

# St. Giles Church Exhall Parish Magazine



October 2024—50p

**St Giles' Parish Church, Exhall - [www.stgileschurchexhall.info](http://www.stgileschurchexhall.info)**

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The Parish Office is open Tuesday to Thursday, 10.00 am - 2.00 pm.

**Sunday Worship**

**Please see the worship pattern for  
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**Other Useful Information**

**Ministry to the sick and housebound**

We are always pleased to visit, at home or in hospital. But we need to know who would welcome a visit. Contact the office on (024) 76 368008.

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We will always take funerals for anyone in the parish, either at church or at the crematorium. Burials are performed in St Giles' Meadow. Enquiries should be made to the office (024) 76 368008.

The Bereavement Drop-In is open on alternate Thursdays in the Small Hall. Please contact Sue Barnes on 07946 051122.

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**Bell ringing**

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**Choir**

Fridays at 7pm.

**Worship Band**

Wednesdays at 7.30pm.

Front Cover : Parish Pump

Back Cover: Harvest Supper poster

Any news, reflections, stories, pictures, jokes or brainteasers to share within these pages? I'd love to have them! Please email them to **tinawatk1ns@btinternet.com** or drop them into the parish office or "W" pigeonhole in church.

The next magazine will cover November and the copy deadline date is **Sunday 20th October.**

# HOSPICE COFFEE MORNING



Please join us on  
**16th November**  
**in the Small Hall**



**10.00 am - 12.00 noon**

**All proceeds to Mary Ann Evans Hospice**



**Tea, Coffee,  
Cakes, Raffle  
and Sales Table**



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**St Giles' Magazine was first published in April 1898 and is now in its 125th year.**

# With love from the Vicar

A fond farewell . . . .

*‘being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.’ (Philippians 1: 6)*

As I write, covert operations are well underway to ensure that our Farewell Party for our amazing Curate Rev Jo Parker is truly a cracking send off!

Since Jo first joined us in July 2021, it has been a real joy to see her grow in confidence in her calling and ministry in our midst. We are so grateful for the gift she has been to us – in preaching and leading with such skill and humour, in her support through all the topsy-turviness of ministry during the pandemic and its aftermath, in her help developing our 11.45 am worship service, in care home ministry, in coffee, craft and conversation, after-school hot chocolate, so much more and, most of all, just in the gift of ministering as herself – Jo. Her 3 years of training have flown by all too quickly and we’re all really going to miss her! I’ve so valued the wisdom, patience and cheerfulness she has brought as both a colleague and a friend through several significant changes in the landscape of our ministry at St Giles and beyond.

Whilst it’s a sadness for us to say farewell to Jo, there is that joy in knowing she is moving on into the next stages of her calling and ministry, carrying all her curacy experience with her and with the Arden Valley Group of parishes eagerly waiting to welcome her, beginning from her Licensing Service on Nov 6<sup>th</sup>. So do let’s continue to hold Jo in our hearts and in our prayers through this season of change and transition, thankful for all the fellowship we have shared together over these last three years.

Though we’re not expecting another Curate any time soon (Jo’s would be big shoes to fill!)

we can continue to be on the lookout for ways in which we can encourage one another to grow in our different callings, gifts and skills, to find the freedom and confidence to offer ourselves just as we are, trusting that God will go on working in wonderful and surprising ways amongst us and taking us from strength to strength.



**With every blessing  
Gail**

**Table Top Sale**  
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## **St Giles' Cathedral in Edinburgh hosts immersive installation as part of 900th anniversary**

St Giles' Cathedral in Edinburgh is hosting an immersive art installation exploring community and commissioned, as part of the historic site's 900th anniversary. It will run until November.

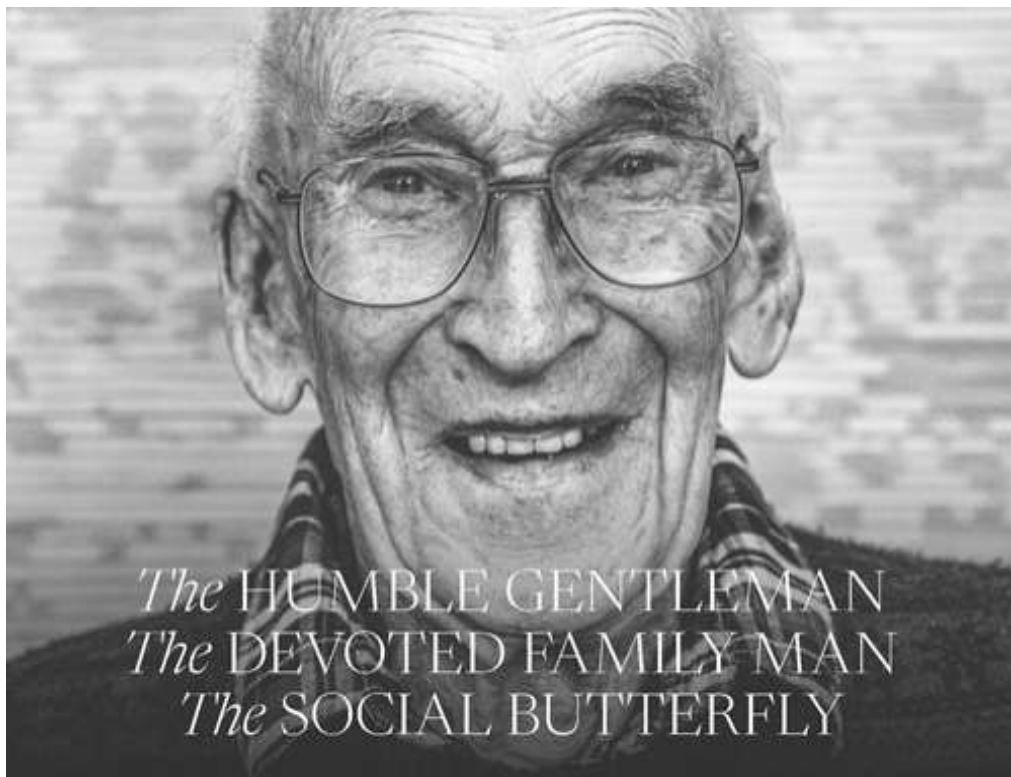
900 Voices, which was also part of this year's International Festival, currently features around 220 hours of interviews with residents of the city aged from three to 93 speaking about belonging.

The conversations have been added to a database which selects key-words from people's conversations and then plays extracts through the cathedral's multi-channel sound system.

Sound Artist Zoë Irvine, who worked with Public Artist and Designer Lindsay Perth and Composer and Sound Designer Jules Rawlinson to create 900 Voices, explained that the combinations which are selected and played together are unique and listeners never have the same experience twice.

The Revd Dr George Whyte, who is the interim moderator of St Giles', said: "For 900 years the voices of so many people have echoed round the walls of the Cathedral.

"It is entirely fitting that as we pass this milestone, we hear each other talk about the things which matter to us and which we hold in common."



**I** was born in 1931 in Reading and grew up in a terrace house with my parents and older sister. My parents instilled a strong family bond that has been with me all my life and is now reflected in my large and loving close family.

Aged 14, I came across an advert in the local paper for a junior clerk role at a national insurance company. I still have the letter offering me the job at £100/year and I stayed with that company for 46 years. I retired at 61 and enjoyed many happy years with my wife in Winchester.

When my wife's health began to decline, we moved to Richmond Villages. Within two weeks

of moving in, the residents all knew each other by Christian name and had forged new friendships that continue today. The best part of living in the village is the variety of residents.

My wife sadly passed away after 4 years here and after a while, I decided I needed extra support, I realised the best place for me was the care floor because of the medical care provided. I've got a big room with a lovely view from the window. I play Bridge twice a week and Rummikub three or four days a week as well as benefiting from seated exercise classes. I've had the luckiest life possible.

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# SERVICES IN OCTOBER 2024

<b>Wednesday 2nd October</b>	<b><u>10.30 am</u></b> Communion		
<b>Sunday 6th October HARVEST</b>	<b><u>10.00 am</u></b> Communion	<b><u>11.45 am</u></b> Sunday Celebration	<b><u>5.00 pm</u></b> Evensong
<b>Sunday 13th October</b>	<b><u>8.00 am</u></b> Communion	<b><u>10.00 am</u></b> Communion	<b><u>11.45 am</u></b> Sunday Celebration
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<b>Sunday 27th October</b>	<b><u>8.00 am</u></b> Communion	<b><u>10.30 am</u></b> Joint Communion Service	

## Exhall Over 50s Club

We're a place to meet together, make friends and generally have a good time...

We run a monthly buffet, a monthly pub lunch, occasional coach and theatre trips, and weekly table games, discussions, music and sing-alongs, bingo, a raffle, talks, demos, films and of course refreshments...

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**Every Tuesday in St Giles Main Hall,  
1-3pm.**

**Membership £12/year, sessions £3.00**

**Further info: Patricia Munro 024 7664 4507**

# Harvest Festival

## Sunday 6th October 2024

As someone who tends to wilt at anything over 20 degrees, I'm personally glad to be seeing the end of summer and look forward to the Autumn season.

This of course brings thoughts of Harvest Festival. Last year's was a real success and it would be great to repeat it this year.

It seems like not a week goes by where I don't read about a foodbank somewhere in the country struggling for donations, so with that in mind we will be supporting Coventry Foodbank again this year, with all of your generous donations going to their amazing warehouse in Coventry.

This simple act of giving is right at the heart of Christianity, with Jesus reminding us that one of the fundamental measures of our lives will be how we cared for people in need. But you don't need me to remind you of this, as generosity, charity and love are values right at the very heart of our St Giles Church family.



**Andy Clark.**





## WHAT A SUCCESS!

With so many events taking place at St Giles as we enter the busy season, the Quiz Night now seems like a dim and distant memory, but I just wanted to share some thoughts with you from the evening.

The Quiz Night was a great success and raised just over £700 on the door through a combination of admission fees and raffle tickets, all contributions going to Church funds. Worthy winners on the evening were 'The Drop Ins' which consisted of members of the Thursday drop in Bereavement Group. Congratulations to them and I hope the trophy wasn't too heavy to carry home.

I'm sure I have provided great amusement to some folk over

the last couple of months, saying to anyone who will listen "no one has bought a ticket, nobody has reserved a place, no one is going to come and it will be a complete disaster". Having never organised an event like this, it is fair to say that I was a bit stressed out, but it did teach me some valuable lessons.

Firstly, listen to the more experienced members of St Giles, who said that all will be well.

Secondly, have faith, people will always turn up to church events.

And lastly, as over 100 people arrived on the night, never underestimate the power of prayer as the Lord will provide, often in abundance.



**So thank you to everyone who came and had a fun evening and a big thanks to the team who helped set up and run the event. I hope you all had a great time and maybe learnt a few new things along the way.**

**I know I did.**

***Andy Clark***

# Life by the River

It's the middle of September and the migrated Canada Geese have flown in. It's quite a spectacular site, they land on the river at about 10am with big whoosh entrance, about 30 of them. At the moment they are quite placid, but it's very strange there are only about five ducks, the rest must have flown to a warmer place.

We still have the family of moorhen, two swans and a cygnet and of course my lovely Jemima puddle duck, who seems to know what time I open my curtains; she is there clucking away. One morning I left early, she watched as I got in the car and through the greenery and was saying: "Hey, don't forget about me ...." Who could forget Jemima.

The car on Bidford bridge is still there but being risk assessed until the end of November so traffic is quite heavy. The boat traffic has reduced and I haven't seen a paddle boarder this week. All the lily pads have sunk back to the river bed so the water is quite clear ... but not that inviting.

My friend came over at the weekend we did spend a lovely few hours on the balcony being blessed by the sunshine. In the evening we went to a Johnathan Veira concert at St Andrews. Johnathan was a world renowned trained opera singer but due to kidney transplant operations he felt the hand of God on his life that changed his singing direction. He still has a powerful voice— he sings hymns, tells stories and jokes with the church full of laughter and smiles on everyone's faces. The church was full with over 100 people there; his theme for the talk 'Not Dead Yet', which equates to live for today and help who you can along life's way....?

On the Sunday we went to St Andrews where the speaker was Rev. Rob Matthews, the minister for ministry at Coventry diocese, on 'Who is Jesus', a very interesting talk. Karen was heartened by how many people welcomed her as we have been praying for her for months so it was lovely for them to see her and how she has progressed. After that we went to Stratford Garden Centre and had a beautiful Sunday lunch and Karen's plate was clean. We put a date in the diary for Christmas shopping and it was time to come back to Welford. Karen was intrigued by the Canada Geese as they swim in a line.

Jemima is right outside waiting for her feed surrounded by the Canada geese but I can't feed her as they will attack her.

I went to Stratford Flower Guild yesterday; the demonstration was a bit long but perfect with the theme being natural wood and how tactile the wood was. But I forgot to take photos, silly me.

More to look forward to— next time the afternoon tea for people who live on their own, at St Peter's Church in Welford, Flower Guild and much more. Well I will close now.

**As the darkness of early mornings and evenings are ahead of us let us  
put our hand into the hand of God and he will guide us through.**

**Every Blessing  
Jane Smith**

## **All Hallows Eve – or Holy Evening**

Modern Halloween celebrations have their roots with the Celtic peoples of pre-Christian times. In those long-ago days, on the last night of October, the Celts celebrated the Festival of Samhain, or 'Summer's End'. The priests, or Druids, performed ceremonies to thank and honour the sun. For there was a very dark side to all this: Samhain also signalled the onset of winter, a time when it was feared that unfriendly ghosts, nature-spirits, and witches roamed the earth, creating mischief. So the Druid priests lit great bonfires and performed magic rites to ward off or appease these dark supernatural powers.

Then the Romans arrived, and brought their Harvest Festival which honoured the Goddess Pomona with gifts of apples and nuts. The two festivals slowly merged.

When Christianity arrived still later, it began to replace the Roman and Druid religions. 1<sup>st</sup> November - All Saints' Day - was dedicated to all Christian Martyrs and Saints who had died. It was called 'All Hallows' Day'. The evening before became an evening of prayer and preparation and was called 'All Hallows' Eve', The Holy Evening, later shortened to 'Halloween'.

For many centuries, however, fear of the supernatural remained strong. During the Middle Ages, animal costumes and frightening masks were worn to ward off the evil spirits of darkness on Halloween. Magic words and charms were used to keep away bad luck, and everybody believed that witches ride about on broomsticks. Fortune telling was popular, and predicting the future by the use of nuts and apples was so popular that Halloween is still sometimes known as Nutcrack Night or Snap-Apple Night.

Today, Christians have learned to turn to prayer instead of charms to overcome the powers of darkness. And the deeper, true meaning of All Hallows' Eve, should not be forgotten. As Christians, we all draw closer to Christ when we remember and give thanks for our loved ones and for others who have gone before us through the gates of death.

*Parish Pump*

# 1<sup>st</sup> October - Anthony Ashley-Cooper, Poor Man's Earl

Think of Piccadilly Circus, and that small statue of the angel poised with bow and arrow. Most people think it stands for Eros. It does not. It stands for Anteros, his brother, the god of selfless love. It is a memorial to the greatest Christian Victorian philanthropist, politician and social reformer of his generation – Lord Shaftesbury.

Anthony Ashley Cooper, the 7<sup>th</sup> Earl of Shaftesbury (1801 – 1885) was a devout Christian who spent his life fighting to help ease the plight of lunatics, chimney sweeps, children in factories, women and children in the mines, opium addicts, and children without any education.

His own early life was loveless and bleak – his parents formal and frightening, his early schooldays a “horror” of “cruelty and starvation”. The only love came from the family’s housekeeper, Maria Millis. A biographer wrote: ‘She provided for Ashley a model of Christian love that would form the basis for much of his later social activism and philanthropic work.’ The reality and homely practicality of her Christian love were a beacon for the young Ashley. She told him Bible stories, she taught him a prayer.

After Christ Church Oxford, where he proved an outstanding scholar, Ashley turned to politics. In 1826, aged 25, he was elected as Tory MP for Woodstock. He was eager to serve on parliamentary committees that got things done; his great life’s work had begun.

Lunatics: In 1827 lunatics were kept chained naked in straw, forced to sleep in their excrement. They were washed in freezing cold water, with one towel for 160 people and no soap. There was gross over-crowding and inedible food: asylums were places to die in.

Shaftesbury’s maiden speech in Parliament was in support of a Bill to improve their conditions. He wrote: ‘By God’s blessing, my first effort has been for the advance of human happiness.’

It took years: from 1827 to 1884 he fought for a succession of Lunacy Acts, writing later of ‘the years of toil and care that, under God, I have bestowed on this melancholy and awful question.’

Child Labour and Factory Reform. Again, reform took years, with Shaftesbury fighting for the Ten Hours Act from 1833, 1842, 1844, 1846 and 1847 – when it finally got through Parliament. No child under the age of nine should work in the cotton or woollen industries, and no one under 18 must work more than ten hours a day.

Miners. In 1842 he fought to outlaw the employment of women and children in coal mines.

Climbing boys. Thousands of young boys were dying in terrible pain – scorched, blinded and suffocated by soot, or with cancer of the scrotum. Ashley fought for Bills in 1840, 1851, 1853, 1855, and 1864 until finally the Chimney Sweepers Act 1875 closed the practise down.

Education reform: 1844 Ashley became president of the Ragged School Union that promoted education for poor children. He wrote that if it were to fail, ‘I should die of a broken heart’.

Religion. Lord Shaftesbury was a devout Christian who became a leading figure in 19<sup>th</sup> century evangelical Anglicanism. He was President of British and Foreign Bible Society for nearly 30 years. He was very sympathetic to the Jews, and advocated their return to the Holy Land.

Lord Shaftesbury’s funeral service at Westminster Abbey on the morning of 8<sup>th</sup> October 1885 drew thousands of people. The streets along the route were thronged with the poor: costermongers, flower-girls, boot-blacks, crossing sweepers, factory hands and many more. They waited for hours just to see his coffin go by. He was dearly loved by them as the ‘Poor Man’s Earl’.

One biographer wrote: ‘No man has in fact ever done more to lessen the extent of human misery, or to add to the sum total of human happiness.’





**Disaster, Risk, Reduction** – At Mothers' Union we have always looked to support emergency aid and relief, and we know it plays a crucial role in disaster response, but it is complex, expensive and needs to be well coordinated. As a result, specialised International organisations and agencies, such as the Red Cross, are often best placed to deliver effective and timely response.

However, increasing attention is being given to the role of **Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR)** because, although it is not always possible to reduce the scale, intensity or frequency of a natural hazard, it often is possible to reduce the devastating effect it can have on the people it impacts.

Due to the high levels of trust Mothers' Union members have built over time, we are uniquely placed to work hand-in-hand with communities to understand the short and long term risks presented by natural hazards and to work collaboratively to identify ways in which communities can respond.

Emergency responses are short-term solutions that address the immediate aftermath of a disaster, but **Mothers' Union is there before the disaster hits and remains long after relief efforts have finished, in order to help rebuild communities and protect them from future disasters through DRR.**

**Big Thank you ! “Books for Bibles”** fundraising event - Mothers' Union would like to thank everyone who supported this event which was held in September.

Special thanks to all who donated Books and Jigsaws - it was amazing how many books and jigsaws we received! A total of £403.00 was raised from this event for Baptism Bibles. **(more photos on next page)**



**Next Meeting:**

**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2024 at 7.30pm in the small hall - Craft Evening !**

**If you would like to know more about Mothers' Union please contact  
Viv Hopkins 02476 645161 or Yvonne Knowles 02476 749511**



## Too eloquent?

Fresh out of seminary, a young pastor found an associate position at a prestigious church. One Sunday early on, he was given the opportunity to preach. He prepared diligently – perhaps a bit too excited to use all the learning he'd acquired – and worked hard to make his words eloquent and smooth.

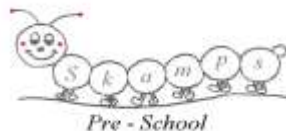
Shaking hands at the end of the service, he was approached by one of the older ladies who was known and respected in both the church and community. "Sir," she said with a smile, "your sermon was like the peace of God!"

The young preacher's grin widened and his chest puffed a bit ... until she continued on, "it surpassed ALL understanding!"

*Parish Pump*

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# WORD SEARCH

Modern Halloween celebrations have their roots in pre-Christian times. In those long-ago days, on the last night of October, the Druid priests celebrated the Festival of Samhain, or ‘Summer’s End’.



ALL	HALLOWS	HALLOWEEN	DRUID	PRIESTS
FESTIVAL	SAMHAIN	BONFIRES	MAGIC	DARK
SUPERNATURAL	POWERS	WINTER	CHRISTIANS	PRAYER
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CHRIST	THANKS	LOVED	DEATH	GONE

COLOUR IN  
Autumn Window



# CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

This year's Bazaar will be held on  
Saturday 23rd November  
12.00 noon—3.30 pm  
St Giles Main Hall,  
St Giles Road CV7 9GZ

**Admission 50p (children admitted  
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**Andy Clark—07584 372704**

**Neva Khan—07496 859598**

**THANK YOU**

**St Giles Christmas Bazaar  
Committee**

# At a Glance - October 2024

## MORNING PRAYER EVERY DAY (MONDAY - THURSDAY) at 8am in Church

Tuesday 1st	1.00 pm	Over 50s—Main Hall (weekly)
	7.00 pm	Compline (weekly)
Wed 2nd	10.30 am	Midweek Communion
Saturday 5th	7.00 pm	Harvest Supper & Barn Dance—Main Hall
<b>SUNDAY 6th</b>	<b>8.00 am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>
<b>HARVEST</b>	<b>10.00 am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>
	<b>11.45 am</b>	<b>All Age Celebration</b>
Tuesday 8th	10.30 am	Service at Bede Village
	11.15 am	Service at Richmond Lodge
	7.30 pm	Vicarage Home Group (fortnightly)
Wed 9th	10.30 am	Coffee, Craft & Conversation—Small Hall (weekly apart from 1st Wednesday)
	2.00 pm	Service at Platinum Nursing Home
Thursday 10th	2.00 pm	Service at Fairfield Home
	2.30 pm	Bereavement Drop-in—Small Hall (fortnightly)
<b>SUNDAY 13th</b>	<b>10.00 am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>
	<b>11.45 am</b>	<b>All Age Celebration</b>
	<b>5.00 pm</b>	<b>Evensong</b>
Thursday 17th	7.30 pm	Mothers' Union—Small Hall
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	<b>10.00 am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>
	<b>11.45 am</b>	<b>All Age Celebration</b>
Monday 21st	7.30 pm	PCC—Small Hall
Saturday 26th	12.00 noon	Table Top Sale—Main Hall
<b>SUNDAY 27th</b>	<b>10.00 am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>
	<b>11.45 am</b>	<b>All Age Celebration</b>
	<b>TBC</b>	<b>All Hallows' Eve Party—Main Hall</b>
	<b>2.30 pm</b>	<b>Service at Bede Village</b>
	<b>5.00 pm</b>	<b>Evensong</b>

## **Funerals**

*In the valley of the shadow of death,  
I shall fear no evil, for you are with me.*

**Lorna Knight, who died on 19th July aged 88 years**



## **Weddings**

*Marriage is never to be undertaken carelessly, lightly or selfishly.*

**Abigail Waddell and Johanthan Hobbis on 7th September**

**Kelly Moulding and James Harris on 14th September**

**Kirsty Bower and James Smith on 28th September**

## **The Dance**

Life is a dance -

Sometimes you lead, sometimes you follow,  
At times the steps are hard to learn  
But persevere - there is a tomorrow.

It can be hard -

Sometimes it's right, sometimes it's wrong,  
As you learn to move to a different beat  
But don't look back keep moving on.

Problems may come –

Sometimes you can, sometimes you fail  
To do the things you did before,  
But carry on you will prevail.

Life is still there -

Sometimes it's practice, sometimes it's chance  
As you've learnt the steps that take you on  
And the music plays as you join in the dance

*(Dance, then, wherever you may be; I AM the  
Lord of the Dance said He.)*

*By Megan Carter via Parish Pump*

## **Ministry and Admin**

Vicar	Gail Phillip	024 7664 5030 07869 395980
Wardens	Neil Harris Neva Khan	07432 414798 07496 859598
Readers	John Owen Chris Wilson	0247636 6111 07717 523512
Administrator/Rotas	Penny Pallett	0247636 8008
Bereavement Drop-In	Sue Barnes	07946 051122
Electoral Roll	Beryl Owen	0247636 6111
Halls Bookings	Tina Watkins	0247664 5278 07905 297713
Parish Magazine	Tina Watkins	0247664 5278 07905 297713
Pastoral Care	Neva Khan	07496 859598
Readers	John Owen	0247636 6111
PCC Secretary	Carol Gough	027631 8219
PCC Treasurer and Gift Aid	Stephen Carter	0247631 2831
Safeguarding	Muriel Ganley	07988 477659
Website	Gail Phillip	024 7664 5030 07869 395980

## **Church and Worship**

Bell Ringing	Steve Watkins	0247664 5278 07926 989686
Brasses, Care Home Services	Chrissie Hughes	0247631 5468
Choir/Organist	Kathryn Unsworth	0247667 3325
11.30 Worship Band	Roy Edwards	0247664 4916
Flowers in Church	Irene Prideaux	0247636 1321
Prayer Chain	Chris Wilson	07717 523512
Verger	Mandy Williams	07633 7188

## **Young People, Nurture and Discipleship**

Home Groups	Gail Phillip	024 7664 5030 07869 395980
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## **Other Groups and Activities**

Drama Club	Tina Watkins	0247664 5278 07905 297713
Hospice Coffee Morning	Viv Hopkins	0247664 5161
Mothers' Union	Mandy Williams	0247633 7188
Over 50s Club	Patricia Munro	0247664 4507
Green Genies	Robert and Jackie West	0247636 2168

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**Saturday 5th OCTOBER 2024**  
**AT 7.00 PM**  
**in the Church Hall**



**TICKETS £10**  
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**INCLUDES A**  
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**SUPPER**



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