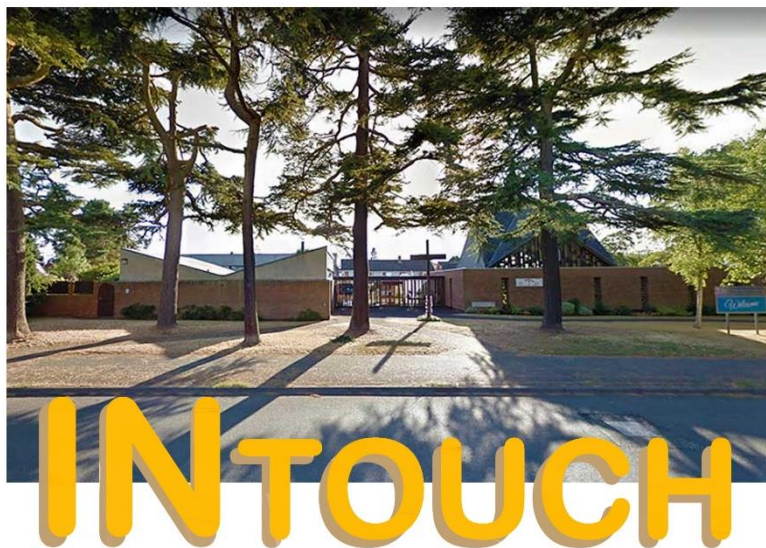


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But you most beloved, building yourselves
Up in your most holy faith and praying in the
Holy Spirit, keep yourselves in the love of God,
waiting for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ
that leads to eternal life.

Jude: 20-21

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From the Editor

I am writing this after morning worship on August 23rd. This morning Martin Rider used Peter - the man who gave us Church with a capital 'C' - as the prime example of a man who did something outstanding with God, but whose life revealed that he was every bit the flawed human.

Jesus recognised Peter's faults. Jesus was persistent not only in his questioning of how much Peter loved him but, in transforming the life of the disciple he knew was the rock upon whom the Church could be founded, Jesus always has the big picture.

Before our blessed *Into the Light* began at 10.00 am, I had already received a phone call from New Cross Hospital telling me that the marker for Prostate Cancer, thankfully, remains undetectable in my blood.

Like Peter, I often say and do the wrong thing. Whilst I pray and frequently see answers to my prayers when it comes to my cancer journey, it is still difficult to see the big picture. It's a bit like Catchphrase with parts of the whole image still to be revealed. However, trusting the journey to God and placing my faith in the promise that God walks with me always has enabled me to not lose a single second of sleep. Whilst I can't yet see the whole picture, I can see God's grace working with and through the persistency of the National Health: detection, medication, radical surgery, radiotherapy, and twenty-four months of hormone treatment - which means I am alive, well and growing in understanding not just of how much God loves me but of how much love God deserves as we rely on the truth of God's promises.

God bless

Richard

**Deadline for the next magazine is
Friday 25 September 2026
Please put this date in your diary**

How should we live? - **Bob Allaway**

Continuing Stanley Hauerwas

In my article about Stanley Hauerwas in the last **InTouch**, I gave no actual examples of his teaching. Had I realised I had as much space as became apparent when it was produced, I would have included these aphorisms:

- The gospel is about Jesus Christ, not about love.
 - Some marriages are miserable not because people are not committed to marriage, but because that is their only commitment.
 - To be rich and a disciple of Jesus is to have a problem.
 - Following Jesus is never safe.
 - Christians are revolutionaries, but we believe the revolution has happened and we are it.
 - Put starkly, the first task of the church - when it comes to social ethics - is to be the church.
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All Age Service

Sunday 13th September



Feed My Sheep



Worship group leading songs from 10am

Formal start at 10.30am

Relaxed and family friendly!



Some Opportunities to serve ...

Let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth ... 1 John 3:18



Christ has no body but ours,
No hands, no feet on earth but ours,
Ours are the eyes with which he looks
Compassion on this world,
Ours are the feet with which he walks to do good,
Ours are the hands with which he blesses all the world.

(Therese of Avila – adapted)

God's various gifts are handed out everywhere; but they all originate in God's Spirit.

God's various ministries are carried out everywhere; but they all originate in God's Spirit.

God's various expressions of power are in action everywhere; but God is behind it all.

Each person is given something to do that shows who God is: Everyone gets in on it, everyone benefits.

All kinds of things are handed out by the Spirit, and to all kinds of people!

(1 Corinthians 12:4-11 – The Message)

Stewards – foster unity, 'spot talent' in those with leadership potential, and ensure Church, Circuit and District policies are implemented. Stewards look after visiting preachers; they make sure the offering is taken and that announcements are made. This is a snapshot, as the role doesn't stop there. Role descriptions are available – please ask Vicky, John or Kira.

Representatives to the Circuit Meeting – our voice in circuit decision-making! We are blessed that several of our church members are Circuit Stewards, they are **NOT** our representatives at the Circuit meeting. Currently, we have two reps, but ideally we would have three or more. Circuit meetings take place three or four times a year, and without representation our church is **without** a vote on significant decisions that affect **EVERY** church in the circuit.

Property Stewards – *our church* is as well-maintained as it is because of excellent stewardship, but we need more people to offer their gifts and skills to ensure the building's upkeep so it is ready for the disciples of the future.

If not you, then who???

Feed My Sheep

The next Feed my Sheep meal will be
on

Sunday September 6th



However, the October meal will be on the **second Sunday, October 11th**, to coincide with the **Harvest service** in the morning.

We would like to extend a welcome to the wider congregation to join us on this occasion.

Please sign the list on the Link table, or contact Megan, by **September 20th** if you wish to attend.



Summer Family Activity Days – Debbie Westwood

We held two Family Fun Days this summer.

The first, on Monday 20 July, was **Busy Bees**.



This was the first Monday of the school holidays and was fully booked. We welcomed 46 young people and their parents/ guardians.

There was a wide range of crafts:

- cupcakes with plenty icing, flowers and sweet bees
- Bee Kind - gifts boxes, with gifts, paper flowers and bees and cards to give away to someone else
- Bee-lieve – stained glass crosses
- Bee Bombs – seed bombs to plant and feed our bees, with a decorated jar
- Bee head bands
- Bee Facts – did you know bees can't see the colour red? A hive of bees will fly 55,00 to make 1 lb of honey.



We learnt how special and amazing bees are whilst having fun. We can learn a lot from bees, they work together to serve the hive. We learnt how we can work together to serve ALL.

Our amazing team were busy bees working together during the morning.



The young people went into the worship space after a time of crafts and, for our worship, we heard a story about a bee who couldn't stop buzzing her thanks to God for everything He provides. The families then suggested things that we could all give thanks

for and these were drawn on flower petals which are displayed in church. Worship began with our usual song "Our God is a great big God" but finished with a new song of thanks, which we signed as well. It is great to see the children and their carers now joining in with confidence.

We ended this session with several games of Bee...tle Drive - a take on the traditional game but the young people had to build a bee.



Our second session was 17 August 2026 when we had a **Beach Party**. After all the sun we have had over the last few months it was perfect celebrating the seaside and everything about it. We were fully booked again but unfortunately not everyone was able to make it. We did have a great morning with the 28 young people that did attend though.

The young people found their creative juices while they:

- Made sweet ice-creams with decorated bags
- Decorated cut-out people in a T-shirt that said, *'Be a smartie and share what you have'* with some Smarties.
- Sand Art – we were reminded of pouring coloured sands at the Isle of Wight into decorative jars



- Painted pebbles - there were some wonderful designs
- Scratch Art fish and mermaids
- Designed their own post cards. I realised my age - many young people have never sent a post card!!
- Made CD fishes - recycling all our odds and sods to make something special
- Made Seaside Key Rings

In the worship space we enjoyed listening to the story of the Rainbow fish who learned to share her sparkly scales and recognised how good it felt. We were reminded that Jesus told stories about being generous and that one way we can be generous is by sharing love, so we sang *"Love is something if you give it away."*

All the children and adults were invited to write their names on fish scales which we used to decorate a fish shape. This is displayed in church too. Again, it is encouraging to witness how attentive the families are during these times of worship and how eager they are to be involved when invited to respond.

After church the young people returned to the hall for a fair. There were plenty of activities for them to choose from:

- Scoop a duck - we'd lost the nets!
- Play your cards right
- Tin Can Alley
- Hoopla
- Axe Throwing – don't worry, they were sponge and Velcro!
- Pin the Tail on the Donkey
- Pick a lolly stick from the sand

If they won, they got a ticket to exchange at the prize table and could choose from a selection of stationery goodies and sweet treats.

We are still seeing families coming back regularly, whilst also meeting new families. One family who'd heard from friends said, *'this is great - can we go on the mailing list for the next time?'* A family that come regularly said, *'Thanks we've all had such a great time again, we look forward to seeing you soon.'*

It's such a privilege welcoming so many families into our hall and church over the summer months. It is such an important part of our outreach work. We are only able to offer this through the kind offers of help from members of the congregation. We have a great team but - due to holidays, illness and other commitments - we were only just about able to offer the activity day in August. If you feel you could help in future, please speak to Debbie.

Who can believe that we are now three years on from our first Family Fun Morning back in August 2023? Here's to many more years of offering this outreach, seeing it grow and being inspired to develop it even further.

Saltbrook Place – Open Day

Judith Tyler

Changing Lives, a homelessness charity, has recently been commissioned by Dudley MBC as the new provider of accommodation at Saltbrook Place. The service supports single adults and couples aged 18 and over who are referred directly by the Council helping to prevent homelessness and rough sleeping across the borough.



On Monday 24 August Debbie, Lynda and I were invited to attend their Open Day. We were shown around the building – which consists of 58 rooms (upstairs and downstairs). The upstairs rooms have their own cooking facilities – oven, hob, fridge – and downstairs rooms have access to large communal kitchens. There is also a communal laundry room, a gym and a garden/patio area.

We had the opportunity to speak to people from Changing Lives; Dudley Council; and Atlantic Recovery Centre (Change Grow Live) who work with those struggling with addictions towards achieving positive outcomes.



More importantly, we were able to sit down and talk with many of the residents who shared their respective circumstances and reasons for becoming homeless – which were many and varied.

The focus of Changing Lives is to provide residents with access to a range of services designed to help them build stability, improve wellbeing, develop independent living skills and move towards sustainable housing. I have offered to do cookery classes, starting on 7 September. I am looking forward to working with them.

We pray that the residents' lives will indeed be changed

Core Bible September 2026

We meet at 7.30 pm on Monday evenings in the worship space. We are always glad to welcome new faces. This group is for everyone - whether you read the Bible daily and can quote multiple verses, or if you pick the Bible up rarely and are not sure what the names of all the books are!

During September and October, we are reading the Gospel of John and exploring the seven I AM statements of Jesus. Why not come and join us? We'd love to see the group grow!

Date	Reading	Title
Sept 7th	John 6: 25 - 70	<i>I am the Bread of Life</i> Preparation: John 1 – 6:24
Sept 14th	John 8: 12 - 30	<i>I am the Light of the World</i> Preparation: John 7 – 8:11
Sept 21st	John 10: 1 - 10	<i>I am the Gate</i> Preparation: John 8: 31 – 9: 41
Sept 28th	John 10: 11 - 42	<i>I am the Good Shepherd</i> Preparation: Isaiah 53:7 Jeremiah 50:6 Matthew 25: 31 - 33

Second and Fourth Saturday Prayers

SEPTEMBER 12th ONLY!

Come and join us as we pray for individuals, our church and circuit, the community we serve and situations across the world. You can also join by participating in the Prayer Chain, which receives requests via WhatsApp or email. If you or someone you know needs prayer, please send requests to Melanie via the contact details on the last page.

Thank you to those who have turned their prayers into action and recently offered their gifts to help fill the gaps in the church's working life. There are still opportunities to serve (see separate page), and so please don't stop praying for God to bring together the gifts and the needs!



Have you noticed our new prayer tree in the worship space and the prayer cards by both prayer trees? These were purchased with part of a gift given by the Cloke family in remembrance of Beatrice.



There are two sets of prayer cards, both covering the same or similar topics— one for adults, one for young people. If a card speaks to your current situation or the situation of someone you know, then please take one, knowing that our prayers are that the bible verses and prayers on the cards help you to find God with you.

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Bees Need Us



We hope you have enjoyed the bee trail that is on the front lawn at church. Thank you to those who have submitted their photos. Here is a selection...



Each year, the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs invite groups to become Bees' Needs Champions.

The trail, combined with the planters and the bug hotel were enough for us to be recognised as such. There is a certificate displayed in the Link.



Coffee and Craft



Come with your craft project (or not!) and
enjoy a coffee (or tea!) and natter.

Saturdays 5th September & 3rd October

10:30 – 12:00

Coffee & Cake



Conversation



&

Friendship



10am until 12 noon

1st and 15th September



Who do you think you are?

Sue Miller

Having been asked to play the part of Zipporah in Moses' *"This is Your Life"* during the service on 12th July, it brought to mind that there were two Zipporahs in my own family tree. Time to move over to *"Who Do You Think You Are?"* a programme I really enjoy with all of its twists, turns and revelations.

My 6x great-grandfather, Daniel Hedderly, was a bell maker who actually cast a bell for Lincoln Cathedral in 1737 - but this part of my story is not about him but his youngest son James, who chose to become a paviour in London.

James married a woman called Bridget Ivy (whose first husband, John Embury, and their toddler son - also named John - had both died within months of each other in 1741). James and Bridget married in February 1742 but had no children of their own. After about 15 years of marriage, according to Bridget's will, *'diverse unhappy disputes and differences had arisen between the said James Hedderly and me, his said wife'*

This was possibly due to the fact that her husband, aged 43, had fallen in love with the daughter of Bridget's older sister Jane. Niece, Jane, was only 18 when her son James Hedderly Lane was born in 1758. However, it would be another eighteen years until his parents were free to marry and make him legitimate. Bitter Bridget made James pay her brothers £1,000 'compensation' for his 'misdemeanour' (a huge settlement for those days). He remained married to Bridget until her death, but possibly not living together.

Having 'set the scene' let's return to Zipporah, the younger sister of Bridget and Jane and godmother of niece Jane's son, James. She made a will in 1782 in which it stated:

'I give and bequeath to my godson James Hedderly Lane for his second daughter that she shall have used for her education till she shall attain to the age of twenty one years and after she shall attain to the age of twenty one years I give the said interest to her and her heirs forever she being christened Zipporah Ivy and in forfeit of such issue I give and bequeath the

same to the said second son of my said godson James Hedderly Lane also I give and bequeath unto the said second daughter all my wearing apparel of what kindsoever with all my household goods of what kindsoever.'

James and his wife, Elizabeth, followed her instructions and Zipporah Ivy Hedderly was born in April 1785. Sadly, their Zipporah died in 1802 aged just 17. Thus, what was bequeathed to her was not due.

The story doesn't end quite yet. Young Zipporah's father, James Hedderly Lane, decided to contest his godmother's will. He said he had followed her instructions and it was quite clear what she intended his daughter to receive. But there was a dispute over the older Zipporah's wording of the will and the case was lost.

There appeared no record of where or who received the money or clothing and no more Zipporahs appear in my family tree. So, as Moses' wife said in the church drama:

“the rest, as they say, is history.”



Deuteronomy 32:7: "Remember the days of old; consider the generations long past. Ask your father and he will tell you, and your elders and they will explain to you."

Kingswinford Methodist Memory Garden

***Donations received towards the maintenance of
the memory garden.***



From Ann Mearman in memory
of mom and Michael

Remembering Jean and Bill
Stringer , Rosalind and Roy
Raybould—from Jane and
Geoff Stokes and family



Kingswinford Methodist Church Men's Group

Wednesday 2 September – 7.00 pm

Meal out at The Swan, Kingswinford

Please confirm to Richard if you wish to attend.



... from Interserve (UK agents for Le Pélican)

Thanks to the Tuesday coffee morning for supporting this charity and for the generous gift of £69. “Your generosity opens the door for us to go where others aren’t able to; reaching people with the love and compassion of God. We appreciate you so much, thank you”.

... from Christian Aid

Thank you for your generous gift of £74.00.

“With over 400 projects funded across the world last year, together with our supporters like you, we reached the immediate humanitarian needs of over 3.2 million people. We can only do it with churches like yours”. **Thank you for uniting with us in hope.**

.... from Midland Free Wheelers

Again thanks to the Tuesday coffee morning for raising the sum of £110 which has been gratefully acknowledged by this charity – an emergency rider voluntary service which operates 24 hours a day delivering emergency supplies to NHS hospitals/facilities throughout the West Midlands.



..... and thanks to all who continue to make contributions to BCFB. This support is invaluable to local people in crisis.

The following items are currently in short supply:

Tinned meat (hot dogs, corned beef); tinned fish; long life milk, tea bags (40s); small jars of coffee; breakfast cereals; tinned vegetables; jars of pasta sauce/cooking sauce; instant noodles; shower gel; bars of soap; toilet roll; roll-on deodorant.

A HAVEN OF PEACE - Dave Walker

In the early 1930s, the village of Barnfield - situated on the south-east side of the Wyre Forest – was just about as remote a place as one could get anywhere in the UK in those days. As more and more people moved from the countryside to the town in order to find work, everywhere seemed to be expanding like an octopus stretching out its tentacles. But Barnfield was the exception. Here, peace seemed to prevail.

Like many other places, the First World War had taken its toll but, by now, the threat of invaders tramping along our cobbled streets had long since disappeared. Yes, there were disturbances on the Continent – but they were far away. Barnfield, to all intents and purposes, was at peace with itself, its people and the world outside. It was more of a hamlet than a village, with only a smattering of cottages surrounding the main centre – which boasted a pub, a church, a school, a park and a cemetery.

PC John Coleman occupied the public house; Enoch Bishop was The Rose and Crown's landlord; the Post Office-cum-general store was run by Jeremy Lloyd, who was the local parson; and Mrs Pemberton was the schoolmistress.

On the corner of what was ridiculously called the High Street, general handyman – Eli Thomas – could often be seen at the back of his cottage planing a piece of wood destined to be one of the struts in someone's fence, repairing gardener Patrick Morgan's boots, or popping round to Ma Jones' little cake shop to replace a window pane.

The village constable had been there for over 15 years and was reported to have made only one proper arrest during that time when, one night, young Bob Taylor had had a little too much to drink and thought it was a good idea to start breaking all the windows in Hollybush Street! The policeman's main duties seemed to be stopping children from climbing over the fence into Mr and Mrs Smith's little orchard and helping themselves to the apples; escorting old man Hickman back home after a skinful; fetching young kids from the park after dark; and generally keeping an eye on anyone remotely acting out of the ordinary. Barnfield always seemed to be at peace.

Early most mornings, smoke could be seen pouring out of the chimneys as inhabitants ate a hearty breakfast before a day in the fields cutting hay; spending a morning in the kitchen preparing the family's meals; listening to their teacher at school; or undergoing various tasks at the workbench.

Every night, Mrs Pemberton prepared the next day's lessons; the Rose and Crown landlord served his customers in between having a game of dominoes or crib; Jeremy Lloyd closed his store and began to prepare for next Sunday's sermon; and Patrick Morgan usually popped round to Ma Jones' for a cup of tea and a cake.

The only break in the village's routine seemed to be at Christmas, Easter, during the school holidays when a fortnight away hop-picking was the norm, or special days like Bonfire Night or Halloween.

People grew up, just as generations had before them had – they went to school, learned a trade, got married, had children, retired and then passed away, making room for their children and grandchildren to carry on in a similar vein, just as they and their mothers and fathers before them had done.

But, peaceful as it was in Barnfield, things outside were changing. Over in Europe a popular dictator was preparing his people for war and, in a few years' time, the young men of the village would be expected to join the Army, Navy or Air Force to protect their country against growing threats from over the Channel.

Soon the small, Shropshire village would no longer be a peaceful little enclave in a busy world – a haven for farmers, labourers and their families to grow up in the same way their parents had – because the days of war were braying and there was no going back!

Circuit News – September

Circuit Ramblers – walks of approximately 1 hour - starting at 10.00 am.



Saturday 12 September – The Broadway, Norton – Bunkers Wood

Saturday 10 October – Mushroom Green (meet at Saltwells)

Walk details from Margaret Steven – 07986 566134



£1 donations to the Paul Ackrill Fund (*helping young people fighting cancer*).

Sankey Evening – Friday 11 September at 7.00 pm.

Our friends at **St James' Methodist Church in Pensnett** are hosting a Sankey evening of sacred songs. This is a wonderful opportunity to gather with the wider Methodist family and worship together in a church beyond our own Circuit whilst enjoying an evening celebrating these much-loved hymns and sacred songs. Everyone is warmly welcome.



Flowers by Andrew – Thursday 17 September at Stourbridge Methodist Church New Road, 7.30 pm – Arranging Flowers for an Autumn Day.

Tickets (available on the door) £10 – to include refreshments and one ticket for the flower raffle. In aid of tower repairs.

Tea at The Manse – 57 Melrose Avenue, Stourbridge DY8 2LE -



Saturday 26 September, 2.00 to 4.00 pm.

All are welcome to pop in for a brew, meet your new minister and enjoy a slice of cake at The Manse.

If possible, please text Rev Rachel in advance if you wish to attend so she has an idea of numbers – 07498 202951.

Eden Toddler Group – SMC Gig Mill

Mums, dads, grandparents, guardians, carers are all welcome to pop in with babies and toddlers to their Toddler Group at Stourbridge Methodist Church Gig Mill **every Friday morning 9.30am to 11.30am**. Admission £1.50. Check first with Amy on 07561 880938 that details are correct



Time for Tea at SMC Gig Mill

for tea and conversation on a Tuesday 2.30-4.00pm

Tuesday 1 September and Tuesday 6 October

Everyone is welcome, come along and make some new friends!



Thanks for the Memories – Amblecote Methodist Church

Held monthly – next dates Sunday 27 September and 25 October



A dementia-friendly choir for anybody who wants to reminisce, sing old songs or simply wants something to do on a Sunday afternoon. It is open to all-comers, not

just church-goers. If you like singing and fun, why not join us?

3.30 pm (light refreshments). 4.00 to 5.00 pm (singing and reminiscence). **Free entry.**



Action for Children Charity Walk

Kinver to Wolverley along the canal with planned lunch stop.

****Note change of date** Saturday 10 October 2026**

Meeting place: Potters Cross Methodist Church, Kinver

Updated details will follow in due course

September Services

	10:30 am	6:00 pm
6 th	Revd Jem Hawkins Holy Communion	
13 th	All-age Team All-age worship ItL leading worship from 10am	
20 th	Mrs Abie Dutton	Revd Jem Hawkins Café worship Supported by ItL
27 th	Jane Artist plus KYC activities in the Hall ItL leading worship from 10am	Revd Margaret Eales Holy Communion

October Services

	10:30 am	6:00 pm
4 th	Revd Andrew Sankey Holy Communion	
11 th	All-age Team All-age worship - HARVEST ItL leading worship from 10am	

Joint Evening Services elsewhere in the Circuit:

1st Sunday – SMC Gig Mill– 6pm – Revd Andrew Roberts

2nd Sunday – Kinver – 6pm – Revd Jem Hawkins

**Sunday 11 October – 6 pm – Songs of Praise at Wollaston
Methodist Church**

September Rotas

Foodbank

6 th September	Stuart Ashmore
13 th September	Jane Artist
20 th September	John Mearman
27 th September	Rod Worthington

After-service coffee/tea

6 th September	(in church) Into the Light, Jean Whitehouse
13 th September	Celia Miskin, Sue Miller?
20 th September	Bob and Edna Drake, Paula Durrant
27 th September	Debbie Westwood, George and Judith Tyler

Meet & Greet

6 th September	Ann Mearman, Paula Durrant, Betty Payne
13 th September	Diane and Iain Robertson, Sylvia Allaway
20 th September	Margaret Shuttleworth, Ann Mearman, Sam Hawkins
27 th September	Carol Pearson, Jocelyn Arch

Jane Artist would always be happy to hear from anyone else who would like to join the Meet & Greet team

Tea Towel Washing

September	Sue Wilson
October	Elaine Panchal

The Tea Towel washing rota for 2026 is currently complete and on the wall in the kitchen! Thank you to all those who have agreed to serve in this way.

The Harvest Quiz – Esme Ashmore

1) How many Fruits of the Spirit are listed in Galatians?			
Two	Four	Six	Nine
2) On which day of creation were fruit-bearing trees made?			
Third	Fourth	Fifth	Sixth
3) What type of tree did Jesus curse for bearing no fruit?			
Pomegranate	Almond	Fig	Olive
4) For how many years did crops fail when Joseph reigned in Egypt?			
Two	Five	Seven	Ten
5) The word ‘harvest’ comes from ‘haerfest’, which means what?			
Autumn	August	Auburn	Austere
6) On what day of the week is Harvest Festival traditionally celebrated?			
Monday	Wednesday	Saturday	Sunday
7) In Pagan times, what was believed to have lived in fields?			
A Wheat Spirit	A Corn Spirit	A Barley Spirit	A Malt Spirit
8) The USA Harvest Festival is known as..			
All Hallows Eve	Mid-Autumn Festival	Thanksgiving	Good Friday
9) Indonesia’s Harvest Festival is dedicated to what crop?			
Wheat	Rye	Barley	Rice
10) Lamas Day is on which day of the year?			
July 3 rd	September 17 th	October 8 th	August 1 st

11) When does Autumn end in the Northern Hemisphere?			
End of Jan	End of Sept	End of Oct	End of Nov
12) Which bird migrates in the Autumn?			
Swallow	Robin	Cuckoo	Magpie
13) What is the most-grown crop in the UK?			
Potatoes	Wheat	Oats	Sugar beets
14) What is a hogget?			
A sheep aged between 1 & 2	A pig aged between 1 & 2	A cow aged between 1 & 2	A goat aged between 1 & 2
15) In which month does the British carrot harvest start?			
June	July	August	September
16) Where does Britain get most of its sugar from?			
New Zealand	Britain	France	Switzerland
17) How long does a hen's egg take to hatch?			
10 days	21 days	25 days	31 days
18) What is a male turkey called?			
A stag	A colt	A jack	A bull
19) What breed are 90% of British dairy cows?			
Dairy Shorthorn	Guernsey	Jersey	Holstein Friesian
20) Which crop turns fields blue in the middle of summer?			
Flax (linseed)	Alfalfa	Sugar beet	Sugarcane

General Knowledge Quiz – Answers

1.	Which is the oldest college at Cambridge?	Peterhouse
2.	Who was the wife of Lord Baden-Powell, with whom he founded the Girl Guide Movement?	Olave
3.	Which is the most common type of accident in the home?	Falls
4.	How many Earthmen have walked on the surface of the moon?	12
5.	What type of stone is the Star of India?	Sapphire
6.	Which of the following derives its name from the Greek word meaning 'wandering'? <i>Diatom; krill; plankton or seaweed?</i>	Plankton
7.	Who is the only clean-shaven member of Snow White's seven dwarves?	Dopey
8.	The frozen body of what kind of extinct creature was discovered in Siberia in October 1999?	Woolly mammoth
9.	In 1987, a 19-year-old with approximately 25 hours of flying experience landed a rented Cessna in Red Square, Moscow. What was his nationality?	German
10.	What would a native American Indian refer to as a papoose?	A baby

Let's end with a Loff

A four year old's description of creation

In the beginning, which was close to the start, there wasn't anything except God, darkness and some gas.

The Bible says, "*The Lord, thy God, is one,*" but I think He has to be much older than that.

Anyway, God made the world and then He said, "*Give me some light,*" and somebody gave it to Him.

He split an atom and made Eve.

Adam and Eve didn't wear any clothes, but they weren't embarrassed because God hadn't invented mirrors.

Yet. Adam and Eve sinned by eating one bad apple and they were driven out of the Garden of Eden. I'm not sure what God drove them in because He hadn't invented cars either.

Adam and Eve's son, Cain, hated his brother as long as he was Abel.

After a while all of the first people died, except Methuselah who lived to be, like, a million years old.



Derek had yet to learn that you don't need to close your eyes when you prayer walk!

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This wasn't what Derek envisaged when he suggested having a time of sharing!

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Church Activities and Contacts

Bible Study: Mondays at 7.30 pm – In the worship space

Contact: Melanie - 07852 251581 or walters.m.j@me.com

Coffee & Conversation: 1st and 3rd Tuesdays, 10.00 am to 12 noon – Hall

Contact: Melanie - 07852 251581 or walters.m.j@me.com

Coffee and Craft: 1st Saturdays 10.30 am to 12 noon – Red Room

Contact: Diane (diane.robertson@blueyonder.co.uk)

Feed my Sheep: 1st Sundays at 1.00 pm – Hall

Contact: Megan - 07904 502365 or megan@ashfam.co.uk

Into the Light: Some Fridays at 6.30 pm – Church

Contact: John - 07811 412355 or jmearman@hotmail.com

KYC (Young Church): Sunday mornings – 10.30 am – Church/Hall

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Men's Group: Usually 1st Wednesdays in the evening

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