

DAGNALL STREET BAPTIST CHURCH AND CROSS STREET CENTRE ST ALBANS



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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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HELLO
September

SEPTEMBER SERVICES

6 th September	‘Don’t worry – be happy’ Mt 6: 24-44 Rev Mark Welch
13 th September	All Age Family Worship ‘Small beginnings....’
20 th September	‘Don’t Judge but do discern – how to be nice without being naïve’ Mt 7: 1-6 Rev Mark Welch
27 th September	Harvest Festival Service Rev Mark Welch



***A journey of a thousand miles begins with a single
step.
Lao-Tzu***

Dear Friends,

This summer, Sarah and I enjoyed a week in Fowey, and she had booked a second-floor flat overlooking the deep-water estuary that forms a natural harbour. We had a lovely big bay window affording us a grandstand view and two reclining armchairs in which to enjoy it.

That view was always the same. Looking out over the water and the shoreline towards the opposite village of Pulruin, yet it was also constantly changing.

There was the constant to-and-froing of the passenger ferries, the movement of everything from sailing dinghies and yachts to luxury motor cruisers ranging from a motor launch from the era of Swallows and Amazons to sleek, fast oligarch-style motor yachts. There was even a cruise ship that moored in the harbour for a day before departing for new attractions in Ireland.

The Apostle Paul spent most of his time writing to people negotiating major changes in their lives. Some of them were Jewish people used to observing ritual purity laws who were struggling to learn the new values of following Jesus. Having to adapt to the new reality that it's not ritual purity that matters, but compassion, community and kindness that mirror the cross. Important realisations in a very ethnically mixed new kind of synagogue (a first-century church).

Others were Gentiles used to the Hellenistic worldview of Greek Philosophy with its pantheon of rather capricious gods. For the first three centuries, everyone was getting to grips with the experiential reality of the Holy Trinity of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. For Gentiles this was a reduction in divine persons, and for Jewish people it was a challenging recognition of something that had long been hinted at and anticipated in the Old Testament but not yet explicitly firmed up doctrinally. Almost everything that Paul wrote can be summed up in words once famously summarised by my son Alastair in a memorable impromptu extra Christmas ser

mon, in terms a little less sophisticated than the only paraphrase allowable in print: “God loves you - don’t be a knucklehead.”

Paul had to write his epistles to help people cope with massive changes in their religious experience and worldview, using common sense, kindness, and compassion that enabled the emerging and evolving early church to remain cohesive and unified. In the middle of this maelstrom of change in the developing church when dealing with dubious claims from people claiming to speak for God but failing to be godly, Paul reminded his readers, who were drowning in charismatic controversy, that three eternal values and ways of expressing faith remain constant: faith, hope and love. Life is like that view of the Fowey estuary, constantly changing within essential continuity. The best way to negotiate its changes well is with faith, hope and love.

With much love to you all,

Rev Mark



THINKING OF VISITING OUR CHURCH?

The following information is specifically for those planning a visit, so that you know, beforehand, what to expect on a Sunday morning.

Where and When

We meet at the Church Building ([details here](#)) for our Sunday Service starting at 10:30am. For your first visit, we recommend arriving 10-15 minutes early to ensure you find somewhere to park, and find somewhere to sit before the service begins. When you arrive, you should be greeted by someone on our Welcome Team who will be wearing a Welcome lanyard.

Accessibility: There is wheelchair access, and a sound loop for anyone who needs it. Please let one of the Welcome Team know on your arrival and they will help you to get set up. There are disabled toilets and a lift.

Our Service

The main service begins at 10:30am with a warm welcome from one of our team members. Then follows a time of songs and hymns, prayers, Bible reading and a sermon. Communion is celebrated on the first Sunday of each month. Sometimes there is an opportunity to receive prayer at the end of the service.

After the service we serve tea, coffee, squash and biscuits in the Cross Street Centre. It is a great way to meet people, or simply take time to find your bearings. All refreshments are free. What about my kids?

We have a great programme lined up for kids of all ages:

- **Creche** (0 months to 3 years). Children under 6 months are welcome but must be accompanied by their parent/grown-up at all times.
- **Junior Church** (4-11 years)

- Children stay with their parent or grown-up for the first part of the service. They then go to their groups. The children's group activities vary depending on the age but usually there is a friendly welcome, bible stories, praying, music, craft, drama, fun games and free play. Please pick your children up as soon as the service finishes.



Get in touch with us to plan your visit

If you would like to come and visit the church beforehand you are more than welcome! Get in touch and we can arrange a time that suits you.





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



September 2026

PASTORAL NEWS

September seems a bit like January—new beginnings. The school year begins with new children beginning education, others moving up through the system and yet others leaving formal school education (so far as we ever do).

We have just had A level results so commiserations to those who did not get the results they wanted, but there are still choices to be made. We pray for all leaving what may be their final year of formal education. Congratulations to those who achieved the results needed. Anna Foster obtained the results she needed in order to start at Oxford in the Autumn. All these changes affect parents too, so we remember any in new situations.

Other activities which had closed for the summer will be back including The Cross Street Café and we pray for the outreach and for all connected with it.

Welcome back to those who have been away and, by the time the September magazine is published, we hope we shall have some much needed rain.. We all try to remember that we live in a drought area and also pray for help for the forest fires and loss of homes. My granddaughter is in the Fire Service and has been on call so much recently, along with police and ambulance workers. Farmers too are having a very raw deal.

Thankfully most of our friends and members have coped well in the extreme heat, but there are people who need our help and prayers:-

Olly Branch and family, Velma, Tom and family, John Peters, Elizabeth and Bill Allen, Jack and Brenda Passmore, Krisztina Schreiner, Jenny Johnson, Veronica Willans and Val Urban.

Marjorie Jones



LOVE DIVINE



**Love Divine, all love excelling.
Joy of heaven to earth come down!
Fix in us Thy humble dwelling,
All Thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, Thou art all compassion,
Pure unbounded love Thou art;
Visit us with Thy salvation,
Enter every trembling heart.**

**Breathe, O breathe Thy loving Spirit
Into every troubled breast!**

Let us all in Thee inherit,

Let us find Thy promised rest.

Take away the love of sinning;

Alpha and Omega be;

End of faith, as its beginning,

Set our hearts at liberty.

Come, Almighty to deliver,

Let us all Thy grace receive;

Suddenly return, and never,

Never more Thy temples leave.

Thee we would be always blessing,

Serve Thee as Thy hosts above.

Pray, and praise Thee without ceasing,

Glory in thy perfect love.

Finish then Thy new creation,

Pure and spotless let us be;

Let us see Thy great salvation

Perfectly restored in Thee!

Changed from glory into glory,

Till in heaven we take our place;

Till we cast our crowns before Thee.

Lost in wonder, love and praise.

Ikura Puzzle 6

Place the numbers 1 to 9, each once, so that every row and column adds up to its total.

We've helped you by putting the remaining numbers in the black circles. You can cross them out as you use them.



3	4		6	=	18
5		9		=	21
7	1		2	=	6
8	=	=	=		
	12	20	13		



Birthday scheme



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Transform a life.

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LINDA WILLIAMS

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SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

**3rd Glynne Brand
6th Margaret Taylor
13th Linda Williams
18th Sue Owen
22nd Alison Ashmore**

**Leaves begin turning to gold, brown and yellow.
Autumnal fruits succulent and mellow,
Mist in the mornings and Harvest Home,
Heather clad hills and Hunter's moon.**

(By Hilde Carter, published in 'Reflections', a Dagnall Street Anthology.

Hilde used to do this job when I first came to Dagnall Street)

***For all the autumnal glories spread—
The flaming pageant of the ripening woods,
The fiery gorse, the purpled hills,
The rustling leaves that fly before the wind,
And lie before the hedgerows whispering,
We thank you Lord.***

(From The Lion Prayer Collection compiled by Mary Batchelor)

Happy Birthday to everyone with a birthday this month. I know there is a lot of us!

Linda Williams



Dear Donor Friend

Manipur Christian Trust

At our recent meeting of our Trustees, Joanne Kipgen, Emmanuel School's Principal and the daughter of the school's founder Dr Kai Kipgen, reported on a number of good things that have been happening in the school this year. Two choirs have begun under the leadership of a new music teacher. There are ten new computers and these are used to give extra lessons to students. A store has been set up selling branded stationery and school wear. Alongside all of these positive developments, there remains the backdrop of tribal and state-encouraged violence. A number of local Baptist pastors have lost their lives and there is a climate of fear amongst staff and students. A number of students left the school last year because of the troubled situation.

The staff and students value your ongoing prayer support for an end to the violence and for the appointment of a new Principal who can be permanently based in Haipi village. There is one other way in which we are asking for support. This is that we need to buy a new all-road vehicle in order to collect students for school in the uncertain current situation. This will be of particular benefit for younger students which is an area of growth. This vehicle is a much cheaper purchase than would be the case in the UK and we have estimated that the sum of £15,000 would enable such purchase to be made locally.

If you are able to help us reach this target – via a donation or a loan – or would like further information please contact me or Joanne Kipgen.

Thank you

Simon Carver
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Joanne Kipgen
Emmanuel School Principal

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ALL AGE FAMILY WORSHIP

**Come and join us on
Sunday, 13th September
10.30 a.m.**

“Small beginnings.....”

**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

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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

***The first meeting for the Autumn Term is on
Wednesday,
9th September***

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



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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, 12th September
10-11.15am**

**All are welcome to any of our services and activities.
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What are the magic words?

Words have a life of their own, scrambling all over the place, spreading delight, mayhem sometimes, bemusement often. How about you unleashing the magic words "Welcome to Dagnall Street". You can be part of a team that does just that. Calm words, giving reassurance, friendship, and a gentle welcome. Do you feel you would like to be part of the team of stewards, being on duty perhaps about every four weeks or so on Sunday mornings?

Talk to Mike Plant if you're interested.





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Toy Story 5

Seven years after *Toy Story 4* and 31 years – I know! – after the original *Toy Story* we have the latest in the series, creatively named *Toy Story 5*. Each of the films introduces new characters and new situations that the toys – and their owners – have to face. In *Toy Story 5* we get to meet Lilypad – a tablet on which Bonnie, the main child in the film plays games and interacts with her ‘friends’. That word is in inverted commas because these girls could have come straight out of *Mean Girls*. Any of us young enough to remember relationships at school or who have children or grandchildren at that stage of life will know that navigating friendships can be tricky and full of hurt. Bonnie struggles with her feelings as she is at the stage where she doesn’t know whether she wants to play with dolls or hang with the cool kids.

Alongside Bonnie’s struggles with being a tween, Jessie, the cow-girl doll, has her own sadness. Jessie was introduced in *Toy Story 2* – 27 years ago. At that stage Jessie was experiencing losing

Emily, the child who owned her. When Emily was no longer interested in playing with dolls, Jessie was sent to a charity shop, where eventually she became Bonnie's toy. All these years later, Jessie still felt the pain of being rejected by Emily. However there is a scene in *Toy Story 5* in which Jessie unearths a memory box in which she finds a picture of Emily as an adult with her child. Through all those years, during which Jessie thought that she had been forgotten, Emily had remembered her favourite toy. When she had a child of her own, her natural inclination was to name her Jessie.

Jessie believed that she had been forgotten because she had been given away and despite that fact that Emily had marked her with her name. This having been marked with a name has parallels with our relationship with God. In Paul's Second Letter to the Christians in Corinth, he describes God setting His seal of ownership on believers by placing the Holy Spirit in their hearts. Paul also reminds believers that there is nothing that can separate them from God's love. Jessie was not forgotten and despite the storms that we might face in life, neither are we.

Simon



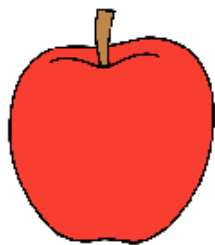


WILD GEESE

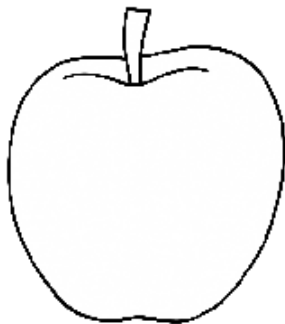
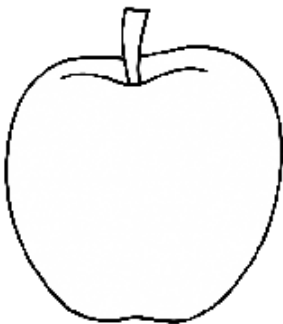
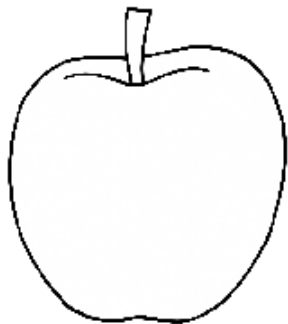
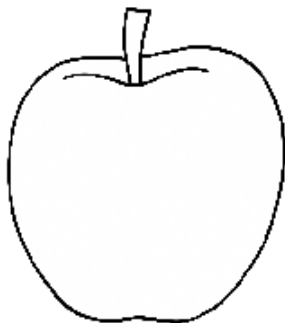
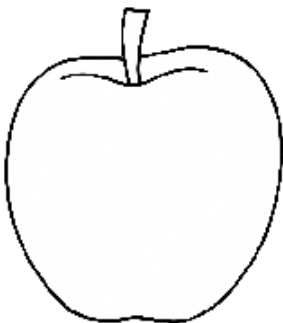
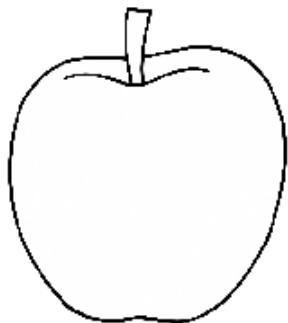
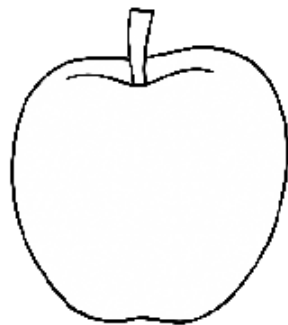
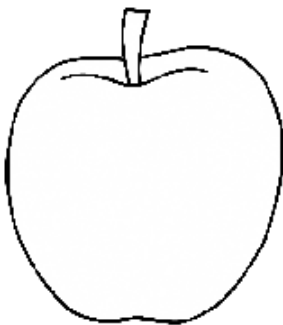
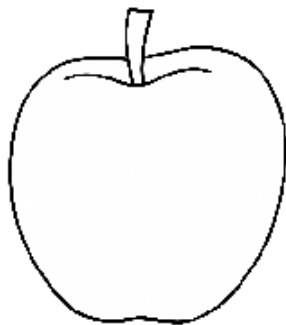
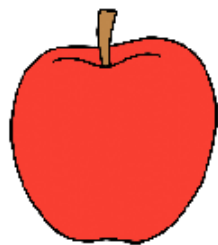
You don't have to be good.
You don't have to walk on your knees
For a hundred miles through the desert repenting.
You only have to let the soft animal of your body
love what it loves.
Tell me about despair, yours, and I will tell you
mine.
Meanwhile the world goes on.
Meanwhile the sun and the clear pebbles of the
rain
are moving across the landscapes,
over the prairies and the deep trees,
the mountains and the rivers.
Meanwhile the wild geese, high in the clean blue
air,
are heading home again.
Whoever you are, no matter how lonely,
the world offers itself to your imagination,
calls to you like the wild geese,
harsh and exciting –
over and over announcing your place
in the family of things

Mary Oliver





Apple Tic-Tac-Toe



Judy Cook

Hidden Treasures

August 2026

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Greetings from Chiang Mai, Thailand. This newsletter comes with gratitude for your faithful support and encouragement to the various ministries here in Thailand.

I hope to pass on encouragement to you too with news and updates from the lives of people both in the Social Development and Services Unit of the Church of Christ in Thailand, but also of our staff and young people at Hope Home. We have and continue to experience first hand the hidden treasures from our Lord and Saviour.

Earlier this month 9 Hope Home staff and 8 young people from Hope Home joined in a Thai Family Retreat up in the clear, and somewhat wet and rainy mountains. The Christian retreat is put on yearly for families caring for special needs individuals, and invites mostly non Christian families to attend and be blessed. We, due to being such a large 'family' attend every 3 years only but it is such a time of blessing and encouragement to our young people who have a LOT of fun, and to our staff too. The Bible teaching this year reflected on the hidden treasure we receive from knowing Christ -true Shalom-true peace in all circumstances. The verse used was Isaiah 45.v3 - I will give you hidden treasures, riches stored in secret places, so that you may know that I am the Lord, the God of Israel, who summons you by name. Our staff were able to listen and absorb the teaching because every young person attending was assigned at least one 'buddy' to be their caregiver. Each buddy was matched perfectly with our young people, and brought with them a quiet peace and respect to love and care for their new buddy. These are mostly students studying at the Bible Seminary. Pray that the teaching of true Shalom, true peace through knowing and accepting Christ as their personal Saviour will take root in the lives of our staff.



Along the theme too of hidden treasures, the buddies were encouraged to look for hidden treasure, special moments in their new friend, and find ways to demonstrate that in a 'talent show' on the final evening. This was such a precious moment for us all to see the inventive and caring ways they included nearly all the young people. One buddy for our youngest girl, despite the fact that she sleeps a lot, gently had her sitting next to him, hands resting on the piano, while he played a rendition of Let it Go, and expressed how he could see beauty, not the external type, in her life. Our more energetic boys sang, danced and played musical instruments and were the stars of the show. The rock-and roll version of the song 'Hallelujah' may take off, you never know!



Life had not been without its challenges prior to the retreat, with one of our children requiring emergency surgery only 2 weeks before. Thankfully his recovery was such that we could all still attend, and I am sure the distraction of all the events at the retreat aided his recovery process. We praise God for His healing and protection during this time. This period also tallied with training new staff for both nights and days, but they too have settled well and are beginning to gel into the team. We particularly praise God for the return of a previous staff member who missed us and wanted to return.



At the Social Development and Services Unit we are recognising the hidden treasures, which at times seem at first like a challenge, of new donor opportunities and new project opportunities to serve the wider community and church in Northern Thailand. The staff, especially our two newest and younger staff, are bringing enhanced IT skills, new ideas and an extra burst of enthusiasm which enables the SDSU team to embrace these bigger challenges and reach out to more people in new and old ways. It certainly keeps my colleague Mary and myself busy and also blessed to see how much their input in communication and reporting processes is being enhanced. We are appreciative of the extra trainings offered to us all through these new global donors with a wealth of experience.



Praise God for the peace, and love that we can and do experience when living in Him. and pray for that peace to become a reality in the lives of those with whom we serve.

Pray for the ongoing health and development of the young people at Hope Home, and for the new staff to grow together well as a team, providing true family care to the young people.

Pray for the staff of SDSU and those they serve in community for energy, wisdom and opportunities to keep sharing the Good News of Christ to all they meet.

Thank you for all your support and encouragement, and for the great love and commitment you show to BMS in order for these and many other ministry areas to flourish.

May you continue to experience and know the hidden treasures found in Christ, and in Christ alone. May we all continue to endeavour to seek out His treasures, and make them known to those we meet with in our lives.

With love and prayers

Judy

If you would like to support Judy Cook by prayer and committed regular giving, visit bmsworldmission.org/247 or call 01235 517617 for a 24:7 Partners leaflet.



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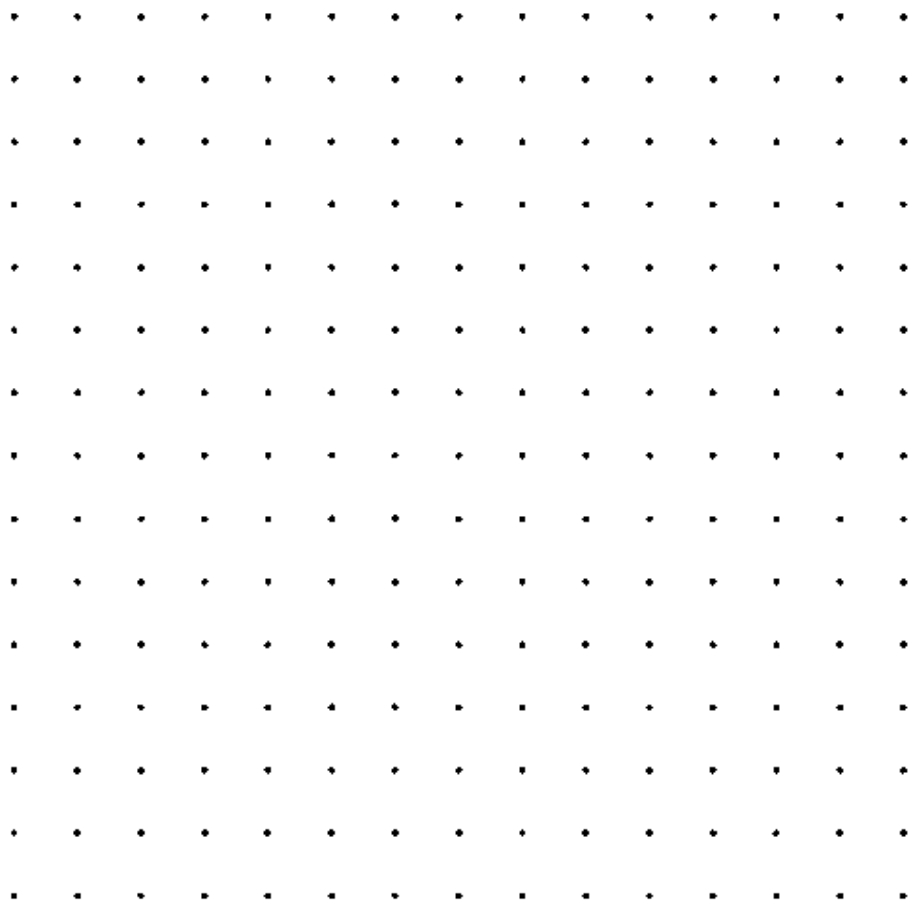
How to Play Boxes

You will need a pencil or pen each. Choose which player is to go first. He or she joins two adjacent dots with a straight line, horizontally or vertically. The next player then also joins up two adjacent dots.

Play continues with the players taking turns until someone completes a box. They then claim the box as their own by writing their initial in it, and taking one more go. Every time a box is completed, the player who completes it gets another turn ... so sometimes a player will manage to complete quite a number of boxes in a row before their turn is over!



Back to School Boxes



Scrabble Club



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

Tuesday 1st and 15th September

All are welcome.

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

Speak to me for further information.

Colin Owen

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





By their fruits you will know them

The parcel came on Tuesday
A little after three
The gardener took it quickly
And grasped it furtively

She cut the string and sticky tape
And hoped no one would know
She'd bought a plant enhancer
To win the summer show

She knew that she was cheating
Because the rules were clear
That crops must be organic
And grown from seed that year

She closed up all the curtains
And quickly tried to hide
Just what she was doing
And then she peered inside

A pungent fug of chemicals
Wafted round the room
She locked them in a cupboard
Whilst coughing in the gloom

She crept outside at nightfall
A bucket in her hand
She spread them on the compost
Just as she had planned

The plants grew thick and sturdy
The richest she had seen
The leaves were lush and vibrant
And psychedelic green





Finally the show day came
They rigged a big marquee
And set out all the produce
For everyone to see

The treated fruit and vegetables
Had grown to quite a size
Firm and long and shapely
She thought they'd win 1st prize

But even though her produce
Clearly looked the best
The vicar, who was judging
Had yet one further test

He bit into a carrot
But spat it out in haste
It tasted quite revolting
He threw it in the waste

The crowd began to murmur
Her antics came to light
She found herself disqualified
And fled then from their sight

The vicar drew a parallel
We known men by their deeds
As fruit is good or rotten
So also plants and seeds

And so we can distinguish
By taste if not by sight
Fruits of evil purpose
From what is good and right

For when God works within a heart
And waters it with grace
Love and joy and faithfulness
Will grow well in that place

And where the Lord is welcome
His life will thrive therein
The seeds mature and flourish
And the harvest can begin

Megan Thompson
2014 amended 2026



MISSION NEWS***Baptists Together Prayer Diary
September 2026***

6th Sept: The Season of Creation runs through the month of September - a worldwide celebration of prayer and action to protect our common home. This year the theme is Living Water - exploring Ezekiel 47:9 and 12 as a powerful biblical vision of hope and ecological healing. Set amid exile and loss, the image of living water flowing from God's sanctuary reveals divine healing that renews land, water, biodiversity, and human responsibility towards the whole creation www.ctbi.org.uk/resources/season-of-creation-2026

13th September: This week we pray for the Eastern Baptist Association, who fellowship together to encourage and resource one another for the work of mission. The Association supports every church to contribute to the wider mission in their own unique way by taking part in enriching relationships, developing ministry and enabling fruitful mission in its own area. www.easternbaptist.org.uk

20th September: The European Baptist Federation Council meets this week in Durres, Albania. Through worship, Bible teaching, plenary sessions, seminars, fellowship, and conversations, the Council meeting will offer space to strengthen partnerships, encourage one another, and deepen shared mission as Baptists together. Please pray for safe travels for those attending, and for the work of the EBF throughout Europe and the Middle East. www.ebf.org

27th September: Today is Disability Awareness Sunday, encouraging churches to reach out and include disabled people fully in community life. This year's theme is One Body, Many Parts and has been prepared with the help of a young autistic Christian: "Let's be one body with all parts united, needed and honoured" www.throughtheroof.org/forchurches/disability-awareness-sunday



CHURCH IN THE CAFÉ
4th Sunday every month
4pm

Everyone is very welcome to these informal gatherings in our Cross Street Centre as we meet together over tea and cake, whilst engaging with invited speakers and seeking answers to questions we may wish to ask.

On June 28th we were privileged to hear from David and Vera Pineiro who shared with us about their YWAM ministry and recent furlough trip home to Brazil and Argentina.

The Deacons decided to cancel the July meeting due to it being a rather busy weekend with Mark and Sarah's move into the Manse the following day and a number of folk being away.

Our next meeting will, therefore, be **September 27th** when we will be welcoming Danny Smith, who will be sharing with us the story of his call to ministry. Danny is no stranger to us, having been a member here since 1996, spending many years leading the BB company and serving as a deacon,

Before transferring to Marshalswick BC in 2022. Since 2005 until the end of August 2026, he has also been our Premises Booking administrator.

Elsewhere in this magazine you will find an invitation to his Induction as Minister in Training at Little Kingshill BC in Buckinghamshire, on Saturday 26th September at 3pm.

Chris Penn



**SEPTEMBER MEETING
SEPTEMBER 27th
4pm**



Kingshill Baptist Church
Windsor Lane, Little Kingshill,
Great Missenden, Bucks, HP16 0DZ

You are warmly invited to

The Induction of Danny Smith

**As Minister in Training
Of Kingshill Baptist Church**

Saturday 26th September 2026 at 3:00pm

Followed by tea and cake

RSVP to:

kingshill.baptist@gmail.com

by the 20th September



Battleships!

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Activity
Village

Battleships is a fun game for developing logic and deductive skills and practising coordinates. You can draw your own grid or scroll down for our printable version of the ever-popular Battleships game.

How to play:

Give each player a pencil and a print-out of the Battleships game (below). The top grid is for your own fleet ("My Fleet") and the bottom grid is where you try to locate the other player's fleet ("Their Fleet").

First you decide where to place your own fleet within your grid. For version 1, a fleet is made up of one Aircraft Carrier, one Battleship, one Cruiser, two Destroyers and two Submarines. For version 2, a fleet is made up of one Aircraft Carrier, one Battleship, two Cruisers, two Destroyers and three Submarines. Each type of ship covers a different number of boxes in the grid, as shown on the print-out, and is drawn vertically or horizontally (not diagonally). Ships cannot occupy the same square.

To place a ship, check how many boxes are covered by the ship (shown to the left of your grid) and then write the first letter of the name of the ship in the boxes it covers. For example, a Cruiser covers three boxes so you would pick any three adjacent boxes and put the letter C in each box. Keep your fleet location secret from your opponent! When each player has marked their fleet on their grid, begin play. Here's an example on the Version 1 grid.

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Take turns to shoot at your opponents fleet by calling out the number of a certain box by its grid location. For example, you could call out "B4" or "D1". Your opponent must say whether the shot is a "miss" or a "hit", and, if it is a "hit", what type of ship it is. You can keep track of what you have shot on your lower grid, and the ships you have sunk by crossing off the ships at the bottom right of your print-out.

Play continues until one player wins by successfully sinking the whole of the other player's fleet.



Church Website

Do you use the Dagnall Street church website – dsbc.org.uk? The new look website has been operational for about 9 months. Do you like it, or are there things you find missing or frustrating? In case you are not familiar with the layout, the main menu consists of: Home; About Us; New to Church; Church Life; What's On, and Resources. Depending on the device you are using, these are either shown along the top of each page, or accessed using the 3 horizontal lines in the top right.

Most information is fairly static. Things which get updated regularly are the Church Calendar, Church Notices, Latest News and Minister's Blog, all under What's On. Under Resources we have Service Recordings, Sermon Videos and Church Magazine. There are also links to these items on the home page.

There is a Members Area, which has some rotas available to view. If you need the logon details to access this, or if you have any comments or suggestions about the website, please email: website.admin@dsbc.org.uk

Bill Tromans



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 (11am to 5pm, please check times)

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

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



Table Tennis – Snooker – Pool and other Indoor Games



Every Monday at:
Dagnall Street Baptist Church, St. Albans
In the Hall from 10.30am till 12noon.

Restarts
Monday 21st September 2026

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



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.

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



Harvest Festival

Harvest Festival is a traditional British celebration originating in pagan times, now celebrated in churches and schools throughout the country on a Sunday near the harvest moon—usually towards the end of September and sometimes in October.

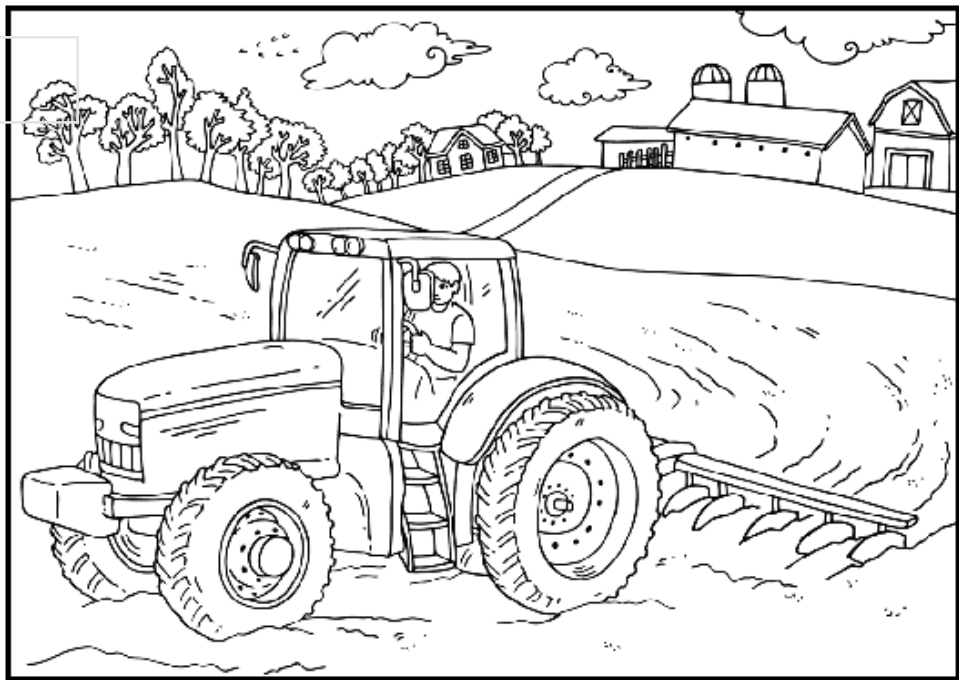
With the Harvest Festival we give thanks for the harvest and the food that has been brought in and stored for the winter months ahead. In years gone by a successful harvest was crucial, and that is why we have similar festivals all around the world.

It is traditional to bring produce to schools and churches, pray and sing hymns, and, in schools, to use the occasion to learn about the harvest process and farming and about fruit and vegetables. Many schools and churches now use the Harvest Festival to raise money and awareness for food shortages in developing countries.

Acrostic Poem

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Colour in the picture and write a story



The Sheep Detectives

If you are of the opinion that sheep are not the brightest of creatures, the perhaps you need to go to see *The Sheep Detectives* as it casts them in a whole new light. However, you could be forgiven for having a poor view of sheep as even this flock's shepherd was unaware of his sheep being such deep-thinkers. Every evening as the sun went down, George (Hugh Jackman) read a chapter from a detective story and so they knew how crimes are solved. This came in useful after George was murdered as the sheep worked to get justice for their beloved shepherd.

The Sheep Detectives is a mix of animation and live action, although the animation is strikingly life-like. As usual, we can play 'whose voice is that?' for the sheep and Patrick Stewart, Bryan Cranston and Chris O'Dowd are all recognisable.

The Sheep Detectives is suitable for all but the very youngest children, but also tackles some meaty – excuse the pun – themes such as 'What is death and how do we remember those who are no longer with us?'. It is thought-provoking as well as being an enjoyable watch.

George's flock was made up of a variety of rare breeds and his sheep all had different personalities – much like people. There

was one sheep – the winter lamb – who was rejected by the other sheep. Most sheep are born in the spring, but some lambs are born earlier and need to be protected against the winter's cold. We're not told why this winter lamb is shunned, although he is smaller and weaker than the other lambs. While the other sheep ostracised the winter lamb, his shepherd cared for him.

The Bible speaks a lot about sheep and shepherds. Some of the kings in the Old Testament are described as Bad Shepherds because they didn't care for the sheep. In contrast, Jesus is described as a Good Shepherd, who loves his sheep, who follow his voice.

The winter lamb is like the lost sheep in the story that Jesus told. This one sheep was loved so much that the shepherd went out to find it. You see, there are no 'winter lambs' in God's world. Each one of us is loved as if we were the only one to love, no matter how small or weak we might seem to the world around us. God loves *you*!

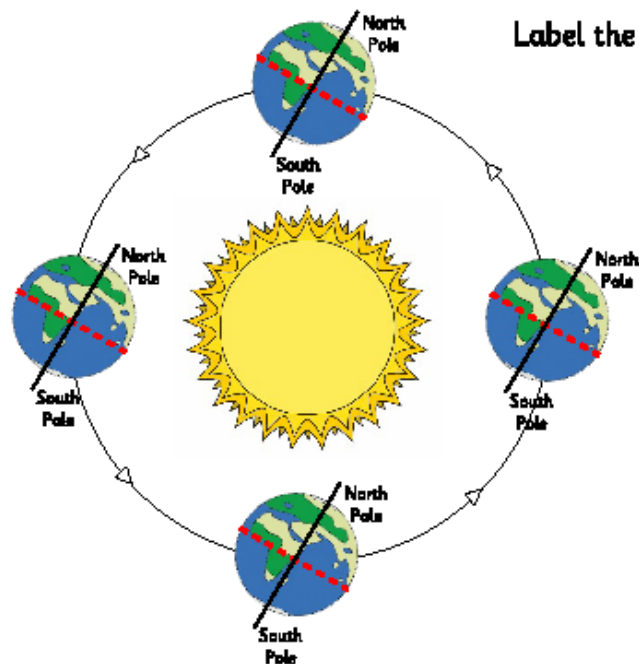
Simon



Seasons - The Earth's Orbit Cloze

Use the words in the box to fill in the blanks below.

Label the seasons on the diagram.



axis
equator
equinox
hemispheres
shortest
solstice
summer
sun
winter
364 1/4

The Earth takes _____ days to orbit the sun.

The Earth is also spinning on an _____, tilted at 23°. This means that different parts of the Earth receive more direct rays from the _____ at different times of the year.

The _____ divides the Earth into Northern and Southern _____. When the Northern hemisphere is tilted towards the sun it is _____ in that hemisphere.

On two days a year both hemispheres receive equal hours of day and night. These are called _____.

A _____ is when the sun is at its greatest distance from the equator. The _____ solstice is sometimes called the _____ day.

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SEPTEMBER***

At last we have had some rain (end of August). But, of course, not yet enough despite flash floods. I am surrounded by fields where I live and the harvest was very early this year, the end of July, and the haybales were very scarce sitting on the fields. Usually the fields are covered but this year there was only one every now and again. The fields have not yet been ploughed, I would assume because the earth is so hard. The windsocks also went out very early (beginning of August) to herald the spraying of pesticides. The grass everywhere looks like a parched cornfield. I am sure that little bit of rain was welcomed by the plants.

I have had new windows and a front door in my house. They look lovely, but oh what a mess, dust everywhere. You can't escape it when they are in every room. I live in a three storey house so they did the top storey first, two bedrooms, four windows. I managed to get that all wiped, hoovered and clean by bedtime last Monday. Tuesday they did the middle floor, sitting room, bathroom, workroom and hall—four windows. Cleaning this floor took me to Thursday! Wednesday they did the ground floor, kitchen, dining room and hall. I have started the kitchen but I think I will still be cleaning into next week! It's not just the cleaning it's the washing and putting stuff back to where it came from. I have moved furniture that probably hasn't been moved since I moved in (14 years ago!) and the cobwebs! I could knit blankets with them! I hope I don't have to do a deep clean for another 14 years!

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What, When and Where September 2026

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 served in the Cross Street Centre.

All Age Family Service 13th September, 10.30am. "Small beginnings...."

Church in the Café, 27th September at 4pm. 'Call to Ministry' Danny Smith.

Tea Chat and Prayer will not be going ahead for the present time.

Scrabble Club is held on the first and third Tuesday of each month, 1st and 15th September, 2.30-4.30pm.

Toddlers is held every Wednesday during school term time from 9.45—11.15am. The Autumn Term starts on Wednesday, 9th September.

Who Let the Dad's Out . Meetings are held on the second Saturday of each month. The next meeting will be on Saturday, 12th September, 10-11.15am.

Monday table tennis/games club will restart on Monday, 21st September, 10.30am to 12noon.

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. The café will reopen on Wednesday 2nd September after the summer break.

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