



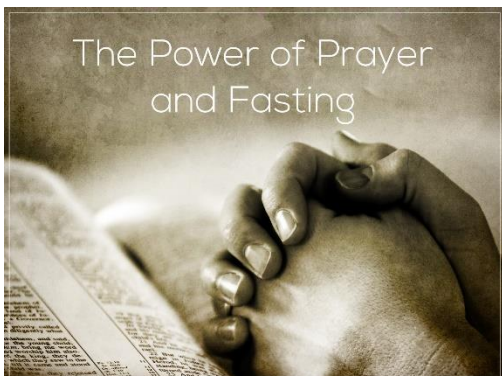
## Beloved! Let us keep the fire burning.

In 2 Timothy 1:6, Paul urges Timothy to rekindle the Holy Spirit's fire in his heart amidst turmoil in the church and persecutors. He faces issues testing his faith and losing spiritual fervour.

To us at this time, overcoming personal challenges and unclear ecclesiological church positions on technical issues is something we have to look at together prayerfully. Jesus does not explain the suffering and pain in the world. He takes it upon himself to go where the pain is most significant. He does not address the questions of why there is death, disease, and suffering in the world. He offers hope and healing.

Even in the face of future uncertainties, we are called upon to keep the fire in our hearts burning. This is not a passive call but an active one that requires our strong desire for prayer, our appetite for the word, our pursuit of personal holiness, and our regular church attendance. Let us remember that we are pilgrims and strangers in this fleeting world and follow the example of our master, the author and perfecter of our faith.

## October News



Following on from our September theme of 'faith' and looking at the example of Enoch, Noah, Abraham and Moses, during **October** we are looking at '**prayer and fasting**', so look out for what our various preachers are going to share with us!

## Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> October - Harvest Service.



Remembering how much God blesses us with food and all we need, in this service we have opportunity to give back to others with gifts of food and other items which will then be given to The Well Foodbank (especially needed are: UHT milk, toiletries, tinned tomatoes, tinned meat, packets of dried pasta and tinned potatoes, or maybe a treat for a family or their children!). Please bring them with you and place them on the tables provided at the front of church. As usual gifts can also still be left in the basket in the entrance foyer or you can give any financial donations to Nick or Jessica.

**A message from Catherine Tromans** - It's the time of year again when Samaritans Purse launch their **Operation Christmas Child** where we fill shoe boxes with gifts for underprivileged children around the world. As in previous years we shall be supporting this initiative as a church and this year we are being a "drop off" point for the local community. There are various ways that you can support this appeal including physically filling a shoebox with toys and gifts for a child in need, filling a virtual shoebox online, and praying for the children who will be the recipients.

The national collection week is 11th-18th November, so all shoeboxes will need to be received by 18th November, although virtual shoeboxes can be donated online until 24th December. Leaflets shall soon be available and please take an extra few to share locally, shoeboxes are also available for a donation of 50p. Thank you Catherine.

We all had a great church **family and friends event** on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> September. It was great to see and talk to so many we don't often see. Please pray that we can all keep up with these contacts and help them to know the Good News which Jesus has for them

There is a slight change to the younger **Sunday School during October**. This month there **WILL** be organised activities for all children in the lounge during our Harvest Service on the first Sunday of the month (6<sup>th</sup>). Then there **will NOT** be a younger Sunday school on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> October, however the lounge will be ready for parents to do activities with their children. Back to normal then for November!



**ALPHA.** Please don't forget that this is every Tuesday, from 7 to 9 p.m. with food at St Mary's Hall. If you would like to go, have someone you would like to invite or need more information, please speak to Taiwo. Please keep this event in your prayers, that those who are there hear the Good News on offer.



**Carol** would like people to visit her or be in touch, she would love to hear from you. If you would like to contact her, please speak to Jane Gardner or Jacqui Mullett who have her details.



**Birthday Celebrations** - 12<sup>th</sup> Jean Cook, 14<sup>th</sup> Sue Tilley, 18<sup>th</sup> Mary Widdal. A very happy birthday to you all from the St James Family.

**A special anniversary!** - On the 9<sup>th</sup> October it will be Taiwo and Christiana's Silver wedding anniversary! Let's make it special for them! We all wish them the very happiest of anniversaries and pray for God's blessing on their marriage.

**Another special anniversary!** - Darren and Elle celebrate 10 years of marriage on the 6<sup>th</sup> October, the plan is to be in their favourite place on the island of Cyprus with friends and family including a re-dedication service at a beach venue!

## Notice Board

- ♥ As always our **Sunday Services** are in church at 9:45am.
- ♥ **Thursday Prayer time** - In the Prayer Chapel, every Thursday from 9:30-10:30am.
- ♥ The next **Healing service** is on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> November at St James, 5-6 pm.
- ♥ **Sunday School** - Younger Sunday School - see notice above. Older Sunday School (8-12 years old) on the 6<sup>th</sup> October.
- ♥ **Postage Stamps** - Don't forget to pop your used postage stamps in the box in the foyer for the RNIB.
- ♥ A couple of advance notices about our **Christmas services**:
  - Our **Christingle Service** will be on 15<sup>th</sup> December at 4pm (no morning service that day). This means that all who are available should be at church on the day before (Saturday 14<sup>th</sup>) from 9:30am onwards to **make the Christingles** ready for the service. We shall also need donations of mince pies etc. to serve after the service.
  - On Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> December at 4pm, instead of our morning service, we are all going to a **Joint Carol Service** at the Church of the Good Shepherd - Lifts will be available from St James - with mince pies and refreshments after (again, donations of mince pies please).
  - On Christmas Day the plan is to have a Celebration Service at 10am - at this service children and adults can celebrate Jesus' birthday together.
- ♥ The **Parish Youth Group** (for 11-14 year olds) meets every Friday at St Mary's Hall, except for the last Friday of the month when it is at St James for sports.



## Diary Dates

- ♥ Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> October is our **Harvest Festival**, see the notice above.
- ♥ **3 C's** meetings in October are on Mondays, the 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>, 2-4pm.
- ♥ **CAMEO**: 2-4pm on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October 'Name that tune!'
- ♥ **Deanery Prayer** - Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October 5-6pm at St Stephen's Church, WS13 2PS
- ♥ Door-to-door sharing of Good News - **Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> October 3-5pm and Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> October 10am-12noon**. Please ask Taiwo if you want to help or know more.



- ♥ **City Wide Prayer** - 17<sup>th</sup> October 7pm at St Mary's.
- ♥ **City Wide Service** - Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> October 7pm at Lifespring Church.
- ♥ **Men's Breakfast** - Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> October 'Life in Nigeria' (Next on 16<sup>th</sup> November).
- ♥ **Advanced dates:**
  - **Tear Fund Quiz** - Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> November, 7:30pm at St Mary's church hall.
  - 10<sup>th</sup> November will be our service for **Remembrance Sunday** with activities for children.
  - We will be holding our **Memorial Service** to remember our loved ones who are no longer with us on Sunday **24<sup>th</sup> November**.

## Please Pray



If you would like specific prayer for someone, please add them to our prayer board in the entrance. These are some we should be praying for: Pauline, Darren (a friend of Ian & Cath), Ray (the father of Cath's bridesmaid), Rosie & Barry Egerton, Carol Griffiths, Alan Redmond, Joe (Donna's dad), Elizabeth Westwood (Maureen Horton's daughter), - Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer

We thank thee, then, O Father, for all things bright and good,  
 the seed time and the harvest, our life, our health, and food;  
 accept the gifts we to offer, for all thy love imparts, and, what thou  
 most desirest, our humble, thankful hearts



## Rotas



**Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> October (TO/LH)**  
Cleaning (Saturday): Jessica Bate  
Chairs: Ian Newman  
Duty: Ian Newman  
Prayers: Catherine Newman  
Computer: Jessica Bate  
Readers: Sheila Turner - Hebrews 1:1-4  
& 2:5-12  
Matilda Wilson - Matthew 4:1-9  
Drinks: Sue Miller  
Flowers: Catherine Newman

**Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> October (TO) - HC**  
Cleaning (Saturday): Pukka Braitch  
Chairs: Pukka Braitch  
Duty: Ian Newman  
Prayers: Catherine Newman  
Computer: Jacquie Mullett  
Communion Cup - Mary Widdal  
Readers: Mary Widdal - Hebrews 4:12-16  
Catherine Newman - Matthew 6:16-18  
Drinks: Catherine Newman

**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> October (TO)**  
Cleaning: (Saturday): Sue Tilley  
Chairs: Chris Astley  
Duty: Nick Gardner  
Prayers: Catherine Tromans  
Computer: Richard Mullett (Jacquie Mullett)  
Readers: Nick Gardner - Hebrews 5:1-10  
Catherine Tromans - Matthew 9:14-17  
Drinks: Jane Jones  
Flowers: Sheila Turner



**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> October (LH) - HC**  
Cleaning (Saturday): Ann-Charlotte Holman  
Chairs: Ann-Charlotte Holman  
Duty: Ann-Charlotte Holman  
Prayers: Ann-Charlotte Holman  
Computer: Jessica Bate  
Readers: Catherine Newman -  
Hebrews 7:23-28  
Jacquie Mullett - Matthew 17:14-21  
Communion Cup - Jacquie Mullett  
Drinks: Jessica Bate



**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> November (ES)**  
Cleaning: (Saturday): Richard Mullett  
Chairs: Richard Mullett  
Duty: Richard Mullett  
Prayers: Richard Mullett  
Computer: Chris Astley (Jessica Bate)  
Readers: Mary Widdal - TBA  
Sheila Turner - TBA  
Drinks: Jean Cook



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