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# REGULAR SERVICES

*ONCE RESUMED*

## SUNDAY

- 8.00 am Holy Communion**  
1st & 3rd Sundays at St Mary's Church, The Avenue  
2nd Sundays at St Francis' Church  
*4th & 5th Sundays vary – See calendar for details*
- 10.45 am Parish Communion**  
Activities for younger children (aged 3+) and crèche facilities in church
- 10.45 am 2nd Sunday – Worship for All Ages** (non-Eucharistic)
- 10.00 am Last Sunday – Joint Family Communion**  
with St Mary's, held alternately at each church  
*See calendar for details*

## WEDNESDAY

- 9.30 am Morning Prayer**  
**10.45 am Holy Communion**

## THURSDAY

- 9.00 am Morning Prayer**

## SATURDAY

- 9.00 am – 10.00 am Church open for quiet and prayer**

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# OCTOBER 2021

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<b>Date</b>	<b>Readings</b>	<b>Talk</b>	<b>President/Lead</b>	
Sun 3 Oct <i>18<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity</i> <b>St Francis' Gift Day</b>	Gen 28:11-18 1 Pet 2:1-10 John 10:22-29	Hazel	On-line: Hazel	8.00 am at St M – Hazel 9.15 am at St M – Hazel 10.45 am at St F – Richard
Fri 8 October	Messy Church			3.45 pm at St M
Sun 10 Oct <i>19<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity</i> <b>Harvest</b>	<i>Non-Eucharistic Readings TBA</i>	Richard	On-line: Ken	8.00 am at St M – Hazel 10.00 am at St F – Hazel
Sun 17 Oct <i>20<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity</i>	Isa 53:4-end Heb 5:1-10 Mark 10:35-45	Ken	On-line: Hazel	8.00 am at St M – Hazel 10.00 am at St F – Hazel
Sun 24 Oct <i>21<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Trinity</i> <b>Bible Sunday</b>	Isa 55:1-11 2 Tim 3:14-4:5 John 5:36b-end	Hazel	On-line: Hazel	8.00 am at St F – Hazel 10.00 am at St M – Hazel
6.00 pm – CTWW service and meeting at St F and on Zoom				
Sun 31 <sup>st</sup> Oct <b>All Saints</b>	Isa 25:6-9 Rev 21:1-6a John 11:32-44	Brian/ Richard	On-line: Hazel	8.00 am at St M – Hazel 10.00 am at St F – Hazel
<b>Memorial Service</b>	TBA	Hazel	On-line: Debbie	3.00 pm at St M – Debbie

Morning Prayer at St Francis' - 9.30 am on Wednesdays.  
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Morning Prayer at St Mary's – 9.00 am on Thursdays.

# NOVEMBER 2021

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<b>Date</b>	<b>Readings</b>	<b>Talk</b>	<b>President/Lead</b>	
Sun 7 Nov <i>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday before Advent</i>	Jonah 3: 1-5, 10 Heb. 9:24-end Mark 1:14-20	Richard	On-line: Richard	8.00 am at St M – Richard 10.00 am at St F – Richard
Fri 11 Nov	Messy Church			3.45 pm at St M
Sun 14 Nov <i>Remembrance Sunday</i>	Dan 12:1-3 Heb 10:11-14, 19-25 Mark 13: 1-8	Hazel	On-line: Ken	8.00 am at St F – Hazel 9.15 am at St M – Ken 10.45 am at St F – Brian/ Hazel
Sun 21 Nov <i>Christ the King</i>	Dan 7:9-10, 13-14 Rev 1:4b-8 John 18:33-37	Ken	On-line: Hazel	8.00 am at St M – Hazel 10.00 am at St F – Hazel
Sun 28 Nov <i>Advent Sunday</i>	Jer 33:14-16 1 Thess 3:9- end Luke 21:25-36	Brian/ Richard	On-line: Richard	8.00 am at St F – Richard 10.00 am at St M – Richard

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## Prayer Cycle

We pray for those who live in:

Park Avenue, Phoenix Close, Hawes Lane, Pine Avenue, Pond Cottage Lane, Posting House, High Street, The Railway Pub, Red Lodge Road, Ravenswood Avenue, Ravenswood Crescent, Red Lodge, Red Lodge Road, Riverside Walk, The Alders, Rose Walk, St David's Close, Sherwood Court, High Street.

- In our cycle of prayer for other churches in West Wickham, we pray for St Mark's Roman Catholic Church: the priest, Father Ray, and all the church family there.
- As the Church of England General Synod is being re-formed, pray that it will be representative of those who make up our church and may all candidates standing for election find God with them in their endeavours.
- May those who have left Afghanistan as refugees find a safe and welcoming place to settle and may those who remain in Afghanistan have their fears for the future relieved.
- With the worldwide vaccine roll-out continuing, may there be fewer who are reticent about receiving it and may each country and community inoculate enough people to gain a reduction in the spread of the virus.
- As we approach the 26th UN Climate Change Conference of the Parties in Glasgow during early November, may world leaders be inspired to accelerate actions that reduce carbon emissions so enabling the world to reach a position of net zero by 2050.

## *Dear Friends*

In our September Messy Church we did some activities connected with the passage about Jesus healing Blind Bartimaeus (Mark 10:46-52). On the surface the story appears to be about physical blindness and healing, but a deeper look reveals it to be a story of God's compassion and mercy, which helps us to see people and things differently and experience new beginnings:

- Jesus had compassion and mercy for Bartimaeus who was considered 'less than' by others. However, if Bartimaeus hadn't been shouting out for mercy, this encounter may not have happened.
- Jesus enabled Bartimaeus to see the world with new eyes – to see and feel the world differently.

I wonder if our own experiences have been like those of Bartimaeus. Have you been able to experience God's compassion and mercy, or have you wanted to hide away the difficulties of life or mistakes that you have made? In April last year, when we were in the middle of the first lockdown, you may have found it easy to look at the world differently. Maybe you could experience aspects of nature that you couldn't normally (e.g., birdsong); you may have had opportunities to slow down (I did more walking); and you may have tried out something new (I got to grips with video recording and editing).

I wonder if you've been able to keep up with seeing people and the world differently since most of the restrictions on our interactions have been lifted. Maybe the second lockdown took away the openness of mind that you previously allowed in your interactions with others and in your experiences. I think that something of the healing of Bartimaeus is available to us all, if we recognise that we need God's mercy and are open to what God might be wanting to show us. Our healing service in July came after services of lament and of recognising God with us. This reviewing of the past – of all the difficulties that we've faced and the times when God has shown us something different – helps in paving the way for healing to happen.

I pray that you will be able to recognise the pain and hurt in your experiences of the past 18 months and use them in seeing or feeling differently about something, so that this can be a new beginning for you.

*Hazel*

### **Harvest Service**

This year our Harvest Service will be held on Sunday 10 October at 10.00 am in St Mary's Church. We will be collecting donations of non-perishable foods and toiletries to be split between the Shrublands and Bromley Food Banks.

Please come along, or watch on-line, to give thanks for all we have and bring some donations for those who have less. It is also possible to donate items by leaving them in the boxes outside St Francis' Church or the Vicarage at any time.

### **Pet Service**

This will happen in person this year and is an opportunity to give thanks for all the support our pets have unknowingly given us during the past 18 months. It will be at St Francis' Church on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> October at 3pm. Do bring your pet for a prayer of blessing and tell your friends and family that they are welcome to join us.

### **In Loving Memory**

Our annual service to remember those who have died will be on Sunday 31 October at 3.00 pm in St Mary's Church. The service will be live streamed on our YouTube channel. This is an opportunity to come and remember with thankfulness, the lives of those you have loved and lost.

If you would like the names of loved ones read out at this service, please complete a sheet that will be in the churches a few weeks beforehand or give your names by email or phone to Hazel. Also, do let others who might find this service helpful know about it and offer to come along with them to provide support. This will be especially

important this year when so many have lost loved ones but have been unable to say 'goodbye' to them properly, as numbers at their funeral were restricted.

### **Remembrance Sunday**

Remembrance Sunday is on 14 November this year. We will have in-person services in St Mary's at 9.15 am and in St Francis' at 10.45 am, in addition to a service of Holy Communion at St Francis' at 8.00 am and an on-line service through the livestream from St Mary's at 9.15 am.

*Hazel*

### **Living in Love and Faith**

Living in Love and Faith is an inclusive look at the Church's approach to marriage and same sex relationships. It is rooted in scripture, in reason, in tradition and theology and seeks to include the views and experiences of everyone in the Church of England. We will be holding a five-week course on different dates in October and November to help you consider how questions about identity, sexuality, relationships and marriage fit within the bigger picture of the Good News of Jesus Christ. You then have an opportunity to give your own feedback on what it means to live in love and faith together as a Church.

Please do engage with this material if you want to be included in our response to this important topic.

*Hazel*

### **Children's Society Boxes**

I was unable to open any Children's Society Boxes last year due to Covid, but I am now resuming my Autumn collection of the boxes. I would therefore be grateful if they could be brought into church when convenient. Alternatively, I can arrange for them to be opened at home, in which case, please call me on 8777 9213.

Thank you.

*Christine Morton*

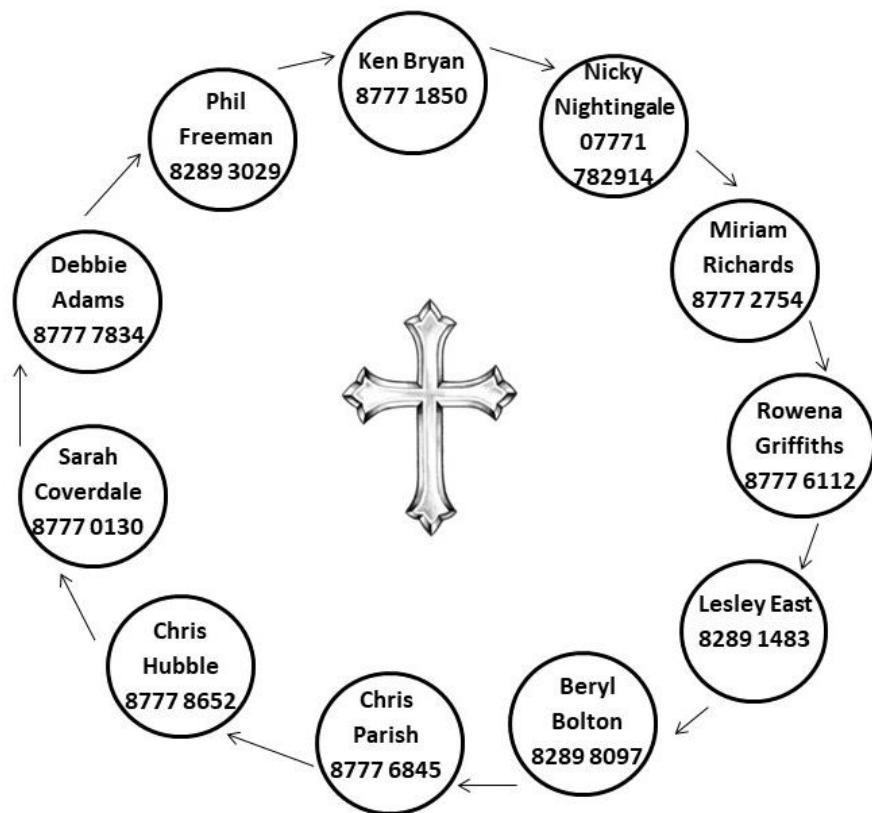
## St Francis' & St Mary's Prayer Chain

Many people find they are given strength and peace of mind when they know that they, or their loved ones, are being prayed for – and the more people who are praying for someone, the better!

If you would like prayer for yourself, please call anyone on the chain below and they will pass a message on around the circle. If you would like prayer for someone you know, please get their permission first.

If you would like a name added to the intercessions list in our services (which will be on-line as well as in-person), please state this when you make contact.

*Hazel*



## Stories of God with Us

Lockdown was tough – I won't pretend it wasn't. There were times when it would have been so easy to give up and enter into a downward spiral.

Reflecting on this, I realised that something always happened during these times of doubt that pulled me back from the brink. Could this be where God was alongside me?

I decided to 'shield' because of my weakened immune system and other health problems and so I can identify with those who have been shielding for months, some of whom are still not able to do much.

To start with, all doctor and hospital appointments were cancelled. We relied on internet shopping, supplemented by Brian going to the store (often when the shelves were empty), presenting a number of worries about food, which is not good when you are diabetic. At times it was difficult to get any slots and we almost didn't have a Christmas dinner! I haven't seen any of my family since February 2020 due to travel restrictions - which is hard. All these things have made it a very anxious time.

I was finally called up for an eye appointment, only to be told that my eyesight has deteriorated due to the lack of regular appointments. I am now due to have further treatment in the next few weeks to hopefully correct this.

So what has kept me going? To start with, Hazel asked me to help by sending out a weekly email with the Pew Sheets and other emails about events and meetings. We have met as a Ministry Team via Zoom to discuss and organise services, as well as to record them. I also receive the Morning Prayer reflections by email every day. We set up the Zoom Coffee and Chat, which I continue to host, and this has been a lifeline for many.

The Pastoral Care Team was extended, and we were all allocated a group of people to keep in touch with by phone or email. This is one of the main things that has kept me focused. Quite often, when I was feeling low, I would call someone on my list of contacts and my



problems paled into insignificance when I listened to theirs. At other times some of them have called to ask how I am, which is really thoughtful. Perhaps this is how God is reaching out to me?

I am fortunate to have a garden and have spent many hours there during this pandemic. This is my sanctuary and where I feel God speaks to me the most. I have two plaques there which re-iterate this and say it all.

I don't know who wrote this first one:

*The dawn of the morn for glory,  
The hush of the night for peace,  
In the garden at eve says the story,  
God walks and his smile brings release.*

The second one is from *The Lord God Planted a Garden* by Dorothy Frances Gurney:

*The kiss of the sun for pardon,  
The song of the birds for mirth, –  
One is nearer God's heart in a garden  
Than anywhere else on earth.*

Rowena



## **Rehema Trust: A Charity Supported by St Mary's**

Rehema Trust was set up five years ago in memory of Jan Mason's sister, Barbara Leighton, to support the work of Barbara Academy, in Kenya.

The situation in Kenya has become more challenging recently, with rates of Covid and deaths rising sharply, prompting further restrictions, including the closure of churches and an extension of the night-time curfew, but schools remain open. However, less than 3% of the population is fully vaccinated and there is limited access to health services. There are also increasing signs that climate change is disturbing the previously predictable weather patterns, which are critical to the subsistence farming, on which many in the local population rely. I am pleased to report that no Covid cases have occurred at Barbara Academy so far, but sadly, one parent of a school pupil has died in recent weeks.

Barbara Academy opened at the end of July to start a new school year and has expanded with a further year group, who are occupying our latest new classroom. Thanks to Edward Wata (leader of the local project partner) and his team, Barbara Academy was granted Full Registration status in April by the Ministry of Education, but they will need to carry out suggested improvements over the next five years when there will be a review of this registration with implications for future funding requirements. Staff changes at Barbara Academy, including the appointment of a very experienced Head Teacher, have strengthened the Teaching Staff Team.

There is now stability in the current funding, allowing the trust to plan in the short term with greater confidence. However, the continued expansion to achieve full nursery and primary school status, plus the ongoing demands to maintain and improve the school facilities, is already placing pressure on the limited financial resources.

If anyone would like to add their own direct support, either by way of a one-off or regular donation, please get in touch with Malcolm Leighton on 01372 815082 (Home) or 07766 051576 (Mobile) or via email to

[m.leighton@rehematrust.com](mailto:m.leighton@rehematrust.com)

Finally, Edward Wata reports that the teachers have been pleased with how well the pupils have performed in recent months, given their disrupted education due to an extended school closure last year. This no doubt reflects the value of the extra resources, funded by donors including St Mary's, which helped to ensure that the teachers could support the pupils in their homes during this difficult time.

Thank you for continuing to make a real difference to many young lives in Kenya.

*Malcolm Leighton*

### **Correspondence with the Press**

On 17 March the following letter appeared in *The Times*:

#### ***Rudderless Church***

*Sir, Quentin Lett's thoughts on the state of the Church of England and its lack of leadership chime with my views. Opportunities to make a difference in people's lives during the pandemic have been abandoned as the Clergy have hidden behind their dreaded Zoom services and have appeared terrified of showing any leadership at all. The Church is not fit for purpose: Covid has rendered it impotent.*

*Morwenna Ford  
Queen Camel, Somerset*

Our Treasurer was incensed by this letter and wrote to the Editor and his letter was published on 18 March as follows:

#### ***Body of the Church***

*Sir, I think Morwenna Ford may need to move churches. Our United Benefice of St Francis' & St Mary's has catered well for the local community during the lockdowns and made a difference to those of all ages. The vicar and her team have been readily available to all, not just the parishioners, in person as well as on the telephone, on Zoom and through services every Sunday on YouTube, some of which have been live transmissions. She has got together a team of church members who have willingly assisted her to ensure that the churches help those in need, in all meanings of the word.*

*David Wada  
Hon, Church Treasurer, St Francis of Assisi*

### **West Wickham Scouts - Keep Calm and Carry On!**

West Wickham's scout groups went 'virtual' during lockdown, meaning our activities had to continue online.

Initially a challenge, conducting meetings over Zoom quickly became a lifeline. Despite some leaders being less technically-savvy than others, we were able to share ideas and advice for keeping the kids entertained using the '1<sup>st</sup> Virtual Scout Group' Facebook page. Here, scouts from across the country could share insights into how they helped their groups beat the lockdown boredom.

The events might have been virtual, but the fun was real. We put on scavenger hunts, sending the kids dashing off around their homes in search of items beginning with a certain letter. We also held 'virtual' camping events where the scouts slept outdoors in their back gardens. As we weren't tied to a physical space, we utilised virtual guests, including birds of prey experts, a magician and even put on Welsh language lessons with a scout leader based in Wales!

Thankfully we have now returned to face-to-face meetings. Below are some scout action shots of the Beavers and Cubs doing what they do best:



*A cub, at Frylands Wood, using a rope bridge he has just built!*





*The 7<sup>th</sup> West Wickham Beavers "Dams Colony" building a Dam!*

Scouting is a lot of Fun. Beavers are aged 6 to 8 years, Cubs are 8 to 10½ years, Scouts 10½ to 14 years and Explorers are 14 to 18 years. Scout membership is completely open at all ages to girls and boys.

If you're interested in a place for your child in the Beavers or are interested in becoming a volunteer leader, you can contact the different scout groups operating in West Wickham using the details below.

The more leaders we have, the more young people can enjoy the benefits of scouting.

Get in touch today and join the adventure tomorrow!

Group: 7th West Wickham  
Enquiries to: David Willis  
Phone Number: 07896 576265  
Email: [dwillis356@aol.com](mailto:dwillis356@aol.com)

*David Willis*



*Two Beavers take on the Croydon District climbing wall at Pinewoods*

### **Calling ex-Members of the 6th & 7th West Wickham Scout Groups**

We are actively looking for ex-members of the 6th & 7th Scout Groups. We warmly invite you to join "The Friends" of the 6th & 7th West Wickham Scouts. The idea is to bring together and reunite anyone who was a Cub, Scout or Venture Scout with other friends from their Scouting days.

If you, or someone you know, was a member, please contact Dave Willis AGSL 7<sup>th</sup> WW at [dwillis356@aol.com](mailto:dwillis356@aol.com) for further details – Thank you.

*David Willis*



## Bishop Jonathan writes . . . .

This year, the Church is inviting us all to join in the Living in Love and Faith (LLF) project.

Some of you will be very well aware that the Church has been wrestling for years with questions about sexuality, gender and relationships. LLF comes out of those discussions, but the aim is to help the Church think about them more widely and deeply, through asking questions such as:

- How do questions about identity, sexuality, relationships and marriage fit within the bigger picture of the Good News of Jesus Christ?
- What does it mean to live in love and faith together as a Church?

These are big questions! They are about much more than Church law. We are all invited into a process of learning, reflecting, speaking and listening which I hope will deepen our understanding of the faith we share, and strengthen us as the Body of Christ together, united in one mission, which is expressed through our diversity.

In this Diocese, we are encouraging everyone to participate as they feel able in that conversation. Some parishes and other groups have already begun to study and reflect on the resources the church has produced (you can find them at:

<https://www.churchofengland.org/resources/living-love-and-faith>

and that is very welcome.

For the Diocese as a whole, we will be encouraging everyone to engage from Easter onwards, particularly through using the LLF Course, a five-session course for group reflection.

Whether you are using the course or not, there will of course be a lot of diversity in how we approach it, in such a diverse Diocese as ours. However, whatever you do, you are encouraged to reflect on the material with people whose background and views might be different from your own – and to do so as a process of mutual learning. There will be plenty of time before and after the summer for us to engage with

the project, and we are intending to round off our Diocesan learning in November with a Diocese-wide event.

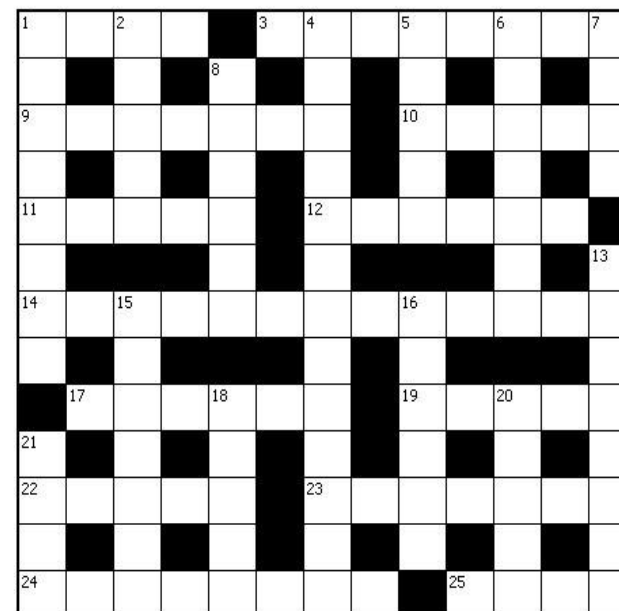
I have been asked by Bishop Christopher to lead for this for the College of Bishops, and Canon Wendy Robins will have a key role in enabling all that we have planned. A Steering Group for the process is working with us, reflecting a wide diversity of views and backgrounds.

We know that discussing these issues is likely to be difficult for many, and particularly those who feel that their own lives are in the spotlight, so we are also establishing a network of pastoral support for anyone who needs a listening ear beyond their own parish or community.

I hope and pray that LLF will indeed enable us to live more fully in the love and faith of Christ.

*#Jonathan Croydon*

## Bible Crossword for October/November



## Clues

### 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)

### 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' (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)

## Crossword Solutions for August/September

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## Sudoku for October/November

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**Sudoku Solutions for August/September**

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1	3	5	9	2	4	7	6	8
6	4	7	8	3	5	9	1	2
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**Word Search Clues for October/November**

**Harvest**

October brings us Harvest Thanksgiving, when we thank God for all the bounty of Creation. If you ever doubt God’s generosity towards us, just stroll down the aisles of your local supermarket: they are groaning with food of a vast variety, of every colour, texture and taste that you can imagine. Our God is a hedonist when it comes to food - He could have provided just a few basic edible things for us to eat; instead, the choice seems endless.

In the midst of all this bounty though, take time to remember all the millions of people worldwide who are starving this month, desperate for any kind of food. Before God in prayer, decide how much you can give this month to one of the many charities who are trying to help people in need, and be generous.

Words to Find		
BOUNTY	ENDLESS	MILLIONS
CHARITIES	FOOD	OCTOBER
CHOICE	GENEROSITY	PRAY
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## Word Search Solutions for August/September



### Autumn Means Harvest

Autumn means harvest,  
And grain in the bin.  
Autumn means farmers  
Are bringing fruit in.  
It means summer's blooming  
Has given its yield.  
Autumn means high tide  
In orchard and field.

*Lenore Hetrick*



## Come, Little Leaves

"Come, little leaves,"  
Said the wind one day,  
"Come to the meadows  
With me and play;  
Put on your dresses  
Of red and gold,  
For summer is past  
And the days grow cold."

Soon as the leaves  
Heard the wind's loud call,  
Down they came fluttering  
One and all.  
Over the meadows  
They danced and flew,  
All singing the soft  
Little songs they knew.

*George Cooper*





**GROUPS & ACTIVITIES AT  
ST FRANCIS' CHURCH**

On Saturday mornings the church is open from 9.00 am to 10.00 am for quiet and prayer. From 10.30 am to 11.30 am refreshments are served and this raises money for Action Aid.

Contact Barbara Goodchild .. .. . 8777 8782

**The Church Halls.** There are two halls available for hire – a large hall suitable for 30 people upwards and a small hall for up to 25 people.

Bookings Secretary: Liz Raper .. .. . 8777 2745

**Church Choir.** The choir helps to lead the singing at Sunday services. It regularly sings anthems and there are special musical services at festivals. Rehearsals: 7.15 pm – 8.15 pm on Thursdays.

Contact Geoff Mussard .. .. . 8650 8389

**Men's Group.** This meets on the second Monday evening of the month, alternately at St Francis' and St Mary's.

Contact Tim Shingler .. .. . 8402 8286

**Reading Group.** This meets on the second Thursday morning of the month.

Contact Barbara Plummer .. .. . 8289 3846

**Matchbox Theatre.** A well-established amateur dramatic society which includes members of St Francis' Church and performs in the church hall, usually three times a year.

Contact Annie Norris .. .. . 8651 1775

**COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES IN THE CHURCH HALL**

**Cubs**

Tuesdays from 6.15 pm to 7.45 pm

Contact Kat Hardman .. .. . katkahardman@gmail.com

**Scouts**

Fridays from 7.30 pm to 9.30 pm

Contact Hilary Moy, Group Scout Leader .. .. . 07961 826814

**Ravenswood Women's Institute**

Fourth Thursday of the month from 7.45 pm

Contact Barbara Goodchild .. .. . 8777 8782

**West Wickham Market [Stalls & Refreshments]**

Fridays from 9.00 am to 1.00 pm .. .. . 8776 1603

**Wednesday Market**

From 9.00 am to 1.00 pm .. .. . 8777 3005

**Fitness Through Movement, Exercise & Dance**

Tuesdays from 8.00 pm to 9.00 pm .. .. . 8771 7896

**Weight Watchers**

Mondays at 6.30 pm and Tuesdays at 10.00 am

**Sugar Craft & Cake Decorating**

Thursdays at 8.00 pm (Six meetings a year)

**Articles and items for the magazine are always welcome.**

*Any contributions can be left in the envelope at the back of the church [on the notice board] by the second Sunday of the month for inclusion in the next bi-monthly magazine [editions for Dec/Jan, Feb/March, etc]. Otherwise contact the Editor, Margaret Green, on 07931 537888 or by emailing her at magletitiagreen@hotmail.com.*