



Welcoming,
Caring,
Sharing
October 2011

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The Sunday Plan



Sunday 2nd October
11 am Morning Worship

Conducted by Mr Robert Apps
Coffee after the service

Sunday 9th October
11 am Worship & Holy Communion
Individual glasses

Conducted by Rev David Ryan
Coffee after the service

Sunday 16th October
11 am Morning Worship
6.30 pm Evening Service

Conducted by Rev Duncan Tuck
Coffee after the service
St. Nicholas, Warndon

Sunday 23rd October
11 am Worship & Holy Communion
Common Cup

Conducted by Rev Jim Brown
Harvest Festival
Coffee after the service

Sunday 30th October
11 am Morning Worship

Conducted by the Singing Group
Coffee after the service

Sunday 6th November
11 am Morning Worship

Conducted by Rev Jim Brown
Coffee after the service

Sunday 13th November
11 am Worship & Holy Communion
Individual glasses

Conducted by Rev Duncan Tuck
Remembrance Sunday
Coffee after the service

Sunday 20th November
11 am Morning Worship
6.30 pm Evening Service

Conducted by Helen Yare
Coffee after the service
St. Andrews, Pump Street

Sunday 27th November
11 am Worship & Holy Communion
Common Cup
6.30 pm Advent Service

Conducted by Rev Jim Brown
Coffee after the service
St. Stephens, Droitwich Road

From the Manse



Dear Friends,

Here are a couple of quotes from our very own URC Basis of Union. The first one says this:

'There is but one church of the one God. He called Israel to be his people and in fulfilment of the purpose then begun he called the church into being through Jesus Christ, by the power of the Holy Spirit'.

And the second one goes like this:

'The United Reformed Church has been formed in obedience to the call to repent of what has been amiss in the past and to be reconciled. It sees its formation and growth as a part of what God is doing to make his people one, and as a united church will take, wherever possible and with all speed, further steps towards the unity of all God's people'.

These two statements form part of the document which set up the United Reformed Church in 1972. We were reminded then, and we are reminded now that God and his church do not belong to any one individual body (Reformed or otherwise): we are not the only possessors of the 'Truth'.

By the time you read this the new 'Worcester and the Malverns' pastorate will have been inaugurated and its two ministers, Duncan and myself, inducted. New challenges will have to be faced and probably some obstacles to be faced and dealt with.

We can see this time ahead as a glass half full or half empty. We can be optimistic and do all we can to make it work and in doing that hope to see real growth in the individual congregations. Or we

can be pessimistic, bury our heads in the sand and pretend it isn't happening. If we go this route then we had better get the obituary for the URC at Albany Terrace ready for there can be no real long-term future.

If we're honest it's not the way we would have wanted it to be but we are where we are and we need to rise to the challenges we face with open hearts and with open minds – and a good deal of humour!

With love and best wishes,

Jim

Albany Fellowship



A monthly get together open to all.

After a break in August we met again in September. As we were few in number we decided that a cup of tea and a chat to catch up was the order of the day.

We meet again 2.30pm – 4pm on October 6th when Jim is going to come and talk to us.

We look forward to seeing you all.

If you need a lift in order to join us then please let Jean or Teresa know and it can be arranged.

Love

Jean and Teresa

Prayer Handbooks



The 2012 URC Prayer Handbook entitled "Common Prayers" is out now priced 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

November Deadline



Items for inclusion in the Christmas Newsletter should be given to Tim Dunn. 27a Cornmeadow Green, Claines, Worcester. WR3 7PN. Tel 01905 457909, Email newsletter@worcesterurc.org.uk by Sunday 13th November at the latest please.

Pause for Thought

from the Worship Group



This month the following extracts are from 'Practical Action'
For further information on any of these stories visit their
Website: [/www.practicalaction.org](http://www.practicalaction.org)

Practical Action works with people in poor communities to improve their quality of life today and for generations to come. We actively engage with local people to come up with innovative, practical solutions, which address their real needs.

We respond to our local partners' needs and have an in-depth understanding of the countries, cultures and environments in which we work.

We are passionate about tackling poverty and social injustice and share this passion with the people we work with. Together we aim to create sustainable solutions for today and tomorrow.

The Practical Action approach to its work is sees technology as a vital contributor to people's livelihoods – but defines 'technology' as including the physical infrastructure, machinery and equipment, and the associated knowledge and skills, and the capacity to organize and use all of these.

Practical Action works in partnerships at all levels to enable women and men to access new and improved technologies and to make informed choices from the range of technical options available to them. It seeks further to empower women and men to change in their favour the institutions, policy processes, legal standards and development decisions that affect their lives – building from the local to the national

and international levels.

Practical Action gains knowledge and experience through practical projects with local partners. We combine our learning with partners with research and best practice around the world. While our practical work is at a local level we aim to maximise our impact on poverty reduction by informing and influencing the national and international practices and policies that affect the lives of women and men living in poverty.

Vision

A world free of poverty and injustice in which technology is used to the benefit of all

Mission

To use technology to challenge poverty, working with poor people to:

Build their capabilities

Improve their access to technical options and knowledge and

Help them influence the social, economic and institutional systems for innovation and use of technology

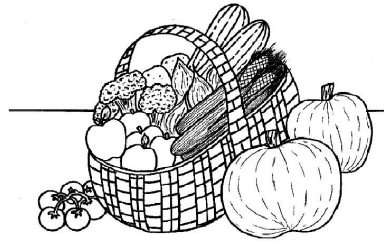
The word "Thanks" is written in a large, elegant, black cursive script. The letters are interconnected, with a prominent 'T' and 'h'.

I would like to extend my very grateful thanks to you all for the help, support, cards and Prayers, that, both myself and Liz along with her family, have received over the past 12 months or so. It has been a very difficult time for us all that has been eased by your concerns for us.

A special thanks to Jim and Lynne all their support.

Rita

Harvest 2011



Please note that Harvest is NOT being held on 2nd October but will now be on Sunday October 23rd.

As is usual for Harvest we will be decorating the Church on the Saturday from 10am (22nd October). If you are able to come and help decorate the Church on this Saturday that would be great and all are welcome to join in.

Any donations of money towards the cost of the flowers will be gratefully received or you may wish to bring along some flowers, these too will be very much appreciated.

Teresa Dunn

Harvest Part 2

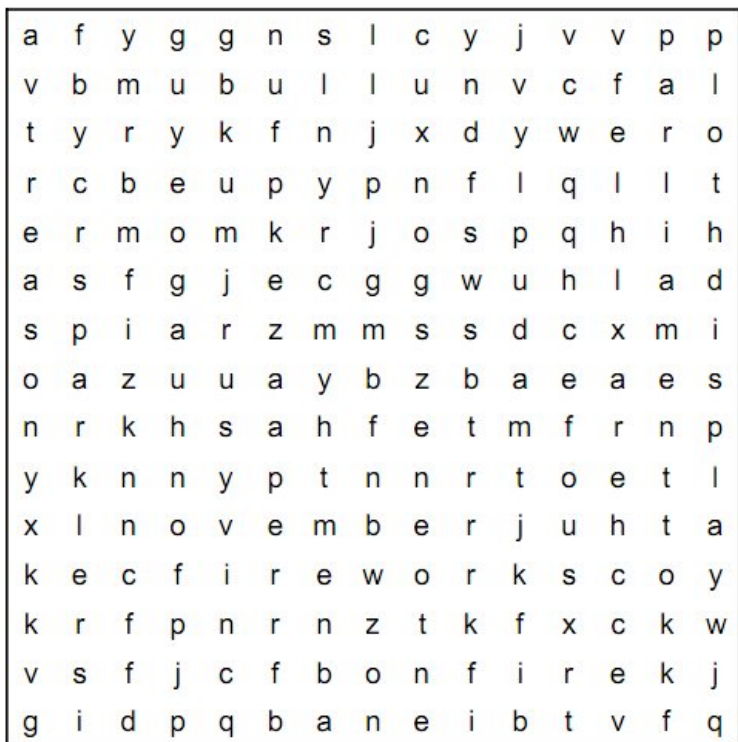


Harvest is the time when we traditionally make our contributions to Commitment for Life. Gift envelopes have been distributed and will be received with thanks during the Harvest Festival Service.

Our Harvest Celebration will culminate in our Harvest Lunch which will take place after the service on Sunday October 23rd.

The details on this event will be given in the weekly church notices.

Bonfire Night Word Search



bonfire

display

fireworks

sparklers

guy

november

plot

gunpowder

treason

remember

safety

parliament



Childrens Pages

Bonfire Night Puzzle

Guy Fawkes and his friends meant to blow up the Houses of Parliament in 1605, but were caught and prevented. Their attempt became known as "The Gunpowder Plot".

How many smaller words can you make out of the letters in

THE GUNPOWDER PLOT

2 letter

3 letter

4 letter

5 letter

6 letter

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And any bigger than 6 letters?

Harvest Colouring Page



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



OCTOBER

May God bless you with discomfort
at easy answers, half truths,
and superficial relationships,
so that you may live deep within your heart.

May God bless you with anger
at injustice, oppression, and
exploitation of people,
so that you may work for justice,
freedom and peace.

May God bless you with tears to shed for those
who suffer from pain, rejection, starvation and war,
so that you may reach out your hand to comfort them and
to turn their pain into joy?

May God bless you with enough foolishness
to believe that you can make a difference in this world,
so that you can do what others claim cannot be done.

And the blessing of God who creates, redeems, and sanctifies be
upon you and all you love and pray for this day and forever more.

Amen.

Modern Franciscan prayer, origin or author unknown

NOVEMBER – World AIDs day 1st December

There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male or female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. Galations3:28

Come, you are created in God's image- you are welcome in this place.

Let us affirm the dignity of all people.

Let us reject all forms of discrimination and stigma.

Come, we are all God's people, many and diverse.

We are called to live out a gospel of love.

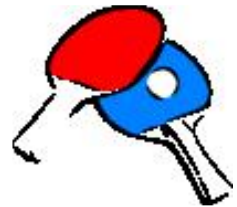
Let us enter into this worship with open minds and hearts

let us be prepared and challenged and moved to action.

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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.

Crafty Connections@Worcester

Saturday, November 19th at Worcester United Reformed Church.

10.30 am. - 1.00 pm.

A time to relax, be creative, meet new friends and find spiritual refreshment

Come and make and decorate Christmas cards. All materials supplied.

Lunch included, donation to cover costs.

Our friends from Holly Mount and Malvern Link will be joining us so please try to support this.

More details from Nicky Neville-Lee 0190523569 or nnevillelee@hotmail.com

Many thanks,

Nicky

WURC Out

We recommenced at The Manse, Ogilvy Square, on Thursday 29th September at 7:30 pm and will continue weekly until Advent.

All are welcome to join us.

Worcester URC Duty Rotas

	2-Oct	9-Oct	16-Oct	23-Oct	30-Oct
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	Tim Dunn	Margaret Dodds
Prepare Table		Len Berryman Pat Berryman		Nicky Neville-Lee Bryan Neville-Lee	
Serve Communion		Brian McCluskie Nicky Neville-Lee Bryan Neville-Lee Sarah Lodge		Helen Moore Rob Peachey	
Beadle	Teresa Dunn	David James	Nicky Neville-Lee	Liz Davies	Helen Yare
Foyer	Sarah Lodge	Robert Lodge	Pat Williams	Tim Dunn	Nicky Neville-Lee

	6-Nov	13-Nov	20-Nov	27-Nov	
Carry in the Bible	Liz Davies	Paul Denham	Teresa Dunn	Brian Jones	
Books & Offertory	Bryan Neville-Lee Nicky Neville-Lee	Tim Dunn Teresa Dunn	Doreen Tom Cheesbrough	Barbara James David James	
Reading	Carol Hardyman	Sarah Lodge	Teresa Dunn	Roger Morris	
Prepare Table		Sarah Lodge Rob Peachey		Teresa Dunn Jean McCluskie	
Serve Communion		Helen Moore David James Lynne Brown Roger Morris		Margaret Morris Teresa Dunn	
Beadle	Rob Peachey	David James	Sarah Lodge	Brian McCluskie	
Foyer	Doreen Cheesbrough	Tom Cheesbrough	David James	Paul Denham	

	4-Dec	11-Dec	18-Dec	25-Dec	1-Jan
Carry in the Bible	David James	Brian McCluskie	Helen Moore		
Books & Offertory	Paul Denham Rob Peachey	Pat Berryman Len Berryman	Michael Clarke Rosemary Clarke		
Reading	David James	Brian McCluskie	Helen Moore		
Prepare Table	Teresa Dunn Jean McCluskie	Lynne Brown Margaret Morgan			
Serve Communion		Tom Cheesbrough Michael Clarke Jeremy Davies Liz Davies			
Beadle	Teresa Dunn	Liz Davies	Nicky Neville-Lee	Helen Yare	Jeremy Davies
Foyer	Len Berryman	Rob Peachey	Teresa Dunn		

Please arrange your own duty swaps as required