

Messenger: September - October 2022

2 Corinthians 10:17-18

"Let the one who boasts boast in the Lord." For it is not the one who commends himself who is approved, but the one whom the Lord commends.

Prayers

Please remember the following in your prayers:

Darren, Alison & Ben, Peter & Val Humphreys and family, Martin Eccles, Eileen Lowe, Dilys Little, Anne Lord, Ann & Alan Ascott, Walter Ash, Stephen Murphy, John Burnell & Margaret, David Roughley, Pauline Campbell, Janet McCann, Sue & Ged, Lindsay & Peter, Mei, John & family, Steve & Gill Smith, and Neil & Alison.

September

4th - Graham Taylor - Holy Communion

10th -11th - **Heritage Weekend - Wedding Dress Display, Church open 12pm - 4pm**

11th - Eve

18th - Eve - Church Meeting

25th - TBC - Harvest



October

2nd - TBC - Holy Communion

9th - Sam Rigby

16th - Yvonne Campbell

Church Anniversary 186 Years

23rd - Sandra O'Nions

30th - Rowley Moore

Key Rota

4th - Carolyn & John

11th - Sue & Ged

18th - Eve

25th - Eve

2nd - Carolyn & John

9th - Sue & Ged

16th - Eve

23rd - Eve

30th - Eve

Flower Rota

4th - J Fry

11th - J Fry

18th - S Warburton

25th - S Warburton

2nd - Eve

9th - Eve

16th - A Ascott

23rd - A Ascott

30th - J Fry

Tea with a Twist

3rd September
Eve

1st October
Carolyn & Viv

Dear Friends,

I pray you all survived the blistering hot weather recently! It wasn't quite as hot on this side of the Irish Sea, but hot enough for me. According to the old *Gaelic* calendar, Autumn begins on 1 August and goes through to end October. Basically, it refers to harvest time and, before all this very hot/dry weather due to 'Global Warming' started to change everything, it wasn't usually that far off. When the kids were small, we used to rent a cottage in Carlow and that was a place when the tractors were working huge hours to get the cereals in for porridge and, of course, the beer. When we lived in Bolton, we got an extra week in early Autumn, when the mills were closed, and that was a great opportunity, when over in Ireland, because local kids had gone back to school in early September.

If you look up **Ecclesiastes 3 1-5 & 9-14**, you will find how important God's gift to us for the seasons is a time for everything. "There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens: a time to be born and a time to die, a time to plant and a time to uproot, a time to kill and a time to heal, a time to tear down and a time to build, a time to weep and a time to laugh, a time to mourn and a time to dance ... a time to tear and a time to mend, a time to be silent and a time to speak, a time to love and a time to hate, a time for war and a time for peace ... What do workers gain from their toil? I have seen the burden God has laid on the human race. He has made everything beautiful in its time. He has also set eternity in the human heart; yet no one can fathom what God has done from beginning to end. I know that there is nothing better for people than to be happy and to do good while they live. That each of them may eat and drink, and find satisfaction in all their toil— this is the gift of God. I know that everything God does will endure for ever; nothing can be added to it and nothing taken from it. God does it so that people will fear him".

Some days are just as God describes. Some may be dry, some wet. Some warm, some a bit nippy. What does it matter? We are alive to enjoy what the Lord has given us. So, I pray that Autumn, in all its variety, is a joy, a gift from God. Whether we put on our sandals or our 'wellies', what does it matter? All that matters is that we use, whatever God has given us, to work in our tiny ways for His Kingdom.

God bless, Peter



Harvest - 25th September

At the Harvest service, donations of dried and tinned goods for The Trussell Trust will be much appreciated.

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