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HotPott

October 2026

Pott Shrigley's Church & Parish Magazine



Pott Shrigley

Bonfire night

Cricket Field, Pott Shrigley

Sat 7th Nov 2026

Gates open at 5.30pm

Fire lit at 6.30pm

Fireworks after 7.30pm

Admission: £25 Family (2 adults 2 children)

£11 adult, child £5, under 5s free (Pay at gate)

Fireworks, Bar, Real Ale, Mulled Wine, Glowsticks, BBQ, Games

Anyone bringing their own fireworks/sparklers/alcoholic drinks to the event will not be admitted

Dear Friends

This Edition

Dear friends,

In October we turn the clocks back by one hour. I always find this difficult for a few weeks as my body adjusts to the changing patterns of light and darkness.

I am reluctant to let go of the memories of summer before I can embrace the delights of winter. And yet, as I light the first fire in our woodburning stove, I realise that we are designed to be adaptable and to find joy in these everyday changes.

The direct warmth from the fire makes me think of the Greek word koinonia, which in simple terms means the warmth we can feel when in close fellowship

or partnership with each other. We are not designed to face life's challenges or joys alone; we are supposed to be experiencing the close warmth of fellowship as if



Rev. Lynn Caudwell

we were coals in a fire: one coal falling from the fire soon loses its heat. Thus, the post-holidays gathering back together in our more regular patterns of worship can help us.

We read this in 1 John 1:3:

‘That which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you too may have fellowship (koininia) with us, that you may share in what we have seen and heard; and indeed our fellowship (koininia) is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ.’

Can the prospect of increased koinonia, with each other and with God, encourage us through this transition from autumn to winter? I trust that as we gather, we may feel the warmth of His presence as we share our lives together. All are welcome to join us each Sunday at 8.30am or

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10.45am and at our 11.15am Wednesday service (when we serve refreshments and chat from 10.30am onwards). Why not come along and join in?

With love and prayers for a good autumn season,

Lynn.

Cover story: a Visit from Hassan John

We were delighted to welcome the Reverend Doctor Hassan John to St Christopher's recently. Hassan works for HART, one of the charities we support.

You'll have to wait until the November

edition of *HotPott* to hear more, but in the meantime, if you missed it, do view the online recording of the 10.45am service on Sunday 20th September. You will learn a lot.

Platinum congratulations to...

... Audrey and Geoff King who celebrated 70 years of happy marriage recently. Audrey was brought up at Nab Farm and married Geoff at St Christopher's on 18th August 1956.



Audrey & Geoff King 70 years on

And **golden congratulations** to Lynne and Paul Bowden who celebrated 50 years of happy marriage on 4th September.

With love, and wishing many blessings to both couples in the coming years from all their church family.



Lynne & Paul Bowden 50 years ago

Knock@Ripon, a fruitful if hectic week

'Seeing young people praying for the first time, leaders confidently praying out loud, prayer being a focus in dorm times and young people initiating prayer with friends in Holy Space. It was glorious to see so much chatting with God!'

'Every one of the older girls' dorm, whilst waiting for me to let them into Johnson House, breaking into a spontaneous performance of Deep Cries Out with additional actions and choreography, singing their hearts out. Beautiful!'

'Definitely all the girls in the middle girls' dorm being brave and praying out loud during our Ignite Celebration for the things they were scared or worried about facing when they went back home.'

'Genuinely deep conversations with the oldest boys about what a real Christian commitment looked like.'

'Being with a fantastic leadership team.'

'Some of the boys in my dorm asking if they could pray for me.'

'Seeing lots of the younger boys go from unsure to confident in talking about faith.'

'Middle girls had such deep questions which they shared so freely. What a privilege that is!'
'Middle boys praying for us leaders and all the conversations had with them. That or the water polo!'

'My son shared camp makes him feel so close to Jesus he doesn't want it to go away. He's asked to do proper Bible studies with me (we started today!).'

A parent of a camper who is a friend messaged me today to say that their child really 'met with Jesus' at camp, which was something she (mum) had been praying for.

During the first week of August, for the fourth year running Kim and I spent a

week helping out on a Church Pastoral Aid Society (CPAS) venture (or camp) for young people aged between eight and 14 years. It is held in Ripon Grammar School and is known as Knock@Ripon because it used to be held at Knock, a remote rural Christian Centre, until we outgrew it.

Rev. David Swales

Across are some quotes from our leaders' WhatsApp group; I hope they give a flavour both of the commitment of a lovely group of Christian volunteer leaders, and of some of the ways in which God used the camp to touch the lives of children and young people. Kim and I are part of the catering team. Now, cooking for 100 people does have its moments, but it's not that which draws us to be involved: rather, we love to be part of something through which faith in Jesus is kindled and strengthened in young people.

We were in the kitchen for 7am every day and, with three meals a day (not to mention bedtime snacks, mid-morning drinks and afternoon ice lollies!) to prepare and serve, we worked solidly through each and every day. Nevertheless, watching those working directly with the



Knock@Ripon



Kim caterer

young people really did leave me feeling exhausted! While a number of the leaders are left behind to supervise getting their groups up and into breakfast, where the tables are organised in dorm groups, the rest meet for an hour's prayer and Bible teaching before they get to eat breakfast. Then it's upwards and onwards, straight into the first activity of the day with their young charges: *Connect*, a lively Bible talk, followed by discussion in age-based groups. Then it's on with the games, outings, sports, crafts, swimming, workshops – with a pause for lunch. The programme really is non-stop. After the evening meal there's 30 minutes' mobile phone time (Yes, they surrender their phones on arrival!) while the leaders meet to pray. Then comes a truly crazy evening meeting called *Ignite*, which mixes in daft competitions with worship songs, drama sketches and film shows. Lastly, it's dorm time, with a chance to talk and pray about the day together with their leaders, who



Ignite

then have the task of encouraging their members to settle down!

Somehow, I fear just listing the programme doesn't communicate the joy, fun and faith which permeate the camp (together with the inevitable wobbles and dramas, of course!). I think the secret is in the vision for the camp, which comes from CPAS, our umbrella organisation. This is enthusiastically shared by our own main leaders (one of whom is our vicar), and in turn is caught by the rest of the team, many of whom are young themselves. The vision is to enable the young people both to learn about, and to meet with, Jesus in a fun, caring and safe camp community. CPAS offers excellent administrative support and also keeps us honest by insisting on the highest standards on matters such as safeguarding, health and safety and food hygiene. A senior CPAS representative always comes to spend a day with us and, though it feels rather like an Ofsted inspection(!), the truth is that they are there to support and encourage.

If I have one regret, it's that I never sent my own children on such a camp. If any parents out there are thinking about it, please don't make the same mistake! Also, St Christopher's: thanks for your support for CPAS, they do great work in keeping

real Gospel ministry at the heart of the Church of England – not least through supporting ventures such as Knock@Ripon.

We've already signed up for 2027!

Thank you to David for telling us about this busy, but worthwhile week! As David says, CPAS is a charity the St Christopher's Church family support, and indeed they are our patrons, which means they have a role in appointing our clergy. It's so encouraging to see what a difference CPAS makes to the lives of young people.



The catering team

New Year, New Start

It is lovely to be back at school after the summer break. Class 3 has changed and we are already missing Arlo, but we hear that he is having a fabulous time at Beech Hall.

Class 3

We have welcomed Riley, Rory, Albie, Elsa, Meadow, Emma, India, Hugo and Miles into Class 3 as our new year threes and fours, and we already feel like a new team!

There are also six new girls in Reception who are very cute and love to play with us in our adventure playground.

We also have a new headteacher, Mrs Slater. We miss Mrs Slater teaching us, but we still see her in Collective Worship and serving our lunches.

Everyone was invited to our Macmillan Coffee morning in September for coffee and cake and to meet the school council.



Harvest Lunch

On Wednesday 21st October there will be a harvest lunch from 12 noon, following the Not Just Sunday worship. There will be cottage/shepherd's pie for the main course and apple crumble for pudding.

Everyone is welcome! There will be a sign-up sheet at the back of church soon.

Lynne Bowden

Love Where You Live

St Christopher's Church organised an 'explore your churchyard' morning as part of North-East Cheshire Churches' *Season of Creation* event.

Yvonne Foster

Our morning was divided into three parts: firstly, there was an opportunity to explore the graveyard, when we gave ourselves the space and time to stop and look at God's creation, from mini beasts (the magnifying pots proved very helpful!) to ancient yews; we also spent time sitting and listening to the sounds around us, from bird song to traffic. Spiders and tiny crickets were admired before young Isla rang a school bell to call us into church for refreshments and where David Garton gave us a short talk about the churchyard, explaining the sometimes-competing aims of keeping it tidy whilst allowing nature to thrive too. Past generations have made significant changes to the churchyard; for example Lady Lowther had several gravestones levelled to the south of the church to give us our lovely lawn area, but no doubt there were some who disapproved at the time!



Ancient yew

We were hoping to have more wildflowers in the church yard but the seeds sown earlier in the year did not all germinate, possibly due to the dry weather, so we hope more flowers will appear next year. After the talk some of us returned to the churchyard and did some work clearing



Lawn area on south side of church



Overgrown Lowther plot

away some encroaching ivy.

It was apparent, when looking around the graved area, that some graves had been neglected for many years, and had been overtaken and claimed by briars and saplings. We, therefore, propose that for a period of time our monthly prayer walks should be given over and dedicated to clearing these graves.

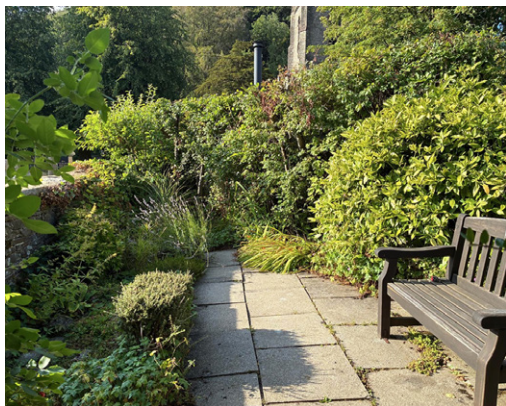
There is a community initiative called *Love Where You Live*, and with this challenge in mind, we'd like to invite our community to join us in this task. If you would like to help, the next working party will be on Saturday 17th October, meeting in St Christopher's Churchyard at 10am. If you can come equipped with secateurs, lopping shears, pruning saws etc., that would be helpful, but it's not essential. Refreshments will be provided at 11am.

We hope that, by doing this clearing, we can make a real difference to the churchyard and show kindness to those who have lost loved ones. For families who live further away or for other reasons are no longer able to tend a loved one's grave regularly, knowing that others are caring for it will, we hope, be especially meaningful. It will also be a chance to meet others, get outdoors and do something practical for our local community.

We'd love you to join us if you're free!



Brambles and saplings



Memorial garden

Congratulations to...

... Louise Potts on gaining a place at Sheffield Hallam to read psychology and to Ethan Davies on gaining a place at Warwick to read for a MORSE Master's degree, which involves studying mathematics, operational research, statistics and economics.

Congratulations are also due to Hannah Phillips and James Arnott, both of whom were successful in passing lots of GCSEs. Well done to all, and we wish them every blessing in their next education journeys.

An Afternoon with Malcolm Guite

In August a group from St Christopher's, plus a few from other parishes, were privileged to be sitting in Lynne and Paul Bowden's lovely garden in Taxal on a beautifully sunny, if rather hot, day.

Pam Cooke

Many came directly from the Not Just Sunday worship service to eat their picnics in the garden whilst others wandered along later, but everyone was there to hear Christina Johnson, a longstanding friend and colleague of the Christian poet Malcolm Guite (poet, singer-songwriter, Anglican priest and academic), speak about him and his work.

When we retreated inside into the cool, Christina began by asking us: 'What prompts us to go to church?'

Answers included: wanting to worship our amazing God; spending quiet time in prayer and praying with others; appreciating the fellowship and support our church family provide; receiving the Eucharist. To be a living entity, Christianity must be a blend of ancient tradition



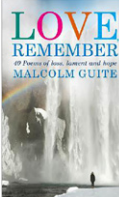
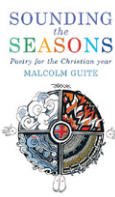
Listening to Christina



Malcolm Guite

and contemporary expression of that tradition. Christianity is not primarily about information but transformation; God living in us, and us in Him, empowers us to change.

Christina then asked: 'How do we allow God to transform church? Is it through prayer? Experience? Teachers?' We thought God used all these, and many more, including literature, and the latter is where He used Malcom Guite mightily. Christina described Malcolm as a powerful mixture of possessing traditional qualities, having the ability to comment on contemporary subjects and to educate; in other words, he is a catalyst who through his deep Christian faith and poetry helps us contemplate and deepen our own faith. Malcolm has an extraordinary poetic output: he writes for the *Church Times* each week, has published several major collections of poems including *Sounding the Seasons* (sonnets mapping the Christian year), *David's Crown* (sonnets written as poetic responses to all 150 psalms), and *After Prayer* (sonnets and



Books of poems by Malcolm Guite

poems exploring deeper avenues of faith) and has contributed to broader collections such as *Love, Remember: 40 poems of loss, lament and hope*.

Christina pointed out that poetry can help us reach the truth in a different way from using rational argument. Archbishop Emeritus Rowan Williams remarked that Malcolm's poems 'offer deep resources for prayer and meditation to the reader'. This was vividly illustrated when Christina read four of Malcolm's poems over the course of the afternoon: *Mothering Sunday*; *Let Not Your Hearts Be Troubled*; *O Radix* and *Refugee*.

The Reverend Doctor Ayodeji Malcolm Guite was born in Nigeria in November 1957, Ayodeji being a Yoruba tribal name. Malcolm's father was a university lecturer in Classics and also worked as a Methodist lay preacher in remote areas of Nigeria. Malcolm's mother was Scottish and seemed to have an inexhaustible supply of stories and poems. When the family settled in Canada Malcolm became a boarder at Haberdashers Aske Boys School in Hertfordshire, a formative but difficult experience. He read English at Pembroke College, Cambridge, and whilst there his Christian faith was strengthened by poetry, among other things. Malcolm taught in a secondary school before completing a PhD at Durham, where he discerned God may be calling him to the priesthood. Malcolm was ordained in 1991 and initially worked in Huntingdon; from 2003 he was a chaplain at Girton College, Cambridge, a place he first visited with his band, Mystery



Mystery Train

Train. He also taught pastoral theology at the Cambridge Theological Federation, on a course designed to 'explore the role of the arts and imagination in helping to deepen and shape Christian Faith (human imagination as a gift from God to be used to lead people to faith),' which was where Christina met Malcolm. Christina has a theology degree from King's College, London, went to Cambridge as a graduate and has served as head of religious education in both public and comprehensive schools before retraining as a youth leader and crisis counsellor. After nine years abroad, Christina wanted to rediscover herself theologically, so signed up for Malcolm's course; she subsequently did a further one on faith, hope and poetry. Christina worshipped at St Edward King and Martyr, Cambridge (where Malcolm was one of the clergy) and in 2009 was elected to be a lay chaplain. St Edward King and Martyr is a church often at the forefront of Christian thinking, where members are free to explore faith issues... but more of that in next month's *HotPott*.

Christina described Malcolm as a 'many levelled, richly gifted and
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Ridley Hall, part of the Cambridge Theological Federation

inspirational person, encountered as a teacher, priest and poet'. Liturgical festivals led him to think: 'Well, I need some poetry for that.' As a priest Malcolm enacts and celebrates the sacrament and liturgy to lead his fellow Christians to an encounter with the divine; he also feels that a poem could be a made and shaped liturgy. Both, he feels, connect heaven and earth. 'We cannot have an adequate account of who Christ is or apprehend the mystery of Christ without the imagination.'

Imagination helps us see the invisible. Through our God-given ability to create, we can mimic God's creative ability; Father, Son and Spirit are all creators, and we are not separate from God: 'He is in me and I am in Him.' Malcolm postulates that: 'When we use our imaginations to write poetry, make music, or create beauty, we are participating in God's ongoing, unfolding process of bringing meaning and shape to the world.' (from *My Theology: The Word with the Words* Malcolm Guite)

Christina explained how the combination of attending a church where people are free to explore faith issues, and learning from a scholarly man (teacher, priest, poet and musician) was to her, returning after nine years abroad, a stimulating mixture of tradition and contemporary expression. She also shared some personal memories of Malcolm, and how she has been able

to use his work; these included watching him create a church service with college gardeners to celebrate creation and their work, using a series of his sonnets in services and creating a Goth Eucharist. Christina was also drawn to become a hospital chaplain after encountering someone already in that role at one of Malcolm's poetry workshops: she finds this the most satisfying work she has done.

Christina finished by asking us what we felt about this more open approach to faith, and the occasional use of appropriate poetry to supplement the liturgy: whether it might be helpful, intrusive or irritating! I think we agreed that the poems we'd heard were thought-provoking and introduced us to a new way of appreciating and developing our relationship with God. Christina finished: 'I'm not an expert, just someone who has found Malcolm's approach liberating, enriching, and encouraging.' I suspect those who linger with Malcolm's poems will find the same.

Rev. Lynne (and the rest of us!) thanked Christina and presented her with a rudbeckia plant and a jar of Pott Shrigley honey; some lingered to peruse more of Malcolm's poems in the copies of the *Church Times* Lynne had thoughtfully provided. A further treat awaited us: a delicious afternoon tea of sweet and savoury scones, cake and a cuppa. Many sought shade to eat their tea whilst others braved the hot sunshine; lots of us went back for seconds!

Thanks so much to Christina for introducing Malcolm Guite to us (or some of us at least), I'm sure we will continue to ponder and pray over his poems.

Very many thanks too to Lynne and Paul for hosting this spiritually stimulating event, and for providing such a wonderful tea

Your Vote, Your Council

Items for consideration by ward councillors

Cllr Saunders is continuing to pursue Cheshire East Council (CEC) Highways Department to discuss the ongoing damage to the school building and continuing issues with lorries hitting the school/village hall. CEC is currently working up a draft proposal and is due to send construction cost estimates.

Jo Hadfield

Highways

New/Updated/Completed

Dates when issues were first raised with Cheshire East Council (CEC) Highways appear in brackets.

- SR510034984 Traffic lights at Hammond's Brickworks, Bakestonedale Road: The clerk has sent photographs to Highways, CEC, demonstrating the hazard the lights cause to pedestrians and asked when the lights will be removed. Work to repair the damaged wall is scheduled to begin in September. The clerk has requested this work be coordinated with the resurfacing work which is also scheduled.
- SR510034986 Damaged sign & chevrons at Norman's Hall Bend: damaged chevrons at Norman's Hall Bend reported initially in November 25 and re-reported in May 26. Repairs will be completed 'dependent on weather and budget availability'. The fingerpost has gone missing since CEC's last visit, but they claim to have no knowledge of its whereabouts. The failure to replace the chevrons and fingerpost and resulting safety concerns were added to a complaint letter to Tim Roca, MP.



Damage to school building roof

- SR510034988 Loose kerb stones at Norman's Hall: Reported (May 26)
- 3476412 New and improved signage on Brookbank bend: This is not included on CEC's minor works programme for this financial year. Cllr Lancaster continues to chase this matter. (Nov. 24)

Pending

- Poynton Relief Road: the ward councillors will check if mitigation cameras are monitoring the effect of the bypass on local roads.
- Jackson Brow steps: The appointment of the new project manager at EC Ramblers is still awaited, so no progress to report.

CEC Local Plan

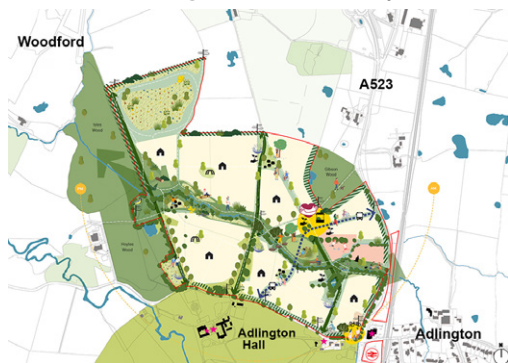
The clerk attended a meeting with the Cheshire Association of Local Councils (CHALC) where concerns were raised with CEC that the two-week window for responses to the call for sites

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for the local plan was insufficient for local councils to vote on a response. Pott Shrigley councillors did, however, manage to complete a response in the timeframe despite this being over the holiday period.

Adlington Park

The Adlington Task and Finish Group (TFG), comprising the councils of Adlington, Bollington, Mottram St Andrew, Pott Shrigley, Poynton and Prestbury, was formed following the announcement on Adlington New Town in September 2025. The group will meet to discuss continuing their role after the announcement that Belpot is considering submitting planning permission for 1,275 houses opposite Adlington Hall. This is currently in consultation with residents. Belpot's plans can be viewed at <https://adlington-park.co.uk>. The councils think the same concerns for development on this site remain and included environmental damage and risk of flooding which could not justify building on this greenbelt land. The previous new town plans also failed to address the significant investment needed in local roads, public services, and wider infrastructure plus loss of prime farming land for food security. All infrastructure and public services would still be needed for a smaller scheme. Although plans have not been submitted to CEC yet councillors will be watching this issue closely.



Adlington Park proposal

Daffodils

Anyone who would like some daffodil bulbs to plant along the roadsides to make Pott look pretty, please contact Cllr Greenwood to arrange. Email alison.greenwood@pottshrigley-pc.gov.uk

Defibrillators

The council agreed to Gareth Winstanley's request for new batteries to be purchased for Green Chapel defibrillator.

Jumber Clough. Enq/43245 No further information is available on the issue of activity taking place in Jumber Clough (above Pott Hall) where previously a stone wall was removed and stone taken away from the site.

Peak Cluster Pipeline

This proposed carbon capture and storage project involves putting an approximately 120-mile pipeline across the Peak District and through Pott Shrigley. It is designed to transport carbon dioxide (CO₂) emissions from cement and lime manufacturing plants in Derbyshire and Staffordshire to offshore storage beneath Liverpool Bay and Morecambe Bay. CEC are still to decide whether to support or object to this scheme. Other councils along the route have logged their objections, which include safety concerns and the destruction of wildlife and environment.

TrACE

Track, report and alert Cheshire East (TrsCE) replaces Fix My Street and is a 24/7 online map tool launched by CEC to enable residents report local road and street problems.

What you can report:

Road issues: Potholes, worn road markings, and damaged or missing signs.

Street cleansing: Fly-tipping, litter, and dog-fouling.

Lighting and drains: Faulty streetlights and blocked drains or gullies.

Vehicles and obstructions: Abandoned vehicles and fallen trees.

The clerk has been advised that the more times a problem is reported the more likely it is to be fixed. Therefore, the council urges residents to report issues on the link below, even if it has already been reported on the portal: see an issue, report it at traCE:

<https://trace.cheshireeast.gov.uk>

Planning

Decisions

NP/CEC/0526/0508 Cophurst, SK10 5SE
(Listed building consent)

Repair and refurbishment of the existing stone slate roof.

Replacement of existing windows and doors with painted timber units.

Installation of two conservation roof lights to the rear roof slope above the kitchen. Internal repair works and renewal of outdated electrical and plumbing installations.

Granted

(NP/CEC/0526/0507 Cophurst, SK10 5SE:
Withdrawn)

NP/CEC/1025/1086 Keepers Cottage, SK10 5RZ

Replacement dwelling: self-build.

Refused on grounds that the proposal would result in the total loss of a non-designated heritage asset and would result in less than substantial harm to the setting of Lyme Park (Grade II* Park and Garden) and Lyme Park Conservation Area. The proposal would have an unacceptable design and would harm the character and appearance of the site, its setting and the wider landscape.

Appeal to the Secretary of State refused and dismissed.

25/4528/HOUS Church View Cottage, SK10 5SA

Re-roof the property and install energy saving materials.

Replace previously removed greenhouse with a pergola on the same site.

Install solar panels in the west facing roof of the property and the pergola.

Approved with conditions, which include that the work shall commence within three years and that materials used are in strict accordance with those specified in the application, unless different materials are first agreed with the local planning authority.

Withdrawn

26/0686/FUL Shrigley Hall Hotel, SK10 5SB
Removal of the existing omni antenna and support pole; installation of a new 7m high wall.

Mounted flagpole supporting three antennas; installation of six remote radio units on new wall mounted support pole; removal of one existing BTS3900A cabinet; installation of one new AIRI equipment cabinet; installation of Ericsson radio systems (ERS), baseband unit (BBU) and a GPS node, plus associated apparatus and ancillary works. 6/0687/LBC Listed building consent for proposal above.

Enforcement

26/0064ENF Brookbank Farm, SK12 1TF
Unauthorised material change of use. CEC reports that discussions with the landowner remain ongoing to establish whether a breach of planning control exists. CEC advises that cases of alleged light pollution can be reported to the environmental health department at CEC.

Next meeting

The next council meeting will take place at 8pm on Monday 5th October 2026.

Goodbye Malawi

Megumi and Helen Fazakerley have almost reached the end of their time in Malawi. They have attended their last annual Spiritual Life Conference, held again this year at a game park just south of Blantyre.

Kath Matheson

They enjoyed a time of fellowship with the Malawian Service in Mission (SIM) team, spending time in worship, learning, listening, talking, praying, playing games and enjoying game rides. On the last evening Helen and Megumi were treated to a farewell slide show of the 33-year history of their life and work in Malawi and were given a memory book, which had the precious gift of words and photos from



Helen & Megumi receiving a memory book and other gifts

everyone, including past members of the team. The Fazakerleys feel very thankful for all the blessings they have received in these 33 years.

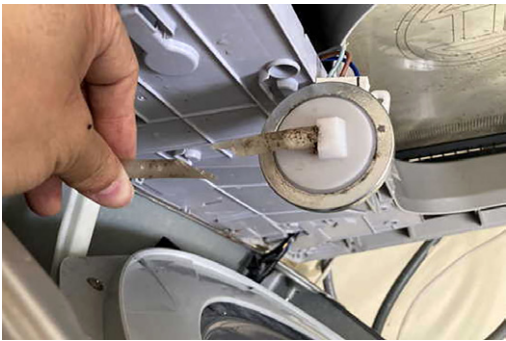
After a hectic period of sorting out faulty plumbing, including a leaky bath and





Helen doing a jigsaw at the Spiritual Life Conference

faulty washing machine, at the missionary guesthouse Helen has managed for the past few years, the SIM personnel coordinator has taken over managing the guesthouse. Helen asks for prayer that he will be able to do this on top of everything else that's expected of him: he is already very busy, but there is no-one else nearby who can do the job. Helen has now handed over all her other roles: member care,



Megumi plumbing

health coordinator role and organiser of the prayer meeting rota and birthday cards!

So after 33 years, it's goodbye to Malawi – at least it will be after the holiday their children have organised for them. It's wonderful that their children and partners can share some of it with them. Then it's back to the UK where they will have two months to adjust and settle in the UK before starting a six-month home assignment in January 2027. Megumi will also continue to work on the study guide to Revelation he has been writing; it's currently on hold after the sixth trumpet, but he plans to complete it, even if it must wait until he retires!



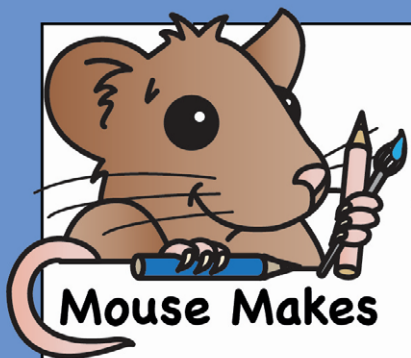
St Christopher's Pastoral Ministry

For pastoral support, a listening ear, a home visit, Holy Communion at home, prayer support or if you have a baptism enquiry

please contact the pastoral ministry care team via Anne Murphy.

pastoralteam@pottshrigleychurch.org.uk

telephone: 07891 953919



Mouse Makes

The **Bible** is a collection of books, written by many different people who were helped and inspired by God. The **Bible** includes books of history, law, poetry and songs, wisdom, testimony, letters and prophecy.

The **Bible** encourages us, corrects us and teaches us about God and how we can be friends with Him.



2. Which book of the Bible has the shortest title?

1. How many books are there in the New Testament?

3. The Word of God is sharper than a two edged

Hebrews 4:12



B I B L E S U N D A Y

4. He was an Old Testament prophet that has a book named after him.

5. The first book of the Bible.

6. God's word is like?

A _____
and a _____
Psalm 119:105



8. The last book in the Bible.

9. The Old Testament book of poetry and songs.

11. The last book in the Old Testament.

10. Who wrote the third book of the New Testament?

7. What are the first four books of the New Testament known as?

12. Which book tells the story of the spread of Christianity?

13. The Bible is also known as the

14. A book of the Bible named after a woman



of God.
Hebrews 4:12





Coffee Break

Across

1 'Those who were standing near Paul said, "You — to insult God's high priest?"' (Acts 23:4) (4)

3 They were assigned to guard the tree of life (Genesis 3:24) (8)

9 'Elkanah son of Jeroham, the son of Elihu, the — of —, the son of Zuph, an Ephraimite' (1 Samuel 1:1) (3,4)

10 Surrender (Joshua 24:23) (5)

11 Where American livestock can be reared (5)

12 Listen (anag.) (6)

14 Alternative name for Kiriath Jearim (2 Samuel 6:2) (6,2,5)

17 He founded Westminster Abbey, — the Confessor (6)

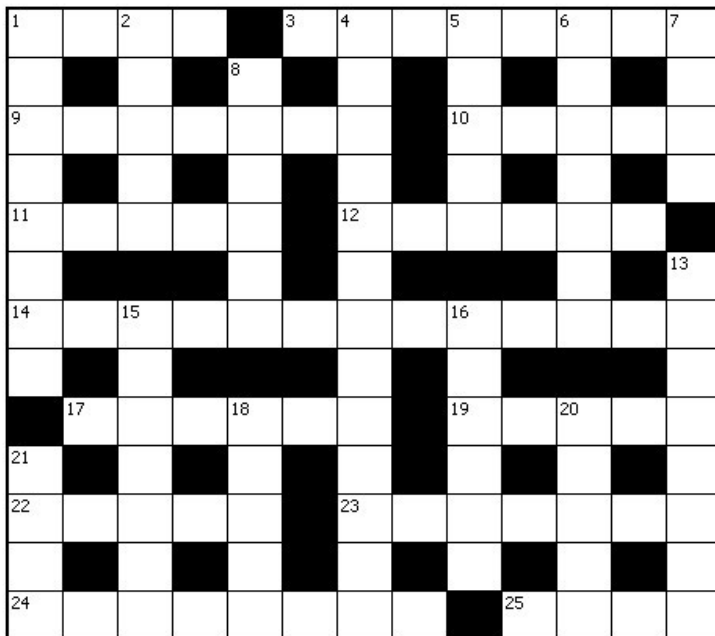
19 Hebrew word for the place of the dead (5)

22 Allies of Persia in the fifth century BC (Esther 1:3) (5)

23 Where John Wesley was forced to preach a lot (4,3)

24 Rebellion against God; abandonment of religious belief (8)

25 Note (anag.) (4)



(1 Peter 2:9) (5)

6 The meek, the merciful and the mourners are all this (Matthew 5:4–5, 7) (7)

7 Musical Instrument Digital Interface (1,1,1,1)

8 He was the son of Nun (Deuteronomy 34:9) (6)

13 'Let the little — come to me' (Matthew 19:14) (8)

15 'About three thousand were — — their number that day' (Acts 2:41) (5,2)

16 In John's vision, the wall of the new Jerusalem was made of this (Revelation 21:18) (6)

18 'Our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly — a Saviour from there, the Lord Jesus Christ' (Philippians 3:20) (5)

20 'Glorify the Lord with me: let us — his name together' (Psalm 34:3) (5)

21 Young Men's Christian Association (1,1,1,1)

Down

1 Give an account of (Mark 4:30) (8)

2 'I — the path of your commands, for you have set my heart free' (Psalm 119:32) (3,2)

4 'He took the ephod, the other — — and the carved image' (Judges 18:20) (9,4)

5 'You are a chosen people, a — priesthood'



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Thursday 17th December at 6.30pm

Sunday 20th December at 10.45am, 4.00pm & 6.30pm

Tuesday 22nd December at 6.30pm

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Tuesday 27th October

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Tuesday 10th November

Tuesday 17th November

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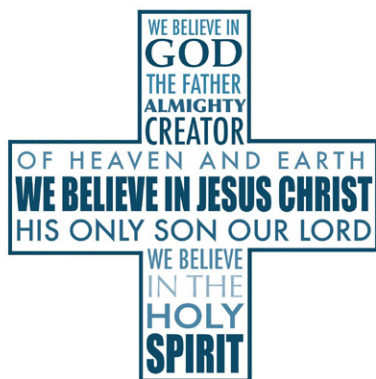
Tuesday 1st December

Tuesday 8th December

Tuesday 15th December

For more information, please chat to Sheila Garton.

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News from Bangkok

Johnny and Ann McClean are now settled into their new home in Udon in northeast Thailand. The leaky roof, plumbing and unusable kitchen issues are now all solved and Ann and Johnny are very grateful to the local handymen who willingly served them with their skills and knowledge.

Kath Matheson

They were also helped by Pawee from the International Community School (ICS), where Ann teaches, to navigate the huge amount of paperwork that comes with moving house in Thailand. The McClean's home has already been well used to host new friends for meals: a visiting missionary and Bible college lecturer from Bangkok, and two of their children, Josh and Beth, have visited. Johnny has started to preach at their church, Lat Krabang Anglican Church.

Ann received a warm welcome when she started work at ICS in August. Her new role includes helping teachers to deal with student issues, talking to students with failing grades, checking in on new students, monitoring service projects for final year students and meeting with teachers individually. More recently she has been made ICS Deputy Safeguarding Lead with responsibility for Udon campus and asks for prayer for great wisdom in handling tricky cases with love, care and discernment. In her spare time (!) Ann will be mentoring two younger teachers who are leading weekly Bible studies for six 11- to 12-year-old girls; she has opportunities to speak in both elementary and secondary school chapel, which all students are required to attend once a week, and hopes to support the principal's



Johnny

wife in caring for the younger single teachers.

Johnny has been particularly challenged by the unexpected large budget cuts Langham International announced in July, which have already led to the cancellation of some training in Vietnam. He has, however, been to Bangkok for the launch of *Preaching the New Testament*, a book in English and translated into Thai which he prays will be used effectively in Thailand. He has also spent a week in Mongolia training facilitators: people who have completed the Langham training and are now able to train others. Mongolian facilitator numbers have jumped from three to 15. Please pray for the work of Langham in Mongolia: there are about 500 pastors in Mongolia of whom 100 have completed the Langham Preaching training. Please pray for the

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Johnny in Mongolia

new facilitator team as they look at the whole country (the size of Western Europe) and decide how to encourage and train more pastors.

Pray too for the Lord’s provision for each country in East Asia to be able to sustain and develop their preaching movements and for wisdom for Johnny in allocating very limited resources and finances across the region. Thankfully travel from Udon to Laos can be done by road or train, and there are many opportunities for developing the work across the Isaan (NE Thailand) region as well, all of which can be done at minimum cost. If the McCleans were still based in Bangkok, pioneering work in Laos and Isaan would have been almost impossible.

Johnny and Ann see many needs amongst the missionary and teacher community in Udon, including people feeling

isolated and struggling with language and culture issues, so ask for prayer for missionary marriages and the witness of Christian families in Udon and for them to have much wisdom in listening, caring and walking alongside both Thai and international believers in Udon.

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Jean Bennett

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5 tablespoons olive oil
2 chicken breasts
150g (5oz) fusilli pasta
175g (6oz) roasted red peppers in oil, drained
50g (2oz) toasted flaked almonds
2 tablespoons sherry vinegar
1 clove of garlic
¼ teaspoon smoked sweet paprika
Handful of basil leaves, torn

Method:

Heat one tablespoon of oil in a frying pan. Season chicken with salt and pepper, then fry over a low heat for 2 – 3 minutes, turn over and cook for 6 – 7 minutes until golden and cooked through. Leave to rest.

Meanwhile cook the pasta, drain, and place back in pan.

Put the peppers, remaining oil, almonds, vinegar, garlic and paprika in a food processor and whizz until smooth.

Stir the sauce through the pasta and heat.



Divide the pasta between two bowls. Slice the chicken, add to the pasta. Top with basil.

Serves 2.

Church Cleaning Rota

2nd October	Joy & David
9th October	Shirley & Christine
16th October	Sally & Yvonne
23rd October	Mary & Ivan
30th October	Ros & Madeline
6th November	Judith & Jill



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Services

4th October

8.30am	Holy Communion	Acts 17: 22-31	Lynn Caudwell
10.45am	Holy Communion ‡***†	Matthew 28:18-20	

11th October

8.30am	Holy Communion	Psalm 100	Lynne Bowden
10.45am	Morning Worship ‡***	Mark 12:28-31	

18th October

8.30am	Holy Communion	TBC	Sheila Garton
10.45am	All Age Worship †		

25th October

8.30am	Holy Communion	Deuteronomy 34.1-12	Lynn Caudwell
10.45am	Morning Worship	Matthew 22.34-46	

1st November

8.30am	Holy Communion	Revelation 7.9-17	Lynne Bowden
10.45am	Holy Communion †	Matthew 5.1-12	

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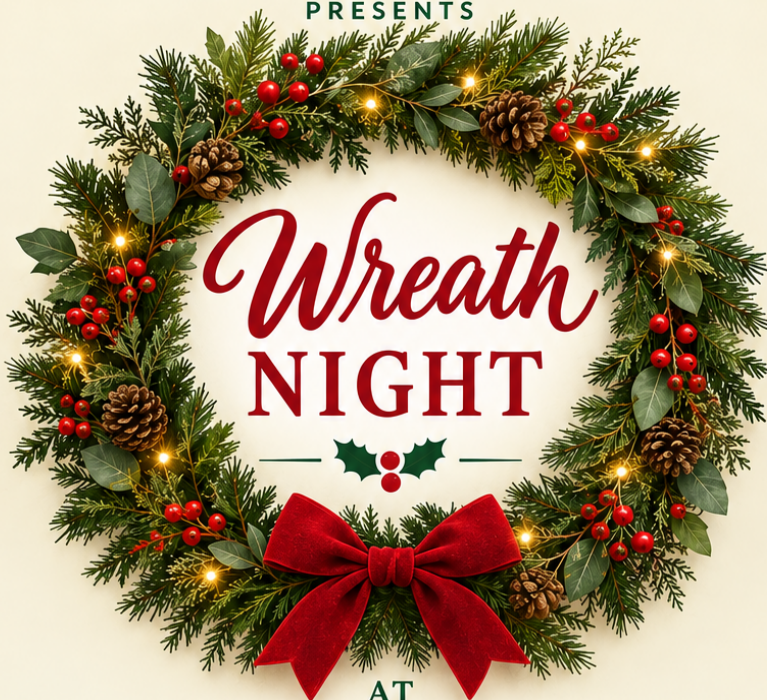
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Rota	Readers	Prayers	Sidesmen at 8.30	Sidesmen at 10.45	Coffee
4th Oct	Reg Ferguson & Jean Ferguson	David Garton	Annie Palace	Reg & Jean Ferguson	Frances & Meg
11th Oct	Paul Bowden & Mike Akerman	Sandy Milson	Jim Curtis	Mike & Sue Akerman	Gill
18th Oct	David Gem & Sharon McMullen	Sheila Garton	Sharon McMullen	Judith Harris & Gill MacNeill	Joy & David
25th Oct	Judy Keeling & Anne Murphy	Anne Murphy	Jenny Miles & Annie Smith	Meg Bailey & Jill MacDougall	Meg & Frances
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