



Welcoming,
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Newsletter

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The Sunday Plan



Sunday 3rd October
11 am - Harvest Festival

Conducted by Rev Jim Brown
Coffee after the service

Sunday 10th October
11 am Worship & Holy
Communion
Individual glasses

Conducted by Rev David Ryan
Coffee after the service

Sunday 17th October
11 am - Morning Worship

6:30 pm - Evening Service

Conducted by Rev Jim Brown
Coffee after the service
At St. Nicholas, Warndon

Sunday 24th October
11 am Worship & Holy
Communion
Common Cup

Conducted by Rev Jim Brown
Coffee after the service

Sunday 31st October
11 am - Morning Worship

Conducted by the Worship Group
Coffee after the service

Sunday 7th November
11 am Morning Worship

Conducted by Rev Jim Brown
Coffee after the service

Sunday 14th November
10:50 am Worship & Holy
Communion
Individual glasses
Remembrance Sunday

Conducted by Rev Jim Brown
Coffee after the service

From the Manse



Dear Friends,

Autumn is here and harvest time is upon us and we can read in Genesis chapter 1 that God created everything and that everything was 'very good'. Why then do we have so much trouble believing him? What follows is a light-hearted look at growing and harvesting!

All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small,
All things wise and wonderful, the Lord God made them all.
But what we never mention, though farmers know its true –
Is when he made the goodies, he made the baddies too!

All things spray and swatable, disasters great and small,
All thing paraquatable, the Lord God made them all.

The greenfly on the roses, the maggots in the peas,
Manure that fill the noses, he also gave us these.
All things spray and swatable...

The fungus on the goose-gogs, the club root on the greens,
The slugs that eat the lettuce and chew the aubergines.
All things spray and swatable...

The drought that kills the fuchsias, the frost that nips the buds,
The rain that drowns the seedlings, the blight that hits the spuds.
All things spray and swatable...

The midges and mosquitos, the nettles and the weeds,
The pigeons and the green stuff, the sparrows and the seeds.
All things spray and swattable...

The flies that get the carrots, the wasps that eats the plums,
How black the farmers outlook, though green may be his thumbs.
All things spray and swattable...

But still our farmers labour, midst vegetables and flowers,
And pray what hits our neighbours will somehow pass us by!
All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small,
All things wise and wonderful, the Lord God made them all.

There's more truth in there than most of us would care to
acknowledge, but in spite of that it is time to be thankful for all
God's goodness – and we are, really!

With love and best wishes

Jim



Holly Mount URC

Mission Aviation Fellowship tea and talk



A presentation by Michael Fawdrey on the work of MAF in Madagascar

Saturday 9th October 2010, 4pm-6pm
Holly Mount URC, Malvern

The afternoon begins with tea at 4pm, followed by a presentation by Michael

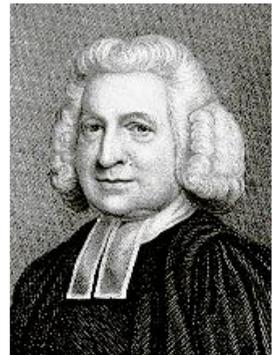
All welcome

Malvern Link URC

FAVOURITE HYMNS SERVICE

"Charles Wesley's Hymns"

On Sunday 24th October 2010
at 4 pm



Followed by Afternoon tea in the Hall

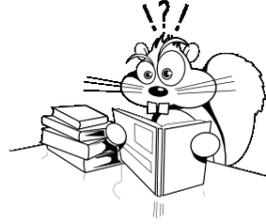
PLEASE COME AND BRING A FRIEND

October Deadline



Items for inclusion in the November Newsletter should be given to Tim Dunn. 27a Cornmeadow Green, Claines, Worcester. WR3 7PN. Tel 01905 457909, Email newsletter@worcesterurc.org.uk by Sunday 24th October at the latest please.

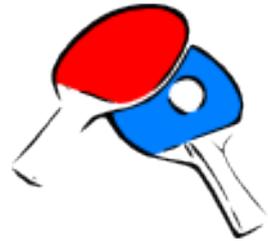
WURC Out



WURC-OUT starts on Thursday 30th September, 7.30pm at the Manse – don't worry if you missed the first one – we're very user friendly. We're going to explore our URC origins for a few weeks and include a bit more of an in-depth look at some of the people important to our history. Then we'll spend a couple of weeks on places and names in the Bible and relating them to modern times and geography. We'll finish off with Advent reflections and end this 'term' on December 2nd. So, come and join us – the more the merrier!

JB

Any one for (Table) Tennis?



The Table Tennis Table has now been rescued from the back of the shed so we intend to burst into life with Friday evening games from 8th October onwards.

We've had a handful of people express an interest in playing, but more are welcome, so come along and join the fun. Don't expect any of us to be any good at it though!

Tim Dunn

**'Waters shall break forth
in the wilderness, and
streams in the desert,
The burning sand shall
become a pool and the
thirsty ground springs of
water.'** Isaiah 35:6-7



By harnessing the power of the wind, Christian Aid's partner RAADA is pumping water up from under the desert with a wind-powered well.

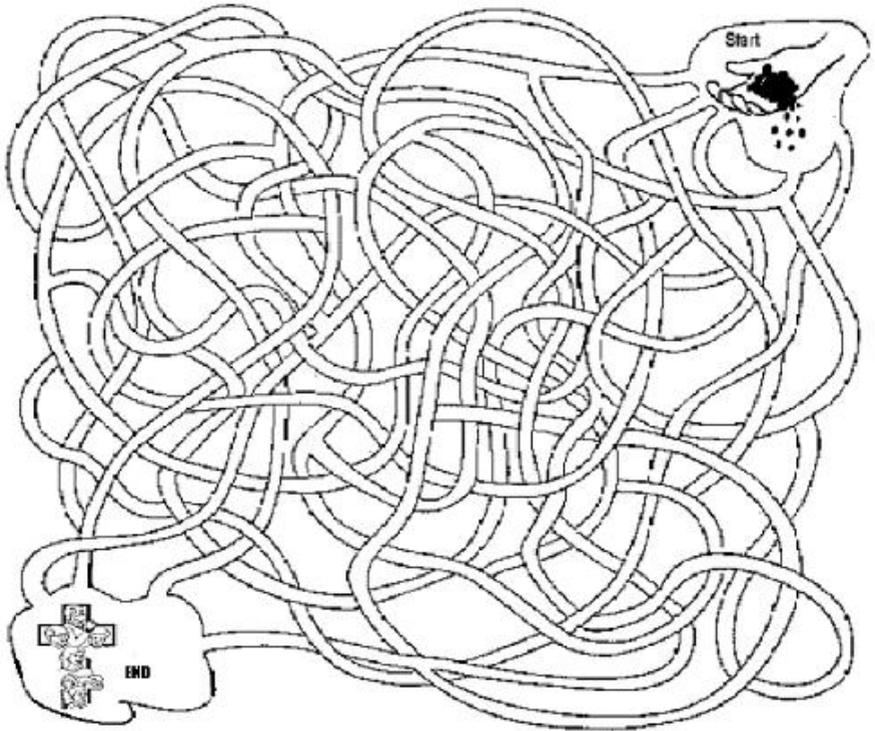
With funds from Christian Aid, the wind well has been built in the village of Baz Girha, in the western desert of Afghanistan. It transforms '120 days of wind' (which is what the people call their summer!) into water for animals, less arduous work for the people and a healthier life.

As Golah Nurzei (a Baz Girha resident) says: 'The wind well is wonderful! Before, we used to have to bring water up in a bucket from a deep well, it took a long time and a lot of hard work and it was still difficult to get enough water for all the animals to have a proper drink. But now the wind powers a mechanism that draws the water up for us. We can water 2,000 animals here now.'

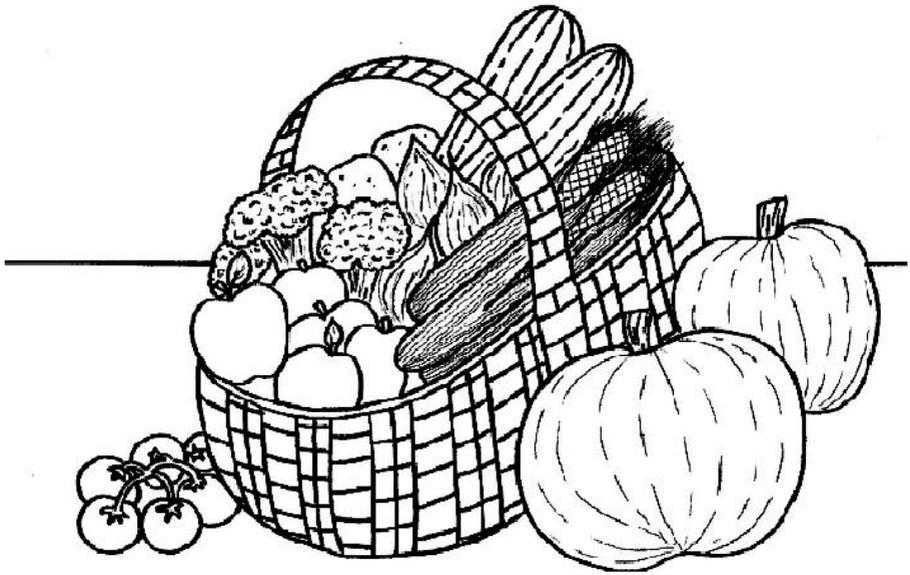
We all become part of this wind of change – as we pray for the work of Christian Aid around the world, give money to improve the harvests and lives of others and thank God for all he has given us.

Childrens Pages for

Can you find your way from the Sower to the Cross?



A Harvest Basket for you to colour in



Albany Fellowship



Having had similar thoughts about the future of Albany Fellowship, Jean McCluskie and Teresa Dunn decided to begin a new chapter in the life of this fellowship.

We held our first meeting on September 2nd, which was very successful. There were about twenty who enjoyed tea, cakes and a chat.

We had a good discussion about the way forward and enjoyed listening to some friend's stories and looking through some Robert Opie Scrapbooks, a trip down memory lane.

Many thanks to all who came to enable us to begin this anew. Many thanks go to Jim and Lynne for joining us and to Jim for his Blessing on this 'new' venture.

It was decided that we would meet on the first Thursday of each Month. This means that we look forward to seeing you 7th October at 2.30pm when Nicky and Bryan Neville-Lee will share their trip to Oberammergau with us.

Why not bring a friend or neighbour along with you to join us, we would love to see them. Transport can be arranged for anyone who needs it , just let us know.

Love

Jean and Teresa

Diddly Der



Pat Williams has been away on holiday to Wales, and here she recollects her time away in rhyme.

The Missing Link

Where has she been?
Why isn't she here?
With a book at the door
And her hands in the sink?
Went off to Wales?
To ride on a train?
Diddly Der Diddly Der ...
And now that she's back that is still the refrain
Diddly Der.... Diddley Der ...
On and On inside her "Brain"!

Little Welsh Trains

Diddly Der, Diddly Der
The Engine puffs and blows out smoke
Diddly Der, Diddly Der
Passed jagged rocks and piles of slate
Diddly Der, Diddly Der
Children wave from other trains
Diddly Der, Diddley Der
Even in the dark as well as the sun
Diddly Der, Diddly Der
What a wonderful way to spend the day
DIDDLY DER

Albany Terrace United Reformed Church

Albany Fellowship



**Do you like tea, coffee, cakes and a good old chat?
if so why not come and join us.**

**We meet the first Thursday of each month at 2.30 - 4 pm in
the Church
and is open to all.**

**Occasionally we have a speaker, take a trip out, have a quiz
or games
afternoon and maybe meet early for a homemade lunch.**

**Just come along or for more information contact:
Jean McCluskie 01299 253350
or
Teresa Dunn 01905 457909**



Whilst in Rome...



Tim and I have just spent two weeks in Italy, a week in Rome and a week in Florence.

Whilst we had two fabulous weeks we enjoyed Rome just that little bit more. Rome is steeped in so much history it is mind blowing. We all know that the Colosseum exists but to actually see it is remarkable. We all know it is huge but to stand beside it is breathtaking. Did you know that before the underfloor passages and tunnels were built the oval space was filled with water and a battle of ships took place. This only happened once.

The original city of Rome was abandoned and left to become a ruin. Today it has been revealed and is called the Roman Forum. You can still walk the streets of the Old City and see marble columns, the foundations of Temples and Churches and dwelling places. It is a very humbling experience to realise that not only are you able to walk on all this History but that Paul may well have walked these paths too.

You can view the Catacombs, which are Christian burial chambers. The one which we visited held 500,000 bodies all entombed on stone shelves about six feet long and eighteen inches high and about the same depth. These were then sealed with brick so there was no odour emitted. A stone lamp was lit by the side of the tomb. The oldest tombs were the ones on the top and as each level filled they dug further down. The one we visited had about seven levels. You had to have a guided tour otherwise you would never have found your way out.

The Catacombs are on the Appian Way, the Old Roman Road. If you walk about a Kilometer from the Catacomb you can still find

the original road built by the Romans and are able to walk on it.

We saw many other sites whilst in Rome and would love to share them with you but our holiday which was fascinating to us would probably bore you more than you already are.

Florence was exciting in its own way. You have to appreciate Fifteenth Century art to really enjoy it all. We did see the Statue of David in the Acadamia Gallery and this was well worth the visit. We took a trip to Pisa to see the leaning Tower and a trip to Siena.

The little narrow streets away from the main streets are full of Florentine paper shops, some make it, others cover books with it whilst others sell the wonderful paper.

The thing that really stands out in my mind is the apartment we had whilst in Florence. It was just outside in a place called Tavarnuzze. Our first evening there I said to Tim "Look at the Stars" and closed the shutters over the door indoors. The window shutters were all closed over. What I did not realise was that the shutters had no handle and I had locked us out!! We had only been there about three hours. Fortunately the bedroom window had not been locked so we were able to push these open and Tim then had to climb through the window and open the door. Needless to say we did not do that again.

Teresa

If you have been on holiday or somewhere interesting why not share with your Church Family and write a piece for the newsletter.

Church Family News

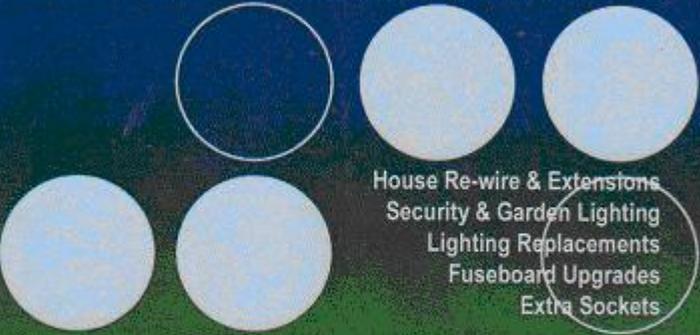


The old Albany Fellowship bank account has been closed and the money has been sent to the four charities as agreed. Thanks to Pat Williams for addressing the envelopes.

Eileen Barnett

If you have any news you would like to share with your church family please let us know.

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Duty Rotas



	Oct 3rd	Oct 10th	Oct 17th	Oct 24th
Carry in the Bible	Pat Williams	Rita Michelman	Len Berryman	Betty Forrer
Books / Offertory	Pat Smith June Barber	Paul Denham Rob Peachey	Michael & Rosemary Clarke	Margaret & Roger Morris
Reading	Doreen Cheesbrough	Brian Jones	Rob Peachey	Nicky Neville-Lee
Prepare Table		Carol Hardyman Lynne Brown		Tom & Doreen Cheesbrough
Serve Communion		Tom Cheesbrough Bryan & Nicky Neville-Lee Sarah Lodge		Jeremy Davies Helen Moore
Beadle	Jeremy Davies	Jeremy Davies	Jeremy Davies	Jeremy Davies
Foyer	Carol Hardyman	Carol Hardyman	Carol Hardyman	Carol Hardyman

	Oct 31st	Nov 7th	Nov 14th	Nov 21st
Carry in the Bible	Lynne Brown	Betty Forrer	Brian Jones	Rita Michelman
Books / Offertory	Barbara & David James	Len & Pat Berryman	Margaret & Roger Morris	Tom & Doreen Cheesbrough
Reading	Sarah Lodge	Carol Hardyman	Paul Denham	Liz Davies
Prepare Table			Teresa Dunn Jean McCluskie	
Serve Communion			Lynne Brown Tom Cheesbrough Nicky & Bryan Neville-Lee	
Beadle	Jeremy Davies	Rob Peachey	Rob Peachey	Rob Peachey
Foyer	Carol Hardyman	Tim Dunn	Tim Dunn	Tim Dunn