

# **The Blaby Baptist Messenger**



**October / November  
2018**

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# Greetings from Pastor Pauline

Dear Friends

## *The gift of prayer:*

In everything by prayer and petition with thanksgiving present your requests to God          Philippians 4:4-9

In other words, pray about and in everything.

Surveys show that even people who say they have no faith, pray when they find themselves in difficulty.

So, prayer is important even crucial to our lives especially if you are a Christian

Prayer is often seen as talking to God but it is so much more than that. It is also about, listening expressing and sharing feelings. It is part of how we relate to God.

As a church, prayer is also a vital element of our relationship with Him. Essentially, without it, we cannot know where He wants us to go or where He wants us to be and so this autumn we are going to focus our prayer time on listening to God for His will for this church. We do know the general direction in which we are going but we have reached our capacity in what we can do. It is not a time to start new things but a time to consolidate what we are doing and spend time with our Lord.

So do look at the timetables-for prayer walking/running/cycling, for prayer meetings and for prayer and bible study-and sign up. It needs everyone to pray for God's kingdom to come here.

May He bless you as you continue to serve Him

Pauline



*Personal*



# CHILLI COOK-OFF!

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## BLABY BAPTIST CHURCH

Northfield Road, Blaby LE8 4GU



**SATURDAY 13<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2018 AT 6:30pm**

**PRIZES - £20 GIFT VOUCHER; MINI HAMPER &  
LUXURY CHOCOLATES**

*Either sign up to cook or to join us for the tasting  
and voting only*

*By Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2018*

Forms and more info at the church



**2 Timothy 1:6**

***For this reason I remind you to  
fan into flame the gift of God,  
which is in you through the  
laying on of my hands.***

I recently saw this, and wanted to share because I think every one of us should read it:-

*“The New Serenity Prayer”  
By Fr. James Martin, SJ*

*God, grant me the serenity to accept the people I cannot  
change, which is pretty much everyone, since I’m clearly not  
you, God. At least not the last time I checked.*

*And while you’re at it, God, please give me the courage to  
change what I need to change about myself, which is  
frankly a lot, since, once again, I’m not you, which means  
I’m not perfect.*

*It’s better for me to focus on changing myself than to worry  
about changing other people, who, as you’ll no doubt  
remember me saying, I can’t change anyway.*

*Finally, give me the wisdom to just shut up whenever I think  
that I’m clearly smarter than everyone else in the room, that  
no one knows what they’re talking about except me, or that  
I alone have all the answers.*

*Basically, God, grant me the wisdom to remember that I’m  
not you.*

*Amen*

**In His Name**

Shirley

**Be encouraged, churches are being re-opened!**



On 12<sup>th</sup> June 2018 it was reported that three Algerian churches, which had been closed by officials, have been allowed to reopen. Two churches were closed in February, after authorities claimed they did not have state approval. A third church has been closed since November over claims its bookshop had been used to “*illegally print gospels and publications intended for evangelism*”. The governor of Oran signed off on their reopening “without conditions” on June 11<sup>th</sup> 2018.

Algeria’s Ministry of Religious Affairs claimed the churches were sealed off because they did not have approval and therefore did not “meet standards required of a place of worship.” (Claims church representatives vehemently denied.)

This week, security services were removing the seals and handing the churches back over to their leaders and the local Christian community.

*Please pray that the Algerian Government would be more open towards Christians and allow more churches to be re-opened “without conditions”.*



**Praise the Lord, churches are being rebuilt.**



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*Christians and Muslims reached an agreement on 11<sup>th</sup> June 2018 to revive the Church of Kokheh in Iraq and make it a place of pilgrimage. The Church, located south of Baghdad is considered to be where Christianity first expanded into Asia, Hopefully, this interfaith agreement will have real consequences that will lead to the church's restoration.*

During the meal, the local Muslim community and the visiting Christians agreed to work on a plan together to reconstruct the site with the support of the government and organize tours to the church for Christians in and outside Iraq.

**Hallelujah! Christians are being released!**



Chinese Pastor, Yang Hua was released on 19<sup>th</sup> June 2018 after being in prison for 2 ½ years. We, at BBC, sent him a card of encouragement in 2016.





# **Blaby Baptist Church**

## **Autumn Fayre**

**Saturday October 27<sup>th</sup>**

**10 am – 3 pm.**



**Craft Stalls**

**Tea & Coffee**

**Home made cakes**

**Lunches**

**Tombola**

**Raffle**

**Lucky Dip**

**Books**

## Operation Christmas Child Shoebbox Appeal 2018



This year we are again supporting OCC Shoebbox Appeal which sends shoeboxes with gifts to children in parts of the world where many of them own very little. A toothbrush and toothpaste is valued as much as a cuddly toy, for in many cultures in India, Africa and South East Asia, children still brush their teeth with twigs, ash, salt or mud. Information Leaflets and 'suggested suitable gifts' lists are on the table in the Church Lounge. Empty shoeboxes are available from me, Feel free to ask me any questions. Thankyou. *Frances*



*All photos by courtesy of Samaritans Purse*



## **UPDATE ON TRAUMA TEDDIES**

Please carry on knitting! As a church, we have pledged to knit 50 of these Trauma Teddies by the end of August. At the time that this Magazine is going to print we still need 20 more.

Patterns are still available which gives instructions for either knitting or crocheting, just see me.

If you do not crochet or knit then any donations of DK wool would be gratefully received.

Please hand your finished trauma teddies to me and I will ensure they are delivered to the relevant police team.

Thank you to everyone so far who has made any of these teddies, or been kind enough to supply wool.

Elaine Parsons



## **NEWSPAPERS FOR THE LEICESTERSHIRE WILDLIFE HOSPITAL**

Please continue to save your newspapers for this worthy cause!

The hospital is so grateful to those of you who have been doing this, but it is an on-going need, so please keep passing your newspapers to me or to Pauline.

Shirley



# Blaby Baptist Church

77<sup>th</sup> year

Women's Own

October 3<sup>rd</sup>

Talk

MAF

November 7<sup>th</sup>

Meal Out: Taste Leicester College

December 5<sup>th</sup>

Carols and Cake



Bring a friend - she will be glad you did



# Friendship Group

Meets every Wednesday evening

October 3<sup>rd</sup> Games night, BBC Lounge

October 10<sup>th</sup> Talk, BBC Lounge

October 17<sup>th</sup> Heritage, Drop in Centre

October 24<sup>th</sup> Video, Half-Penny Cottage

October 31<sup>st</sup> Meal Out, The Manor

November 7<sup>th</sup> Talk, BBC Lounge

November 14<sup>th</sup> Table Top Games, BBC Lounge

November 21<sup>st</sup> Heritage, Drop in Centre

November 28<sup>th</sup> Bingo, BBC Lounge

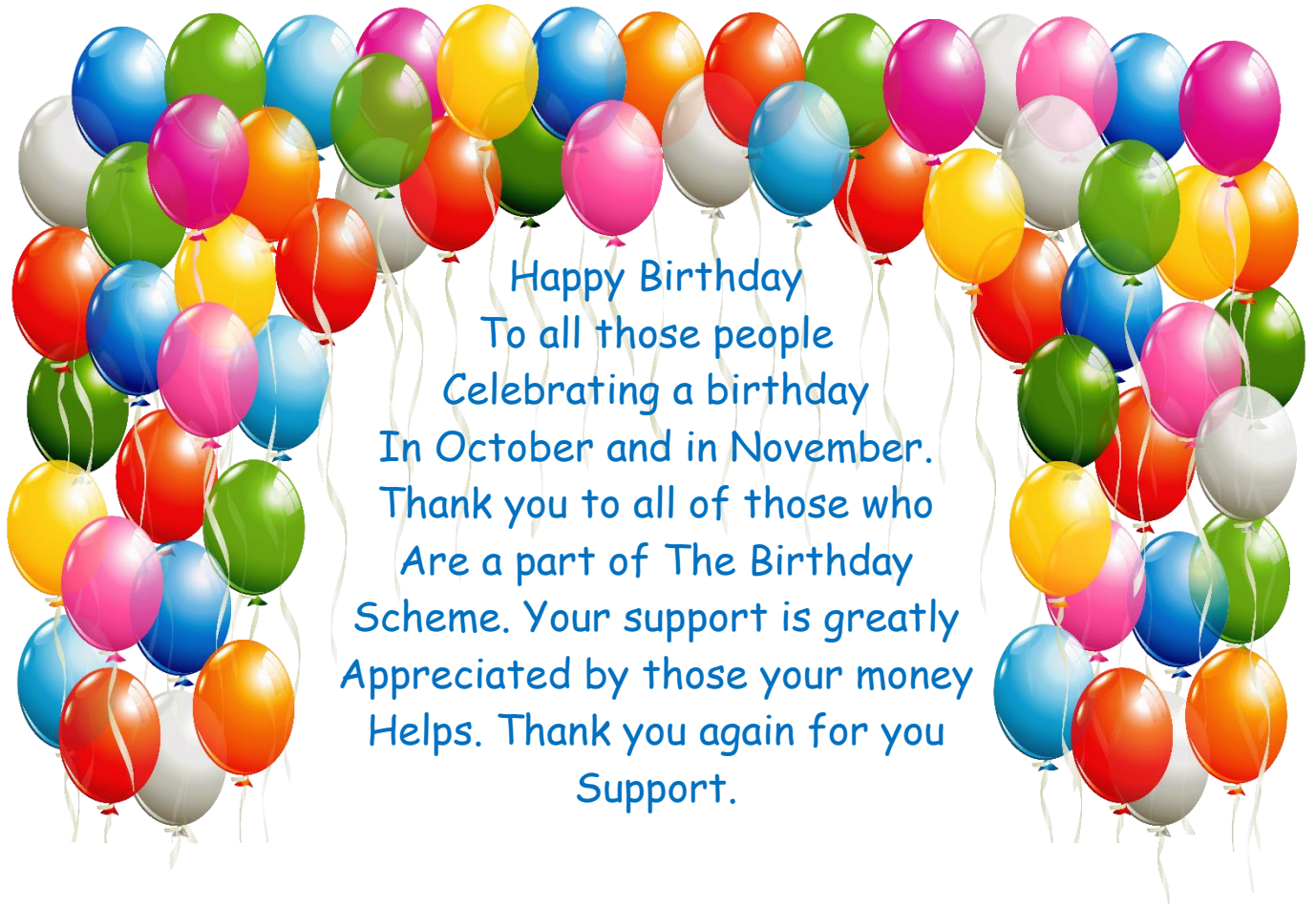




**BIRTHDAY  
SCHEME**



*Do something wonderful on your birthday.  
Share the gift of life.*



Get involved in this worthy cause. Talk to Ann James for  
more information.



**SUNDAY EVENING**

**WORSHIP MEETINGS**

**Dates are confirmed for our  
evening meetings in 2018,  
which will be held**

**28 October**

**25 November**

**No meeting in December**



*Praise Him!*

# Home Group

Discipleship, worship, prayer,  
Bible study and social

Usually meet Wednesday  
evenings, various venues

7:30pm

Contact Kathryn:

07954784994



Come and join us for



**It is time for the whole family to be involved in:**

**October 7<sup>th</sup>**

**Games**

**Songs**

**Crafts**

**Stories**

**November 4<sup>th</sup>**

**Activities**

**Food**

**We will be delighted to welcome you on the first Sunday of each month at 4pm**



**Do you have questions?**

**What is the meaning of life?**

**Why do bad things happen to good people?**

**Why is there suffering?**

**Who is God?**

**Come along to the Alpha Course and find the answers you are looking for.**

**If you would like to be part of an exciting journey? Talk to June Hughes for more information.**

**June Hughes 0780 9502830**

## Offertory

May	Envelopes	Open Plate	Total
6th	£562.50	£64.45	£744.45
13th	£355.00	£46.25	£518.75
20th	£235.50	£63.27	£416.27
27th	£257.50	£70.51	£445.51

**Weekly Average £531.25**

### June

3rd	£592.50	£53.95	£778.95
10th	£347.50	£54.59	£534.59
17th	£307.50	£92.91	£532.91
24th	£222.50	£48.30	£403.30

**Weekly Average £562.44**

**Note - The total includes giving direct to the Church bank account**

**Les**

*Thank You*  
FOR  
**GIVING**  
...  
GENEROUSLY

## Offertory

July	Envelopes	Open Plate	Total
1st	£557.50	£80.60	£744.10
8th	£230.00	£64.60	£400.60
15th	£145.00	£46.05	£297.05
22nd	£387.50	£78.93	£572.43
29th	£507.50	£83.20	£696.70

Weekly Average £542.18

## August

5th	£295.00	£86.08	£513.58
12th	£335.00	£51.65	£519.15
19th	£195.00	£70.60	£398.10
26th	£272.50	£31.06	£436.06

Weekly Average £466.72

Les

*Thank You*

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# Thoughts from the Reluctant Editor

# Blaby Baptist Church Calendar

<b>October</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Firestarter's</b>
<b>October</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Firestarter's</b>
<b>October</b>	<b>7<sup>th</sup> Family Worship      Messy Church Harvest 4 pm</b>
<b>October</b>	<b>8<sup>th</sup> Prayer meeting 7 pm</b>
<b>October</b>	<b>9<sup>th</sup> Bible study 7 pm</b>
<b>October</b>	<b>10<sup>th</sup> Brownie Harvest 6 pm</b>
<b>October</b>	<b>13<sup>th</sup> Chilli Bake-Off 6:30 pm</b>
<b>October</b>	<b>14<sup>th</sup> Harvest Festival (Project Nehemiah focus)</b>
<b>October</b>	<b>16<sup>th</sup> Deacon's meeting</b>
<b>October</b>	<b>21<sup>st</sup> Morning Worship and Communion</b>
<b>October</b>	<b>23<sup>rd</sup> Bible Study 7 pm</b>
<b>October</b>	<b>27<sup>th</sup> Autumn Bazaar 10am – 3pm</b>
<b>October</b>	<b>28<sup>th</sup> Morning Worship (Persecuted Church focus) Evening Praise 6pm</b>
<b>November</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Family Worship (Shoeboxes last date) Messy Church 4pm</b>
<b>November</b>	<b>6<sup>th</sup> Deacons Meeting 7pm</b>
<b>November</b>	<b>11<sup>th</sup> Morning Worship for Remembrance</b>
<b>November</b>	<b>12<sup>th</sup> Prayer Meeting 7pm</b>
<b>November</b>	<b>13<sup>th</sup> Bible Study 7pm</b>
<b>November</b>	<b>19<sup>th</sup> Morning Worship, Communion and Church Meeting</b>
<b>November</b>	<b>25<sup>th</sup> Morning Worship Evening Praise 6pm</b>
<b>November</b>	<b>27<sup>th</sup> Bible Study 7pm</b>
<b>December</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Morning Worship First Sunday in Advent Messy Church 4pm</b>
<b>December</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Deacons Meeting 7pm</b>
<b>December</b>	<b>9<sup>th</sup> Morning Worship Second Sunday in Advent</b>
<b>December</b>	<b>10<sup>th</sup> Quiz Night</b>
<b>December</b>	<b>11<sup>th</sup> Bible Study 7pm</b>
<b>December</b>	<b>16<sup>th</sup> Morning Worship, Communion and Third Sunday in Advent Carols, Candles and Cake 6pm</b>
<b>December</b>	<b>23<sup>rd</sup> Family Worship and Fourth Sunday in Advent</b>
<b>December</b>	<b>25<sup>th</sup> Christmas morning worship 10pm</b>
<b>December</b>	<b>30<sup>th</sup> Morning Worship</b>





## Coffee Rota: October/November



Oct 7<sup>th</sup> Anne D & Frances  
 11<sup>th</sup> Geeta & Cynthia  
 18<sup>th</sup> Karen & Sandra  
 25<sup>th</sup> am Jan & Maria  
 pm Geeta & Cynthia

Nov 4<sup>th</sup> Anne D & Frances  
 14<sup>th</sup> Geeta & Cynthia  
 21<sup>st</sup> Karen & Sandra  
 28<sup>th</sup> am Jan & Maria  
 pm Laura & Frances



## Welcome Rota

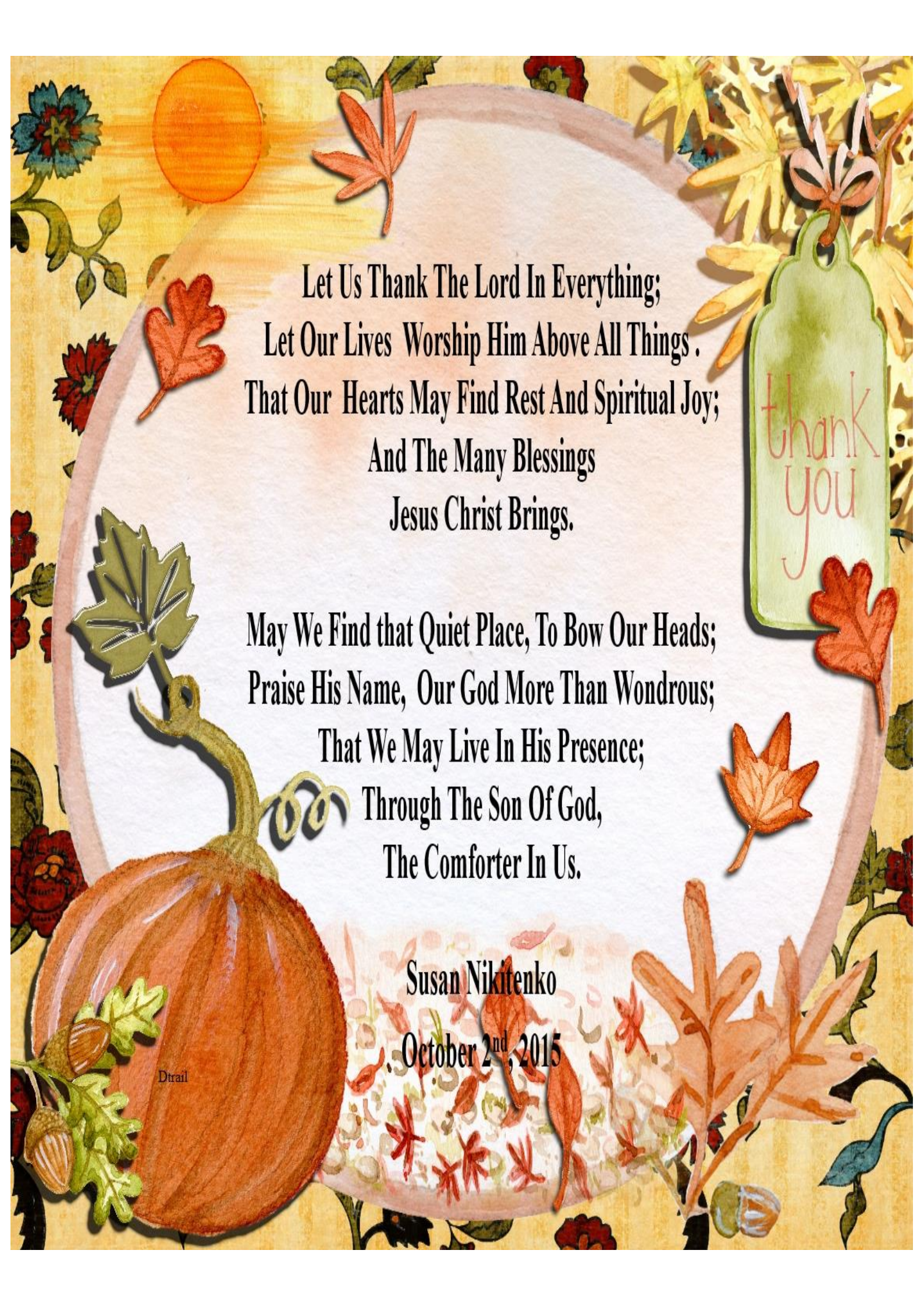


Date	Front Door	Lounge
October 7 <sup>th</sup>	Patrick	Karen
14 <sup>th</sup>	Gareth	Frances
21 <sup>st</sup>	Mick	Bette
28 <sup>th</sup>	Robert	Ann J
November 4 <sup>th</sup>	Laura	Karen
11 <sup>th</sup>	Patrick	Frances
18 <sup>th</sup>	Robert	Roy & Wynne
25 <sup>th</sup>	Ken	Mick

## Duty Deacon

Oct 7 <sup>th</sup>	Michael	am	Nov 25 <sup>th</sup>	Alan	am
	Karen	4 pm		Nev	6 pm
Oct 14 <sup>th</sup>	Alan	am	Dec 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Gareth	am
Oct 21 <sup>st</sup>	Gareth	am		Karen	4 pm
Oct 28 <sup>th</sup>	Ann	am	Dec 9 <sup>th</sup>	Ann	am
	Les	6 pm		Karen	4 pm
Nov 4 <sup>th</sup>	Bette	am	Dec 16 <sup>th</sup>	Bette	am
	Karen	4 pm		Les	6 pm
Nov 11 <sup>th</sup>	Frances	am	Dec 25 <sup>th</sup>	Michael	am
Nov 18 <sup>th</sup>	Michael	am	Dec 30 <sup>th</sup>	Allan	am





Let Us Thank The Lord In Everything;  
Let Our Lives Worship Him Above All Things .  
That Our Hearts May Find Rest And Spiritual Joy;  
And The Many Blessings  
Jesus Christ Brings.

May We Find that Quiet Place, To Bow Our Heads;  
Praise His Name, Our God More Than Wondrous;  
That We May Live In His Presence;  
Through The Son Of God,  
The Comforter In Us.

Susan Nikitenko

October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2015

Dtrail



God Has no Phone, but  
I talk to him.  
He has no  
Facebook,  
but he is still  
my friend.  
He does not  
have a twitter,  
but I still follow him.



When you're asleep but then you  
remember you didn't pray



I want to be so full of  
Christ that when a  
mosquito bites me,  
she flies away singing  
"there is power in the  
blood!"



I think that you have some serious  
faith issues



Mandy Groce '10

ministry-to-children.com



# **Church Services**

**Sunday Service: 10:45 am**

**Communion: The third Sunday of every month.**

## **Groups**

**Wednesday:**

**Playtime: 10am-11:30 an informal drop-in session for babies and toddlers. £1 per session.**

**Contact Pauline 0116 2477450**

**Friendship Group: 7:30pm-9pm every Wednesday.**

**Contact Pauline 0116 2477450**

**Women's Own: 2:30-4pm every first Wednesday.**

**Contact Pauline 0116 2477450**

**Friday:**

**Rhythm Time: morning classes (babies and toddlers)**

**Contact Chris 0116 2773239**

**Rainbows/ Brownies/ Guides/ Rangers**

**Contact Beryl 07891689841**



A wide-angle photograph of a vast, golden wheat field. In the distance, several large, rectangular hay bales are scattered across the field. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a bright, hazy glow and long, soft shadows. The sky is a clear, pale blue. The overall mood is peaceful and serene, evoking a sense of harvest and gratitude.

I WILL GIVE YOU THANKS  
WITH MY WHOLE HEART

*PSALM 138: 1 (WEB)*

[www.lords-prayer-words.com](http://www.lords-prayer-words.com)