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Jesus Christ, the same yesterday,
today, forever.

- Hebrews 13:8 (NIV)

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Dear Friends

The Times they are a-changing

How true this is – especially as the clocks change on 26th October, putting the clocks back an hour to give us a little bit more time.



As I look out of the window, there are greater indications that times are changing as I look at an amazing range of colours which adorn the trees which sway and rustle with a living beauty. Yet these are just a prelude to what is to come. The harvest has come and gone, the fruit has grown and given nourishment. Now the leaves are falling, the branches become bare to help the tree survive the winter.

Jesus said ‘I am the Vine and we are branches with God the Vinedresser’ who prunes, supports and nourishes us so that we, too, can bear His Fruit (John 15:1-12). As branches in the Vine, we live through seasons of life as individuals, families and in the Church. There are times when we rejoice in splendour and strength and times when we feel bare and weak. Yet in all the seasons of life God is tending us, loving us and encouraging us to rest, grow and be fruitful as the vinedresser who nourishes us. We are not alone because we belong to The Vine of Jesus who joins us to God and each other.

When the times are changing, we will not be afraid – for we are held in the hands of the vinedresser and belong in The Vine of Jesus! As we sing (StF51, HP61)

*Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed thy hand hath provided.
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me.*

In all seasons, make time for God and grow the fruit of love.
Blessings,
Jem

From the Editor....



Jem describes the changing seasons. From my window I can see red berries and yellow and green leaves on the tree as it gets ready for winter.

My granddad Bob, a hero to my family, lived through what I believed to be a period of great change. He transported boilers using a steam crane traction engine. During his lifetime he witnessed changes - from steam power to man travelling in rockets to the moon; from black and white newspapers to news readers delivering the news on coloured televisions; beds with an overcoat thrown on the top of the blankets for added warmth to modern houses with central heating.

Change which, as a younger man, I thought couldn't be equalled. Now, as a pensioner myself, I can write about change during my lifetime - the computer entering the classroom; the dreaded mobile phone; not to mention the internet or speaking to someone in some far Asian country about my latest gas bill. I still really can't believe that I used to pay 25 pence for a pint, and now a bottle of beer in an average restaurant can set me back £7. I know, I know, you're all saying, "More fool you".

Man plays his part in change. Nothing stays the same, for better or worse, but what remains constant is God and hopefully our faithfulness. In the time it has taken to type this I can already see changes in the cul-de-sac but I see no change when I appreciate that, ***"All I have needed thy hand has provided."*** Thank you Lord.

God Bless
Richard

Deadline for the next magazine (a double issue covering December and January) is
Friday 21 November
Please put this date in your diary!

Core Bible November and into Advent 2025

We meet at 7.30 pm on Monday evenings in the worship space (lifts are always available). 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 November, we continue to explore the Psalms, and this leads neatly into our Advent Study, A Strange Christmas by Krish Kandiah, which begins with Psalm 37 on November 24th – anyone would think we planned this!

So what is strange about Christmas ... why not come along and find out?

Date	Reading
November 3 rd	Psalm 119
November 10 th	Psalm 118
November 17 th	Psalm 150
ADVENT	A Strange Christmas
November 24 th	Psalm 37:1-40
December 1 st	Psalm 98:1-9
December 8 th	Matthew 18:1-14
December 15 th	1 Corinthians 1:26-31

Psalms from our studies of the Psalms...

One of our October Core Bible studies focused on Psalm 46, a community psalm. Writer Paula Gooder states that whether expressing lament or confidence, community psalms - where communal voices unite to declare sorrow, joy, or trust in God - are fascinating because, today, although we sing in worship, we rarely gather in this manner. So, having explored God's infinite care we brought all our thinking together into two "Community Psalms" of our own...

My times are in your hands, O Lord...

Lord, I come to you for protection. I trust you to keep me safe. I have many enemies, and many are saying God won't rescue me.

Don't worry about the big picture. God will worry about that!

How great is the goodness you have still stored up for those who fear you. Don't seek assurances elsewhere; God is all you need!

I will pray to the Lord, and he will answer me from his holy Mountain. You are always near me, and you show me the right path. You see my troubles, and you care about the anguish of my soul.

Put your hope in the Lord; He is always there, and you will never be abandoned.

Love the Lord all you godly ones, for the Lord protects those who are loyal to him! Amen.

Lord, I have come to you for protection. Save me, for you do what is right. You are my rock and my fortress. I find protection in you alone; you are a faithful God.

You have seen my troubles, and you care about the anguish of my soul!

I am trusting you, O Lord, saying you are my God! In your unfailing love, rescue me!

How great is the goodness you have stored up for those who fear you? You lavish it on those who come to you for protection. Amen.

Second and Fourth but actually Fifth Saturday Prayers!

November 8th and 29th at 9.00 am in the Parlour or follow the link on the website to join via Zoom.

Please note the change of week for Saturday Prayers in November – this is a one off!

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 requires prayer, then please send requests to Melanie – contact details on the last page.

November is of course when we take time to remember and to seek peace. As I type there is hope in the Middle East that peace may be restored, so perhaps we could use the 30 days of November to pray for peace either using our own words or, if it helps, simply by saying these words written by Andy Dye, Methodist Director of Global Relations...

Creator God

Today in a fractured world we pray for peace and justice,

Your peace, not built on our broken promises and failing courage,

But your deep peace, through your creative power and embodied in the service and sacrifice of Jesus.

May we follow Christ, seeking your justice, acting in solidarity and hope,

Even when the way seems unclear and the powers of our world don't reflect your Kingdom,

Your Peace, Your Justice, Your Kingdom, Your world,

In Jesus name

Amen.

Opportunities to serve ...



With thanks to John Miller, who will be moving to another post on Church Council, we need to start the hunt for a **Church Council Secretary** so they can be ready to take over on 1st September 2026. Could that person be you? Could you pray and ask others to pray about who the right person might be?

If you feel called to respond, please talk to John who can give you more information about what is involved.

Have you ever considered being a **Steward**? The role is rooted in the concept of stewardship, hence the title, where individuals manage and care for the church's resources - including people, time, and finances - on behalf of God.



It is a significant role in the life of the church, but one which is shared across a team, and so the responsibility is always a shared one. Could you pray about whether this is a role God has in mind for you?

If you are keen to engage with any of these opportunities and you don't know the person named, just speak to any of the Meeters and Greeters at the door or any of the Stewards and they will point you in the right direction.

Christmas Gift Bags – Buy an Extra Gift



For the last two years we have sent Christmas Gift Bags to the residents of Saltbrook Place.

Saltbrook Place is a scheme in Lye which accommodates up to 66 men and women between the ages of 18 and 70, in temporary accommodation, who might otherwise be homeless. The support workers help the residents to find longer term accommodation and re-settle.

We have previously reported how much our gifts have meant to the residents. The residents and staff are very grateful and thank the church for the continued work and kind thoughts - it means so much to them. For some this will be the only present they receive this Christmas.



Jesus said *'whatever you do for another, you do for me'*.

Let us show our love and care through our actions by giving an extra present.

Each gift bag will contain 6 items. There are a number of ways you can support this:

1. Purchase one or more of the items to be put into the gift bags from the 4 categories below.
2. Give a financial donation to support the buying of clothing and gift items for the bags (the other 2 categories)

The four categories of items required are:

- (i) **DRINKS** - Tea (40 bag box), coffee (100g jar), hot chocolate (250g), box of cappuccino or latte sachets



- (ii) **CHOCOLATE** - Chocolate bar (100–120 g), chocolate orange, bag of chocolate e.g. Wispa, Maltesers (95g bag)



- (iii) **SWEETS** or **CRISPS** treat - Bag of Haribos (160g), fudge (150g), Werthers (125g), large sharing bag crisps, Pringles, etc



- (iv) **TOILETRIES** – deodorant, shower gel, small gift sets (2 items).



We will also include a Church Postcard in each bag with a message from the Church.

If you would like to buy items, please sign up on the sheets in the Link for as many as you would like. (If you need help completing the sign-up sheets, please ask anyone from the Mission Group).

If you would prefer to give a financial donation, please put this in an envelope labelled “*Gift Bags*” and give to Debbie Westwood or a Steward. Please bring the items or donations to church by **Sunday 7 December**. They will then be combined into the gift bags and dedicated at church on Sunday 14 December.

Christmas is coming! **Join us for our Christmas ECO event.**

On **Saturday December 6th** we will be holding an Eco Craft morning when we shall be making Christmas decorations from a range of recycled, recyclable and reusable materials.



We will use them to decorate the church as we did last year.

Resources and ideas will be available but please bring anything you would like to do as well.

Suitable for all ages.

10 am – 2 pm

Seasonal refreshments to enjoy.



And talking Christmas

Christmas Stockings for Care Homes



We would like to give a gift to all residents in our local care homes. If any knitters could help make a small stocking or two they would be gratefully received. Each stocking will have a few chocolates in them which we will provide.

Please ask Megan for a pattern.
Thank you.



Sheep Trail...

Thank you to everyone who has already knitted and donated sheep for the sheep trail, which is planned for the first two weeks of December and will lead up to our All-Age Service on December 14th. If you are still busy knitting, please would you bring finished sheep to church by November 9th 2025. Your efforts are very much appreciated!

Feed My Sheep

The next Feed My Sheep meal will be on **Sunday 2 November at 1 pm.**

The Feed My Sheep meals are for those who would otherwise normally eat alone on a Sunday. They are completely free.

If you would like to attend the next meal or any meals in the future (they happen once a month, normally on the first Sunday) please contact Megal (details on the back page).



thank you!

... from Age UK

We have received a letter of thanks from Age UK in response to our donation of £84 raised from our Tuesday Coffee Mornings, which they confirm has been allocated to their partner, The Silver Line. Together with their partners, Age UK is able to provide essential services and support:

- *Specialist, impartial advice helps change older people's worries into answers;*
- *Friendship services change loneliness and isolation into comfort and connection.*

They say, "Thank you for helping us to change older people's lives – now and in the future".



**10am until 12 noon
4th and 18th November**

**HELP for
HEROES**

Friendship Group

Thursday 13 November
2.15 pm in the Church Parlour
Speaker: Arthur Jackson

Going forward, the meeting
is open to EVERYONE.
Arthur has a very interesting
life to recount - we look
forward to welcoming him
and anyone else who wishes
to attend.

Thursday 23rd October



LUNCH OUT



**Details will be provided at
meeting on 13 November**

Contact **Joyce** on **01384 295122** for more details
All welcome – no minimum (or maximum) age limit!

Men's Group

The next meeting of the Men's Group will take place on **Wednesday 5 November** at **IndiLuxe** (Indian restaurant) in Kingswinford, starting at **7.00 pm**. We will be dining from their Banquet menu.

Could anyone wishing to attend please let Richard know by Sunday 2 November to enable him to book a table.

Also, advance notice is given of the December meeting which will take place at the home of John and Gill Nash on **Wednesday 3 December**. Further details to follow but, in the meantime, please make a note of the date in your diary.

60th Birthday Celebrations



Remember, Remember the Fifth of November....
and our birthday celebrations for June!

As the nights draw in you might like to

12 Listen to the Radio – a good thing to do to drown out the noises of the fireworks, especially if you have pets. Listen to Classic FM.

15 Write a letter

3 Draw a picture

or

34 Crochet a square

Last month at café worship we did some origami (number 11)
We made Doves of Peace.
They didn't all quite look like this though.....



Perhaps you could have a go and bring it to the Remembrance Service on November 9th.

Coffee and Craft



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

Saturdays 1st November & 6th December

10:30 – 12:00

Crafters' Lunch – Jackie Cliff



On September 26th, 13 of us from Coffee and Craft enjoyed lunch at The Lodge, Dudley. This was the first time we had all met outside the Saturday craft session but it proved to be a real hit. We had a delicious meal served to us by the friendly staff at The Lodge and the puddings went down a treat! All in all, we had a great time.

Our monthly meeting at Coffee and Craft has proven to be a really friendly group. We enjoy sharing our ideas, not always craft-related, but we have a good old natter and enjoy coffee, tea and biscuits and the occasional cake.

If you would like to share in this fellowship, bring your project - if you have one - and join us at 10.30 am on the first Saturday of the month. Our next meeting is on **Saturday 1st November** in the 'Red Room'.

Black Country Foodbank are very grateful to supporters for generous donations over the Harvest period enabling them to stock their shelves with essential food and toiletries in readiness for the challenging winter months ahead. Harvest is not just their biggest campaign of the year. It also provides them with an opportunity to work with local primary schools and educational settings, supporting their work with children around the topic of poverty - what it is, where it is, and how they can help make a difference. In September we collected and donated **54.2 kg** of food and **2.2 kg** of toiletries – enough to provide **108 meals** and **2 toiletry packs**.

There are currently the following shortages:

Long Life Milk (1l Cartons)	Tinned ready meals (meatballs, chilli, macaroni cheese)
Long Life Fruit Juice (1l Cartons)	Tinned meat
Tea bags (boxes of 40)	Tinned fish
Small jars of coffee	Instant noodles
Tinned spaghetti	Bars of soap
Squash/cordial	Baby wipes
Tinned tomatoes	Shampoo
Tinned rice pudding/custard	Nappies
Bags of rice	Roll-on deodorant
Packets of savoury rice	Toilet rolls
Breakfast cereal	Shower gel
Pasta sauce/cooking sauces	

******* BCFB are very short of strong carrier bags *******

They cannot accept out of date food or food items containing alcohol.

How to donate financially

Website - donate on the website www.blackcountryfoodbank.org.uk

Bank transfer - Sortcode: 40-11-55, Account No: 30116548

Mobile phone - You can text **BCFOODBANK** to **70085** to donate £5.

Provided by Jackie Cliff, whose friend is a Soroptimist (a member of this international organisation for women). Some of their members have recently knitted sheep for our Sheep Trail which is taking place in December.



SI Stourbridge & District

Taking positive action to improve the lives of women and girls, here at home and throughout the world, is the driving force behind the international Soroptimist movement. We call it Programme Action and here in the Stourbridge area we make opportunity for every member of Soroptimist International of Stourbridge and District to contribute according to their interests, talents and capacity. We have a broad programme so that each of our members can 'play to their strengths' and help make change happen. Here is a snapshot of some of the things we are doing right now in Dudley and overseas:

- Blankets for birth trauma in Ethiopia through Hamlin Fistula, 100 donated last year, plus funded training for a midwife.
- Support to Black Country Foodbank – food every month and £1,000 just donated.
- Wellbeing through creativity craft sessions in local domestic abuse refuges.
- Help with reading and pastoral support in 2 local schools.
- Keeping Stourbridge town looking 'Blooming Wonderful' by looking after baskets and a raised bed.
- Supporting mums and families through Brierley Hill Baby Bank
- Sponsoring Girls in sport – football and rugby players.
- 'Lend With Care' support to women overseas to help them make a living and support their families.
- Nutrition support for children and self-employment for women in India through Kerala Partnership Charity.

We would love to share more information with you or welcome women to our meetings. Contact **si_stourbridge@msn.com**

Rainbows Brownies

AAW on Sunday 12th October

We all enjoyed another busy but wonderful all age service based around being Merciful (1st of the Beatitudes that we are covering over the next 12 months).



A good number of Rainbows and Brownies proudly paraded into church with their flags and it was an added bonus to have both of the boys' groups with us for this service. It was also very encouraging and heart-warming to see the majority of the girls' families staying to take part and enjoying refreshments afterwards.

A huge thank you, as always, to all in the All-age team (including a flying visit from Michele) and input from Wendy and Sam, for all their hard work preparing for and delivering the service, which was based around the story of Joseph. We had lots of action songs to keep everyone on their toes - which the girls love. We even, very cleverly, made Joseph's special coat using coloured paper strips and were invited to write something of that colour that we were grateful for.... Pink was the colour the girls struggled to think of 😊😊



The story was acted out by eager volunteers of all ages and the girls were particularly very excited to show parents their new sticker charts to take home to remind them of the Beatitudes. Stickers will be added each month.

I wonder which one will be next????

Karen Edwards

Remembrance Service

Sunday 9th November

Worship group leading songs from 10am

Formal start at 10.30am

Act of Remembrance during service

Rainbows/Brownies /Beavers/Cubs/Scouts



Parade Service



Super Sunday

Sunday 30th November

Teach me to Dance



10.30am—Creative worship for all ages

Food, Glorious Food Quiz – Esme Ashmore

1.	Legally, are Jaffa Cakes a cake or a biscuit?	
2.	What 3 sauces are in prawn cocktail?	
3.	What is the most consumed manufactured drink?	
4.	What flower do vanilla pods come from?	
5.	What nuts are used in marzipan?	
6.	What is the most expensive spice by weight?	
7.	Grenadine comes from what fruit?	
8.	Who is the Greek God of wine?	
9.	What is Hungary's national dish?	
10.	What fish is used in an Arbroath Smokie?	
11.	Does jam or cream go first in Cornwall?	
12.	Which part of London do jellied eels come from?	
13.	Which county do Bakewell Tarts come from?	
14.	What veg is celebrated with an annual festival in the Isle of Wight?	
15.	Pancetta comes from what animal?	
16.	What type of cheese is in a tiramisu?	
17.	What is a Berliner?	
18.	The innards of what animal makes Haggis?	
19.	What cheese is in a Greek salad?	
20.	Nutella is made from chocolate and what?	

The October Quiz – Answers

1.	What number month was October in the ancient Roman calendar?	Eight
2.	What Mexican street food is celebrated?	Tacos
3.	What two zodiac signs fall in this month?	Libra/Scorpio
4.	Which famous artist was born?	Pablo Picasso
5.	What full moon occurs?	Hunter's Moon
6.	What two birthstones could you get given?	Opal/Tourmaline
7.	What sea creature has its own day?	Octopus
8.	Which two birth flowers could you have?	Marigold/Cosmos
9.	What book did A. A. Milne publish in 1926?	Winnie the Pooh
10.	In 1941, Mount Rushmore was completed after how many years?	14
11.	What Charlie Chaplin film came out in 1940?	Great Dictator
12.	Who was the so-called 'frozen food founder' died that in 1956?	Clarence Birdseye
13.	Which then-tallest building in London opened in 1965?	The Post Office Tower
14.	The 1847 Charlotte Bronte novel?	Jane Eyre
15.	Which singer received the Polio vaccine live on TV in 1956?	Elvis Presley
16.	1,500,000 litres of what liquid flooded Tottenham Court Road in 1814?	Beer
17.	After 69 days underground, trapped miners were rescued in what country?	Chile
18.	What year was the first Oktoberfest held?	1810
19.	Where was the first Olympic opening ceremony to be broadcast live held, in 1964?	Tokyo
20.	In what year did the first artificial satellite orbit the earth?	1957

Autumn is Here

Provided by Ann Cooper - Author unknown



Autumn leaves
Red , gold and brown,
Falling , swirling
Drifting down



Prickly conkers,
Cracking, popping
Branches snapping,
Acorns dropping.



Picking pumpkins,
Juicy apples too,
Gathering blackberries
In hedgerows for you.



Foggy mornings,
Damp, cold and grey,
Nature's blanket,
Clouding the day



Swallows gather,
Swooping up high,
Off they go
To Africa they fly.



Hibernating hedgehog,
Finds somewhere to sleep.
Be sure it's not your bonfire,
Or your rubbish heap.



Shorter days,
Frosty and wet.
Winter's round the corner,
But not quite
YET.



The names of some of Jesus' friends are hidden in this grid. Can you find them all?

J	J	P	H	T	V	A	H	S	Z	W	B	E	Y
Q	M	R	B	Q	O	J	S	W	S	U	B	H	I
S	U	R	E	T	E	P	E	P	L	Y	A	C	A
W	W	E	M	E	L	O	H	T	R	A	B	T	H
D	E	A	N	J	G	Z	C	S	A	M	O	H	T
V	H	J	U	D	A	S	O	A	W	K	P	C	R
T	T	R	T	Y	J	M	V	K	H	N	H	N	A
L	T	R	Y	O	L	S	I	M	O	N	I	B	M
I	A	T	H	A	D	D	E	U	S	M	L	B	V
K	M	N	B	F	J	J	M	E	S	A	I	S	I
H	A	Q	E	W	E	R	D	N	A	R	P	W	C
D	I	J	A	M	E	S	U	W	O	Y	D	E	Y
R	F	J	E	Q	G	O	W	P	N	H	V	N	G
K	Y	J	R	V	E	C	G	Q	O	Q	G	R	J

PETER	ANDREW	PHILIP
JAMES	SIMON	BARTHOLOMEW
JOHN	JUDAS	MATTHEW
THOMAS	THADDEUS	MARTHA
MARY		

Circuit News

Circuit Ramblers – 10am on Saturday 8th November



Meet at **Mary Stevens Park, Stourbridge**

Following the walk there will be an opportunity to attend a lunch at Gigmill for Remembrance.

Contact: Margaret Steven (07986 566134) for more details and to confirm if you wish to attend the lunch as this has to be booked in advance.

Thanks for the Memories – Music & Singing for Wellbeing



A monthly afternoon singing of favourite songs from the past and from the musicals. This will be at Amblecote Wordsley Methodist on a Sunday, with tea from 3.30 and singing from 4-5pm.

All are welcome. Contact Amblecote to check date.

Eden Toddler Group – SMC Gig Mill

Mums, dads, grandparents, guardians, carers are all welcome to pop in with babies and toddlers to a new Toddler Group at Stourbridge Methodist Church Gig Mill every Friday morning 9.30am to 11.30am.

Admission £1.50. Contact Amy on 07561 880938 for more information.



Time for Tea at SMC Gig Mill

for tea and conversation

Tuesday 4th November, 2.30-4.00pm

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



Advance Notice - Christian Women's Fellowship

Will have a conference at

Hayes Conference Centre, Swanwick, DE55 1AU

22-24 February 2026

More details on their website

Rotas for November

Foodbank

2nd November	Melanie Walters
9th November	Paula Durrant
16th November	Jackie Cliff
23rd November	Colin Russ
30th November	Stuart Ashmore

We have lost a few volunteers from the church rota recently which places an increased load on those who take our weekly collection. It's only once in about 6 weeks. Please prayerfully think about joining the rota and if you think you could do this Jackie would be delighted to hear from you.

After service coffee/tea

2nd November	Debbie Westwood, George and Judith Tyler (in church)
9th November	David and Diane Jones, Celia Miskin, Lynda Johnson
16th November	'Into the Light'; Jean Whitehouse
23rd November	Bob and Edna Drake, Paula Durrant
30th November	Jocelyn Arch, Jane Stokes, Esther Homer

Diane Jones would always be happy to hear from anyone else who would like to join the after-service coffee/tea rota

Meet & Greet

2nd November	Ann Mearman, Carol Pearson, Betty Payne
9th November	Margaret Shuttleworth, Jocelyn Arch, Lynda Brettell
16th November	Colin Russ, Jennifer Russ, Ann Mearman
23rd November	Bob and Edna Drake, Sylvia Allaway
30th November	Carol Pearson, Betty Payne

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

Tea Towel Washing

November	Ann Jackson
December	Sylvia Allaway

Let Sylvia know if you would like to help in this way.

November Services

	10:30 am	6:00 pm
2 nd	Rev Jem Hawkins Holy Communion	
9 th	All-Age Team All-age worship REMEMBRANCE ItL leading worship from 10 am	
16 th	Colin Russ Morning worship	Rev Jem Hawkins Café worship Supported by ItL
23 rd	Andy Haynes Plus KYC activities in the Hall ItL leading worship from 10 am	Rev Jem Hawkins Holy Communion
30 th	Super Sunday All-Age Team All-age worship	

December Services

	10:30 am	6:00 pm
7 th	TBC Holy Communion	
14 th	All-Age Team All-age worship SHEEP SERVICE ItL leading worship from 10 am	

Evening Services elsewhere in the Circuit

2nd November – SMC Gig Mill – 6.00 pm
Led by Rev Michael Payne

9th November – Kinver – 6.00 pm
Led by Rev Jem Hawkins

Let's end with a Loff... ..

A group of Methodist ministers attending an annual conference at a private countryside resort.

As several set off to explore the area, they came upon an old bridge that crossed a quiet pond. Unfortunately, they didn't notice a sign warning of the bridge's unsafe condition. As they crossed it the caretaker came running after them. *"Hey! Get off that bridge"*, he yelled.

"It's alright" declared one of the ministers. *"We're all Methodist ministers attending the conference."*

"That's fine" replied the caretaker. *"But if you don't get off that bridge you'll all be Baptists!"*



While teaching children about world religions, a teacher asked her students to bring a symbol of their family's faith to class. The next day, she asked each student to come forward and share the symbol with the class.

The 1st child said, *"I'm Muslim, and this is my prayer rug."*

The 2nd child said, *"I'm Jewish, and this is my family's menorah."*

The 3rd child said, *"I'm Roman Catholic, and this is my Mom's rosary."*

The 4th child said, *"I'm Greek Orthodox, and this is an icon of my patron saint."*

The 5th child said, *"I'm a Methodist, and this is my cake tin."*

A Sunday school teacher asked a little boy

"Do you know who built the ark?"

"No uh" he replied quietly.

"That's right" replied the teacher.



Church Activities & 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 am to 12 noon - Hall

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

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

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

or Jackie (jackie.cliff@btinternet.com)

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

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

Friendship Group: 2nd Thursdays at 2.15 pm – Parlour

(plus 4th Thursdays - lunch out) Contact: Joyce - 01384 295122

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

Contact: Richard - richardwalters964@icloud.com

Prayers: 2nd and 4th Saturdays at 9.00 am – Parlour or on Zoom

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