

WELCOME TO

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**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> October 2023**

**This Church is God's house.**  
God loves and welcomes you  
whoever you are, whatever  
your age, gender, mental  
health, physical ability, race,  
sexuality or financial situation.  
You are welcome here,  
whatever your circumstances;  
however much or little you  
wish to engage; whatever you  
feel about faith.

**10.30am: Service of Holy Communion  
led by Rev Richard Atkinson.**

If you are visiting our Church for the first time, do introduce yourself to one of our stewards, who, this morning, are Gill and Steve Marks.

Please join us in the Hall after the service for  
coffee or tea and a biscuit.

The words of the hymns are projected at the front of the Church.  
If you would like to have a hymnbook for the service, please ask.

<b>Hymns</b>	<b>StF 91 424 442 345 575 443</b>
<b>Readings</b>	<b>Ezekiel 18: 1-4, 23-32 Matthew 21: 28-32</b>
<b>Organist</b>	<b>Derek Matthews</b>
<b>Streaming</b>	<b>To safeguard children and any vulnerable adults, our live-streamed services will not show the congregation.</b>



If your little ones (age 3 and under) become restless during services, you are welcome to take them into the creche room in the Welcome Area to play. The service can be heard from there.

**All children MUST be accompanied.**

**The flowers this week are for Tony Noble (Gramps) and Pauline's parents, with lots of happy memories - from Pauline, the girls and grandchildren.**

**THIS MORNING, after the service,** we will hold a *retiring collection for the British Red Cross Emergencies Fund*, which is currently responding to the need for help after the earthquake in Morocco and the floods in Libya, which have devastated thousands of people's lives.

**Pearl is now back home, recovering quietly, and not quite ready yet for visitors. If you would like updates on Pearl, please ask Pauline Noble.**

**Please note that there will be no notice sheet next Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> October. Any notices can be given to the Church Stewards to read out that Sunday.**



**The Lunch Club will begin**

**THIS COMING Wednesday, 4th October at 12:30pm.**

It is open to ANYONE and EVERYONE, so if you are planning on coming, please let Richard or Gill (01296 748659) know by **TODAY**. Please tell us if you have any allergies or intolerances

and also if you are vegetarian or vegan.

On the day, we will ask you to make a donation to cover the cost of your 2-course meal. Future dates will then be **Wednesday 8th November** and **Wednesday 6th December**, and again we ask that you book in by the Sunday before, to help with catering. Looking forward to seeing you.



**Our next Messy Church is**

**NEXT Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> October from 3.45pm till 6.00 pm.**

Our theme will be *Joseph and his Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat*. Please come along and join in the fun.

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To help with catering, please email [amc22messychurch@gmail.com](mailto:amc22messychurch@gmail.com) by Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October to let us know if you're coming along.

Many thanks. Margaret Miskin

**Tuesday Fellowship. Next Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October at 2.30pm.**

With Peter & Jane Honeyball from Chinnor Church.

Come along for a cup of tea or coffee, a biscuit, and a chat!

**ALL ARE WELCOME.**

Please ring the bell for Room 4, to be met in the reception area.

For more information, contact Coral Soulsby: 01296 707298.

**OUR NEXT ORGAN CONCERT** is fixed for Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2024, featuring a return visit of the outstanding Concert Organist DANIEL MOULT, reviewed as “*one of the finest organists of our time*”.

This promises to be another splendid event and full details will be publicised next Spring. Meanwhile, please note this in your diaries!

**Whitechapel – Harvest.** **A HUGE THANKYOU** to everyone who contributed to last week’s Harvest collection. Considering the present economic climate, it was a magnificent effort and Tony was equally surprised and thankful. AMC always seems to rise to the occasion - thank you. Also, thanks to all those who helped on Sunday: Gill and Steve for setting up the display, and all those who helped get everything packed into boxes at the end. A big thank you to Albert, Arthur and Richard, who moved the goods out from the church and onto the trailer on Monday morning. Ruth.



This year’s **LINK TO HOPE SHOEBOX APPEAL** forms are now in the Welcome Space Coffee Bar.

The Shoebox Appeal is especially important this year as they strive to ensure that more boxes are delivered into Ukraine, as well as the other countries that they support. **Boxes must be ready by Friday 3rd November** and can either be given

to me or left in the office. If anyone wishes to give a donation of money, I can then send it to Link to Hope, or I can fill a box on your behalf. Any single items from the list are also gratefully received. Shoeboxes are always given to convey love from a stranger to a stranger, and this year they will be sorely needed. Please support this annual appeal.

I have a few spare shoe boxes if anyone needs one but I’ve found that Clarks shoe shop are very helpful.

Many Thanks. Margaret Miskin

**The Bucks Garden Trust has a varied Winter Talks Programme, meeting at AMC** on the following dates: **11 Nov, 27 Jan, 24 Feb and 16 March at 2.30pm**. Doors open at 2.00pm. If you’re interested in attending any of the interesting talks, the cost is: Members £10, Guests £12.50, including refreshments.

Tickets from:

<http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/buckinghamshire-gardens-trust> or pay at the door by cash, cheque or card. Full details of the talks are on the noticeboards, or visit: <https://bucksgardenstrust.org.uk/events>

The **Monday night Food Bank** has steadily got busier as the cost-of-living crisis continues to affect so many. We have increased the number of volunteers on duty each evening to manage the increase, but are *always looking for more volunteers*. We provide not only food parcels to those in need, but we also offer a safe place for people to visit and meet with others while enjoying a hot drink and light refreshments. Many visitors tell us how important the evening is to them. They talk about isolation and the difficulties they face. They also share experiences and offer help, advice and support to each other, as well as receiving support from the team, run entirely with volunteers.



This Monday, one of the visitors brought in a chocolate cake to say thank you to the volunteers saying, "*We want you all to know how much we appreciate what you do for us. You help us and we really appreciate the time you all give*". (James)

### **CHURCH READINGS: October - December 2023**

A new sheet is now on the noticeboard, so if you are willing to join our rota for reading the lesson in Church from time to time, **please sign up** for the week you would like to read, with just your name (no contact details) and a steward will contact you during that week with the reading. If you have any questions, please speak to one of the stewards or Richard.

**Aylesbury Foodbank.** Currently the Foodbank are asking for donations of: ***Chocolate, chopped tomatoes/pasta sauce, tinned fruit, longlife fruit juice, tinned fish, biscuits, table sauces, soup, tea & coffee. But ALL donations are welcome!***



**Prayer Requests.** If you have requests for people or situations to be included in the prayers, there is a Prayer Request folder in the display cabinet in the Welcome Space for you to write in, or you could let Richard know in advance.

**Our Prayer Group** also meets on alternate Tuesdays, **10.45-12noon**, and are very happy to receive prayer requests. They would also welcome anyone who would like to join them.



Please email Ruby: [rubydarku@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:rubydarku@hotmail.co.uk)

## **DEREK TREKS BRITAIN [LEG 5] Continued.**

*Derek is raising funds for the Royal National Lifeboat Institution, Cancer Research UK and the British Heart Foundation. Having exceeded the original target of £1,000 each, the new target we have set, to keep the Old Boy motivated, is £10k, divided equally between the three charities.*

### **Tuesday, Sept 19th. Day 8.**

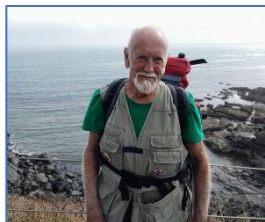
Derek is 'moving home' today, so carrying his rucksack. He will be staying with friend, Jean, who we have known for 55+ years. Another wet and windy day, hopefully his gear had dried out overnight.

A bus back to Falmouth, on the opposite side of the 'inlet' (is that the correct term?) to St Mawes. He had a clear view of St Mawes Castle, and on the Falmouth side was its' twin.

These castles were built by Henry VIII to guard Falmouth (I wonder where he found the time, chasing all those wives too!)

He visited RNLI Falmouth, but Peter and Sue, who were running the shop, did not have any of the badges he is collecting. He has been trying to collect an embroidered badge bearing the RNLI logo, but with each Station name also embroidered on it. He has a few gaps due to the shops not being open, or out of stock, and was unlucky today.

Following the coastal path which is safely set back a bit from the edge at this point, he continued through the rain down into the Lizard Peninsula. There



**Derek at Lizard Point**

are lots of wooded creeks, or rias, here. Entering Lizard Village the sun shone for a short time, and as if by magic, tourists suddenly appeared from all directions. Derek arrived at the Lizard RNLI just ten minutes after they had closed! 🙄

It is the southernmost RNLI station on the British mainland, and, I am reliably informed, that if you set sail out to sea from this point, the next land you are likely to hit would be Newfoundland. He then made his way to Jean's. No badges, no Greggs, but a guaranteed warm welcome, and hopefully time for those clothes to dry out - ready, not doubt, to get wet again tomorrow.

### **Wednesday, 20th Sept. Day 9.**

Another wet day as Derek sets off from Porthleven, the most Southerly point in Great Britain, and a favourite location for surfers.

He continued along the coast, around, and into Mount's Bay which stretches from Lizard Point to Gwennap Head.

In the North of the bay, near Marazion is St Michael's Mount, where porpoises were spotted. A beautiful, mostly calm spot in the summer, but in the winter months onshore winds cause dangers for those at sea, particularly sailing ships. There are more than 150 known wrecks from the 19th Century in the sea. On a clear day there are beautiful views here. Unfortunately for Derek, yet again, this was not a clear day!

He carried on to Penzance where the last mile of Brunel's Great Western Railway both starts and ends in Penzance Railway station. The station was opened in 1852, and Brunel's sponsors and passengers alike have marvelled at the spectacular views of the coastline ever since.

A few miles further and he arrived at Newlyn and the Penlee RNLI where he enjoyed a pleasant and uplifting talk by two gentlemen volunteers, one, a former navy man, and the other a retired local headmaster.

Those of you old enough may remember the tragic history of Penlee? A week before Christmas 1981 the crew were called out in heavy seas on their boat The Solomon Browne. They were called to assist the Union Star coaster which was on her maiden voyage from Holland. Twelve brave men volunteered to crew that night, but only eight were needed. Being such a foul night Coxswain William Trevelyan Richards chose the best men for the task.

A Sea King had initially been called to the Union Star, but the sea was so rough causing the coaster to roll and pitch so violently that her mast threatened to collide with the helicopter attempting to rescue the crew, and so Solomon Browne was launched. Two hours after the first alert.

In appalling conditions, the Solomon Browne eventually succeeded in pulling alongside the Union Star, and four people were taken off.

The Lifeboat decided to make a final rescue attempt ..... after that point, radio contact was lost. Ten minutes later the lights of the Solomon Browne disappeared. The helicopter refuelled and launched once more. Lifeboats from Sennen Cove, The Lizard and St Mary's also went out to search for their colleagues. Tragically their search was in vain.

At daybreak, the Union Star was found capsized by the rocks by Tater Du Lighthouse, and wreck debris from the Lifeboat began to wash ashore.

Coxswain Trevelyan Richards was posthumously awarded the RNLI's Gold Medal for Gallantry, and the rest of the crew, Bronze Medals, their names inscribed on the RNLI memorial at Poole.

Lieutenant Commander Russell Smith, the Sea King pilot said that the greatest act of courage he had ever seen, or was likely to see was the penultimate courage show by the Penlee crew.

Please remember that all of the RNLI crews (and support staff) are volunteers. The only paid member is the engineer, who is full time, and must go out with the boat on every 'shout'. They choose to do this .... to put their lives at risk to save others. Every year on 19th December, the Christmas lights at Mousehole are dimmed between 8 and 9pm in the memory of the 16 people who lost their lives that night.

### **Thurs September 21st. Day 10**

Having just sat down to type up yesterday's report, the cat has decided to come and make herself comfortable on my notes! 🧑🏻 I will do my best.

Starting the day from Mousehole, Derek proceeded along the coast until he encountered Porthcurno, home of the amazing National Telegraph Museum. Now those who know him, will appreciate that Derek is generally enthusiastic about most aspects of life. The Telegraph Museum though, is on a different level. He LOVED it!

It is housed in different buildings of relatively modern construction in a valley, which looks down to a small beach, on which the receding tide occasionally uncovers sections of submarine communications cables.

This uninhabited valley is the world-famous site of the first Transatlantic cable from Bombay (Mumbai) of 1870, using Marconi's invention. Porthcurno was selected above Falmouth for this important work, because it was so much quieter, and cables less likely to be damaged by ships' anchors.

Part of the Museum is housed in a WW2 bunker which goes 40 metres into the rock. It includes hundreds of exhibits of telegraphic machinery, and in one section a GCHQ exhibition of the wartime role of this station, which, by then had cables around the world.

The current exhibition identifies the role of GCHQ Bude satellite monitoring station....and so he enthused away. Do have a Google, there are so many things we don't know about this Country, unless we live in the immediate area. I wonder if the Cornish are aware of Bletchley Park for example?

From here he continued on to Land's End.

He has now completed the East coast John O Groats to Lands End - half of his trek!! 🎉🎉

All he has to do now is walk along the west coast back to John O Groats!!

I think everyone is familiar with the view of the Lands End signpost, - the Lighthouse standing on a rock, and the Scilly Isles in the background? Maybe not expected, is the sight of a very British queue, formed to have a photo



taken by the signpost. Never a man to miss an opportunity, Derek gave out his cards whilst chatting and exchanging stories with his fellow queuers! (is that a word? Looks odd).

Could life get any better for Our Hero? Well apparently yes.....

Following the coastal path, Derek reached Sennen Cove, a picturesque, rocky area. Below him he could see the Lifeboat in the bay apparently 'on manoeuvres' in and out of the bay. Quite a crowd had gathered to watch, and he stood taking photographs. Then he spotted some notices that had been put up, and on further inspection, read that the 'Saving Lives at Sea' crew were there, filming.

This film will not be seen on TV until about a year from now. Derek made his way to the RNLI Station, and bought a lapel badge from Kerry, who then introduced him to the Crew and the support staff there. By now the boat had been cleaned, the crew showered and it was time for hot drinks and a lot of banter, by the sounds of it. I think maybe a bit of a 'mutual appreciation Society'.



**Lifeboat station at Sennen Cove**

Derek thoroughly enjoyed the time he spent with everyone at Sennen RNLI. He finished his walk for the day at St Ives, and then decided on an open-topped bus back to Hayle where he was staying. (I assume the rain had stopped at this point.)

Unbeknown to him, the whole of Cornwall had become gridlocked, due to a bad accident on the A30, one of the two main roads into Cornwall. The rain started up again, so there he was, on an open-topped bus, in the rain for the next two and a half hours, on a journey which would normally have taken one hour. He was very impressed by the skill, patience, and concern shown to his passengers, that driver Simon displayed throughout this testing time.

Back, at last, to his room. Once again, no Greggs, but nevertheless a very good day.

### **Friday, Sept 22nd. Day 11.**

Another wet start today; Derek set off from near Hayle, along the coastal path, passing Novax Point, a birdwatching site, and Godrevy Lighthouse, on Godrevy Island in St Ives Bay.



The Lighthouse was built in 1858/9 following the wreck of the iron screw steamer SS Nile during a November storm in 1854. All passengers and crew, about forty people, perished.

As so often happens, in spite of repeated public requests for action to avoid a tragedy, no action occurs until after a tragedy has taken place.

The lighthouse stands on Godrevy Island, approximately 300metres off Godrevy Head, marking the stone reef which had been a hazard to shipping for centuries. The first light was an oil lamp, which began operating on March 1st 1859.

Initially, the Lighthouse was manned by two keepers at a time, and there were cottages on the island for them. They worked 2 months on and one month off. However, landing the keepers on the island proved a perilous activity, and in 1933 the Lighthouse became automated. In 1995 the Lighthouse was modernised and converted to solar power, and in 2012 the light in the tower was replaced by an LED light mounted on a steel platform nearby the rocks.

Heavy rain still, and a steep climb, so Derek headed for relative safety inland a bit, towards St Agnes. Narrow roads with no paths meant he had to squeeze backwards into the shrubbery for passing cars.

A car then stopped and Bob and Nicky offered him a lift. Derek asked where they were heading, to which came the reply "Welwyn Garden City" - just an hour from Our Hero's home! After days of trekking in the rain, was Our Hero tempted to quit and return to his comfortable home, and the fond embrace of his long suffering spouse?....

Apparently not.....he settled for a lift to Newquay!!

He walked the bay at Newquay; this whole area is, of course, Poldark Country, as the series used many locations in this area of great natural beauty. Derek describes the area as extremely picturesque with rolling surf, and the sea is a beautiful blue, when not raining.

The whole area is dotted throughout with remains of engine houses and chimneys of tin mines which date back to the early Bronze Age (the mines, not the engine houses or chimneys!). In the 1870s Cornwall had about 2,000 mines, making it the world leader in tin mining.

When tin prices fell in 1985 a few of the mines went out of business, and in 1998 the last Cornish working mine at South Crofty was closed. The Cornwall Tin Mines are now a World Heritage Site.

Enough excitement for one day, Derek decided to head for Redruth, to catch the bus to Carharrack, where he was to stay with Jean once more. Who should he bump into, travelling in the opposite direction this time, but his mate

Joshua, who guided him on his first bus journey to Jean's. A happy end to an interesting day. Now having 'jumped' a bit, he will have some 'backstitching' to do tomorrow. Let's hope for a drier day.

### **Saturday, September 23rd. Day 12.**

A day of mixed weather today; still a fair bit of rain, frustrating day for photography, he tells me.

Derek now has some what we call 'backstitching' to do - covering an area he had previously missed. So, a bus back to Porthtowan from where he followed the coastal path to St Agnes Head. At this point he was engulfed by about 400 runners. All the way along the road to Perranporth he was being overtaken by runners, but never did find out what was going on - they were all in too big a hurry to stop for a chat. 😊

He enjoyed a nice meal at Perranporth at the Dolphin Cafe, before continuing on to Ligger Bay, or Perran Bay. Here he met up with 3 generations of a lovely family, Grandad Ray an ex-marine, his daughter, and her son and daughter. (apologies from Derek for forgetting the names at the time of giving the report – I'm sure they will come back to him later!) He called the little girl - aged, he thinks about 10, his 'Little Sherpa', as she insisted on showing her elder brother how strong she was by carrying Derek's 10kg rucksack for about a mile! They walked with Derek until they reached the lovely caravan site where they were staying. Derek then moved inland about half a mile to visit St Piran's Oratory. These are the remains of one of Britain's oldest Christian



sites, from the 6th century. Piran, an Irish Saint, had landed at Perranporth beach after being exiled from his homeland. The saint's oratory continued to be used until 10th century, when shifting sand forced its abandonment, in favour of a new

church in a more sheltered position, inland. This church, in turn, was overwhelmed by sand, and abandoned in 1804. Both became covered in dunes, but have now been excavated, and are open to be seen. An 8ft high stone cross stands close to the ruins of the Old Church.

Derek found himself thwarted yet again by the MOD. At least on this occasion there was a fence prohibiting entry to any firing range. He was forced to take a circuitous route across hills and through woods to the hamlet of Cubert, where he waited for a bus.

A lovely couple, Lorna and Matt, who had also spent the day walking, jumped on the bus, and having a lot in common, the conversation continued over the bus timetables at Newquay bus station. We would like to thank Matt and Lorna for their very generous donation to the RNLI, via Derek' Justgiving page. A big thankyou to all his sponsors - you are all appreciated so much! It makes his regular soaking, dodgy knees and occasional blisters all worthwhile! Following a day's walk of 18 miles he took the bus back to Hayle, where he is staying tonight. He should sleep well tonight.

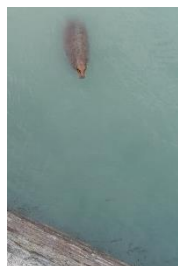
### **Sunday 24th September. Day 13.**



Derek stayed overnight in Hayle, and was hoping to meet up with Andy Hobkinson who is deputy Lifeboat press officer at Newquay RNLI. Andy had made contact after seeing the post from Sennen Cove RNLI on Thursday.

Familiar now, and frustrated, by the slow and unreliable bus service, he knew that in order to get back to St Piran's Oratory, where he had finished yesterday's trek, he would have to forgo his usual visit to Church.

Eventually on the coastal path again, approaching Newquay RNLI, he spotted a massive seal. This particular seal seemed to be enjoying his own water park! He had found a narrow Channel in the harbour where the tide was coming in, and would push him a good 20 feet up the channel, and then, when he was at the peak, he would roll over, and let the tide take him back out again. He continued playing this game for a good 20 minutes!



On to RNLI Newquay where he met up again with Andy. Andy is a walker himself, and has previously walked the 600-mile South West Coast Path. I think they may have quite a lot in common.

**Newquay Seal**

Derek thoroughly enjoyed his time at RNLI Newquay, meeting Andy's delightful children, and more RNLI volunteers. Not to mention the pub lunch! A nice, sociable, relaxing day, as Sundays should be.

### **Monday September 25th. Day 14.**

Derek said farewell to Hayle this morning, and took a train, then a bus to Newquay. His knee is continuing to give him some problems.

From Newquay he headed to Padstow, where he treated himself to lunch at Rick Stein's Seafood Restaurant. He got a bemused look from the young lady

when he ordered a child's portion. As she raised her eyebrow, he explained that he was only 14. 😊

The restaurant was very busy with lots of staff, and operated a bleeper system for when your food is ready. He was impressed with their system. Maybe he will suggest it to Greggs?

He caught the ferry from Padstow to Rock, then continued up the coast for another 3 or 4 miles, before catching the bus to Wadebridge.

Then it all started to go wrong again, due to the very poor public transport service that operates in this part of the country. He has found this beyond frustrating, and has spent so many hours waiting for buses to get to the start points for the trek.

He was due in Ilfracombe to stay with the family, Jax, Jon, Ollie and Evie of my old schoolfriend. He had waited 2 hours for a bus to Bude, and was despairing of getting there. Sounding pretty brassed off, he phoned me to ask me to call Jon or Jax to say that he wasn't going to make it tonight, and thought he might even have to stay in Wadebridge.

There was just one more bus due, at 5.20 - the last bus to Bude. He waited to see if it was running....and it was. I phoned Jax to give his apologies, and she straightaway said she would drive to meet him at Bude! God Bless her. It was a good hour and a quarter drive away, but off she set. The arrangement was that when Derek got off the bus, he should look for somewhere obvious and safe to stand where Jax could pick him up, then phone Jax to say where he was. It was quite dark by now. He found a bus shelter with a river running behind it, and decided to wait there. As he got his phone out to call Jax, a car pulled up a few feet away, and his phone started to ring. It was Jax saying she had just arrived in Bude, and they each enquired of the other their location. Jax said she could see a bus shelter with the river behind it. Derek said is your car registration \*\*\*\*\*? To which Jax replied, "Yes, how did you know?"

Derek took a couple of steps forward and tapped on her car bonnet!

His luck had certainly changed! Such an easy meet-up, and then he was whisked to Ilfracombe to the bosom of the Webster Family, a nice meal and a comfy bed.

If you wish to donate to any of the charities, you can find them on this link: [www.justgiving.com/team/derektreksbritain](http://www.justgiving.com/team/derektreksbritain) and the opening paragraph will guide you to your chosen charity. You can follow Derek's journey on facebook.



## Faith that brings results

*'Believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder  
of those who... seek Him.'*

Hebrews 11:6 NKJV

Here are three truths from Scripture that will make your faith more effective:

**First, believe that God is.** The force of the language used here is much more than a vague acknowledgment of God's existence. Mankind claims scores of gods, but the God of the Bible is not one of them – or even the best of them. He is the *only* true God! And this Scripture says He is uniquely, genuinely, permanently present and active.

**Second, believe that God is able.** When two blind men approached Jesus seeking healing, He asked, "Do you believe that I am able to do this?" "Yes, Lord," they replied. Then he touched their eyes and said, "According to your faith let it be done to you" (Matthew 9:28-29 NIV). Immediately, they could see. Jesus knew He was able to heal them, but He wanted them to know He was able. Until you believe in God's ability to meet your need, you have no ground on which to base your confidence and prayers.

**Third, believe that God is willing.** After knowing He is able, you must take a step of belief. A leper approached Jesus saying, "Lord, if You are willing, You can make me clean." Jesus... touched him, saying, "I am willing; be cleansed." And immediately his leprosy was cleansed' (Matthew 8:2-3 NASB). Is God willing? Consider His claim: He – not we – goes on record as being 'a rewarder of those who...seek Him'. That leaves no room for doubt.

***Today, God is not only able, but willing to meet your need.***

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## GOOD NEWS' FROM AROUND THE CIRCUIT

### HADDENHAM

Dear All,

This Sunday, Haddenham is the focus of our Circuit Prayers, and Jenny shares some of the excitement she feels over recent events, as well as those currently taking place and planned for the future in their church and community.

The links between church and community have always been important to the fellowship at Haddenham, and it is

good to see these links still actively reaching out and offering the gospel message in a way that people feel safe with, and are attracted to. The idea of gathering round a fairground roundabout is fascinating and a totally brilliant way to share the wonders of God's creation. Please pray for the fellowship here and those that they reach out and minister to.

Pete.



*We had a wonderful Harvest Festival on Sunday 24th September when we welcomed Rev. Hee-gon Moon for his first visit to Haddenham. It was so nice to meet him properly and to meet his family. We shared our service with the Baptist church and followed it with a soup and apple pie lunch which was also shared by our friends from the Baptist church.*

*It was a weekend of celebration as the whole village joined in the Haddenham Feast. This is an ancient custom when the Fair arrives in the village, after being in Thame over the weekend. It is a service in which all 4 churches share. It takes place on a Fairground roundabout which used to provide the music for the hymns on the old steam Fair Organ. Sadly, this organ suffered a severe accident so music is now provided by electronic organs. This is followed by hot dogs which we share with everyone who comes to the service including the Fair people.*

*Our church is very much a village church which is used daily by lots of organisations who enjoy the warm atmosphere and welcoming space. It is a place for people to meet, to share activities, coffee and fellowship, for old and young alike. We have close ties with our museum which is run in our old school room and which uses our church for many functions. Look out for their*

25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations which will be in the church on 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> November.

For the past year, we have been holding a breakfast service on the first Sunday of every month. Everyone is welcome whether or not they are regular worshippers, visitors or just wanting to see what we do. It is a very simple and welcoming gathering, much appreciated by those who come along, with Bible readings and some thoughts, prayers and hymns.

Our village, like many others in this area, is growing rapidly, so we hope we can fulfil a small function of bringing newcomers to the area together, and showing them friendship and a warm space.

Jenny.

## ELLESBOROUGH SILVER BAND CHARITY CONCERT

An **Autumn Evening** of live music from stage and screen

Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> October. 7.30 – 9.30pm

The Church on Fairford Leys, Hampden Square  
Fairford Leys, Aylesbury HP19 7HT.



No ticket required – donations at the door to support  
Karibuni Children and the band.

Refreshments and Karibuni merchandise  
available in the interval



Karibuni Children

## A **Date** for **Your** Diary and An **Invitation** For **You**

On Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2023 from 10-am until 12-00noon  
The **Gentlemen** of Princes Risborough Methodist Church (PRMC)

Will hold a **“COFFEE MORNING”**

To which **You are** warmly welcomed

**Don't just come for COFFEE etc;**  
**but come for:**

**FRIENDSHIP, FELLOWSHIP, EVEN FUN!!**

This Coffee Morning is to raise funds for:

**Princes Risborough Lighthouse**  
**Your support will be invaluable**



### Next Week

<b>Mon</b>	2 Oct	6.15pm 7.30 - 9.00pm	Girls' Brigade AMC FOOD BANK
<b>Tues</b>	3 Oct	10.45am 2.30pm 6.00pm	Prayer Group Tuesday Fellowship Boys' Brigade
<b>Wed</b>	4 Oct	12.30pm	LUNCH CLUB
<b>Thurs</b>	5 Oct	10.00am From 1.45pm	Sunbeams Baby & Toddler Group Blood Donor sessions
<b>Frid</b>	6 Oct	2.30pm	Social Badminton Club
<b>Sat</b>	7 Oct	3.45pm	MESSY CHURCH

### Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2023

**10.30am: Church Anniversary Service  
led by Rev Fred Ireland.**

### Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2023

**8.45am: Communion Service led by Mr Arthur Sara.**

**10.30am: Morning Worship led by Mr Peter Honeyball.**

**3.00pm: Baby Memorial Service led by Rev Richard Atkinson.**

<b>The designated fire officers are the Duty Stewards</b>
<b>First Aid boxes are located in each of the kitchens</b>
<b>Fire doors are not to be wedged open, except those fitted with Dorgard (Please ensure other doors close behind you after passing through)</b>
<b>w/c 1 Oct: Duty Manager (Roger Kirk: 415312 Mobile: 07484 392734) w/c 8 Oct: Duty Manager - (John Miskin: 422919 07988 960815)</b>