

DAGNALL STREET BAPTIST CHURCH
AND
CROSS STREET CENTRE ST ALBANS

October

Be present.

Let the day flow with grace.

Expect joy. Be positive.

Serve with compassion.

Speak only kindness.

Impart only love.

Never forget you're not alone.

Give thanks for everything.

See goodness in others. mary davis

EVERY DAY SPIRIT
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OCTOBER 2025

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FREE CHURCH SERVICES
St Albans Cathedral

This service is celebrated monthly on the first Wednesday of every month at 11am with our Free Church Chaplain and other ministers.

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OCTOBER SERVICES

5th October	Rev Mark Welch ‘Why did Jesus need to be Baptised?’ Mt 3: 13-17
12th October	Rev Mark Welch Church Anniversary Service ‘Faith that connects’ Acts 2: 42-47
19th October	Rev Mark Welch All Age Family Worship
26th October	Visiting Minister

Dear Friends

How do you hear God’s voice? Jesus said: ‘My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me.’ (Jn 10:27). One of the ways in which God has spoken is through Scripture. Most importantly, we have the words of Jesus, which we can find in the Gospels. So, for example, how do you discover what God thinks about how we should relate to other people?

Someone asked Jesus, out of all the thousands of commands in the Old Testament, which are the most important ones? Jesus replied: ‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbour as yourself.’ On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.’ (Mt 22:37-28). In these few simple

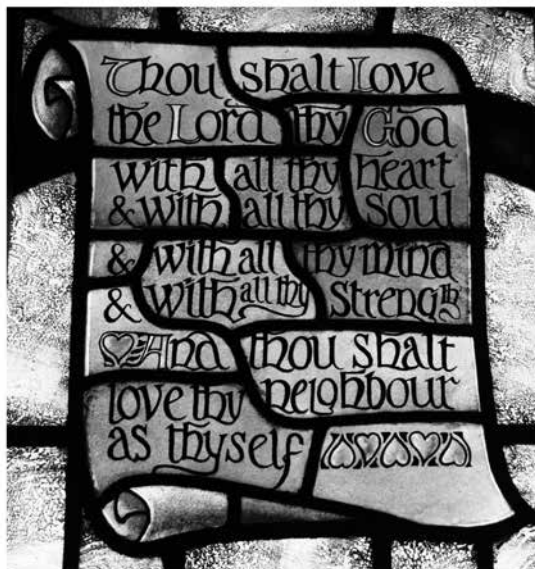
words, Jesus is telling us that the way we express our love for God is by loving the people with whom we have contact, who are made in God's image. (In case there is any doubt about this, every human being on the face of the planet is made in the image of God).

In these incredibly simple words, where Jesus quotes the Old Testament and summarises all of scripture, we hear God's voice telling us that to worship God is to love people. We may not always agree with other people, but we are always called to love them. The way we love other people is to think about how we would like to be treated, and to treat other people in that way.

Sometimes we get hung up on how many hymns we sing, or what colour the candles are, or if we have candles or not. It's fine to have personal preferences about all of these things, yet ultimately none of those things really matters as much as how loving and kind we are to the people we encounter. So, hearing God's voice helps us to separate the trivial things in life from the big strategic things that really matter. We hear God's voice in the words of Jesus, which tell us how to live out our love for God by loving the people he has made.

With every blessing,

Mark





PASTORAL TEAM

The 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.

Martin Taylor (07787 555730), Marjorie Jones (01727 422930), Jill Potter (07779 797928), Liz Blight (07884 431051) and Alison Ashmore (01727 867335), are active members of the Pastoral Team.

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

Mark Welch

Lord, Hear Our Prayer

PASTORAL NEWS

Many people are back from their holidays after a very sunny summer. If you are away or still going away I hope there is still sunshine wherever you are. Perhaps we might even have an Indian Summer in October.

Autumn term has now begun for the children and we pray that they are all settling into new classes or schools. We also think of those who are going to University or are starting work.

'Autumn Term' has also begun in church too. Cross Street has re-opened, Toddlers has started a new term and the Harvest Festival was celebrated on the 28th. Mark is bringing the music group together. Please pray for all that is happening.

Please also pray for the following friends and anyone with illness or problems that we have not heard about:

Sandra and John Carpenter, Olly Branch and family, Linda Williams, Jenny Johnson, Krisztina Schreiner, Veronica Williams.

We also remember the following friends who can no longer get to join us:

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John Peters, Bill and Elizabeth Allen, Brenda and Jack Passmore.

PRAYER

***Dear Lord,
Help us to see thee more clearly,
Love thee more dearly
And follow thee more nearly.***

Amen



TEA, CHAT AND PRAYER



We are planning our next get-together for

Tuesday, 14th October

2.30pm to 4pm.

The meeting will be at the home of

Marjorie Jones.

Please let me know if you will require transport for this gathering or you need any further details.

Jill Potter

mobile no: 07779 797928



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Dagnall Street Baptist Church
Prayer Diary
2025

October

Wednesday 1	Linda and Toddlers
Thursday 2	Mark & his ministry
Friday 3	Wild Goose Resource Group weekend
Saturday 4	Prayer Morning at Cross Street
Sunday 5	Morning Worship & Church in the Cafe
Monday 6	Sarah at her new school
Tuesday 7	Colin and the Scrabble Club
Wednesday 8	Free Church in the Abbey
Thursday 9	St Albans Fire Brigade
Friday 10	Elizabeth & Bill Allen
Saturday 11	Who Let the Dads out
Sunday 12	Morning Worship, Anniversary
Monday 13	Trevor and Monday Table Tennis
Tuesday 14	Yvonne and Cross Street
Wednesday 15	Centre 33
Thursday 16	The Deacons
Friday 17	Jill & Family
Saturday 18	Glynis & the Magazine
Sunday 19	All Age Family Worship
Monday 20	BMS Birthday Scheme
Tuesday 21	St Albans Hospital
Wednesday 22	Amy Robinson Charity
Thursday 23	St Albans Police
Friday 24	Brenda & Jack Passmore
Saturday 25	Inner Peace
Sunday 26	Morning Worship
Monday 27	STEP & Secondary Schools
Tuesday 28	Financial Support for the Church
Wednesday 29	St Albans Homeless
Thursday 30	Compassion
Friday 31	John Peters

If you have any Prayer requests that you would like to be included please tell

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apple fest



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OCTOBER 4TH
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DAGNALL STREET BAPTIST CHURCH ST ALBANS, AL3 5EE



TODDLERS

Wednesday mornings at 9.45 am

(Maximum limit of 30 Adults)

£2 donation per family; Refreshments provided

**Meeting every Wednesday during term-time
in the Lower Hall**

Entrance via the church car park

**THERE WILL BE NO MEETING ON
WEDNESDAY, 29th OCTOBER (Autumn half-term)**

**All are welcome to any of our services and activities.
Please come along and join us**



**Our Cross Street Café is open for everyone
Wednesday – Saturday, 10am – 2pm**

Serving a range of drinks, meals and delicious cakes

Judy Cook

The Faithfulness of God through the seasons

August 2025

www.bmsworldmission.org/jcook



Greetings to you from Chiang Mai, Thailand. This newsletter comes after a period of extra busy-ness, disease spread, extra opportunities for learning from visitors and trainings and opportunities to celebrate our mother figures at this special time in Thailand. In the midst of all this, the good and the challenging, the overall surety has been that God has and is with us through this, and His love and faithfulness never fails.

At the Social Development Services Unit of the Church of Christ In Thailand the opportunity to begin an extensive project helping vulnerable people in a large rural community has taken fruit. The SDSU team and the newly appointed project manager for this particular project successfully completed essential surveys and assessments, with the help of local volunteers and church support. With this thorough baseline information many families will now be guided and supported in sustainable development activities, income generation trainings and over a 3 year period will, God willing, be in a much more secure place both economically, environmentally, socially and spiritually. It is a privilege for the SDSU staff to learn alongside a well established development organisation, and learn new ways to help communities grow, develop and become more sustainable. We are confident that the new ideas and skills we are learning through this, will transform the other areas of current and future work, so that many more people will benefit and above all, that many more people served through SDSU will recognise the faithfulness of God, who loves them dearly and yearns for them to reach the fulness of life in Him.

At Hope Home it has been a time of ups and downs laughter and tears, but through it all too God's faithfulness and protection has been real and evident to our non believing staff. Firstly we were delighted to be able to access the right for all staff and children to have their influenza vaccines. We trust this will help avert the severity of these sorts of illnesses as the seasons change from hot to wet and then hot and wet, and our children, many with underlying medical conditions, are very vulnerable. This all went well and we appreciate the understanding and flexibility of the nurse clinic there to

have us all turn up over a couple of days. However, unlike other years, and my first time dealing with this in over 20 years in Thailand, we became a dengue fever cluster over a period of 4 weeks. This is a mosquito-borne disease, and can be very severe and serious, or be completely manageable at home. We have had nearly all the children sick, and several staff members too. Praise God all are now on the road to recovery, three spent time in hospital including intensive care, and the rest we kept and treated from home. We are very aware how much God has protected our most vulnerable children and praise Him for this. At this time we had two new staff members start their training with us and bless them they have managed very well with all our routines completely overturned by dealing with this sickness. Pray that the recovery for all continues, and full strength and health will be restored in His timing.



Into this mix of health crisis, we at Hope Home have also been blessed with the opportunity to learn from visitors passing through. A team of professors and students of Physical Therapy came and did a great consult on each child and helped us move them forwards with new or differing exercises. Their visit coincided with a visit from students and professors versed in alternative communication methods, essential for our non verbal children, and they too blessed us with new ideas, and updates on systems in use. Also at this time too two of our children and staff attended a 5 day intensive training in a new therapy technique from Japan and we are keen to learn how to adapt to all the children here. So in a busy period, there has been blessing, opportunity and challenges but through it all we have seen God at work, opening doors of opportunity and keeping us all safe. The non Christian staff here are overwhelmed with the way complete strangers are so willing to come and help, and teach their skills, and to do it in an attitude of Christian love - this practical witness speaks louder than words alone to these staff. We continue also to attend Thai church with everyone and the non believing staff love to be there.



Finally, August in Thailand, is a time when mothers are thanked and honoured. It is one of the cultural days of Thailand we are keen to respect and provides the opportunity to thank our many mother figures here, with gifts and home made cards and posters, and with a special shared meal together. We made it, albeit a bit later than planned, and the staff came with their own children to share in a traditional Thai bar-b-que meal outside (with mosquito repellent, zappers and spray of course!). We take this time to show respect and honour to the women who lovingly care for children that are not their own, and often needing to do tasks that many others would be reluctant to do. Above all at this time we pray for each staff member and let them know how much God loves them and sees their heart of compassion.



Pray for the ongoing projects of SDSU, and for the wisdom of the staff to pace themselves well

Pray for the ongoing health concerns at Hope Home, but praise God for protection and healing

Praise God for His provision through opportunities to learn alongside other people, and to share His love in these time

I trust that you too, in these times, whatever seasonal changes are happening in your lives, are able to keep your heart and mind focused on our God and Saviour -the source of peace in troubled or hard times. He is faithful now and He always will be. Thank you for your amazing prayer support and encouragement, and also practical and financial support for BMS. We are partners together to share the Good News of Jesus. Thank you for the partnership

Yours sincerely
Judy Cook

A TIMELY MAZE

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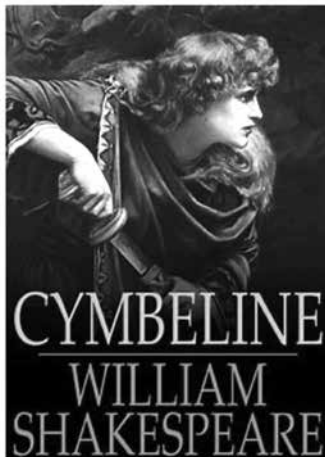
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*Fear no more the heat o' the sun,
Nor the furious winter's rages;
Thou thy worldly task hast done,
Home art gone, and ta'en thy wages:
Golden lads and girls all must,
As chimney-sweepers, come to dust.*

*Fear no more the frown o' the great;
Thou art past the tyrant's stroke;
Care no more to clothe and eat;
To thee the reed is as the oak:
The scepter, learning, physic, must
All follow this, and come to dust.*

*Fear no more the lightening flash,
Nor the all-dreaded thunder stone;
Fear not slander, censure rash;
Thou hast finished joy and moan:
All lovers young, all lovers must
Consign to thee, and come to dust.*

*No exorciser harm thee!
Nor no witchcraft charm thee!
Ghost unlaid forbear thee!
Nothing ill come near thee!
Quiet consummation have;
And renowned by thy grave!*





OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

16th—Michael Rowley

Falling Leaves

Part of a verse by Emily Brontë (1818-1848)

*Fall, leaves, fall, die, flowers, away;
Lengthen night and shorten day;
Every leaf speaks bliss to me
Fluttering from the autumn tree.*

A prayer from Our daily Bread Bible readings.

*Father, the beauty of Your provision is ever on display.
Thank you for the richness of Your creation.
Please give me eyes to see Your handiwork and let it remind
me of Your goodness.*

Amen

*Happy Birthday, Michael, and to anyone else who has a
birthday this month but is not yet in the BMS Birthday Scheme.*

Linda Williams



BMS BIRTHDAY SCHEME

WHAT YOUR GIFT CAN ACHIEVE



Your birthday can help medics in Chad keep vulnerable mothers and babies safe in childbirth

Your birthday could provide vital washing facilities and hygiene items for families who have been forced to flee their homes

Your birthday can share the gospel with people who have never heard the good news of Jesus, so that they may find faith in Christ and the fullness of life that only he can bring

If you are interested in joining the BMS Birthday Scheme, please see **Linda Williams** and she will be able to give you all the details you need for joining



Hold the date!
Wild Goose Resource Group
are coming to STAURC
in October:
7-9pm, Fri 3rd
10.30-3.30pm, Sat 4th
10.30-11.30, Sun 5th



**An interactive weekend exploring
creative and participative ways to worship,
led by the Wild Goose Resource Group
of the Iona Community -
Jane Bentley, Jo Love, Iain McLarty**

The weekend consists of three workshop sessions with the team (liberally interspersed with refreshments!) which build creative ideas through Bible study, conversation, music making and more, towards the culmination of the Sunday morning service at Homewood.

Tickets cost £12 for 1 session, or £17 for 2 or 3 sessions.

A simple lunch can be provided between workshops on the Saturday, for which we ask an additional donation.

Please book tickets via Gill Elliott on:

gill.elliott@googlemail.com

Indicating which workshops and whether you wish to have lunch on the Saturday.

If you would like to know more about the big event, please ask **Fiona Smith**.

at Homewood...

Workshop #1: Fri 3rd 7-9pm

at Greenwood...

Workshop #2: Sat 4th 10.30am- 12.30pm

Lunch: 12.30 – 1.30pm

Workshop #3: 1.30- 3.30pm

and

at Homewood...

Sunday worship: Sun 5th 10.30-11.30am

Homewood Site:

Homewood Road AL1 4BH

Greenwood Site:

Watford Road, Chiswell Green AL2 3HG

Dear Friends

This is to thank you for your thoughtful and prayerful engagement with our latest email and newsletter, and the info about unrest in Nepal. Today we want to provide a Nepal country and family update, as we enter the South Asian Dashain festival season.

Autumn country update

During the very recent newsletter we sought to inform about the unusual events which occurred in Nepal recently, events which were also covered by international media. Thank you for engaging with this info, for the messages to us via various platforms, and for your prayers and intercession for the country and for all Nepalis.

Following public unrest, 73 deaths, politician homes and government buildings in flames, ministers resigning (and in some cases being publicly assaulted), and the dissolving of parliament, the army is now in control and some normality is returning, as we are entering the Dashain festive season here.

We now have an interim prime minister, former Nepal Chief Justice Sushila Karki, who has become the first woman to lead the country. Elections are due in March, and we expect this to be quite tense, as old and new movements will tussle for power. I found the online news piece linked below very informative, and if you would like to understand some of the events occurring here in some more detail, the link will take you there:

<https://www.crisisgroup.org/asia-pacific/nepal/nepal-picks-pieces-after-protests-topple-government>

The last week has been calm, as Nepali families prepare for Dashain, shop and travel. Like Christmas in the UK, this is the time when families come together, eat, meet, celebrate, and discuss family, local and national matters. This year there is a lot to process, a lot to discuss, maybe a lot to hope for..., whilst some families also mourn the recent loss of loved ones, or nurse the injured back to health

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Autumn family plans

For quite a while now, maybe even for a year, we have been planning a unique family journey for this autumn school break. We had considered if and how we might contribute to the success of the 'anti human trafficking' work here, beyond my (Toby's) professional involvement, and arrived at the thought of a sponsored bike ride around the (demanding) Annapurna Circuit trekking route. For several months now, and in preparation for this, Toby, Jakey, and Ella have been working on their mountain-biking skills, and their stamina, together with six other interested cyclists. Pippa and Millie, together with some Nepali friends, planned the support vehicle journey, and logistics associated with a bike ride to an elevation of over 5400m (17,700 ft).

There was a high chance that the recent events in Nepal might have derailed these plans, but we currently feel that it is safe, and meaningful, to continue. We are now only one week away from commencing with the drive to the Annapurna mountain range and the bike ride, which will see us climb the height of Mt Everest over a ten day period of cycling, embracing the undulating terrain.

The editor of a UK online magazine linked to my (Toby's) UK Chartership body, the 'Global Construction Review', recently took an interest, and put together the below linked content, in written format and video.

Global Construction Review link: <https://www.globalconstructionreview.com/mission-to-build-safe-sustainable-homes-for-children-in-nepal/>

Please feel free to inform yourself and your network, of the live sponsorship opportunity, and we would be delighted if you felt happy to share the article and the sponsorship page freely among your networks this week (no concerns about posting this online, it is designed for wider circulation).

Sponsorship web page: <https://ally.org/yokuhl-family>

Thank you for your ongoing interest and support. We will continue to update you on the Nepal country situation soon, and will also let you know how we got on with crossing mountain passes on the bikes. Prayer for safety is appreciated. The tour will take two weeks to complete, and we are setting out on the 29th September. We better get in a couple more practice rides this week (attached a snapshot of how that often looks).



With much love from us all,

Toby and Pippa together with Jakey, Ella and Millie





Every year, thousands of children fall victim to child sex trafficking in Nepal.

Tobias Vokuhl MCIOB is leading an ambitious project to build a safe home complex in the Kathmandu Valley where survivors can heal, resume their childhood and schooling, and safely prepare for a life of dignity and independence.

Tobias is determined to introduce sustainable building practices to Nepal, and has devised a way of using soil excavated on the site to make cement-stabilised earth blocks to build the complex's guardhouse.

It's a practice that he believes could reduce cost and waste more widely in the country.

To raise around £30,000 needed to hire local people to make the blocks, and to pay for training and equipment, Tobias and his two teenage children, Ella and Jacob, are cycling 220km around the Annapurna Circuit in the Himalayas at the end of September 2025, reaching more than 5,400m altitude.

To support a project that is helping survivors, promoting sustainable construction, and providing local skills and employment, donate here: <https://ally.org/vokuhl-family>

DAGNALL STREET BAPTIST CHURCH ST ALBANS, AL3 5EE



ALL AGE FAMILY WORSHIP

Come and join us on

Sunday, 19th October at 10.30 am

All are welcome to any of our services and activities

Do just come along, we would love to see you

**There are activities, crafts and games for
children at all our
services**



**Our Cross Street Café is open for everyone
Wednesday – Saturday, 10am – 2pm**

Serving a range of drinks, meals and delicious cakes



Gemma, Tom and Edward would like to thank everyone for all their kindness and the many lovely cards and gifts we received following the safe arrival of baby Sophie.

Your prayers and support have been greatly appreciated, particularly over this past year.

With our grateful thanks

***Gemma, Tom, Edward and Sophie
Winpenny***

HEAD SCRATCHER

Can you name the London Underground stations that meet the criteria below?

1. Which three contain J?
2. Which two have X as a second letter?
3. Which one ends with F?

Answers on Page 37

DEACONS ELECTION



This is the time of the year when, as church members, we are reminded of our obligations regarding the diaconate of our church. Deacons are servants of Christ in the life and mission of this church and are called to share together in spiritual Leadership, pastoral care, administration and stewardship. Under the Charities act 1993, deacons are also Charity Trustees, responsible for the governance of the church. Deacons/trustees, are elected for a period of 3 years by church members.

With Mark's ministry ahead of us, we are at an exciting time as together we seek to discern the will of God at the beginning of this new chapter in His work here at Dagnall Street.

Our constitution allows for up to 12 deacons who shall be baptised believers and who have been in membership with DSBC for at least 2 years. There are currently 11 of us of whom three, Paula, Jan and Janet, complete their 3 year term this year. This leaves up to 4 vacancies.

It is the responsibility of church members to ensure that deacons are appointed to meet our obligations as a worshipping church. The job specification of deacon is simply that we use the gifts given to us by God and undertake our duties responsibly within those capabilities. As we approach the deacons' election may I remind you of the process:

“Nominations for deacons shall be in writing signed by 2

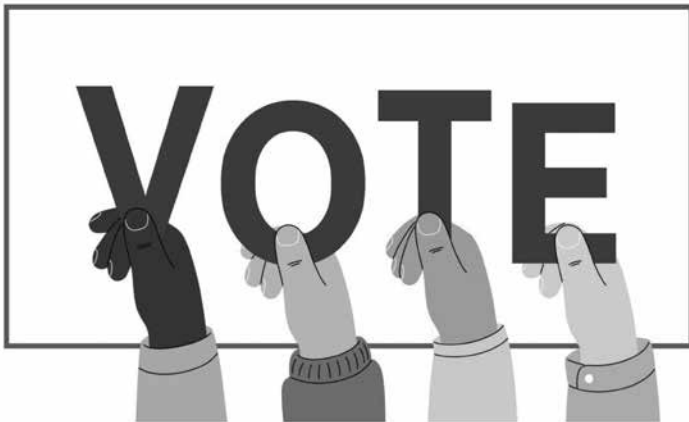
church members and shall be forwarded to the church secretary not later than 3 Sundays before the election.”

The election takes place at the church meeting after worship on **Sunday 16th November**, so nominations must be with me by Sunday 26th October. Announcements will be made on the 2 Sundays preceding the closing date for nominations, ie. 12th and 19th October.

“Voting is by secret ballot at the church meeting. Each candidate needs support from at least 50% of the members voting in order to be elected.”

Together, we need to consider this matter prayerfully as we seek God’s will as to his call upon us. If you feel called to take on this role, or to encourage others, just ask me for a nomination form. If you are unable to attend the meeting, postal voting forms will be available from me after 26th October.

Chris Penn



Thank you!

Well, it's now more than two years since our time at Dagnall Street came to an end. During this time, we have become involved at Christ Church Baptist, Kings Langley, where Simon is now a deacon and house group leader and Catriona serves on the Social Committee. The church has been in vacancy all the time we have been worshipping there, but the Revd Matt Powell has now been called and will begin his ministry in November.

Our time at Dagnall Street ended with a splendid party at which we were presented with a very generous gift. Our plan was always that we would put this towards a special holiday following retirement. It took us a while to find the time, but at the beginning of September we had a wonderful stay in a hotel in Umbria, in the centre of Italy – one of our favourite places. We have stayed on a lovely lakeside campsite there on a number of occasions, having been recommended to go there by Alan and Jill Potter. This year we 'upgraded' to the campsite's hotel where our room had a balcony overlooking Lake Trasimeno.

Thank you for making this possible for us and we wish you every blessing in this new phase in the church's life and ministry.

Catriona and Simon

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The Compost Heap

Welcome to the garden
There's quite a lot to see
Although the summer's ending
It's just the place to be

The birds are heading homeward
The setting sun's late rays
Glint upon the berries
And cheer the autumn days

Light sparkles in the treetops
The leaves all gleam with gold
And warming russet colours
Swirl in the gusts so bold

The fruit filled wicker baskets
Stand by the old shed door
Ready to be sorted
And taken into store

But in a dusty corner
In the shadows deep
Hidden in the twilight
Lies - the compost heap!

It isn't prepossessing
And hasn't got much style
And all the vegetation
Has been standing for a while

There's eggshells from the kitchen
And perhaps an apple core
Peelings and grass clippings
Carrot tops and more

Everyone walks quickly past
And hurries straight ahead
To see the leeks and parsnips
Beyond the potting shed

But little do they realise
The compost's role is key
It nourishes and strengthens
Everything they see

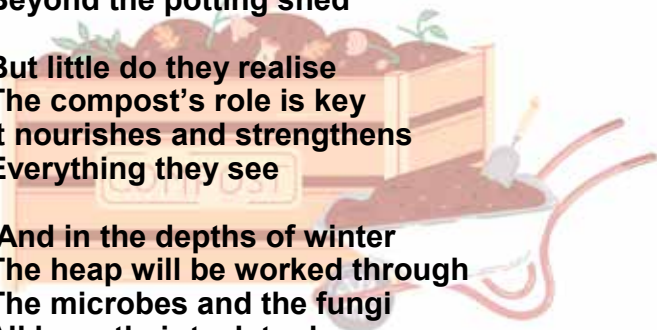
And in the depths of winter
The heap will be worked through
The microbes and the fungi
All have their task to do

And then when it is ready
The gardener will bring
It into his new planting
There in the early spring

And rather like that compost
God works within us too
Whatever our beginnings
He gives us life anew

He deals with all our refuse
And takes our empty hearts
Reworking and restoring
Within our inmost parts

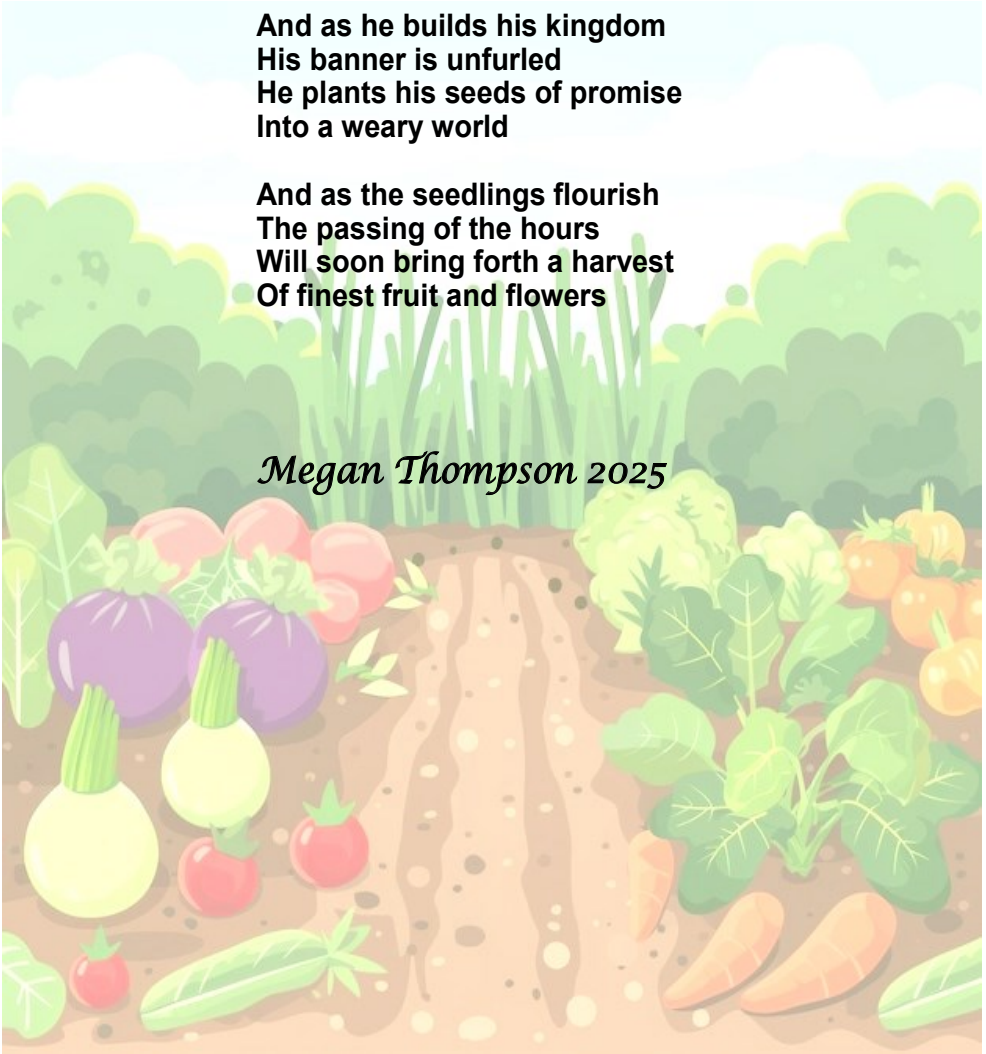
And as his grace transforms us
The dross is left behind
As we are cleansed, forgiven
And by His love refined



**And as he builds his kingdom
His banner is unfurled
He plants his seeds of promise
Into a weary world**

**And as the seedlings flourish
The passing of the hours
Will soon bring forth a harvest
Of finest fruit and flowers**

Megan Thompson 2025



MISSION NEWS



Baptist Union Prayer Diary October 2025

5th Oct: Housing Justice holds Homelessness Sunday on the Sunday before World Homeless Day each year. This year, Homelessness Sunday falls on 5th October, and the theme is 'Love thy neighbour'. Please pray and consider what your church can do in your own community to alleviate homelessness, suffering and poverty. www.housingjustice.org.uk/donate-or-get-involved/homelessness-sunday

12 October: This week we pray for the South Wales Baptist Association, which exists to encourage the building and development of healthy churches and to enable them to assist each other in mission in their community, in Wales and in the world. www.southwalesba.org.uk

19 October: Baptist Union Council meets this week. Please pray for the members of Council as they look to set the broad strategic direction for Baptists Together. www.baptist.org.uk/council

26 October: Please pray for the Faith and Society Specialist Team as they work to share stories, resource, network and connect our Baptist family. www.baptist.org.uk/faithandsociety





Church in the Café Sunday Afternoon 4pm

There will be two more Church in the Café meetings this year on **5th October** and **2nd November**.

2nd November: We will be welcoming Claire Banham director of 'Haven Hope', which is partnered with the local *2:67 Project*. The Haven helps young people who are dealing with stress and anxiety to equip themselves with practical skills and tools that help benefit their mental health.

Based in St Albans, *The 2:67 Project*, named after Colossians 2:6-7, is a dynamic Christian ministry dedicated to supporting and resourcing youth and children's work across churches and schools. With a heart for **community, collaboration, and connection**, the team works alongside leaders, churches, and young people to grow discipleship and celebrate faith in everyday life.

Everyone is very welcome to these informal gatherings in our Cross Street Centre as we meet together over tea and cake.



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News from Churches Together in St Albans

St Albans Folk Music is publicising a show '**Grace will lead me home**'

<https://invisiblefolk.com/grace-will-lead-me-home>.

It will be touring during October and it will be at St Saviour's Church on Sunday October 19th at 7.30pm. Tickets are available from <http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/stalbansfolkmusic>.

Grace Will Lead Me Home tells the story of two men whose lives followed astonishingly similar paths, but whose experiences were astoundingly different. Both were eleven when home-life ended. Both had sea-faring careers. Both found religion. And both became revered and influential celebrities in the campaign for the abolition of slavery.

One was a slave trader. The other was a slave. Today, one is remembered for a song. The other is almost completely forgotten. John Newton was the captain of a slave trading ship who saw the light and became a preacher. He wrote many hymns, including Amazing Grace, and later became a prominent abolitionist, mentoring William Wilberforce.

Olaudah Equiano was a kidnapped African, shipped to America and sold. He bought his freedom, came to London where he was a founder of the Sons of Africa abolition group, which brought him into the same influential circles as Newton, Wilberforce and other abolitionists.

To mark John Newton's 300th birthday, Angeline Morrison, Cohen Braithwaite-Kilcoyne, Jon Bickley and John Palmer explore his life, the inextricable link between his hymn Amazing Grace and the slave trade, its iconic status as a protest against oppression and its relevance to today's legacies of colonialism. It's a show built around the songs from a critically acclaimed album. The live version of Grace Will Lead Me Home uses traditionally based and new songs, linked by 18th century diaries and writings from Newton, Wilberforce, Equiano and other contemporaries, to highlight all aspects of his life; how Amazing Grace became such an iconic statement of protest and what it means in the modern world.

Harpenden United Nations Association and Churches Together in Harpenden, invite you join them for their Annual Service for United Nations Day, at St Nicholas Church, Harpenden AL5 2TP, on Sunday, 26th October 2025, at 6.30pm (arrive 6:15 for 6:30). This year we commemorate the 80th Anniversary of the founding of the United Nations, 24th October 1945.

Our guest speaker will be Sir George Norton of the Royal College of Defense Studies on "The achievement of Peace in Europe." After the service, all are invited for light refreshments in Cornelia's Café.

At one time there were many United Nations Associations around the country, including St Albans, but there has been a gradual decline. Harpenden United Nations Association has been running since 1947, in place of the earlier League of Nations group. Do support this service, at a time when the need for peace and peacemakers is only too apparent.





Marlborough Road **Methodist** Church

'Thinking Lunches'

Thursday 2nd October - Maggie Dodd - Live Longer Better Champion
and Anna Chaplaincy Lead.

Thursday 6th November - Sustainable St Albans
From 12.30 - 1.30pm at Marlborough Road Methodist Church.

HEAD SCRATCHER ANSWERS

- 1. St James's Park, St John's Wood,
Willesden Junction**
- 2. Oxford Circus, Uxbridge**
- 3. Canary Wharf**

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 **Thursday 9th October**  **2:00pm**

 **Marshalswick Baptist Free Church**
Sherwood Avenue, St Albans, AL4 9QL

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October 2025

DAGNALL STREET BAPTIST CHURCH ST ALBANS, AL3 5EE



Who Let the Dads Out (WLTD0)

Meets on the Second Saturday of each month

**£2 donation per family; Refreshments provided
For Dads, Grandads, Uncles etc..**

Taking place in the Lower Hall

Entrance via the church car park

**THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE ON
SATURDAY, 11th OCTOBER, 10am**

**All are welcome to any of our services and activities.
Please come along and join us**



**Our Cross Street Café is open for everyone
Wednesday – Saturday, 10am – 2pm**

Serving a range of drinks, meals and delicious cakes



ILLUMINATE WORSHIP NIGHT

***Friday 3rd October
7pm-9pm
Soul Survivor Church, Watford
Free to attend***

***We hope you can come along for an evening
of worship, reflection and prayer***

***Book in for Illuminate Worship Night and Prayer
Spaces***

AUTUMN YOUTH MINISTRY DATES

19TH OCT
23RD NOV

THE FUEL ADVENTURE, 6PM-8PM
AT CHRIST CHURCH ST ALBANS



8TH OCT
4TH NOV

TRIBE BREAKFAST 9.30AM
ST PAULS - 8/10
VERSO/STEP - 4/10



16TH OCT
6TH NOV
11TH DEC

'THE CORE' - YOUTH AND KIDS MINISTRY
WORKSHOPS. 7.30PM-9.30PM AT
CHRIST CHURCH ST ALBANS



27TH SEPT

18TH BIRTHDAY PARTY FOR 267.
COME AND JOIN US. 2PM-6PM AT
ST MARKS COLNEY HEATH



3RD OCT



ILLUMINATE WORSHIP AT SOUL
SURVIVOR WATFORD. 7PM-9PM.



31ST OCT



ILLUMINATE NERF WAR AT
VERSO VINEYARD. 7.30PM



8TH NOV



ILLUMINATE SILENT DISCO AT HIGH
ST METHODIST CHURCH, 7PM-9PM.



ILLUMINATE CATHEDRAL 2026 - 28TH FEB. TICKETS LIVE SOON.





THE CORE

YOUTH AND KIDS MINISTRY WORKSHOPS

THURSDAY 16TH OCTOBER

'The BIG ideas session' – games, storytelling, websites, visual aids, craft, songs and much more. Come grab some ideas!

THURSDAY 6TH NOVEMBER

'Helping parents survive their teenage years' – join us as we unpack some of the challenges of having teenagers and chat through a few ways we can support one another.

THURSDAY 11TH DECEMBER

'Intergenerational, all-age, multi-age, worship for all' – whatever you call it – ideas to help your worship work better when everyone is together.

7.30pm–9.30pm

Christ Church, High Oaks, St Albans, AL3 6DJ

To book or for more info: mike@the267project.com



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MATCHING

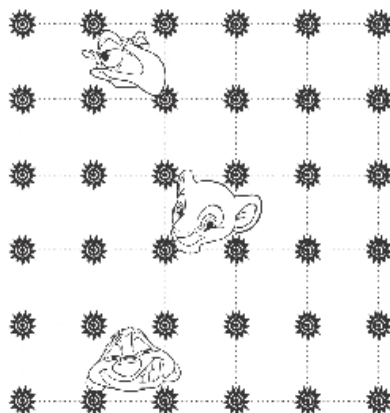


Which lion paw
print does not
match the others?

SUN SPOTS

Take turns with a friend drawing straight lines to connect two sun spots horizontally or vertically. If your line completes a box, write the first letter of your name inside of it.

- Each completed sun spot box = 1 point.
- A completed character box = 3 points.
- The one with the most points at the end wins!



SCRAMBLER

..... Unscramble the names of the characters below



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World Animal Day was established nearly 100 years ago, in 1925, in Germany by a publisher and writer, Heinrich Zimmermann. He chose 4th October because it is the saint day of St Francis of Assisi, patron saint of animals.

Badger

Description:

Where do they live?

Size:

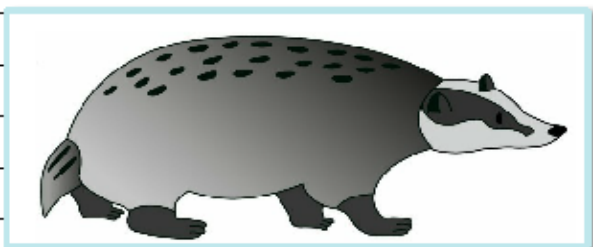
Life span:

Habitat:

Diet:

How do they behave?

Status:



ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES



Let's remind ourselves of the items we can undertake as a church.

Food Bank

A list of items we can give to support this are listed in the church magazine.

Any items can be taken to the Town Hall (10.30am to 5pm)

TWAM -Tools with A Mission.

Any items of hand and machine tools to support people in overseas countries to help them be self-sufficient. Any tool items can be taken to Marshalswick Baptist Free Church, Sherwood Ave. St Albans, on any Thursday afternoon.

TWAM leaflets are in the leaflet rack in the Centre, or if you require further details contact me.

Emmaus; who recycle old furniture as well as supporting people who are homeless.

Used Postage Stamps for local charity. Please leave in the box on the link table

October 2025

Due to circumstances, I will no longer be attending Car Boot sales, so any items can be taken to your local Charity shop of choice.

We can all play our part with environmental issues in protecting God's planet.

Recycling you can undertake at home:

Recycle Paper - Cardboard Tin – Glass and Plastic with the council waste collection.

Recycle food waste and plants in a compost bin, if you can.

Many thanks in anticipation

Trevor Oakley



FOODBANK

Can you add one extra thing to your weekly shop?

There is even more need for food bank donations in the St Albans area. All DSBC food donations are now sent to the St Albans and District Foodbank run by the Trussel Trust Charity whose depot is in Redbourn, who also collect from the Foodbank baskets placed in many of the local supermarkets and the Town Hall and the Verulamium museums.

You can now access the shopping list needs on a free app called 'Bank the food', however, it seems that the most urgent needs are:

LONG LIFE JUICE
LONG LIFE MILK
MULTI SURFACE CLEANER
LUNCH BOX SNACKS
TINNED CUSTARD
TUNNED FRUIT
TINNED MEAT

If you want to see the full list but cannot get the app speak to me.

If we just add one item to our shopping list we can bring it with us on a Sunday and I can ensure it is taken to a collection point.

Many thanks

Diane





PHOTOGRAPHY

You may have noticed bright yellow signs placed in areas of the church and Cross St café. These are a reminder to us all that any photos taken on our premises are for personal use only and **must not** to be shared on social media or in any form of publicity, **unless** permission has been granted by those being photographed, or in the case of children, by their parents or carers.

There are consent forms available if needed.

For further information please contact:

LINDA ROBERTS on 01727 858869 or FRANK IDDIOLS on 07939 287785 (both responsible for Safeguarding) or CHRIS PENN on 07770 334339 (Church Secretary)

Thank you.

Scrabble Club



DSBC Scrabble Club is on the ***first and third*** Tuesday of the month from ***14:30 to 16:30***.

So the next meetings in February will be on the following dates:

Tuesday 7th and 21st October

All are welcome.

So come along to the Cross Street Centre and give it a try.

Speak to me for further information.

Colin Owen

October 2025

Table Tennis – Snooker – Pool and other Indoor Games



Every Monday at;
Dagnall Street Baptist Church, St. Albans
In the Lower Hall from 10.30am till 12.30pm

*Come along and join us for a time of
Fun and Fellowship*

All are Welcome

Contact: Trevor Oakley

FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR THE CHURCH

As we all know our household bills are rising and the cost of heating and lighting the church is no different to the energy costs at home. Our church relies on raising its own income. Some of this comes from hiring out our rooms, but the majority comes from congregational giving. There are various ways in which this can be done. There is a plate by the door of the church for cash and offering envelopes.

We now also have a contactless offering device which accepts card or phone payments of specific amounts and this is also by the main church doors on Sundays. These donations are completely anonymous.



We are happy to receive bank transfers and standing orders and the details are below:

Deacons of Dagnall Street Baptist Church
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If you decide to make an offering in this way, it is helpful if you are able to email our Finance Manager, Liz Blight, lizblight@gmail.com, so that she can connect up the entry on our bank statement.

Thank you for your generosity!

The Deacons



'Share St Albans' is a 'library of things' where we lend DIY, garden, kitchen, party items or something for your home. Set up for St Albans and district to borrow not buy. Whether you want to loan a gazebo or DIY equipment we are here to share and reduce our collective environmental footprint and have a collaborative community.

By borrowing something for a small fee you can save yourself money, save on space needed for storage and help to save the planet.

Locations:

The Green House, 46 London Road, AL1 1NG
Sandridge Parish Council Car Park, The Ridgeway AL4 9TU

Please log onto the site to see opening times at these locations



Collared Dove

Description:

Habitat:

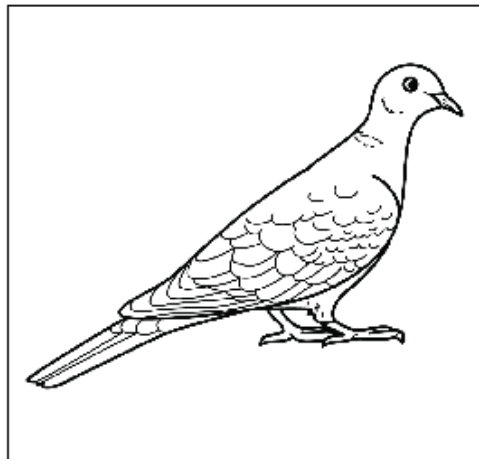
Diet:

Size:

Lifespan:

Behaviour:

Eggs:



**THE COPY FOR THE NOVEMBER MAGAZINE
IS DUE ON
THURSDAY, 16th OCTOBER**

I can't believe I have just typed November into the title for the copy date for the next edition of the magazine. It was only last week that we were having a heat wave!! Time really does fly. Although the weather has been beautiful over the last couple of days and lovely weather for pottering in the garden. Don't forget all your jobs in the garden—sort the compost, tidy up the beds, split perennials, plant spring bulbs, winter cabbages and broad beans! I read somewhere that you should also sweep up any debris among pots on the patio and wash the pots down. Some people have just got too much time! I started to prune my Acer in the garden last week, but I only managed the front of it because I had filled up the garden waste bin. It looks a bit odd but I hope to finish the pruning this week and be able to cut my hedges and be able to get it all in the bin. I'm hoping the next cut of the grass will be the last until next Spring.

It's almost Christmas Cake and Christmas pudding making time, I try to do them around the October half term. This year I have been buying the ingredients a bit at a time as they really have got very expensive. But I'm not giving up yet!

Let's hope the weather stays clement for a little while longer so we can enjoy the outside for a little longer and the plants keep flowering.

Glynis
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What is it called when
a tree takes time
off from work in
autumn?



Paid leaf.

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What, When and Where October 2025

The church is open for services at 10.30am each Sunday. There are activities, games and crafts for children during every service on a Sunday.

After service coffee is being served in the Cross Street Centre.

All Age Family Worship. The next service will be on Sunday, 19th October, 10.30am.

Church in the Café, Sunday, 5th October, 4pm. Topic to be announced.

Tea Chat and Prayer. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, 14th October from 2.30-4pm.

Scrabble Club is held on the first and third Tuesday of each month, 7th and 21st October, 2.30-4.30pm.

Toddlers is held every Wednesday during school term time from 9.45—11.15am. There will be no meeting on Wednesday, 29th October (half-term).

Who Let the Dad's Out . Meetings are held on the second Saturday of each month. The next meeting will be on Saturday 11th October, 10-11.15am.

Monday table tennis/games club is held in the Lower Hall from 10.30am

The fourth Tuesday of each month the Prayer and Share Group meet in the Cross Street Centre at 7.30pm.

First Saturday of the month Prayer Hour at 10am in Cross Street.

The Cross Street Café opens weekly from Wednesday to Saturday, 10am to 2pm.

Newsletter by email, weekly.

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