



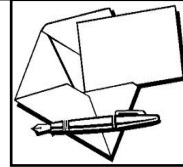
St. John's Methodist Church

Whitchurch

Newsletter

***October 2020
(Lockdown continued)***

Message from the Manse



Dear Friends,

"Six months" - as I write, that's what we are being told we may be facing in terms of restrictions due to COVID-19, with the warning that we may face even tighter rules if the numbers don't improve. I sense there's a sort of weariness greeting the announcement; it's already been six months, and while many of us suspected that it might be Spring - and the hope of a working Vaccine - before we really got on top of the virus, I doubt anyone is filled with joy at the prospect.

And yet there are also signs of hope. Treatments have emerged that do help; more is being learned every day, and we have found a way to live. It's very different - and we may chafe at the restrictions - but we are still here. God is still good, and we pray that God's Spirit will continue to inspire and guide all of those working to benefit us all, whether in research labs, hospitals, care homes, farms, factories, hauliers, shops, and the myriad of volunteers who have offered their time and talents to help others. In some ways, we have seen this global crisis give opportunities for us to see the best of people.

As we come into Autumn, and prepare for our Harvest Festival, we still have much to be thankful for; in the words of the Harvest Hymn, "Come, ye thankful people, come".

God bless

Rob

Steward's Letter



As I write my steward letter in the latter part of September, we are enjoying an Indian Summer with long sunny days, but unfortunately covid-19 is raising its ugly head again. The number of new infections are rising rapidly over the whole country, not just in local areas. Hopefully we will be able to continue with our Sunday morning service's which are not ideal with no hymn singing, we are living in very difficult times.

We must continue with our social distancing and the wearing of face masks or you can use a visor, unpleasant as they are for the foreseeable future. We must also observe the two meter rule and keep to the one way traffic system that we have in Church, hand sanitize on the way in and out.

We must continue to obey the rules otherwise we may be helping the virus continue its journey around the world until we have an effective vaccine. Have you booked your flu job? - we have!!

If you are looking for an interesting day out we can recommend a trip to Lake Vyrnwy, Sheila and I paid a visit on a lovely hot day in September. We took our picnic along the north side of the lake to about halfway along sat down by the water's edge it was so hot we had to keep moving as the sun moved around.

Across the road just a short walk away stood the tallest tree in the British Isles. This Douglas fir was planted there 124 years ago, it was as tall as Nelson's Column in London. On the 3rd March 2011 it was tragically damaged by a violent

storm which blew the top out of it. It was decided to cut it off at 50 feet. A large hand held up to the heavens was sculptured as per picture. It is very impressive and well worth a visit.



Last month Rob Spinks and his wife moved to Wem. In the next few weeks Jim and Sheila will be on the move, I would like to wish them much happiness in their new home. They will be greatly missed. I have a long list of job vacancies to be filled. This gives you an idea how many Jim has been doing for our church,

1 Chief sound man ----- Mike Nimmo.

2 Taxi-----T.B.A.

3 Projectionist.

4 Editor of Newsletter.

And Sheila - flower list and any occasion cards.

If you are able to volunteer for any of the above roles please telephone me on 01948880218.

God be with you all.

Stay Safe.

Maurice Latham.

Ride & Stride Report

Ride & Stride was an unusual event this year with the restrictions of Covid. However, our church was open for the day—no visitors unfortunately—and we were unable to hold our usual coffee morning and sponsored Hymn Sing. Instead, it was an opportunity for me to do something I have long wished to do—visit churches myself. With help from Maurice, Peter and Elizabeth, who stewarded at church, I was able to set off, with my sister Marg for company, on a tour of the local churches.

I had decided that it would be a good idea to take photos of all the churches I visited as I thought some might not be open. So, having 'logged' St. John's and St. Alkmund's, we headed out for Ash—not somewhere I had been—so using Maps on my phone we located it quite a distance out of the village. We then progressed on to Ightfield (pretty setting), Calverhall, Moreton Say—beautiful Millennium lake and park—and Market Drayton. They had obviously been spending a lot of time making the grounds of the church look colourful at St. Mary's.

We then had a lunch break sitting in the garden at Wyndhurst (Norman and Elaine's) before continuing to Hodnet, Stanton upon Hine Heath (where our grandparents are buried so we took time out to visit the grave), Grinshill (up a pot-hole lane!), Clive—truly beautiful setting), Wem and Prees. 13 in all!

Out of all those churches only two—were open for Ride & Stride—St. John's and Calverhall. I was most impressed at Calverhall as they provided cartons of drink and home-made cakes!

Thank you to everyone who sponsored me— a total of £200 was raised of which we keep half. Photos of the churches are on display in the long room. Do you recognise them all? Two are on the next page.

Chris Crowther



Archives.

Looking back in the Church Archives, I discovered that the Wesleyan School which St. John's had, was sold to Mr H.W.B. Richards for £1,070 in April 1946. He was later to use this land for his coach firm Salopia Saloon Coaches.

Today, St. John's Park Retirement apartments sits on this site.

The church then purchased the White House from Mrs Alice Joan Etches deceased for £1,850. It then sold the White House to Mrs C. L. Greaves for £1,300., retaining part of the garden. Mrs Greaves used part of the house to open a private school, known as the White House School. The school still exists but is now up the Heath Road.

The part of the garden that was retained was to build new schoolrooms. Today, the bungalow is on this site.

Brian Faulkner

HARVEST FESTIVAL

Sunday 4th October 2020

Preacher: Rev. Jane Stevenson, Tilston

Theme: Thanksgiving. Providers, Suppliers & Carers.

Decorating the church will be in the week prior. Please speak to Gwen Reeves or Nancy Millington if you can assist, or provide anything that would help.

Due to the coronavirus restrictions, fresh produce is not really possible. Tinned and dried items will be given to the Local Food Bank.

No Harvest Supper or Sale this year.

Brian Faulkner

Pale amber sunlight falls across
The reddening October trees,
That hardly sway before the breeze
As soft as summer: summer's loss
Seems little, dear! on days like these

Let misty autumn be our part!
The twilight of the year is sweet:
Where shadow and the darkness meet...

From 'Autumnal' by Ernest Dowson (1867-1900)

BIBLE MONTH.

Bible month was due to take place in June, looking at the book of Ruth.

Prior to the virus, the Circuit Local Preachers decided to move Bible Month to October.

The Circuit have yet to produce a Preaching Plan, therefore we are unsure who will be leading services in October and whether they will use the Book of Ruth.

That doesn't stop us as individuals from reading the book of Ruth. It is only four chapters. Found in the earlier part of the Old Testament, prior to the Book of Samuel. A story of Migration, Refugees, Gender Equality, Bereavement and Loyalty.

Please try and take time to read this book of the Bible.

Brian Faulkner

Season of mists and mellow fruitfulness,
Close bosom-friend of the maturing sun;
Conspiring with him how to load and bless
With fruit the vines that round the thatch-eaves run;
To bend with apples the moss'd cottage-trees,
And fill all fruit with ripeness to the core;
To swell the gourd, and plump the hazel shells
With a sweet kernel; to set budding more,
And still more, later flowers for the bees,
Until they think warm days will never cease,
For summer has o'er-brimmed their clammy cells.

From 'To Autumn' by John Keats (1795-1821)

(Ed.'s note: part of my English Lit. studies for 'O' level!)



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We hope that some of you are making time to join us in prayer each Monday to pray for Climate Justice.

This month, the focus from Christian Aid is on praying for our neighbours both local and global and you may find these suggestions from Christian Aid helpful.

Giving thanks for our Communities

Picture in your mind's eye the community you live in, your street, your neighbours, your family and your church community. Reflect on how you have been with and for each other during the exceptional times of 2020. Thank God for the love known and shown in your community during the coronavirus pandemic. Give thanks that love can and does unite us all, despite these challenging times.

Lament for the loss

Now, take time to bring before God the things that burden your heart, including any concerns you carry for communities across the world. Communities who were already facing the challenges of violence and conflict, of hunger and thirst, of inequality and injustice, even before coronavirus was added to their troubles this year. Pour out your concerns for the world and the grief for the losses you have known, to the God of all comfort.

Autumn Appeal prayer

Loving God.

*Come now and make us into a global neighbourhood
looking out for each other through struggle and crisis,
reaching out to strangers who become sisters and brothers,
shape us into a caring community
strengthening each other through every challenge
standing together until justice comes for all.*

In your name we pray,

Briony Myles-Hook

Prayer Squares

At the start of the first lockdown, when we began living our lives separately, thinking about family and friends, and praying for everyone affected by Covid-19, we invited you to create a square as part of a wall-hanging to hang up in church when we were able to return.

If anyone has completed a prayer square to include in our wallhanging, please could you leave it in the children's corner at church or contact Briony to arrange for it to be collected.

- We have not made anything like this before and we hope that as many of you as possible have joined in by making one (or more!) squares which we can then sew together. Your square might be a simple square cut from a favourite fabric or piece of old clothing, or it could be more elaborate with a sewn, stitched or glued design. If you are better at knitting or crocheting than sewing, then we can attach your square to a piece of plain material to include in the final hanging. Please make your square 20cmx 20 cm (A piece of A4 paper is 21cm wide) and remember that 1cm around the edge will be used to attach it to the next square.). Please make it slightly smaller if you are knitting or crocheting eg 18cmx18cm If you don't have any suitable fabric but would like to join in, please let us know and we will drop a square round.

• As you hold your square of fabric, please pray for our church, our nation and our world. When it is complete, our wall-hanging will be a powerful reminder that God is with us in times of trouble and listens to our prayers.

Briony, Brenda & Helen

From Lockdown to Watershed

Monday 16th March 2020. I remember it well. An unusual week. There was talk of a pandemic. There was talk of all the shops closing as well as the schools. I'm not sure that I believed it all – I certainly didn't think about what it all meant. However, my biggest concern that day was that I needed a haircut and didn't know when I would be able to get it done. Apparently, there was a big shortage of toilet rolls, so on Friday March 20th, we were waiting at 7.30am to go into Sainsburys. The queue was long, and it was a strange experience, but I didn't think it would last long! Later that day Sheila needed to go to the dentist, which meant a trip to Burslem in the Potteries – yes, we had not bothered to change our dentist from all those years ago when we lived there. Whilst she was in the dentist, I managed to get my hair cut. So, all was well with the world and we were really prepared now for a "Lockdown" whatever that meant!

On the Saturday morning I went to Colour Supplies and bought two huge tubs of green paint for the fences – just in case I had time to paint my them. Then it all began! The country just shut down – just like that.! At first the novelty effect was wonderful. No more going out! No appointments to keep. Just a great opportunity to stay at home and do nothing! Nothing? I don't think so! I had a huge list of jobs I wanted to do – if only the country stayed closed long enough. Then new words and phrases began to creep into our language. Lockdown. Face Masks, Furlough. Whatever was furlough? What did it mean? People didn't seem too bothered. And then I realised that the government was paying 80% of people's wages for a good while – like a paid holiday. I must confess that, at first, I liked the novelty of the idea. Well, it would be quite nice to have a break from Choir. And from Ukulele sessions. And let's give Probus a rest for a month or so. Oh, and dare I say it, it might even be good to do something different on a Sunday morning instead of going to Church. After all, everything would return to normal in a cou-

ple of weeks! I enjoyed one or two of the online services and got to grips with Zoom – again another word I was unfamiliar with. One thing I did enjoy was Rob's reflections. Some very thoughtful and inspiring little talks. Thank Rob! Fiona also took the opportunity to practice in front of the camera!

Gradually, all the jobs were getting done. I had finished painting the fences. The garden was weed-free, and the tomatoes seemed to be flourishing. But now what? So, with forthcoming events in mind, we had a HUGE clear out. Cupboards were emptied and several days were spent in the loft. I almost became a special friend of the man at the tip.

I decided to spring clean my computer. I had thousands and thousands of photographs stored on my computer, so I cleared out lots of photographs I hadn't seen for years! I found photographs I hadn't seen for years! It became quite therapeutic to have a really good virtual pruning of my computer. I also possessed hundreds of CD's with all my music from way back in the past. I have spent many hours ripping CD's to save them to my computer and If you go to any of the charity shops in Whitchurch, you may well find one of my discarded CD's in there!

If you are not already bored with this article, I may need to remind you that the title of it is "From Lockdown to Watershed."

So, this is the Watershed bit.

Many of our friends at St John's know Sandra, Sheila's sister. She has now moved from Shropshire to Norfolk, and we will be moving to be near her shortly. It is a daunting event at any time but even more so for a couple in their late seventies. Sheila does not drive, and she needs to be near to her sister, so, this will be a huge Watershed in our lives – I feel it is almost too late, but we have not taken this decision lightly. When we came to Whitchurch fourteen years ago we did not know a soul, but I reckon that I will soon come out of my shell again (!!) and find a Church and make

friends just as I have here at St John's.

Our impending move poses many problems. Our house will go on the market sometime soon (if you would like to buy it, I will gladly show you round!), I suppose it is going to be difficult to find the house we want to buy at this distance. Another problem is Lily. She is now quite frail, poor thing. She has diabetes and has to be injected with insulin twice a day; she is almost completely blind and very deaf so we cannot drag her with us on our travels. When we do go away to Norfolk house-hunting we will be paying to have a veterinary nurse to come and live in our house with Lily. It will be very unusual, to say the least.

Leaving Whitchurch and leaving our church here at St John's is going to be a huge wrench. I think of all the friends I have made here—in church, at the Whitchurch Community choir, at the Ukulele group and Probus. I have met some wonderful people, never to be forgotten!

I feel that the world is at a Watershed as we come out of this pandemic. Nothing will be the same again. Later this year our severe financial problems including huge unemployment will become evident... Are you like me and worry about what things will be like when we get back to "normal", whatever "normal" will be like? I am feeling very pessimistic at the moment, and I worry that our Methodist Church, may never be the same again. Or am I just an old-fashioned old man who refuses to move with the times? I praise God through song and music and hymns are a vital part of my worship. I am longing to be able to sing my heart out in church again!

Both of us are looking forward to the new watershed in our lives. We are looking forward to a new beginning and a new challenge even at our age! Thank you for being our friends throughout our time at St John's Methodist Church. We wish you all well.

STOP PRESS: It's a good few weeks since I wrote this article. Church has started again now, but to be honest, I struggle sitting in a mask on a very hard pew not being able to sing. The Stewards have done a wonderful job in preparing

the church ready for worship again. However, we have now sold our house and we have bought another (small) bungalow with a (small) garden over in Norfolk so we shall be off very soon!

(Originally submitted for the August Newsletter.)

Jim & Sheila Walwyn

Flower Rota.

Due to the continuing restrictions with Covid -19 we have decided to use silk flowers on the alter to reduce the risk of infection, at the point of purchase and giving away the flowers after each service, Perhaps the person on flower duty would like to make a donation in lieu of flowers to the church funds. That would be a great help.

Many thanks
Maurice

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING – 8th October 2020

There will be a Church Council Meeting on **Thursday 8th October at 7pm. The meeting will be held in Church** but there will be online or dial-in access for those who prefer to join in remotely. Anyone is welcome to attend but only Church Council Members will be able to vote if a decision is required.

“We are Macmillan Cancer Support”, like many other charities, is suffering from being unable to hold the usual fund-raising events and it is unlikely that Macmillan locally will be able to have their usual Christmas Coffee Day. Gwyneth Rollins, therefore, plans to take orders and arrange collection or delivery of the following items:

Christmas Cakes 6” 7” 8”

Christmas Cakes gift wrapped 4”

Christmas Puddings—individual or 1lb or 2lb

Baskets of Preserves—Gift wrapped

Boxes of home-made sweets assorted

Food orders by mid-November please

Also available are gifts as follows:

Noticeboard Shopping List

Peg bags Table mats

Food covers Doorstops

Picnic Rug Shopping bags

Aprons - long, short and child's.

Queries and Orders to:

Mrs G M Rollins

Dear Friends

It was so nice to be back in church for services so we can all have the presence of God shared with us all together in these strange times and I was so pleased to come back as a steward.

Now we are in another wave of COVID, I pray you all stay safe and well

God bless

Rob (Hewson)

Sound System

With Jim's departure I have taken over organising the rota for sound system operation and it is apparent that we need more operators. We are down to three! The operation is quite simple and easily learned. Please consider joining the rota and remember, although the current 3 operators are male, ladies would be very welcome.

I would hope to set up a training session (adhering to the distance rules) early in October, so let me know as soon as possible if you are interested.

Mike (Nimmo)

Christian Aid continued:-

Helen has written elsewhere in this newsletter about how you can make a donation to Christian Aid if you would like to and more information and prayer resources can be found on the Christian Aid website www.christianaid.org.uk
Briony Myles-Hook

Thoughts from Greenbelt

'Greenbelt' , an arts, faith and justice festival which has been taking place for 46 years (most recently at Boughton House near Kettering in Northamptonshire), is one that I have been to for several years now and I have always come away feeling inspired. This year it went on-line and there were talks, discussions and, of course, a lot of music to listen to. This year there were discussions about The Climate and Environmental Crisis, Life after the Pandemic, and Israel and Palestine. The following four speakers on the topic of 'Black Lives Matter' made a special impression on me:

The first speaker was **Lemn Sissay**, a Poet, Chancellor of Manchester University and a northerner who now lives in London.

If you visit the Storyhouse theatre in Chester, there are quotes from his poems on the walls. He said 'Racism equals a lack of love' and 'Anger is an expression of being in search of love'. He talked about the need to stand up for black people in how you live, and gave an example from his own life. Slave traders used art to promote their own virtue. Hence it was a major slave trader who founded the Jeffries Museum in London. The museum had asked Lemn to write a poem for the opening of a new wing, which he agreed to do. However, after a public consultation which overwhelmingly called for the removal of Jeffries' statue from its prominent position in the museum, was ignored by the museum board, he decided he would not be writing a poem for them and told them why.

The second speaker was **Asariah France-William**, a minister in the Church of England in Manchester.

He talked about the portrayal of Jesus and his disciples as blonde, blue eyed and white, in many bibles as he was growing up, and how the only black figure he came across, was a servant. He told a story of how one day he opened the door to a woman who had called for help at the vicarage, and even though he was wearing his dog collar and obviously living there, she later put a letter through the door addressed to

'The Vicar', asking him to pass on her thanks to the young man who had helped her when she had called and the Vicar was out!

The third speaker was **Amanda Khozi Mukwashi**. She became C.E.O. of Christian Aid in 2018. She is about to publish a book entitled 'But where are you from?' She said that during her travels in all countries of the world, she had noticed that the darker your skin, the further down the poverty scale you are and the more injustice you suffer.

She said that the pandemic had exposed pre existing fault lines. Socio- economic conditions are not the same for non- black people. She felt that the pandemic had instilled a realisation of mortality in all of us and thought that things could change for the better after the pandemic - or not!

She mentioned the safeguarding scandal, and that local and national policies had changed everywhere after that, and that there is a duty on everyone now to put in place policies to address racial inequality. She talked about having an intellectual understanding and an emotional relationship with racial injustice and looking to see what we must do ourselves.

The fourth speaker was **Evie Vernon O'Brien**.

She is a Jamaican Theologian and works with the Anglican mission agency USPG (United Society Partners in the Gospel). She said that Asariah's story (above) was also the experience of a black priest she knew in Jamaica. Even where black people were in the majority, people had been conditioned to see a white man as priest in the Church of England. She said 'white supremacy has conquered souls as well as countries'.

Closing thoughts

What we think of as good is often linked with the colour white, with the devil portrayed as black or red.

In our churches some see the piano and organ (instruments popular in white culture) as the only suitable ones, and instruments of African heritage are considered evil.

This has messed up our minds.

Our generation colluded in racial injustice and black people tried to be accepted by keeping quiet when discrimination happened.

The younger generation are saying 'no this is not acceptable,' and making a noise.

With each rising up of the people, some change has happened.

Leaders of Faiths and Religions are fighting racism

Thoughts, words and deeds must change

The fight against racial injustice is for all of us, black and white.

Don't let the noise go away.

Helen Trigg

'Sometimes'

Sometimes things don't go, after all,
from bad to worse. Some years, muscadell
faces down frost; green thrives; the crops don't fail.
Sometimes a man aims high, and all goes well.

A people sometimes will step back from war,
elect an honest man, decide they care
enough, that they can't leave some stranger poor.
Some men become what they were born for.

Sometimes our best intentions do not go
amiss; sometimes we do as we meant to.
The sun will sometimes melt a field of sorrow
that seemed hard frozen; may it happen for you.

Sheenagh Pugh

Rev. Rob invites you...

to join him **daily at 11am** with the following prayer:

God of all hope we call on you today.

We pray for those who are living in fear:

Fear of illness, fear for loved ones, fear of other's reactions to them.

May your Spirit give us a sense of calmness and peace.

We pray for your church in this time of uncertainty. For those people who are worried about attending worship. For those

needing to make decisions in order to care for others. For

those who will feel more isolated by not being able to attend.

Grant us your wisdom.

Holy God, we remember that you have promised that Nothing will separate us from your love—demonstrated to us in Jesus Christ. Help us to turn our eyes, hearts and minds to you.

Amen

May the Grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us now and forever,

Amen.

Rev. Rob is also publishing regular reflections which you can access online through the Church website. If you haven't got a computer then you can hear the latest one by phoning the following number: - 01948 522419

Weather Lore

The first snow comes six weeks after the last thunderstorm in September.

When foxes bark in the early hours in October, look for heavy snow in the coming winter.

When October and November are warm and rainy, January and February will be frosty and cold; but if October and November be snow and frost, then January and February will be open and mild.

PRAYER REQUESTS



Pray for those known to us personally who are in need of God's comfort, particularly the families of Kath Lloyd and of Brenda Dudley, who has died so unexpectedly.

People in need

As this Covid-19 pandemic shows signs of growing again, pray for those who are caring for the seriously ill in hospital; for all those caring for people at home; for those who are working to find a treatment for protecting us against the virus.

Pray for those who are struggling financially as a result of loss of work.

Pray for those who are finding the isolation difficult and are struggling mentally.

St John's

Pray for all our members who are facing self isolation or who are supporting relatives and friends. Give thanks for the last few weeks when we have been able to hold services in our Church.

Whitchurch

Pray for our town that it may face the difficult times with loving care and respect for others. Help us to support local businesses in whatever way is possible.

Our nation

In these challenging times, pray that our leaders can find the right solutions to all the difficult problems we are facing.

Our world

Pray that the nations of the world will forget the petty differences they have and instead work together to find an answer to dealing with the virus. Pray that the climate emergency will not be forgotten and that leaders will make a plan of action before it is too late.

Christian Aid Christmas Cards

Christian Aid Christmas cards are now available. They are on display each Friday on the Traidcraft stall in the market and also on the Traidcraft website at www.traidcraftshop.co.uk.

You can order them from Judy directly at the stall or via me, by email. Alternatively Judy will have a limited number of packs on sale during the first two weeks of October on the stall.

Zoom Coffee Mornings

We are also hosting two zoom coffee mornings on Monday 28th September at 10.30 and Saturday 3rd October at 10.30. If you'd like to meet up with friends from the churches, have queries about ordering, or just want to chat to a friendly face please make yourself a coffee or tea and join us.

To join in ensure you have the zoom app on your computer or phone, then contact me via email and I will send you the Links to click on.

Helen Trigg

P.S. If you would like to make a donation to Christian Aid instead of buying cards please go to the Christian Aid website: www.christianaid.org.uk or send Briony or myself, your donation by post.

To test your little grey cells:-

Know Your Films!

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|----------------------------------|------------|
| 1. Honest Gravel? | (4,4) |
| 2. Blown away | (4,4,3,4) |
| 3. Exceptional chap | (8) |
| 4. Wasp's defence | (3,5) |
| 5. Stormy sphere | (11) |
| 6. Crossing well away | (1,6,3,3)) |
| 7. Huge territory | (3,3,7) |
| 8. King's gambling place | (6,6) |
| 9. High hopes | (5,12) |
| 10. Valuable pointer | (10) |
| 11. Young Deer | (5) |
| 12. Torso protector | (3,9) |
| 13. Deadly fancy | (5,10) |
| 14. Down near the docks | (2,3,10) |
| 15. Heated carts | (8,2,4) |
| 16. Courageous body pump | (5,5) |
| 17. American state | (8) |
| 18. Celestial conflict | (4,4) |
| 19. Both ends of the hostilities | (3,3,5) |
| 20. Roman arena fighter | (9) |

(Answers next month)

(Contributed by Mike Nimmo)

Notes left out for the milkman -1940s and 50s

Dear milkman: I've just had a baby, please leave another one.

Please leave an extra pint of paralyzed milk.

Taxi!

The taxi service is not running in the usual way.

However, if you require a lift to church, then please telephone me and I, or someone else, will pick you up.

Brian Faulkner

Dates for your diary for October

(Monday 28th September 10.30am Zoom coffee morning for Christian Aid— see previous article for details)

Thursday 1st/Friday 2nd church decorating (*see note*)

Saturday 3rd 10.30am Zoom coffee morning

Sunday 4th 10.30am Harvest Festival

Thursday 8th 7pm Church Council (*see previous note for details*)

Every Wednesday—Coffee with Rob Weir—details on Audio Reflection email or on previous article.

More milk notes

Sorry not to have paid your bill before, but my wife had a baby and I've been carrying it around in my pocket for weeks.

Milkman, please put the coal on the boiler, let dog out and put newspaper inside the screen door. PS Don't leave any milk.

When you leave my milk please knock on window and wake me because I want you to give me a hand to turn the mattress.

Spick and Spanners Rota for October

8th Chris Crowther, Dot Charlesworth, &
 Lynn Fowler

22nd Helen Trigg, Brenda Aumeer & Rachel
 Dimelow

Preachers for October

4th Rev. Jane Stephenson (Harvest)

11th Rev. Rob Weir

18th Brian Faulkner

25th Rev. Jenny Arthurs

Stewards for October

4th Brian Faulkner

11th Andrew Fawcett

18th Peter Shingler

25th Robert Hewson

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