall Street is so special. It hums with chatter and humour.. It really has a life of its own.

Rosemary



Heritage Open Days

A big thank you to everyone involved in the recent Heritage Open Days when the church was open for visitors along with many other buildings of historic interest around the country.

We joined the scheme in 2008 when Mike Plant set up the arrangements and took responsibility for organising the opening of the church. This year our visitor numbers were up on last year which in turn were up on the year before, so it would seem appropriate to continue with this scheme into next year.

In past years we have opened for the Saturday and Sunday only, but HOD's are available for 4 days, and it has been suggested that we might consider opening for each of the available day's next year which will be from Thursday 7th to Sunday 10th September 2017.

If you have a view either way on whether we should open for 4 days or just the usual 2 days, and if you think you may be available to steward, particularly on the Thursday and/or Friday, please let me know. Opening times are likely to be from 10am to 6pm Thursday to Saturday and 1 – 5pm on the Sunday.

Chris Penn



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ENGLISH HERITAGE

Amy Louise Robinson

One of the responsibilities of the church secretary, is to keep the Church membership book up-dated. We have two books; the current one was started in 1970, but the earlier book, has as its first entry William Wells from Hitchin, who joined the church in 1776 and died on 28th November 1840. It is fascinating reading through the early entries, wondering who the earlier members of the church here at Dagnall Street were. I have no idea who William Wells was, why he joined the church here from Hitchin, or where he lived when he died after 64 years in membership!

However, if we move on to a date almost 91 years ago, we find entry number 895, Amy Robinson, who came into membership on 14th October 1925. Her address was 6 Upper Worley Road and the record shows that she died on 18th January 1973. We actually know quite a bit about her, particularly as her name lives on in the housing charity she bequeathed in her will. By all accounts, she was something of a landlady, owning a number of local properties that she left in trust on her death.

The Amy Louise Robinson Charity was set up to, “ --- provide housing accommodation either free of rent and outgoings or at nominal rents for needy men and women of the age of sixty-five years or over and being normally resident in the City of St Albans or having family or other association therewith and with preference being given to persons who are habitual members of the congregation of Dagnall Street Baptist Church St Albans --- ”

The charity, which is a member of the Almshouse Association, currently manages 18 one bedroom apartments, located within St Albans, and from time to time, as “charity beneficiaries” move on, are able to offer accommodation to new applicants. The charity trustees are able to consider applicants on merit, so if you know of anyone who you believe might wish to become a “charity beneficiary”, I can arrange for an application form to be made available.

Chris Penn

Pastoral News

From 'Facing the Storm' by Eddie Askew.

“As individual Christians we leave a mark. Most of us lead unremarkable lives.”

Actually, I'm not too sure of that. When you get to know people you find few who are “ordinary”. No-one is exactly like another. Each is remarkable in individual experience. Each of us has something of value to give. But we lead unremarkable lives, rarely producing headlines in the newspapers. Yet our presence in the world, our faithful performance of the little acts of daily living makes its mark. However small, it's our mark, and the world will never be quite the same again.

While looking at the recent open day display in the vestibule we were reminded of the many people past and present who have contributed to this fellowship of ours.

Please remember in your prayers during this coming month those of our fellowship who are unwell, have lost loved ones recently, or undergoing hospital treatment.

Pastoral Team.



NEW BABY NEWS!



We would like to introduce you to our new foster daughter, Talisha. We have been visiting her in the neonatal special care unit since she was three weeks old. Our hope is to adopt her, although her future is yet to be determined by the court.

We are not permitted to divulge the details of Talisha's history and this will remain personal to her but we would appreciate your prayers for her short and long term health and that God will work with all those involved in her care to ensure the best decisions are made for Talisha's future. We also ask that you pray for Annabel, William and us, and, in particular, that we may remain strong and resilient at a time of uncertainty and that God will provide us with the resources to cope with whatever the future holds. She is absolutely beautiful (we are biased, of course!) and a real blessing and we look forward to introducing Talisha to her new church family.

Tom and Velma



CHURCH & CENTRE ROOM BOOKINGS



To contact Danny Smith regarding Church and Centre room booking enquiries:

Tel: 01727 568162 (new number)

email: bookings@dsbc.org.uk

Monday Table Tennis/ Games Club



We meet every Monday from 10.30am till 1pm in the main Hall for Table Tennis – Snooker – Pool – Carpet Bowls – Chess – Draughts and other table games

All are welcome for fun and fellowship.

Trevor Oakley



SCRABBLE CLUB



Scrabble Club will be held on Tuesday 11th and Tuesday 25th October at 2.30pm in the Cross Street Centre.

FELLOWSHIP LUNCH

The Fellowship Lunch this month will be held on Thursday, 20th October at 12.30pm in the Cross Street Café.

Everyone is welcome.

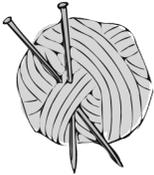
Diane Graham



WHO LET THE DAD'S OUT!!

Who Let the Dad's Out will be held on Saturday, 8th October, 10—12pm in the Lower Hall.

Come along and have some fun!



KNITTING GROUP

The knitting group will meet on Tuesday, 18th October in Cross Street from 11am—12.30pm and welcomes anyone who would like to join with us. Some bring their own knitting or crochet projects whilst other knit and crochet for the charity 'Knit for Peace'.



DAYCARE

Daycare meets every Tuesday during school term time, at the Age Concern Centre, St Peters Street. If you know of anyone who would like to come along for lunch and companionship please contact Jessie Blair on email: jessieblair37@gmail.com.

A Continuation of the Rendezvous Visit to Dunstable Priory.



After our walk outside we went into the Church. Built in 1132, the original Priory Church was much bigger than the present one. After the Dissolution of the Monasteries, the church was plundered of its valuables and became 'a quarry for the whole neighbourhood'. The remaining nave was used as a parish church.

From then onwards, Church life was affected by the political and religious upheavals of the following centuries, especially the Tudors.

By the end of Elizabeth's reign, Puritanism became very active in South Bedfordshire and Puritans and Anabaptists opposed the Rector. Later another Rector was an extremist and in 1634 left to find religious freedom in Massachusetts. Thereafter, there were many factions in Dunstable.

In 1644, during a service, Royalist soldiers from Leighton Buzzard raided the Church. The congregation barricaded themselves in but the soldiers forced the doors open and shot the Rector and wounded several of the congregation. Needless to say, this embittered the congregation even more! In 1656, things calmed down when Oliver Cromwell was asked to select a Rector after 14 years without one. Isaac Bringhurst was a good man who did much to reconcile the factions.

Various donors restored parts of the building during the 18th to 20th centuries. All the changes have been designed to help the congregation to continue to praise and worship God, started so long ago in Dunstable by the Augustian canons.

There are many interesting artifacts reflecting the long history of the Church. There is an intricately carved 14th century screen, which has 5 open bays. These are rare. There are also some Tudor carved posts parallel to the organ pipes that are most unusual. Several of the monumental brasses have been moved and mounted on the wall. Some are copies as the originals are on display in the Victoria and Albert Museum. There is a modern sculpture of the Madonna on a pillar. Her arms are outstretched. We couldn't find out the name of the sculptor.

There is a photograph of the Fayrey Pall. The original is on permanent loan to the Victoria and Albert Museum, as is Henry Fayrey's monumental brass. The Pall is believed to be English and made circa 1500. It is intricately embroidered on velvet and gold cloth and depicts scenes of John the Baptist preaching with Henry's parents kneeling by him, their coats of arms, 12 male members of the Fraternity and 12 women guild members. It also included the arms of the Mercers' and Haberdashers' Companies as Henry belonged to both.

Hanging nearby is an Ancient Bell. It was believed to be given to the Priory during the Black Death in 1349. It was made by the parishioners and called Mary. After the Reformation, it was moved to the Town Hall and used as a fire-bell. It was cast by John Rufford and weighs 1 and a quarter hundredweights. There is also a brass memorial to soldiers who died in the Boer War.

There are several stained glass windows around the Church. Some are old but John Hayward made the modern ones. One of the most fascinating things is the original door showing the bullet holes made by the Royalist soldiers in 1644.

We enjoyed our visit and would recommend it as a good day out.

Linda Williams

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Memories of 9/11



I have memories of 2001 when the twin towers were toppled. At the time it was a novelty to have a giant TV screen in pubs and restaurants. Chris and Gerry were visiting us and we had taken them to Windsor. We were sat at our table in a restaurant which overlooked the Castle and were enjoying our meal. As I was facing the TV screen I wondered why they were showing *Towering Inferno* over and over again.

A waiter came to our and asked, correctly, if he had picked up on an American accent. We said, “Yes, Michiganders!”. He then explained what we had been watching on the TV screen - the destruction of the Twin Towers in New York. We watched in disbelief, seeing the debris and watching the people leaping for their lives.

Chris and Gerry said they would go home immediately—then it came on the TV that there were no flights in and out of New York until further notice.

I still recall their total disbelief.

This wasn't the first US tragedy that we had experienced.

The day JFK was shot Geoff had been using *The Daily Mail* to draw the fire in our lounge. The paper was upside down and he turned the paper the right way round so that he could read the shocking story to me. This country had taken to this man and followed his career closely, so the events of that day were a huge shock.

How these images flit through our minds for ever!



October

*2nd—Julie Littlemore
16th—Michael Rowley
24th—Barbara Tant
30th—Rosemary Ware*

'Being Human' - a few lines

**We cannot share the strength of a stallion,
the keenest of a hawk,
the curious charm of an artichoke,
but we were enjoined to name them.
Was it to compensate that we
were given the power of words?
To lighten the earth with love
and laughter or burden it
with our self-love and our fears.**

These lines were written by my friend, Mary Skinner, who died in March 2012. Her family published her book of poems, 'Rocky Places', after her death.

Linda Williams

NO WALLS

“Run and tell that young man with the measuring line that there are going to be so many people in Jerusalem that it will be too big to have walls.” Zachariah 2: v 5

The Cross Street Centre is a wonderful blessing to Dagnall Street, but it could become a strait jacket. It could hold us in and make us content in our own little world.

The large windows and the open aspect are not just nice to have. They are a vital part of our thinking because they remind us every day that we need to look out into the world, and not be content to sit back and just wait for people to come n.

Zachariah had this striking vision of a Jerusalem that was so big it was as if it had no walls. Its boundaries embraced everyone. That is how we should think of our ministry today—not as Sam Goldwyn is supposed to have said, “Include me out”.

I think of Cross Street as a BRIDGE, because there are many who will come across into it, who might not be happy to walk across the big divide into one of our worship services. I also think of it as a BASE, which is giving us strength and stability, so that some of our number can set out on new ventures in the city, knowing that there is a place to return to.

Most of all it is a BEGINNING, because my Dagnall Street is not complete. There are many more people yet to be touched, and loved out there. Not just as potential converts and church members, but as part of an extended sphere of influence. And that influence is going both ways. The Holy Spirit has as much to give to us from outside as He has to give us from the inside.

All this has to unfold, so we need to make sure the walls of our minds are so way out, we can take everyone in.

Words by John Peters from the magazine October 1990



INTRODUCING OUR MEMBERS

Reflections of Dagnall Street

Ellen Westell, 1897

These are so many and varied that it is difficult to choose which to mention. My earliest one is of being taken to Sunday School by my father who was a teacher and also a librarian, and waiting with him after the other little ones had gone home while he changed library books for the bigger girls and boys. I went all through the Sunday School under the superintendency of Mr Fisk from the infant class with its well loved teacher, Miss Pellant, to the Bible Class where Miss E Fisk was a very helpful teacher. After a few years in this class my friend, Alice Smith (Mrs Ernest Stevens) and I started teaching a class of little girls. Again I went through the school to the top class. When the graded system was introduced I was asked to be leader of an open morning school which was given up twelve years ago when the Children's Church was founded, in which I worked for ten happy years. Three of my teachers are specially remembered, Miss Maggie Bowers (Mrs Thomas), Miss Joiner and Mr R Fisk, nephew of the superintendent.

There was one week-night meeting for children, the Band of Hope; where we were taught the evil caused by strong drink and the blessing of total abstinence. Mr Tom Wiles was the leader. He was followed by Mr W Moores and my eldest brother.

The Christian Endeavour Society, which I joined when seventeen years of age, with its weekly prayer meeting led by members and monthly consecration meeting led by the Rev C M Hardy was a great help to all the members. The various committees gave everyone something to do, and was good training for further Christian work. Four members entered the ministry, Rev Walter Wakefield, who died a few years ago, Rev James Bishop, Rev Frank Savage and Rev William Westell of Overbrook, Ottawa, Canada. These three have retired during this year. A New Year's Eve social in the large schoolroom followed by a watch night service

In the church conducted by the Rev C M Hardy was one of the special events of the year.

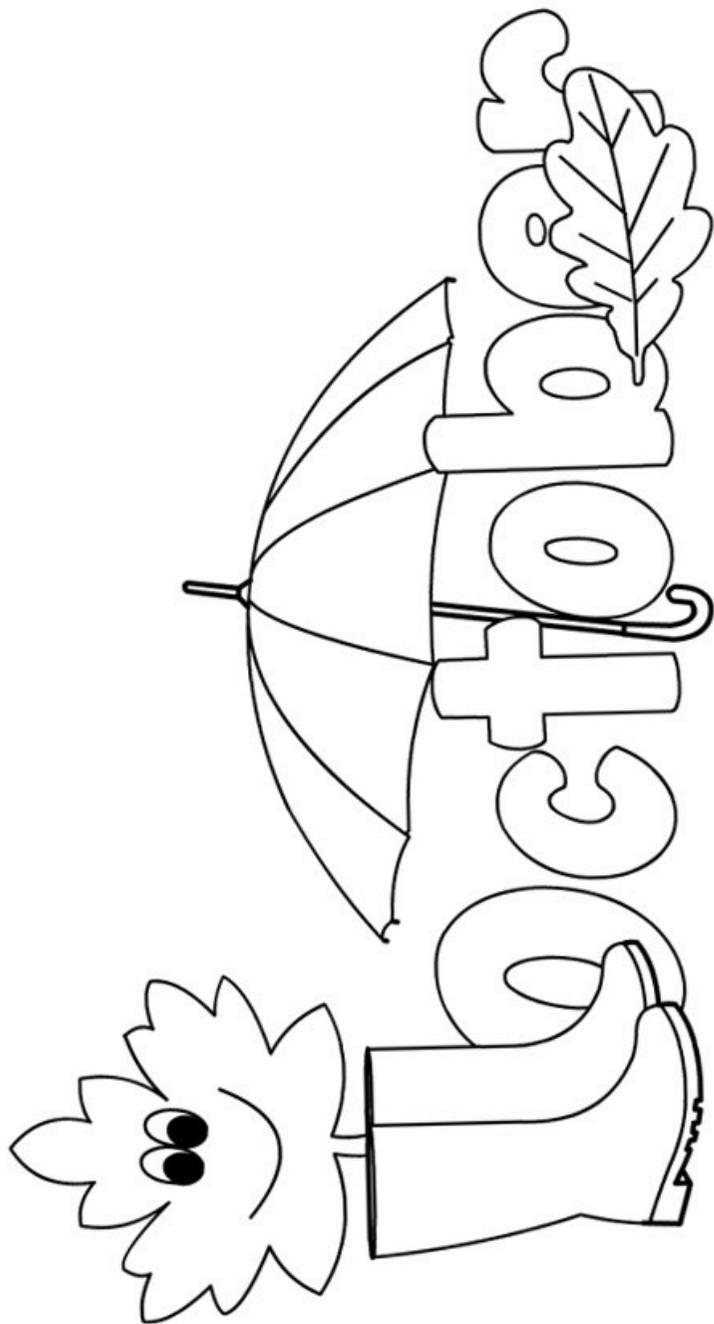
I must mention one other meeting.. The Girls' Circle, a friendly, informal gathering where we did needlework for a stall at the annual sale of work. Mrs Avery and Mrs Hunt were the leaders and very happy evening were spent. Each year a summer garden party and a Christmas party wre held at the home of Mr and Mrs Hunt. They were an ideal host and hostess, and gave us all a most enjoyable time.

Last but not least, our minister, the Rev C M Hardy. He was the head of all the societies and it was a great privilege to be brought up under his influence and teaching.

“For all the love that from our earliest days
Has gladdened life and guarded all our ways,
We bring Thee, Lord, our song of grateful praise,
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!”

Written by Ellen Westell for the Church Magazine November 1947





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COPY DUE DATE FOR NOVEMBER ISSUE THURSDAY 20th OCTOBER 2016

Please note that I have a new mobile number if you need to contact me. The new number is under my name at the end of this piece.

On September 13th we had the hottest September day since 1934! On the 15th we had a tremendous thunderstorm and then it was Autumn!! Our weather is nothing short of unpredictable. When you leave the house you have to be prepared for all weathers!

It was nice to get some normality back to my life. Daycare started again on September 13h after the Summer break. It was nice to see everyone although we had sadly lost Evelyn.

The Heritage weekend was successful and it was nice to have visitors to talk to and tell them about the Church. This was my third year of doing a stint and I learn a little more about Dagnell Street every time I do it. Brian's (Branch) display is ever more impressive and I love the very old photographs where all the men have sideburns and whiskers and all the ladies have their bonnets on. It was also nice to look through an album from the 1990's which commemorated an anniversary of the church as all the members at that time had submitted a photograph of themselves and their families. I recognised quite a few—I also recognised some of the fashions of the time!

After the explosion of the Summer I have started to cut my garden back. Although it is only small I still seem to produce quite a bit of garden waste and, in Bedfordshire, we have garden bags to put the garden refuse in—they are never big enough!! I am also emptying out my hanging baskets and have brought pansies and ivy to fill them for the Autumn and Winter. Next year I am going to save up and invest in a cordless lawnmower because, even though it is very small, when I cut my grass with the lawnmower I have at the moment I seem to get tangled in the flex. I think it must be me!!

My grandson, Freddie, in Australia is growing bigger all the time although he has an ear infection at the moment and is causing his mum and dad some sleepless nights!

All the Christmas bits are appearing in the shops and I was reminded that it is only 3 months 'till Christmas!! It's certainly true that time goes faster and faster the older you get!

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ON THIS DAY

10th October 1633

How can leaving out one little word cause so much trouble? Robert Barker and Martin Lucas were fined £300 and lost their printers' licence today in 1633, for leaving the word 'not' out of the Bible. Admittedly, it did leave the Seventh Commandment reading: 'Thou *shalt* commit adultery!', but anyone can make a mistake. It's not known whether any straying husband or wife quoted it in their defence, but it would certainly would have brought a smile to the face of many a churchgoer.

16th October 1897

Back in 1838 two chemists concocted a curry powder recipe. The result was disgusting. They tried everything but there was no improvement. The barrel was exiled to the cellar. A few years later the chemists stumbled over it and decided to try the sauce again; it had fermented, mellowed and was now delicious. They were John Lea and William Perrins and their Worcestershire sauce has been produced in the same factory since this day in 1897.



**DSBC DAYCARE CENTRE
AUTUMN SALE
8th NOVEMBER**

Come and have a cup of coffee and a slice of cake at the annual Autumn Sale at Daycare.

Perfect opportunity to buy some early Christmas presents and meet the volunteers and members over a cuppa.

We would also be grateful for anything that you would like to donate for the sale.

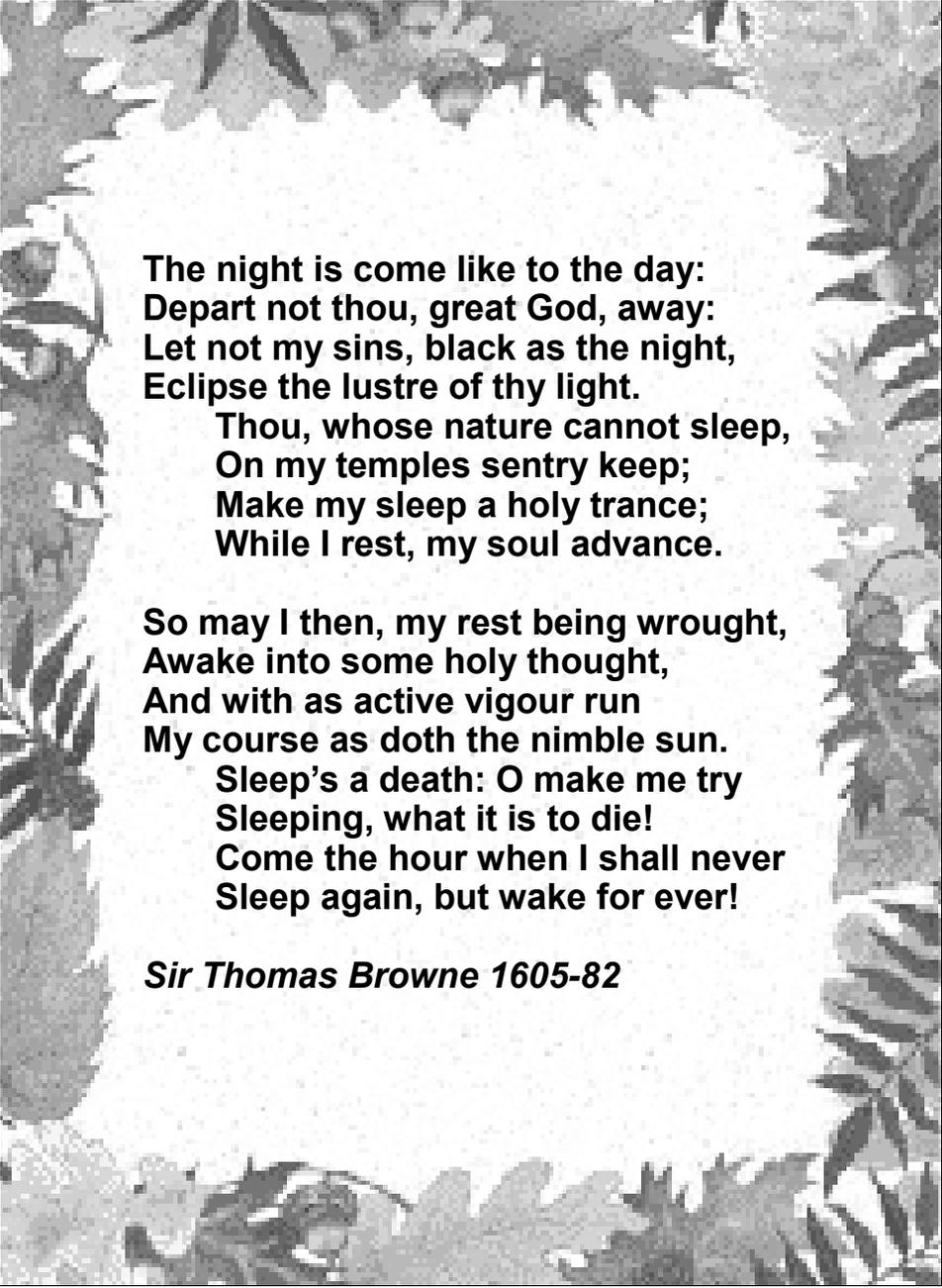
***Come and visit us from 10.30 onwards at the Age Concern Building
St Peters Street***

Looking forward to seeing you!

PSALM 27
A Psalm of David

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the strength of life; of whom shall I be afraid?
When the wicked, even mine enemies and my foes, came upon me to eat up my flesh, they stumbled and fell.
Though an host should encamp against me, my heart shall not
fear: though war should rise against me, in this will I be confident.
One thing have I desired of the Lord, that will I seek after; that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to enquire in his temple.
For in the time of trouble he shall hide me in his pavilion: in the secret of his tabernacle shall he hide me; he shall set me up upon a rock.
And now shall mine head be lifted up above mine enemies round about me: therefore will I offer in his tabernacle sacrifices of joy; I will sing, yea, I will sing praises unto the Lord.
Hear, O Lord, when I cry with my voice: have mercy also upon me, and answer me.
When thou said, Seek ye my face; my heart said unto thee, Thy face, Lord, will I seek.
Hide not thy face far from me; put not thy servant away in anger: thou hast been my help; leave me not, neither forsake me, O God of my salvation.
When my father and my mother forsake me, then the Lord will take me up.
Teach me thy way, O Lord, and lead me in a plain path, because of mine enemies.
Deliver me not over unto the will of mine enemies: for false witnesses are risen up against me, and such as breathe out cruelty.
I had fainted, unless I had believed to see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.
Wait on the Lord: be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart: wait, I say, on the Lord.





**The night is come like to the day:
Depart not thou, great God, away:
Let not my sins, black as the night,
Eclipse the lustre of thy light.**

**Thou, whose nature cannot sleep,
On my temples sentry keep;
Make my sleep a holy trance;
While I rest, my soul advance.**

**So may I then, my rest being wrought,
Awake into some holy thought,
And with as active vigour run
My course as doth the nimble sun.**

**Sleep's a death: O make me try
Sleeping, what it is to die!
Come the hour when I shall never
Sleep again, but wake for ever!**

Sir Thomas Browne 1605-82

What, When and Where October 2016

Saturday	1	Prayer Hour 10.00am Cross Street Room 5
Wednesday	5	Free Church Service in the Abbey Rev'd Simon Carver, Dagnall Street Baptist Church
Saturday	8	Who Let the Dads Out? 10.00am – 12.00pm Lower Hall
Sunday	9	Church Anniversary 10.30am Prof. Paul Fiddes, Regent's Park College
Tuesday	11	Bible Study 10.30am – 12.00pm Cross Street Centre 8.00pm at the Manse
Tuesday	11	Scrabble Club 2.30pm Cross Street Centre
Tuesday	18	Knitting Group 11.00am – 12.30pm Cross Street Centre
Thursday	20	Baptist Fellowship Lunch 12.30pm Cross Street Centre
Thursday	20	Deacons' Meeting 7.45pm Room 5 Cross Street Centre
Tuesday	25	Scrabble Club 2.30pm Cross Street Centre
Tuesday	1 Nov	Nov Church Meeting & Deacon's Election 7.45pm Room 3 Cross Street Centre

Regular Events

Mondays: Table tennis & Games Club 10.30am – 1.30pm Lower Hall

Tuesdays: (term time) Daycare 10am – 2pm Age Concern St Peters Street

Wednesdays: (term time) Toddlers 09.45am – 11.15am Lower Hall

Fridays: (term time) TFN 6.30pm – 8.30pm Lower Hall

Fridays: (term time) TFN Seniors 7.00pm – 8.30pm Cross Street Centre

Sunday Services

10.30am and 6.30pm, with groups for children at the 10.30am service.