



Welcoming,
Caring,
Sharing

August and September 2011

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The Sunday Plan



Sunday 7th August
11 am Morning Worship

Conducted by Rev Jim Brown
Coffee after the service

Sunday 14th August
11 am Worship & Holy Communion
Individual glasses

Conducted by Rev David Ryan
Coffee after the service

Sunday 21st August
11 am Morning Worship

Conducted by Rev Jim Brown
Coffee after the service

Sunday 28th August
11 am Worship & Holy Communion
Common Cup

Conducted by Rev Jim Brown
Coffee after the service

Sunday 4th September
11 am Morning Worship

Conducted by Rev Jim Brown
Coffee after the service

Sunday 11th September
11 am Worship & Holy Communion
Individual glasses

Conducted by Rev Jim Brown
Coffee after the service

Sunday 18th September
11 am Morning Worship

Conducted by Rev Jim Brown
Coffee after the service

Sunday 25th September
11 am Worship & Holy Communion
Common Cup

Conducted by Rev Jim Brown
Coffee after the service

Sunday 2nd October
11 am Morning Worship

Harvest Festival
Conducted by TBA
Coffee after the service

From the Manse



Dear Friends,

Having just returned from holiday and anticipating the visit of young French people, I'm acutely aware of my deficiencies in the foreign language department. The Collins English Dictionary says this about "language": 1. a system for the expression of thoughts or feelings by the use of spoken sounds or conventional symbols; 2. the faculty for the use of such systems which is the distinguishing characteristic of man as compared with other animals.

It says other things as well but it's on these two that I'll concentrate for the moment. For it seems that there are times and places where neither 1 nor 2, together or separately, actually achieve what is set out to achieve. Examples are usually found in those foreign places where English is not the first language, and mistakes, often funny, are made by those who try to put their sentiments across to people who, mostly, can't be bothered to speak any language but their own..

This sign was found in a cocktail lounge in Spain: 'Ladies are requested not to have children in the bar.' Now I suspect we know what they mean but it's not exactly what they've said.

Here's a few more. Seen in a doctor's office in Rome: 'Specialist in women and other diseases.'

An information booklet in Japan about using the hotel's air conditioning says this: 'Cools and heats - if you want condition of warm air in your room, please control yourself.'

'In case of fire, do your utmost to alarm the hotel porter', from Vienna. And in Paris you might find this on a hotel reception desk:

'please leave your values at the front desk.'

And finally we go to Moscow, to a hotel across from a Russian Orthodox monastery: 'You are welcome to visit the monastery and its cemetery where famous composers and writers are buried daily except Thursday.' Even grave diggers need a day off I suppose!

Any way, you get the picture. Just a couple of letters or a missing comma can make all the difference. What then, do we make of an ancient manuscript without full stops or commas or sentences or even vowels, which is then quoted by a man speaking Aramaic, which in turn is heard by Greek and Latin speakers and which is eventually turned into ancient English and is now in modern English? And of course I'm talking about our Bible.

Much has been said and written in recent days by clergy and media alike about getting back to biblical values. I'm not so sure that we know just what they are and anyway, who decides what to adhere to and what can be sidelined?

What I am certain of is that the word of God for his people can be found in its pages. What I am also certain of is that if we were to use parts 1 and 2 of the dictionary explanation of 'language' to better effect, and more people were to hear our thoughts and our feelings about our bible and our faith, then the kingdom of God would be a whole lot nearer.

With love and best wishes,

Jim

Prayer Handbooks

The 2012 URC Prayer Handbook entitled "Common Prayers" is out now price at £5.

If you would like me to order a copy for you please write your name on the list I will put at the back of church or email me at helenmartyrmoore@talktalk.net .. I will need your money with your order please as we need to pay up front when we order. If we can order 13 or more copies we will not have to pay postage and packing.

I will leave my "sample" copy on the back table in church for a while so you can see what it looks like. I will aim to place an order by the end of October so you have a little time but don't leave it too long!

Thank you.

Helen Moore
Secretary

August Deadline



Items for inclusion in the October Newsletter should be given to Tim Dunn. 27a Cornmeadow Green, Claines, Worcester. WR3 7PN. Tel 01905 457909, Email newsletter@worcesterurc.org.uk by Sunday 18th September at the latest please.

Pause for Thought

from the Worship Group



This month the following extracts are from scope beta. About Cerebral Palsey.
For disabled people achieving equality.

For further information on any of these stories visit their

Website: <http://www.scope.org.uk>

Our vision, purpose and beliefs

Our vision : A world where disabled people have the same opportunities to fulfil their life ambitions as non-disabled people

Our purpose: To drive the changes that will make our society the first in which disabled people are able to realise their full civil liberties and human rights

Our beliefs:See the person

In our interactions with disabled people we consider all of the qualities and characteristics that go to make people distinctive and unique, not only their impairment or condition.

Set no limit on potential

Every disabled person has the right to live their life and work towards their goals without being limited by other people's expectations or prejudices. We never set limits on any disabled person's individual potential.

Freedom to choose

Every disabled person should have the right to exercise choice and control over all decisions that shape their future including the products, services and support programmes they use.

Independence and inclusion

All service developments designed to support disabled people should enable them to become increasingly independent and to live their lives within the community of their choice.

Everyday life equality

We believe that all disabled people should have the same opportunity to education, work, building a home and social life, and access to any location or venue that other people in our society enjoy. No more. No less.

Induction Service

The Induction Service of both Revd. Jim Brown and Revd. Duncan Tuck into the Worcester and the Malverns Group Ministry will take place at Malvern Link on Saturday September 24th at 3pm.

Light refreshments will be served after the Service.

All are welcome to attend.

Table Tennis

Table Tennis continues on Friday evenings in the Hall at 7.30 pm. We play each week that we think there will be enough of us for a game.



If you'd like to join us, please contact Tim, Jim or Helen to check we are playing that week.

Please do come along and have a go.

Childrens Pages



Seaside Word Merge

Can you find two full words in each of the following jumbles? The letters are in the right order, and you must use all the letters up.

We have done one to show you how.

C S R A H E L B L
= Crab and Shell

Now try these:

1. **B T O O W O K E L**

(Two things you may have in your beach bag)

2. **S B U P A C D K E E T**

(Two things you play with on the beach)

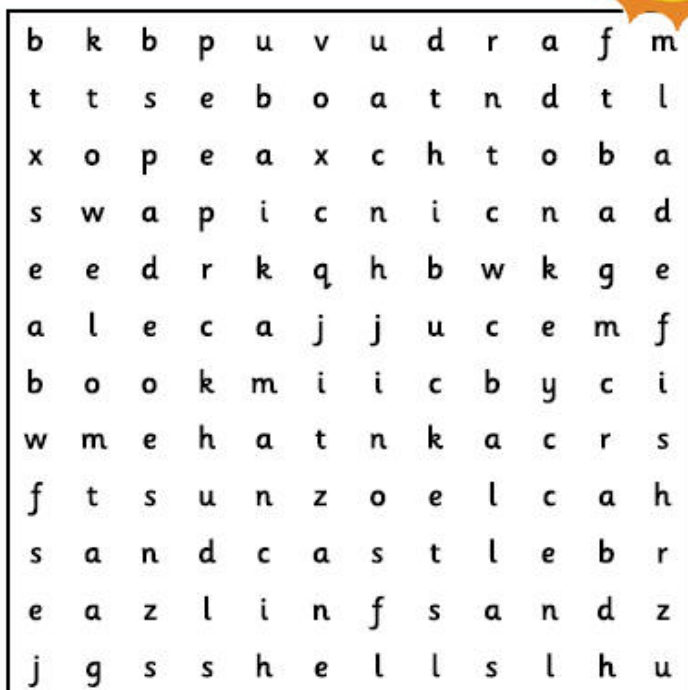
3. **S S H U A N D E**

(Sometimes you sit in the ____, sometimes the ____)

4. **D I R C E I C R N E K A M S**

(You can usually buy these near the beach)

Seaside Word Search



bag

hat

sun

ball

boat

book

crab

fish

rain

sand

beach

spade

towel

bucket

donkey

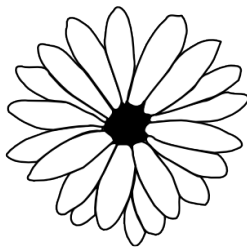
picnic

shells

sandcastle

sea

Church Flowers



You may or may not know that at the AGM I agreed to take over organising the flowers for Church.

I would encourage all of you to look at the flower rota and, if you feel you can, put your name on the list. If you would like to have an arrangement done on your behalf please speak to me about what you would like and I will endeavour to do my best for you. If you would like to make a donation to the flower fund, again please come and see me.

On another note now, I would like to thank Lynne for all the wonderful arrangements she has done, not only since we came to the Church but for many, many years. There really have been some amazing arrangements. Many thanks also go to Lynne for all the organising of floral decoration at special times of year, such as Harvest and Easter. I thank all of you who have helped Lynne at these occasions you have all made some lovely floral arrangements and I hope you will continue to support me in the way you have supported Lynne over the years.

So Thank You Lynne, and I can honestly say that whilst I will do my bestthe flowers will never be the same again!

Teresa Dunn
PS.

I would like to thank all of you who sent me get well messages and cards, also for the prayers that were said for me. It all happened very quickly and was a bit of a shock at the time. I am now, minus my appendix, fully recovered and back to normal!

Albany Fellowship



In June Paul Denham came to talk to us about his life as a councillor. We had a very good question and answer session at the end. This part of the afternoon could have gone on a lot longer than it did, but we had to break in and declare that tea and cakes were to be served.

Many thanks go to Paul for entertaining us.

In July we had an outing to St. Peters Garden Centre for lunch and then a look around. It was a bit hectic trying to get all our lunches ordered but we got there in the end. Pat Smith and Teresa Dunn were the last to be served and were under the impression that they had gone out to produce ours from scratch! But No the cheese was not being matured, nor the Ham cured whilst we waited and eventually when everyone had more or less finished their meals Pat and Teresa were served...Yes everyone had to sit and watch them eat! And very nice food it was!

We all took leave of the table to look around and I think that Eileen Barnett went home with the entire Garden Centre! Sorry Eileen, only joking. We all took our leave with our various purchases and went home for a well-earned cup of tea or coffee.

Our grateful thanks go to Rob Peachey for his help with transport and to anyone else who helped in this way.

Thanks to Jean McCluskie for organising this event.

We now have a break until September, so we will see you all on the 1st September.

Much Love, Jean and Teresa

The logo features the text "commitment for life" in a bold, orange, lowercase sans-serif font. Above the text is a thin, orange, curved line that arches over the words. The background behind the text is a light green dotted pattern.

commitment for life

Traditionally in recent years we have remembered the United Reformed Church's programme for Commitment for Life, in which individual congregations follow the life and progress of a chosen partner country. Members of the congregation receive an envelope addressed to them containing a leaflet outlining the work in our chosen partner country and, and an envelope for your financial contribution, which can be placed in the offering plate at the Harvest Thanksgiving service.

The below update is from the Christian Aid report to Commitment for Life Reference Group, June 2011

ZIMBABWE

ZimPro and Lutheran Development Services (LDS)

This quarter we update you on a project being carried out jointly by ZimPro and the Lutheran Development Services serving to increase the amount of food, access to water and management of natural resources of some 1,500 people in the Matabeleland South southern region of Zimbabwe.

The project officially began in January 2010 and to date the partners have achieved the following:

- . 13 government agricultural advisers and eight project staff have been taught how to train farmers in conservation farming (CF) techniques. They have now trained 771 women and 481 men in CF techniques, even more than the target for the year.

- . In November, 1,120 households received a variety of seeds, and fertiliser in good time for the planting season.

. To date four nutrition training workshops have been held, designed to improve food and nutrition knowledge to families who are prone to food shortages and malnourishment. There were 150 participants in total and partners are closely monitoring improvements to the quality of diet and health in these selected families.

. 13 vegetable gardens have so far been set up, with land cleared and prepared for planting. Fencing materials and other equipment are provided by the project. The gardens were initially planted with field crops such as maize and groundnuts, but are now growing vegetables.

. Construction, repair and instillation of boreholes: 25 boreholes were identified for repair last year and the first 16 of these have now been repaired. The remainder will be finished this year. The first five borehole maintenance kits have been supplied to community water committees to allow them to keep their boreholes in good working order. These repairs are seen to have reduced the average journey to a safe water source from 6km to under 500m.

. 15 water management committees (consisting of 31 men and 50 women) were trained in 2010 and the remaining 10 will be trained this year. Their role is to oversee and care for their local water supply. Thirty-three 'pump minders' have had their initial training (and will receive more in the future) – their role is to repair their local pump whenever there are problems, as well as carry out maintenance on the water points.

. So far this year, 326 people have attended training sessions on water, sanitation and hygiene, and the baseline survey of community health will allow the project to assess the difference these make.

Believe in the power of prayer. Use these prayers to pray for those supporting and supported through Commitment for Life.



AUGUST

Pray then in this way: our father in heaven... your Kingdom come. Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven... forgive us our debts as we also forgive our debtors
Matthew 6: 9-14

How can you bless the widow's mite when your children place value on coins and notes, and her orphans starve in want and need?

How can you bless the widow's mite when your children wear respect as labels and tags, and her orphans earn next to nothing?

How can you bless the widow's mite when your children are consumed by must-have debt, and her orphans are burdened by international greed?
Forgive us the debts we owe to others,
grant us to work for the good of all,
save us from ourselves
and lead us into your ways of righteousness.
Amen

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SEPTEMBER

Then he will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me"
Matthew 25: 45

I was hungry and you fed me,
Thirsty and you gave me a drink;
Lord forgive us, for we did not recognise you.

I was a stranger and you received me in your homes,
naked and you clothed me;
Lord forgive us, for we did not recognise you.

I was sick and you took care of me,
in prison and you visited me.
Lord forgive us, for we did not recognise you.

I was hungry, but you would not feed me,
thirsty but you would not give me a drink;
Lord forgive us, for we know what we do.

I was a stranger but you would not welcome me in your homes,
naked but you would not clothe me;
Lord forgive us, for we know what we do.

I was sick and in prison, but you would not take care of me.
Lord forgive us, for we know what we do.

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Worcester URC Duty Rotas

| | 7-Aug | 14-Aug | 21-Aug | 28-Aug | |
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| Carry in the Bible | Carol Hardyman | Lynne Brown | Betty Forrer | Rita Michelman | |
| Books & Offertory | Margaret Morris Roger Morris | Paul Denham Rob Peachey | Pat Berryman Len Berryman | Michael Clarke Rosemary Clarke | |
| Reading | Michael Clarke | Paul Denham | Rob Peachey | Bryan Neville-Lee | |
| Prepare Table | | Nicky Neville-Lee Bryan Neville-Lee | | Sarah Lodge Lynne Brown | |
| Serve Communion | | Rob Peachey Helen Moore David James Lynne Brown | | Bryan Neville-Lee Nicky Neville-Lee | |
| Beadle | Rob Peachey | Sarah Lodge | Teresa Dunn | Brian McCluskie | |
| Foyer | David James | Paul Denham | Rob Peachey | Len Berryman | |

| | 4-Sep | 11-Sep | 18-Sep | 25-Sep | |
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| Carry in the Bible | Tom Cheesbrough | Len Berryman | Michael Clarke | Rosemary Clarke | |
| Books & Offertory | June Barber Brian Jones | Brian McCluskie Jean McCluskie | Alison Hall Betty Forrer | Carol Hardyman Pat Williams | |
| Reading | Rosemary Clarke | Lynne Brown | Brian Jones | Margaret Morris | |
| Prepare Table | | Lynne Brown Margaret Morgan | | Doreen Cheesbrough Tom Cheesbrough | |
| Serve Communion | | Tom Cheesbrough Michael Clarke Jeremy Davies Liz Davies | | Paul Denham Brian Jones | |
| Beadle | Jeremy Davies | Rob Peachey | Brian McCluskie | Sarah Lodge | |
| Foyer | Brian McCluskie | Brian Jones | Carol Hardyman | Bryan Neville-Lee | |

| | 2-Oct | 9-Oct | 16-Oct | 23-Oct | 30-Oct |
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| Carry in the Bible | Nicky Neville-Lee | Hannah Lodge | Robert Lodge | Rob Peachey | Jeremy Davies |
| Books & Offertory | Hannah Lodge Robert Lodge | Lynne Brown Margaret Dodds | Jeremy Davies Liz Davies | Roger Morris Margaret Morris | Carol Hardyman Sarah Lodge |
| Reading | Nicky Neville-Lee | Jeremy Davies | Liz Davies | Margaret Dodds | Tim Dunn |
| Prepare Table | | Len Berryman Pat Berryman | | Nicky Neville-Lee Bryan Neville-Lee | |
| Serve Communion | | Brian McCluskie Nicky Neville-Lee Bryan Neville-Lee Sarah Lodge | | Teresa Dunn Jean McCluskie | |
| Beadle | Teresa Dunn | David James | Nicky Neville-Lee | Liz Davies | Helen Yare |
| Foyer | Sarah Lodge | Robert Lodge | Pat Williams | Tim Dunn | Nicky Neville-Lee |

Please arrange your own duty swaps as required