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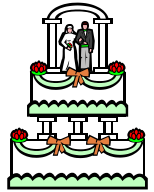
Baptisms

2 August	Niamh Grace Sutton
6 September	Beatrice June Cordon
27 September	Isco Ray Linton
27 September	Phoebe Mabel Hadley



Weddings

8 August	Christopher Adam James Brown Hayley-Jayne Turner
15 August	Daniel Joseph Read Kelly Marie Chamberlain
29 August	Duncan Blair Mitchell Louise Margaret Rahmoun
30 August	Simon James Shepherd Emma Louise Atkin
11 September	Christopher Paul Todd Emma Sarah Parker
26 September	Kardaya Singh Rooprai Natalie Holly Grant
26 September	Wayne Edward Jones Laura Ann Sidwell



Rest in Peace

Ethel Robinson
Janet Toseland
Grace Stevenson
Terence Harold Fulford



FATHER WAYNE WRITES...

Autumn is here, in many ways my favourite time of year when, looking back, lots of exciting things have happened for me.... I wonder what this autumn will bring?

There will be lots of things going on at St John's. On 11th October we will be launching another Promise Programme as we think around the important issue of resourcing our Church for the future, and it isn't just about money!



I have been doing some reading about equipping leaders for the Church recently and the author tried to sum up what the Church is for: 'God's purpose is that the whole world will see his greatness and glory. He wants the good news of his grace and glory to be received and rejoiced in by all people, everywhere'. That includes Beeston, and if St John's is to play its part we need to make sure we have the resources (people, buildings, finance) to undertake God's work. When we get to the Promise Programme please do your best to respond positively with all the gifts and resources God has given you. It might be a good idea to read Ephesians 1 vv3-14 and Luke 15 vv11-32, as they will be our readings on the 11th at 10am. Please pray for the success of our Promise Programme in helping us all to think about our commitment to Christ and God's Church.

On 8th November we have a really busy day. There will be a Remembrance Day Service in the morning and a Deanery Confirmation in the evening at 6.30pm. We will need to adjust the time of our Communion service from 10am back to 9am that day, with NO 8AM SERVICE. Please put this in your diaries now. It would be great if as many people as possible could support our confirmation candidates in the evening on that day. Please pray for them.

So here's to a busy but fulfilling Autumn.

God Bless

Father Wayne

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ARE YOU INTERESTED?

If you ignore the following article, you could miss out and **not** learn a thing or two.

Practical Support

We believe strongly that by helping couples and families we help the whole of society.

Articles are written by leading marriage and family experts in order to help couples and parents make the most of family life.

Interested? Please contact us.

Through a wide range of community-based activities Mothers' Union reaches out to all kinds of families to help increase the stability of family life. We run programmes in the UK & Ireland as well as worldwide. Our members also help their local communities through their work.

Work With Us

The diversity of our people is one of our greatest assets and one of which we are proud. Our workplace makes for a lively and creative environment that is rewarding and inspiring. Our staff are passionate about their areas of work and ensure that their work reflects our main aims:

We are supportive of our staff and offer great working conditions, flexible working hours, a pension and opportunities for career development. We also have a suite of various benefits for our staff to assist with their individual family and work life balance.

Considering joining our team?

Go to our website and explore *our teams* further to find out a bit more about the work we do and what skills and experience is required within the different teams you could join at Mothers' Union.

Internships

We occasionally have internship posts in selected teams. Please email jobs@mothersunion.org if you are interested in an internship with us.

Just One Example

Jonathan Phiri, from Zambia used to struggle with alcohol addiction. Money that should have gone on food went on beer and the family couldn't afford to fix the leaking roof in their small mud house. Worst of all some of his children had also turned to alcohol.

But when Mothers' Union introduced Church & Community Mobilisation (CCM) to Jonathan's village, things began to change.

Through CCM, Jonathan's faith grew. Eventually he stopped drinking and smoking, which meant he had time to do other things; especially focus on his family.

Mothers' Union helped Jonathan and his wife, Blandine, to look at the things around them differently and learn how they could make changes to improve their lives.

On a large plot of unused land near their house they learnt to make mud bricks and cultivate maize, cotton and peanuts to sell. They now have much more money, have bought cattle and built a new, brick house.

CCM gives people the tools to make changes that last. With Mothers' Union's help, Jonathan and his family are free from the bonds of poverty forever.

By supporting Mothers' Union this Harvest you will not only help change the lives of thousands more people like Jonathan through CCM, but you could help provide literacy training, support to a struggling parent, relief in times of emergency and so much more.

Alright, you say, this is Zambia, what has it got to do with me? *A lot, because Mothers' Union help more people in the UK. Yes, and Nottingham so do not ignore this*, unfortunately a tragedy strikes and affects the whole family. Help is needed and given for many reasons.

Contacting the Mothers Union

You can contact the Mothers' Union by post or telephone with the details below.

By Post: Mothers' Union, Mary Sumner House, 24 Tufton Street, London, SW1P 3RB

By Telephone: 020 7222 5533

By Fax: 020 7227 9737

Nearer To Home

Every year, at Christmas we collect and donate to the local Womens' Refuge vital toiletries, such as shampoo, shower or bath gel, toothpaste, towels, etc. as well as toiletries for their children because when you have to flee from your home in fear of another beating or your life you grab the children but there is no time to run around the house sorting out these things, they are the furthest from your mind.

So Pat Atkins, Sheila Allton or Rosie Stowe will be more than willing to receive anything you will donate for this cause (told you, we help a lot nearer to home than you think).

Dates for your diary

8th October: The Rev. Canon Lillian Heptinstall telling us about her work as the Mayor's Chaplain



THE CALENDAR

Regular weekday services and activities are not included – see back page for details

OCTOBER 2015	
Thursday 1 st	7.30pm Friendship Group Meeting
Sunday 4 th Harvest Festival	8am Said Eucharist 10am Sung Eucharist 6.30pm Choral Evensong
Tuesday 6 th	9.30am ABC2
Thursday 8 th	Mothers' Union Meeting – see page 4
Sunday 11 th 19 th after Trinity	8am Said Eucharist 10am Sung Eucharist 6.30pm CW Evensong
Tuesday 13 th	9.30am ABC2
Thursday 15 th	7.30pm Friendship Group Meeting
Sunday 18 th St Luke the Evangelist	8am Said Eucharist 10am Sung Eucharist 6.30pm Taizé Service
Tuesday 20 th	9.30am ABC2
Thursday 22 nd	7.15pm Eucharist followed by PCC Meeting
Sunday 25 th Last after Trinity	8am Said Eucharist 10am Sung Eucharist 6.30pm BCP Evensong
Saturday 31 st	3pm Messy Church

NOVEMBER 2015

Sunday 1 st All Saints' Day	8am Said Eucharist 10am Sung Eucharist (incense used) 6.30pm All Souls' Service
Tuesday 3 rd	9.30am ABC2
Thursday 5 th	7.30pm Friendship Group Meeting
Sunday 8 th 3 rd before Advent Remembrance Sunday	9am Said Eucharist 10.50am Civic Service at Cenotaph then in Church 6.30pm Confirmation Service
Tuesday 10 th	9.30am ABC2
Thursday 12 th	Mothers' Union Meeting – see page 4
Sunday 15 th 2 nd before Advent	8am Said Eucharist 10am Sung Eucharist 6.30pm Taizé Service
Tuesday 17 th	9.30am ABC2
Thursday 19 th	7.30pm Friendship Group Meeting
Sunday 22 nd Christ the King	8am Said Eucharist 10am Sung Eucharist (incense used) 6.30pm tbc
Tuesday 24 th	9.30am ABC2
Saturday 28 th	3pm Messy Church
Sunday 29 th Advent Sunday	8am Said Eucharist 10am Sung Eucharist 6.30pm Advent Carol Service

SOUNDS FAMILIAR

Do you realise how many sayings we use today originate in the Bible?

A Peace Offering (Leviticus 3)

Today a peace offering is usually a small gift, perhaps a bunch of flowers, after an argument or disagreement to say sorry. But in Biblical times things were taken much more seriously. In those days, the only proper peace offering was animal sacrifice. Leviticus chapter 3 describes very vividly the full procedure: *'if his oblation be a sacrifice of peace offering...he shall offer it without blemish to the Lord...kill it at the door of the Tabernacle...and Aaron's sons, the priests shall sprinkle the blood upon the altar round about.'* The fat, kidneys and liver were all burned on the fire and the smoke was thought to rise up to Heaven to please God.

Part of the sacrificial ritual involved the priest placing his hand on the animal to symbolise that the unfortunate animal was standing in his stead. This act of symbolic substitution is probably best known in the story of Abraham and Isaac (Genesis 22) when Abraham is asked to sacrifice his only son as an offering to God. At the very last minute an angel appears and tells him not to go ahead so Abraham, in gratitude, sacrifices a nearby ram instead.

A Scapegoat (Leviticus 16 v 8)

The book of Leviticus sets out the laws for the Jews. It describes the proper ceremonies to be observed on the Jewish Day of Atonement when the land of Israel would be ritually cleansed of its sins. The procedure was that one goat would be offered to God as a sacrifice while the other – the scapegoat – would be symbolically loaded with all the misdeeds of the nation before being driven into the wilderness.

Amen to that (Deuteronomy 27 v 26)

In the earliest Bible translations the word 'Amen' doesn't appear at all. Instead the words used were 'so it is' but by the 1382 Wycliffe translation 'Amen' had begun to be used as an English word, for example at the end of the Lord's Prayer in Matthew chapter 6.

Amen became a standard ending to all prayers indicating a general assent to what had been said.

In 1605 the phrase 'amen to that' was first used in a non-religious sense in an anonymous drama called King Leir (different from the Shakespearian one). Charles Dickens used it in Pickwick Papers and a hundred years later Agatha Christie used it in 'The mysterious affair at Styles'.

Amen also gives us an old American expression – Amen Corner – meaning a group of fervent believers. Apparently it originates from the practice of sitting the most vocally pious people near the pulpit in Methodist churches from where they could lead the communal 'amen'.

The Apple of my eye (Deuteronomy 32 v 10)

Today we think of the eye as a white ball filled with clear jelly. The pupil is like the aperture of a camera – a black ball that lets in light to form an inverted image in the hidden retina. But to medieval scientists this would have seemed completely wrong. They believed that the pupil was a solid black ball from which the eye shone invisible ‘eye-beams’ to build a picture of the world outside.

When King Alfred was translating the Latin papillae into Old English he called them the *applas* of the *aegum* – the apples of the eye. But the idea of the pupil of the eye being used as a metaphor for something very precious goes back far beyond King Alfred. The book of Deuteronomy uses the phrase to describe God’s relationship to Jacob the Patriarch.

The ends of the Earth (Deuteronomy 33 v17, Job 28 v 24, Zechariah 9 v 10)

Like most ancient cultures the Israelites believed that the earth was flat and therefore had limits. The phrase ‘the ends of the earth’ therefore often appears in the Old Testament as a way to describe the furthest reaches of the known world. When, in the book of Job, God is said to ‘*direct his lightning to the ends of the earth*’ this is a poetic way of saying that God is in charge everywhere.

Gall and Wormwood (Deuteronomy 29 v 18)

In Deuteronomy we read that the Israelites who worshipped false gods were as a ‘*root that beareth gall and wormwood*’ and wormwood has been proverbially associated with bitterness and unpleasantness ever since. Roald Dahl, in his book *Mathilda*, calls the mean teacher Mr Wormwood and C.S. Lewis in his *Screwtape Letters* also calls a junior clerk Mr Wormwood. In the Harry Potter novels JK Rowling uses wormwood as a crucial ingredient of the ‘*Draught of living death*’.

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HERITAGE WEEKEND

Saturday 12th & Sunday 13th September

Although we only welcomed 50 visitors to church during the two sessions we were open everyone appreciated the opportunity to see how our church has been transformed. Many people were interested to find the names of family members on the War Memorial screen and several were interested in the stained glass windows. Some people took the opportunity to purchase a copy of Ron Reddish's book about his pilgrimage to France to find the final resting places of members of our parish who died in World War One and have memorials in church.

Thank you to everyone who helped in any way.

Sheila Allton

HIDDEN WORD PUZZLE

All the words in this month's puzzle are names of fruit and vegetables. Words can be straightforward, back-to-front, vertically or diagonally across the rectangle, but all are in straight lines. Some letters are used more than once. The remaining letters spell out a line of a popular harvest hymn.

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| Apple | Blackcurrant | Grapefruit | Parsnip | Radish |
| Apricot | Cabbage | Lemon | Peach | Rhubarb |
| Artichoke | Carrot | Lime | Pear | Strawberry |
| Asparagus | Cauliflower | Olive | Plum | Swede |
| Banana | Cherry | Onion | Pomegranate | Tomato |
| Blackberry | Cucumber | Orange | Potato | Turnip |

Last issue's hidden line:

'All Things Bright and Beautiful'

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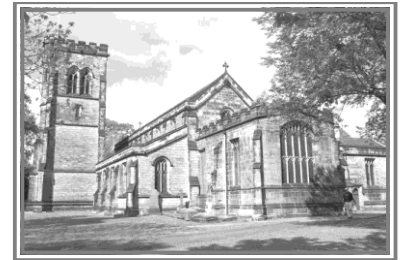
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OTHER USEFUL CONTACTS

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Police Station	9430999
Gas Emergency	0800 111999
Citizens Advice Bureau, Council Offices, Foster Ave.	0844 4994194
Library, Foster Avenue	9255168
Methodist Church	9431164
Church of the Assumption	9228145
Bramcote Leisure Centre	9173000
Broxtowe Borough Council, Foster Ave	9177777

For other information about services and community groups in Beeston please refer to the Help Directory in the Public Library

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WEEKLY SERVICES:

Sunday:

8.00am Said Eucharist

9.45am Sunday School meets in church

10.00am Sung Eucharist

6.30pm Evening Worship

See calendar for more details

Mon-Weds:

7.30am Morning Prayer

Tuesday:

1.00pm Eucharist

Wednesday:

10.00am Eucharist

Thursday:

9.00am Morning Prayer

Monday to Friday 11.30am – 1.30pm:

Church open for Private Prayer

Thursday 10am – 12noon:

Coffee Stop – Church Open

Tea, coffee and biscuits available