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October Sunday Services

6th	United Harvest Festival Communion	All Saints	1000
13th	Said Communion	All Saints	0800
	Sung Communion	St George's	0930
	Service of the Word	All Saints	1100
	Messy Church Harvest	Parish Hall	1500
20th	Sung Communion	St George's	0930
	Service of the Word	All Saints	1100
27th	Said Communion (BCP)	All Saints	0800
	United Sung Communion	St George's	1000
	Service for the Bereaved	St George's	1700

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Pat Clegg - Harnhamparishlifts24@gmail.com. Tel: 07450 217091
Messy Church in the Parish Hall on 2nd Sunday 3pm - 4.30pm

Morning Prayer in All Saints' Churchyard every Tuesday at 9am
and in St George's Church every Wednesday at 9am

Pause for Prosecco in Parish Hall Meeting Room on 2nd Thursday at 7.30pm

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From the Vicarage

Dear friends

Over the last few weeks I have been impressed with the honesty and depth of prayer from those who lead us in our Sunday services. One prayer went something like 'Lord, we hold before you those we find it easy to love and those who turn our hair grey.' What a great prayer!!!

Of course, we are all asked by God to be generous in our thoughts and our words and yet we know that some personalities, work colleagues, community or family members test this capacity! We need help, grace and for our hearts to be enlarged to know when to speak or stay quiet, in order to act generously.

This month, according to the Church of England, is generosity month. It falls within the season of Harvest. We give thanks for the gifts we rely on from the

land and sea and those who work on them. We give thanks that ‘all good gifts around us are sent from heaven above.’

I remember when I was a 19 year old student that I scratched my glasses so badly that I needed a new pair but could not afford them. One day an anonymous gift of the money for new glasses was posted through my door. I was amazed. How could another student be so generous to me? My new glasses were wonderful not because of what they looked like but because every time I wore them, I was reminded of the generosity in which I came to receive them!

Jesus had much to say about generosity. “Give, and you will receive. Your gift will return to you in full—pressed down, shaken together to make room for more, running over, and poured into your lap.” In common terms, we could say what goes around comes around. But generosity is more than this.

He emphasized that the value of a gift isn’t solely determined by its monetary amount. Instead, it’s measured by the level of sacrifice involved. Remember the story of the poor widow who gave just two small copper coins (equivalent to a penny)? Jesus pointed out that her sacrificial offering was more significant than the larger sums given by wealthier individuals. It’s not about how much we have left after giving; it’s about the heart behind our generosity.

Jesus also didn’t mince words when it came to wealth and material possessions. He challenged us to break free from the love of money. Why? Because our hearts can easily become entangled with wealth, leading us away from dependence on God. Radical generosity - especially toward the poor - demonstrates our trust in God’s provision and our focus on eternal joy rather than temporary riches. Our generosity should flow from a heart that recognizes God’s abundant grace and desires to share it with others.

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So, whether it’s through financial giving, acts of kindness, or forgiving others, Jesus invites us to live counterculturally—to be openhanded and generous.

Lord, enlarge our hearts, we pray. Help us to trust in the generosity of your love and to share likewise.

With love

Reverend Becky

Harvest United All Age Communion Service. All Saints 6th October 10am

All are welcome to a special Harvest service uniting in All Saints at 10am.

A choir will lead the singing, including a Harvest anthem.

We will be collecting items such as toiletries, shower gel, toothbrushes, toothpaste and small packages of tea, coffee, cereal, tinned or packet food for a starter pack for families who are leaving the Women's Refuge and moving into their own accommodation.

There will be a Harvest 'Bring and Share' lunch in the Parish Hall following the service at 12.30pm.

Sunday October 27th

**NOTE. DON'T FORGET TO PUT YOUR CLOCKS BACK BEFORE
YOU GO TO BED ON SATURDAY**

There will be a United Communion Service at St George's at 10am with guest speaker Revd Canon David Perry, lead for climate justice through the Diocesan environmental champions and a key player in the charity A Rocha UK. This is a Christian charity working to equip Christians and churches to protect and restore the environment - for God, nature and all people..

On the same day at 5pm, also at St George's, there will be a special service for all who are grieving or would like to remember their loved ones. We reflect on love and loss and have a special time of prayer remembering those gone before us lighting candles and listening to music. Followed by refreshments.

Special Services in November

All Saints 170th birthday November 3rd

Join us in a great celebration at a 10am Communion Service in All Saints with guest preacher Rt Revd Andrew Rumsey. As a folk singer he will also share a song!

(if you are interested in singing in a special choir for this morning please contact Ian Davidson)

followed by >>>>>>>>

All Saint's Church 170th Birthday - Special Celebration Lunch at 12.30pm in the Parish Hall

This will be a hot meal from COOK with a choice of either a meat lasagne option, a fish pie option or a vegetarian option. There will also be a choice of desserts and the usual drinks. Further details of the meals will be in the Church Notices. The cost of the lunch is £12.00 per person. There will be a special menu for children and the cost is £6.00 per child.

There will be a form in both St George's and All Saint's churches for you to put your name down and you can make your payment directly to Inas Miles whilst at church or by phoning her and she will collect your payment. You can also make your payment to All Saint's Church Warden Robert Salkeld or a Sunday Wardens but please enter payment on the form at the churches. For any dietary requirements and allergies or if you have any queries please contact Inas Miles on 01722 333388 and you can leave a message if not available.

Thank you and look forward to seeing you then.

Remembrance Sunday Service November 10th in the Memorial Hall, Watersmeet Road at 10.45 am.

We will be commemorating D-Day and observing a two minute silence as part of the Remembering. If anyone has their own memories or local relatives that lived through D-DAY and would like to share any memories of their sacrifice or determination, please send the memories to Revd Becky so that they can be included in this special service.

NOTE. The service at St George's that morning, which will also include Remembrance and silence, will begin at **9.15am**.

FIRST WEDNESDAY TALKS

OCTOBER 2ND 7.30 PM

HELEN TAYLOR - PUTTING ON THE PANTO

Helen Taylor is the Development Director of Wiltshire Creative and will take us behind the scenes of the renowned Salisbury Pantomimes of the past and a glimpse into Sleeping Beauty yet to come. You have bought your Panto ticket haven't you ? Oh yes you have ! You won't miss this fascinating evening will you ? Oh no you won't !

And then...

WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 6TH 7.30 PM

Come and experience the staggeringly beautiful work of Dylan Thomas and the subtle humour of Hector Hugh Munroe (Saki) brought to you by the newly formed RAMBLING HARNHAM PLAYERS in their introductory performances. This is a date to mark in your diary NOW - if you haven't done so already. There will be wine and crisps as well !

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Mothers' UNION
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Jesus said: God has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour. Luke 4: 18-19

On Sunday 8th September, International Literacy Day, Mothers' Union launched its new campaign: 'Empower Her Literacy.' This campaign aims to raise awareness of women's illiteracy and promote the importance of educating women. There are millions of women around the world who can't register the birth of their child, read a medicine packet or apply for a job. As we champion children's access to education as a fundamental human right, **Mothers' Union believes we must also prioritise education for women of all ages.**

In the countries of Burundi, the Democratic Republic of the Congo and South Sudan women have gone through the Mothers' Union Literacy Programme. This enables them to read sacred texts such as the bible, to improve hygiene practices, join savings groups and seek elected positions. As a result, their lives

have been transformed – a journey from the shadows of illiteracy to the light of empowerment and leadership.

Dates for your Diary.....

Saturday October 19th Autumn Gathering Tuesday October 22nd

Mothers Union Communion Service in the Cathedral

– Celebrant Revd Lisa Rodrigues

Thursday October 24th at 2.30pm in the Parish Hall.

Our meeting this month will take the form of a discussion led by Liz Goater, one of our members. Entitled 'Why Mothers' Union?' members are encouraged to bring questions to the meeting. Why did I join Mothers Union?, What place does it have in Society today? Etc.

Saturday October 26th 10am-12noon in the Parish Hall

The Great Card Sale, the Mothers' Union will be serving coffee and cakes in aid of the Women's Refuge.

I look forward to seeing you at our meetings, all are welcome.

If you require help with transport please phone Katharine Callard on 01722 501200

With love

Pat Davidson

Did you know that there is a lift scheme operating for those wishing to come to church but who have no transport?

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Community Tea - remembering D-Day

Who can remember 6th July 1944? I was at Junior School and excited by the prospect of a street party. All over the country in towns and villages people were planning to celebrate victory when Allied forces launched a successful naval, air and land attack on Nazi-occupied France. And here in the Parish Hall on July 21st we had our own celebration of the 80th anniversary of D-Day and the Normandy landings.

Malcolm Sturgess had prepared a splendid afternoon programme of songs and memories, with illustrated booklets. Our own Revd. Julian sang with Libby accompanying on the keyboard while we all, seated around decorated tea tables, joined in, waving our paper Union Jacks. 'There'll be bluebirds over the white cliffs of Dover...' , 'A nightingale sang in Berkeley Square' and 'We'll meet again...' to name but three.

The Mothers' Union members had prepared a delicious tea including reminders from the 1940s- egg sandwiches, cream scones and Victoria sponge cake. Our warm thanks go to Malcolm for arranging a great celebration, to Julian and Libby and to the MU whose community teas for people who live alone or want a Sunday afternoon outing, are much appreciated.

Anne Long.

Apples, Courgettes, Marrows, Tomatoes

Do you have an excess of any of these?

If so why not consider making some pickle or chutney to be sold on the Preserves Stall at the Twilight Winter Fair on November 2nd.

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Pat Davidson



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Praying with hope in a troubled world

'To hope and act with creation' was the theme for the season of Creation, during which we listened to the groanings of our earth, we saw how our ecosystem is balancing on tiptoes, (and hope it will not fail us), and we rejoiced in the abundance of creation.

However, if we are to realise this 'HOPE' and want to share the abundance of creation with future generations, then I believe we must be prepared to change. To discover how we are being asked to change, I suggest that we should confront the darker sides of our nature.

Climate change, deforestation, pollution, and species extinction are all symptoms of a deeper disease – our disconnection from the natural world and our failure to recognize the integral value of other beings and the ecosystems they inhabit. This disconnection, I suggest, is a result of our refusal to confront the darker aspects of our nature. We only have to look at the increasing numbers of refugees, fleeing from starvation due to the climate crisis.

We can try and convince ourselves that our actions, (those holiday flights, are necessary), are for the greater good, or that they're merely an unavoidable byproduct of progress. But this self-deception is a luxury we can no longer afford.

The consequences of our inactions are dire. The current rate of species extinction is estimated to be 100 to 1,000 times higher than the natural rate. The world's forests are being cleared at an alarming rate, and climate change is rapidly spiralling out of control, with the past decade being the warmest on record.

So, what can we do to confront this darker side of our human nature and save the planet? First, we need to acknowledge its existence and recognize its power. We need to stop pretending that our destructive tendencies are mere aberrations and instead confront the fact that they're an integral part of our psyche. This process will not be comfortable. It will require courage, honesty, and a willingness to confront the most uncomfortable aspects of ourselves. But it's a journey we need to take, both individually and collectively. We should also work to dismantle the systems and structures that allow our darker side to flourish, that reward our greed, our exploitation, and the destruction we cause.

Ultimately, the fate of our planet hangs in the balance. We can continue to deny the existence of our darker side, to pretend that our destructive tendencies are mere anomalies. Or we can confront the darkness within ourselves, acknowledge its power, and work to create a world where our better angels can thrive. A world where empathy and cooperation are valued above greed and destruction. A world where we recognize the importance of the natural world. The time for denial is over. The time for courage and honesty is now. We must transform ourselves and our world.

The future of our planet depends on it.

Joanna Woodd

Sixtieth Anniversary Celebration

On September 20th Revd Canon David Callard celebrated the 60th anniversary of his ordination as a Priest which had taken place in the then new Coventry Cathedral.

A special communion service was held in St George's with 68 people in attendance, all from different parts of David's life - family, friends, neighbours, fellow retired ministers, his last curate and colleagues from St Nicholas' Hospital Board of Trustees plus Community members, friends from the Cathedral as well as the usual Harnham crew!

At the beginning of the service David shared a short autobiography relating how moved he had been visiting the old cathedral in Coventry. A cathedral that had been bombed out. He visited when a teenager and stood before the cross of nails and burnt beams with the words 'Father Forgive' carved in stone behind the altar.

He spoke about how he had heard God's call to ordained ministry during his time in the Navy doing his National Service sweeping up leaves and coming up with the excuse that he could not preach or work with children. As part of his National Service he learnt to preach at Evensong - a first sermon on faith, hope and charity. After offering to play the piano at a Sunday school, he found himself leading it and managing some children who were throwing kneelers at each other!

David preached on the call of the disciples and St Pauls' image of all being the body of Christ: God calls us all to love and serve just as God called the motley crew of the first disciples. God knows our failures and sees in us the potential to shine and still believes in us to share his love and enable others to come to know the love of Jesus our Lord.

The service finished with refreshments in the Meeting Room. Congratulations continued over fruit cake!

David thanked Katharine for her service to him, and their ministry together with his family and also Charles and Joanna Woodd, following their retirement to Salisbury, for their support .

We thank David for his care-filled ministry in Harnham for which we are very thankful to God.

Revd Becky

Harnham Community Network is considering starting a monthly Film Club and is asking for people's views. They would be able to show recently released films and also classics. It is hoped to be able to use the Harnham Sports and Social Club for this venture. The charge would be around £5 per person.

Please make your views known and whether you would support on a regular or occasional basis to the Network at either 10 Folkestone Road or by email to Roger@reanven@180028138mailchimpapp.com

THE GREAT CHRISTMAS CARD SALE

Saturday 26th October, 10.00am -12noon, In the Parish Hall, Lower Street

All proceeds for the Salisbury/Sudan Medical Link, where our generous financial support is so desperately needed to save lives in many isolated rural areas. There will be a wonderful range of Christmas Cards for you to stock up on nice and early in the Season! And hundreds of Birthday and Special Occasion Cards for you to choose from.

Scout Stamps will be for sale and Scouts will deliver cards to all Salisbury addresses and many neighbouring Villages (List available)

Coffee and Cake will be served by Mothers' Union members with donations invited in aid of the Salisbury Women's Refuge.

Please tell all your friends and bring them along with you on the 26th!

David and Katharine Callard, Tel: 01722 501200.

NSPCC

Christmas Fair

Thursday 7th November 10am – 2pm Codford
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Harvest Quiz night with an Italian theme. 5th October

It's that time of year when we gather together to QUIZ!!!!

Neil's famous quiznight is back on 5th October. 7pm start. Tables of 8 people.

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If you don't have a team of 8 do let us know and we can gather you together.

Book via Harnham Parish Office 07925108856 or
harnhamparish@btinternet.com **by October 1st**

Harnham Parish Generosity – The first Week of October

Look out on Harnham Parish You Tube to see the different ways in which our church members show gratitude and generosity!

Why not donate items to the Women’s Refuge at our Harvest Gratitude and Generosity themed service? Oct 6th 10am. All Saints Church.

Twilight Winter Fair November 2nd 4pm-7pm Harnham Parish Hall

Keep the date! Come along!

A twinkly twilight Fair with crafters, small gift stalls, mulled drinks and refreshments and music to warm the soul. All raising money for the work of Harnham Parish.

If you could be part of the set up team or if you are an artist, crafter or woodworker, and would like to hire a table for £20, please contact Revd Becky. reverendbecky@gmail.com

THE TINDERBOX - for the anniversary of 7th October



7th October marks the first anniversary of a terrible year for the people of Israel/Palestine.

First came the taking of Israeli hostages, now the alleged genocide of the Palestinian people of Gaza and beyond. It has affected us all.

On 7th October at the United Reformed Church at 7.00 pm, the Salisbury Christian Aid Committee is screening THE TINDERBOX.

This award-winning film is directed by Gillian Moseley, herself Jewish, who journeyed around Israel, exposing how, when and why the conflict began. It has been described in The Observer as scrupulously balanced, sober and thoughtprovoking. Running time is 90 minutes, the film is rated PG13. Christian

Aid has secured a licence for this film to be watched free of charge. However, there will be a retiring collection for Christian Aid together with the usual sale of Zaytoun products.

Tim Clayden. Harnham Christian Aid Rep

Celebrating 20 Years of Listening



Salisbury's own 'Listening Place' celebrated 20 years of listening to the local community on Tuesday 10th September with a cake and an interesting talk given by Caroline Cavanagh, Anxiety Specialist, entitled 'Anxiety is a Gift'.

Sue Robbins, Manager of The Listening Place welcomed the packed audience, which included Listeners, both past and present. She recalled the struggle to get the whole enterprise off the ground and how determined the Founders of The Listening Place were to realise their vision of a free, accessible service where people from the local community could be listened to without interruption or judgement.

The Revd Canon Anne Long, one of the original Listeners, described how she followed in the footsteps of the late Julia Waters who was inspired to establish The Listening Place. She said it had been a privilege to work alongside those listening and being listened to. Sue thanked Ann and also presented Mary Mitchell, who was retiring after 20 years of service, with a gift and flowers, in grateful recognition of her outstanding contribution to The Listening Place.



Caroline Cavanagh, who donated her talk in memory of her father, followed with a lively and challenging talk, 'Anxiety is a Gift'. She gave the audience three key ways to transform anxiety (or fear) into positive energy in our own lives. Firstly, by considering whether the risk is real or imaginary. Secondly, by taking small steps out of our comfort zone to challenge the perceived risk and thirdly, by 'flipping' negative thoughts into positive ones. Most 'what if?' thoughts are negative and it's easy to fall down the negative 'rabbit hole' and become anxious. Given practice, anxiety could be seen as a gift, by using it to train our minds to think positively.

Many questions were posed by the audience in response and Caroline engaged in a discussion of the points raised. As a 'thank you' for being the speaker, Caroline was presented with a basket of Fairtrade goods by Sue Robbins.

The evening ended with the cutting of the Anniversary cake, light refreshments and an opportunity to chat with Caroline and each other. *****

The Listening Place is based at Salisbury Methodist Church in St Edmunds Church St. It provides a free confidential drop-in service on Wednesday and Saturday mornings, 10am – 12noon and Monday evenings 5.30pm – 7.30pm. Alternatively, appointments can be made by phoning 01722 325294 within these hours, or by leaving a message on the answer phone. Or by emailing: salisburylistingplace@gmail.com

For further information: www.thelisteningplace.org.uk

.Trip to Pilsdon Community (near Bridport)

Pip & Bruce Carter (members of the cathedral congregation) are organising a trip to Pilsdon for their 66th anniversary celebrations on Sunday 13th October. They are hiring a minibus, which Bruce will drive – cost £20 each.

Since 1958, the Pilsdon Community has been offering a refuge to people in crisis, welcoming those from all backgrounds and from many different walks of life – whether young or old, rich or poor. Pilsdon is a community that shares a common life of prayer, hospitality and work, providing an environment of acceptance and friendship where people can begin to rebuild their lives. If you are interested in joining this trip, please email pipcarter55@gmail.com.

Recycling in the Parish – update

Unfortunately, due to the closure of the Pen recycling scheme to Medic to Medic we are no longer collecting pens at the Parish Hall Recycling Container. Pens can still be recycled however at Rymans Stationery in Salisbury. We are still accepting, Bread bags, Laundry/Cleaning packaging, Coffee Plastic Packaging, Dental products (NO TOOTHPASTE TUBES PLEASE), Make Up, Beauty, Skin care plastic packaging any brand, Biscuit packaging including Twiglets and Kit Kats /Twix type bars any brand. We can no longer take Crisp packets but they and all Vegetable, Pet food, Yogurt and tea plastics etc , can be recycled at any major Supermarket.

Also – A rather belated thankyou to all those who contributed to the annual Soroptimist Bra Collection I arrived home many times to find a bag on my doorstep which was great. We surpassed all expectations this year and an amazing 6,014 bras were collected. This has saved nearly 400 kg of bras going to landfill giving them a new lease of life helping women in Africa who cannot take buying/wearing one for granted.

Annette Phillips

Edington Music Festival

Edington Priory Church is located in Monastery Road; it is said that by the time of the Norman Conquest it was part of a sub-manor of (Steeple) Aston. Every year in the third week of August, very beautiful music is sung at four services a day in this church. Three separate choirs join forces for the Eucharist. Matins and Compline are sung by the Schola choir.

The theme this year was Hildegard of Bingen. (b.1098-1179) She is contemporary with St Georges Church and a while back Professor June Boyce-Tilman gave a lecture at St George's about Hildegard. She said that a monk was employed to write her music down. Such limitations by a composer are not that unusual, for example, Lionel Bart needed some help orchestrating his great tunes for Oliver.

The sermon at Friday Matins was about translation. Where would the world be the Vicar asked, if the apostles unable to translate their knowledge, had remained silent?

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Hildegard left hundreds of illuminated manuscripts for her nuns to sing. It was only in 1983 that a recording of "A Feather on the Breath of God" was translated into modern notation for a choir to perform.

Hearing the live sounds of music of 800 years ago from the Rhineland was unforgettable this year at Edington. Edington Music Festival is well worth a visit to take in one of the many services that are held during the week.

Frances Howard

Following ancient footsteps

On a promontory rising high above a bend in the river Wear, Durham Cathedral floats high above tree-lined footpaths on either side of the water. It is as famed

for its location as for its early Christian history. Home to the shrines of St Cuthbert, the Venerable Bede and countless Prince Bishops, it has been a place of pilgrimage and wonder for hundreds of years - and rightly so.

But scratch the surface and other sites in the region justify a wider exploration. Just outside the tightly river-bound confines of the historic city lies St Oswalds, still a working church but at the centre of a nature reserve only a few steps up from the outer river walk.

Take an X21 bus to Bishops Auckland and wind through the suburbs on the route 89 Hoppa bus to Escomb Saxon Church. This little gem, sited in its circular churchyard at the bottom of a valley and incongruously surrounded by a crescent of 1970s houses, dates from the late 7th century. It is one of the oldest places of continuous worship in the country and was built using stone repurposed for the job from the nearby Binstead Roman Fort. Roman inscriptions and decoration are visible on many of the interior and exterior walls. There is even a stone inscribed 'Legio VI' which was placed upside down by the church masons. The legions would have departed for Rome a good 200 years before their fort contributed to the growth of early Christian practice in England. All that has been added during its 1,300 years of life is the porch and – in Victorian times - larger East and West windows.

Further South in Teesdale at Staindrop, the estate village to Raby Castle, lies St Mary's (originally St Gregory's) Church. It started life in the 8th Century, when King Canute who had a residence nearby would have known it, shaped much like Escomb but has been so much enlarged over the centuries that it is now known as the Cathedral of the Dales. It houses impressive memorials of the powerful Neville family (Rising of the North) who were succeeded by the Vanes and the Barnards over the centuries, all of whom had a hand in the aggrandisement of the building. But it is still possible to see the outline of the original roof of the tiny Saxon 'starter' church with which King Canute would have been familiar.

Our own St George's, as an early Norman Chapel of Ease, is almost as old but it is fascinating to be reminded that centuries before ever William turned his gaze towards England what was once commonly referred to as the 'Dark Ages' shone with a rich cultural and spiritual life of which to be proud.

Sue Reeder



Prayer Diary for October

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80 years ago, on 2nd Oct 1944 that the Warsaw Uprising in Poland was ended. The Germans destroyed the city, killing 200,000 civilians and expelling 700,000.

Also 80 years ago, on 9th Oct 1944 that British Prime Minister Winston Churchill and Soviet leader Joseph Stalin met to discuss the future of post-war Europe.

75 years ago, on 1st Oct 1949 that the People's Republic of China was founded by Mao Zedong.

70 years ago, from 30th Oct to 13th Nov 1954 that the first Rugby World Cup was held in Paris. Great Britain beat France 16-12 in the final.

65 years ago, on 11th Oct 1959 that Britain began introducing postcodes. They began in Norwich, and by 1974 had been rolled out across the whole country.

60 years ago, on 14th Oct 1964 that the American civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr. was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize for combating racial inequality in the USA without violence.

50 years ago, on 9th Oct 1974 that Oskar Schindler, Austria-Hungarian-born German businessman, died. He saved more than 1,100 Jews during the Holocaust by employing them in his factories. The story is told in the film *Schindler's List*.

40 years ago, on 12th Oct 1984 that an IRA bomb exploded during the Conservative Party Conference at the Grand Hotel in Brighton, killing five people. Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher was apparently the primary target, but she escaped injury.

Also 40 years ago, on 16th Oct 1984 that South African Anglican bishop Desmond Tutu won the 1984 Nobel Peace Prize for his role in the opposition to apartheid.

30 years ago, on 13th Oct 1994 that the three main loyalist paramilitary groups in Northern Ireland announced a ceasefire following the IRA's ceasefire announcement on 31st Aug.

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Mark unveils Jesus' public ministry with the words: *'the beginning of the gospel about Jesus Christ, the Son of God'* (1:1). The gospel provides a succinct and vivid account of Jesus' ministry, concentrating on what Jesus did rather than what He said. Mark moves quickly from one episode to another, often using the word *'immediately'* which is characteristic of his gospel.

For Mark, understanding the true identity of Jesus is fundamental to his gospel. Jesus asks the disciples, *'Who do people say I am?'* (8:27), to which Peter replies, *'You are the Christ'*. This is evident in Jesus' role as teacher, the call for discipleship and the account of Jesus' death and resurrection, which occupies the last third of the gospel.

A key verse which helps us to understand the nature of Jesus' mission and how we might live in the light of it is: *'Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be slave of all. For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.'* (10:44,45). As the Suffering Servant, Jesus gave His life on the cross, that we might know and share his love.

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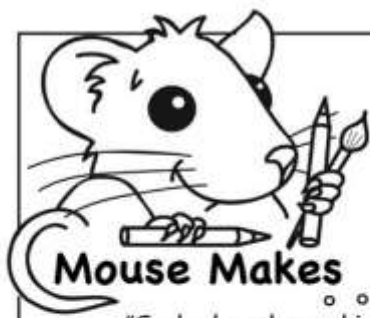
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Psalm 67:5-6 NIV

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 and crops in their seasons.
 He provides you with
 plenty of _____. He fills
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Acts 14:16-17 NIV

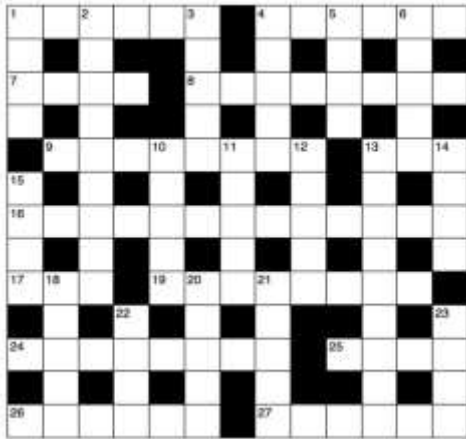
"Let us fear and respect
 the Lord our God.
 He gives us autumn and
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 at the right time.
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"Honour the Lord with your wealth
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Across

1 He must be 'the husband of but one wife and must manage his children and his household well' (1 Timothy 3:12) (6) 4 'For we must all — before the judgement seat of Christ'

(2 Corinthians 5:10) (6)

7 'They reeled and staggered like drunken men; they were at their — end' (Psalm 107:27) (4)

8 See 19 Across

9 It concerned who among the disciples would be the greatest (Luke 9:46) (8) 13 Formed by the Jews in Thessalonica to root out Paul and Silas (Acts 17:5) (3)

16 'He has sent me to bind up the — —' (Isaiah 61:1) (6-7)

17 Moved rapidly on foot (Matthew 28:8) (3)

19 and 8 ' — a great company of the — host appeared with the angel' (Luke 2:13) (8,8)

24 Hindrance (Romans 14:13) (8)

25 Comes between Luke and Acts (4)

26 Empower (Acts 4:29) (6)

27 'Get these out of here! How dare you turn my Father's house into a - ! (John 2:16) (6)

Down

1 Sunrise (Psalm 119:147) (4)

2 The part of the day when Cornelius the Caesarean centurion had a vision of an angel of God (Acts 10:3) (9)

3 He was one of those who returned with Zerubbabel from exile in Babylon to Jerusalem (Nehemiah 7:7) (5)

4 'No one can see the kingdom of God unless he is born — '(John 3:3) (5)

5 Animal hunted or killed as food (Ezekiel 22:25) (4)

6 'He encouraged them — — remain true to the Lord' (Acts 11:23) (3,2)

10 Ruses (anag.) (5)

11 Jewish priestly vestment (Exodus 28:6) (5)

12 Visible sign of what had been there (Daniel 2:35) (5)

13 This was the trade of Alexander, who did Paul 'a great deal of harm' (2 Timothy 4:14) (9)

14 'This is my — , which is for you; do this in remembrance of me' (1 Corinthians 11:24) (4)

15 One of Noah's great-great-grandsons (Genesis 10:24) (4)

- 18 Traditionally the first British Christian martyr (5)
- 20 Relationship of Ner to Saul (1 Samuel 14:50) (5)
- 21 Jacob had one at a place he named Bethel while on his way to Haran, fleeing from Esau (Genesis 28:12) (5)
- 22 Bats (anag.) (4)
- 23 'You strain out a — but swallow a camel' (Matthew 23:24) (4)

READINGS FOR OCTOBER

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|----|---|-----------------------------------|
| 6 | Harvest Festival
2 Corinthians 9:6-15 | Luke 12.16-30
or Luke 17:11-19 |
| 13 | Twentieth Sunday after Trinity
Hebrews 4:12-16 | Mark 10:17-31 |
| 20 | Twenty-first Sunday after Trinity
Hebrews 5:1-10 | Mark 10:35-45 |
| 27 | Last Sunday after Trinity
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Coffee and Chat every Wednesday & Saturday in Meeting Room 1000 -1200
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| | 2 First Wednesday Talk in Parish Hall by Helen Taylor | 1930 |
| | 5 Harvest Quiz Night in Parish Hall (book by Oct 1st) | 1900 |
| | 6 United Harvest Festival Communion at All Saints | 1000 |
| 6 | Harvest Festival 'Bring and Share' Lunch in Parish Hall | 1230 |
| 7 | Tinderbox film in United Reformed Church | 1900 13 |
| | Said Communion Service at All Saints | 0800 13 |
| | Sung Communion Service at St George's | 0930 |
| 13 | Service of the Word at All Saints | 1100 |
| 13 | Messy Church Harvest in Parish Hall | 1500 |
| 15 | Harnham WI in Parish Hall. Cats Protection League | 1900 |
| 18 | Harnham Garden Society Harvest Supper | 1930 |
| 20 | Sung Communion at St George's | 0930 |

20	Service of the Word at All Saints	1100
21	Harnham Women's Group in Scout Hall. Needle Felting Dem	2000
22	MU Diocesan Communion Service in Cathedral	1200
22	Magazine Collation in Meeting Room	1330
24	MU Meeting in Parish Hall	1430
26	Great Christmas Card Sale and coffee in Parish Hall	1000-1200
26	CLOCKS GO BACK ONE HOUR TONIGHT	
27	Said Communion Service at All Saints (BCP)	0800
27	United Sung Communion Service at St George's	1000
27	Service for the Bereaved at St George's	1700

NOVEMBER

2	Twilight Winter Fair in Parish Hall	1600-1900
3	All Saints Patronal Festival and 170th Birthday Communion Saints Celebration Lunch in Parish Hall	1000 3 All 1230
6	First Wednesday Talk. Rambling Harnham Players	1930
10	Remembrance Sunday	

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