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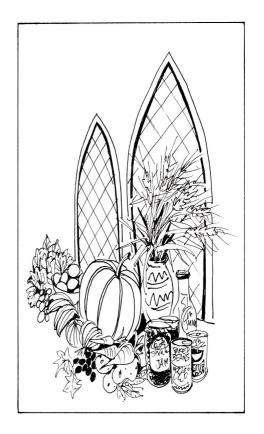
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A BUSY CALENDAR IN WHICH TO GET INVOLVED

It has been a very busy month here at NCK, with all the weekly activities of the new Church year kicking off again. Because there is so much happening, the atmosphere is busy and exciting. Here's a quick rundown of what happens most weeks...



Monday mornings begin for many with the prayer breakfast at the Parish Centre. Later the same morning we have Storytime – an activity based around bible stories and play for young children and their carers in the parish room at Kingsley.

On Tuesdays a group of us meet to pray for the work of the church and our communities at Kingsley church. Later in the morning dedicated

teams at Norley and Kingsley gather to maintain the church grounds and enjoy each other's company as they do so.

The house-group based in Kingsley happens on Tuesday evenings and Wednesday is the night of the Norley house-group. There is also an afternoon group that meets for part of the year. All three are an informal and welcoming place where we can find out more about the Christian faith and deepen our understanding of it.

On Thursday mornings the midweek communion service is held in one of our churches (they rotate around) and there is a thriving coffee and chat group where all are welcomed at the Parish Centre.

Fridays is the first of two youth nights – again at the Parish Centre. The second occurs on a Sunday evening.

This month also includes our Harvest services which are all happening on the 7th October. It is also Crowton's turn to host the Harvest Experience which is a wonderful tactile learning time for the children from the school. They will be visiting this in the first week of October.

The above list doesn't include our varied programme of Sunday services, monthly activities such as Messy Church or Mothers' Union, regular schools work, men's nights or ladies nights and the many social events that are organised across the benefice.

Perhaps there is something in that list that you would like to be involved in? Please do look at the notice sheet or the website to find out more or give me a call. I'd be pleased to put you in touch with someone who can tell you more.

Finally and most importantly, thank you for your continued prayer for the work of our benefice. May I encourage us all to keep praying for the widespread work and ministry of the church in Norley, Crowton and Kingsley. St Paul wrote this in chapter 6:18 of his letter to the Ephesians: 'Pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people.'

Whatever we are involved in, let's do exactly that.

God Bless Gill

Simply Say 'Thank You'

October means Harvest, and that means thanksgiving time. Here is a beautiful description of this rich time of the year: "You crown the year with your bounty, and your carts overflow with abundance. The grasslands of the desert overflow; the hills are clothed with gladness. The meadows are filled with flocks and the valleys are mantled with corn; they shout for joy and sing." (Ps 65:11-13) What a beautiful picture of harvest, of blessing as the year begins to draw to a close!

The Psalms have a lot to say about harvest and thanksgiving. "May the peoples praise you, O God; may all the peoples praise you. THEN the land will yield its harvest, and God, our God will bless us." (Ps 67:5,6) You may not be in farming, but you will have 'sown' things this year: you may be growing certain relationships, or work projects. Now is the time to review them: if they are doing well, thank God for them. If they are doing badly, pray for them. The Bible tells us time and again that God longs to bless us, and will bless us – if we acknowledge him, and thank him. "Praise our God, O peoples," cries the Psalmist with joy. "He has preserved our lives and kept our feet from slipping....you brought us to a place of abundance." (Ps 66:8,12) If there is any 'abundance' in your life, have you thanked God for it?

God of All

Our God is the God of all, The God of heaven and earth, Of the sea and of the rivers; The God of the sun and of the moon and of all the stars: The God of the lofty mountains and of the lowly valleys. He has his dwelling around heaven and earth, and sea, and all that in them is. He inspires all, He gives life to all, He dominates all, He supports all. He lights the light of the sun, He furnishes the light of the night, He has made springs in dry land... He is the God of heaven and earth, of sea and rivers. of sun, moon and stars, of the lofty mountain and the lowly valley, the God above heaven, and in heaven, and under heaven.

A Prayer of St Patrick



Harvest Festival Services - Sunday, 7th October 2012

As in previous years the produce from all three harvest festivals is to be donated to the "Liverpool League of Welldoers". For those of you who are unfamiliar with "The League", I give below a resume of their activities which has been sent to me by Lesley Black, their Admin. Secretary:

The League of Welldoers is Liverpool's oldest independent charity and receives no financial support, from either local or central government; all monies we need to survive we have to raise ourselves.

We rely heavily on the generosity of normal every day folks some of whom have supported the charity for many years.

Our activities are community based but with a lot of emphasis on the needs of older folk who are sometimes excluded from so much.

In the lead up to Christmas Day we hold our own Christmas parties and with more than 300 members we have to hold the lunches over a 3 day period — the parties are free to members and include a traditional Christmas lunch with all the trimmings followed by an afternoon of entertainment.

What has this to do with Harvest Gifts?

Well - to help towards lunch supplies the fresh vegetables and fruit go straight into the kitchen forimmediate use or to be blanched and frozen for a later date. Some of the fruit is made up into baskets and delivered to people around the area who are unwell, housebound or in hospital.

Dried and tinned items are stored until Christmas when we make up 'grocery parcels' for those who need a little extra help. We also work closely with Social Services, the local schools and in recent years the Mental Health Services who notify of us of families in need and we provide them with food and toy hampers.

All the harvest gifts that we receive are used, nothing is wasted - even the more unusual items!'

I am sure you will agree that this is a very worthwhile cause. I hope we can make it as good as we have in previous years. They really appreciate our generosity.

Beryl Thorne

St John's Church Kingsley



Present the

BOSTOCK SINGERS



Directed by Alison Richards

In Concert

With a programme of light classics and popular arrangements

In Kingsley Community Centre

Saturday October 13 2012

At 7.30p.m

Tickets £7.00 inc Tea or Coffee

with Cake and Biscuits



St. John's, Kingsley



HARVEST BATCH LUNCH

Tuesday 9th October
From 12 Noon in the Church Room
Home Cooked Turkey or Ploughman's Batches
+ Home Made Apple Pie & Custard
Bring & Buy / Competitions

Mrs K M Willis, DipRSCM



On the left, Lindsay Gray (Director of RSCM) and on the right, Lord Brian Gill, (Chair of RSCM Council)

The Royal School of Church Music's **Celebration Day service** was held in **Exeter Cathedral** on Saturday 16th June 2012. The annual service celebrates the work of the RSCM, and is also the occasion on which awards are presented.

The music was led by a massed choir made up of singers from RSCM-affiliated choirs in the South West, directed by Dr Noel Tredinnick FRSCM, Director of Music at All Souls Church, Langham Place, London. The Exeter Cathedral Choir, St Peter's Singers and RSCM Voices Midlands & South West also took part, along with a brass and woodwind ensemble. The music ranged from traditional hymns and classic favourites such as Stanford's Magnificat in C and Brahms' *How lovely are*

thy dwellings, to more contemporary pieces by Malcolm Archer, Bob Hurd and Margaret Rizza.

Awards were presented to a number of luminaries in church music, and most especially, to one outstanding church musician known to many of us:

Mrs Kath Willis, organist at Christ Church,

Crowton. Unbeknowns to many, Kath has for several years been studying hard, as an extra-mural student at Bangor University, researching for challenging written assignments as well as rehearsing and recording organ solos and accompanied choral music. It was all worth it in the end!



View from the nave during the service and awards

For the two successful students this year this is what the citation said: **DipRSCM (Sacred Music Studies)**

'... we have the pleasure of being able to present certificates in person to students who have successfully completed the Sacred Music Studies course and have gained their DipRSCM. This programme has been delivered through distance learning in conjunction with Bangor University, so we tend to know the students 'virtually' by email or on the

phone, and only occasionally meet them in person – so we are especially pleased to welcome them here today. Students use their own churches as the focus for their learning and practice. This requires tremendous devotion, often on top of a demanding full-time job, as well as their regular commitment as a church musician. All students are therefore to be warmly congratulated.' **Congratulations!**



Kath receiving her award from Lord Gill





HARVEST EXPERIENCE 2012 CROWTON



Leading up to Harvest Festival on Sunday 7 October (10am), Christ Church, Crowton will be hosting the Harvest Experience, an installation of 7 harvest-themed decorated areas for contemplation.

The children from Christ Church, Crowton School will visit the church on Wednesday 3 October (10am-12 and 1-3pm) for worship and themed activities: you are welcome to come and join in.

The church will also be open on Saturday 6 October, 2-4pm. Do come and join in the Harvest Experience!

St John's Norley

MURDER MYSTERY NIGHT

And

200 Club Annual £1,000 Prize Draw

Sir Montague and Lady Amanda Funtingdon-Smythe invite you to attend a Party to celebrate Sir Montague's Birthday (at which you may be a Party to a Murder!!)

On Friday 9th November in the **Delamere Park Clubhouse**

7.00 pm for 7.30 pm (please be PROMPT)

An Italian supper will be served in La Taverna Delamere

Plus Bar/Raffle

Ticket Price: £12.50 (including a glass of wine)

Who is to be Murdered?

How was it done?

And who is the Killer?

Test your skills as a super sleuth to find the Murderer But take care he/she may be behind YOU!

Book your Tickets (which are limited) from: Brian Coglan (01928 787426), Kate Simpson (01928 788577) or Robert Downes (01928 788748)

Steps on the way: the Diary of a would-be Nun

I wrote this while I was still at Mucknell Abbey, doing a month living and working with the Benedictine community there. In the middle I had a few days out to go up to Derby, where I'm an associate at the Convent of the Holy Name, for the associates' group retreat. This was all meditation sessions on Bible texts, and they were most helpful to me - "Not by power or by might but by My Spirit, says the Lord" and "My power is made perfect in weakness".

I had been worried by having difficulty in coping with the work at Mucknell, where I was on kitchen assistant duty for the first two weeks. I can't work fast enough (and if I mysteriously go missing before arriving at Tymawr, you'll know it was done by the cook, in the kitchen, with the meat cleaver...) and started wondering if I had enough physical strength for the life. However, I think the pace of life at Tymawr is a little slower, so I hope the texts were a good indication. After returning from Derby, I was put onto laundry assistant duty, where I immediately felt at home. The community at Mucknell is very welcoming and friendly, even when I'm not quite coming up to scratch.

Over the summer I did spend a couple of weeks in Kingsley and started sorting out some of the belongings stuffed into the two bedrooms I'm keeping for storage. The smaller bedroom now boasts a passage, a few inches wide, from door to window. Unfortunately the other room looks just the same as before - but I did do some work in there too! At the time of writing I was looking forward to returning to Tymawr, just a week away, and so the next piece should be a little less disjointed. *Janet Ogleby*

CHRIST CHURCH - CROWTON

CHRISTMAS FAIR SATURDAY, 17th NOVEMBER 2012

to be held in the Village Hall - starting at 2pm More details in next month's magazine.

Beryl Thorne

Kingsley, Norley & Crowton Mothers Union

We had a good turnout for our first meeting following the August break. Our speaker was Audrey Griffiths who gave us an enlightening account of her work with young offenders at Thorn Cross prison. Audrey is a facilitator for the Sycamore Tree Course (so named because of Zaccheus climbing a sycamore tree when he wanted to see Jesus), this is an accredited course and can give participants NVQ1 or 2. The six session course raises victim awareness among the offenders and teaches the principles and application of restorative justice. Offenders on the course explore the effects of crime on victims, offenders and the community, and discuss what it would mean to take responsibility for their personal actions. At the end of the course offenders have the opportunity to express their remorse in a creative way such as writing a poem, or a letter to their victim. Statistical evidence shows a change of attitude in course participants regarding crime and less risk of reoffending. We were moved by some of the examples Audrey gave us and felt that the work must be very rewarding.

The knitting is coming along well and the nativity characters are nearly finished – Noah's Ark next! If you would like to help with knitting animals, or would like io attend a meeting, you are more than welcome! Our next meeting is 2nd October, 7.30pm in Kingsley Church room. Our speaker is Revd. Jackie Wise talking about "Mission in Melanesia." For more information contact Pam Lee on 787343

Three Parishes Ladies Fellowship

We had a super afternoon at our September meeting. Mrs Marie Stowell one of our members had us all enthralled as she read some of her own poems to us. We have real talent amongst us. It was a very enjoyable afternoon even though we were a bit short on numbers. We do thank Marie for sharing her poetical talent with us. Its given us an incentive for our next meeting. We'll be sharing our own favourite poem writings.

We meet 3rd Thursday at St John Norley and are always pleased to see new faces.

DO join us if you can. Information from Katie 788077 or Joan 7 88874

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, KINGSLEY



CHRISTMAS FAIR

SATURDAY 24TH NOVEMBER Opening at 10.30 am in KINGSLEY COMMUNITY CENTRE

Entertainment from **St. John's Schoolchildren**

Special St. John's School Stalls
Tombola Raffle
Stationery & Crafts Jewellery
Home Produce Books
Children's New Toys Cakes

VISIT FROM FATHER CHRISTMAS

COFFEE & MUFFINS SERVED
ALL MORNING
DELICIOUS BACON & CHEESE BADS

Five reasons God created Eve

- 1. God worried that Adam would get lost in the Garden, because men never ask directions
- 2. God knew that Adam would never buy a new fig leaf when it wore out, and therefore would need Eve to get one for him.
- 3. God knew that Adam would never make a doctor's appointment for himself.
- 4. God knew that Adam would never remember which night to put the wheelie bins out.
- 5. God knew that Adam would need someone to hand him the TV remote, because men don't want to see what's on television, they want to see WHAT ELSE is on television.



For Parents & Carers with Pre-School Children

Biblical related interactive Storytime With fun songs and activities

Mondays during term time 10am - 11.30am in the Church Room, Pike Lane, Kingsley

St. John's Kingsley

Plant & Produce Stall
Sunday 21st October following 9.30 a.m. Service

Praying for a Lost Generation

Your parents might have been Christians, in which case there is a reason-able possibility that your grandparents were, too. For many families in the UK this solid history of Christian belief and practice could go back many generations. But going forward – is it the same? Probably not.



Society is changing fast. One feature of the current age is a rapid reduction in the number of young people continuing in the Christian faith. In many families, this represents the first break away from Christianity for several generations. What are we going to do about it? If your child was being kept hostage by some evil gang you wouldn't rest until your child is safely restored. But today, we have a generation of children who have been wooed away by the secular spirit of the age, and are being held fast, away from everything Christian.

The great writer, C S Lewis, had no doubt who was behind this: Screwtape, as he called the evil one. Yet we feel powerless, or even disinclined, to do anything.

There will be many reasons why our children are leaving the church. Church can seem boring and irrelevant, especially if the older generation is unwilling to embrace the change needed to relate to young people. Perhaps children note the nominal and ineffective nature of our own faith, concluding that there is no evidence of any spiritual power in our lives. So it is really Christianity that they are rejecting - or a watered-down, ineffectual church?



At least, we can pray for them. But, as Billy Graham says, "Prayer is not the least you can do for someone, prayer is the MOST you can do for someone." He also says, "Prayer is the mightiest force in the world." So this autumn, let's not forget the young people who belong to our church's families, whether they profess any faith of not.

Let's pray for each and every one of them, for their protection and for their welfare. They are preparing to enter a highly complex, highly troubled society, and need our love and support *Michael J Wilson*

Report on Norley WI meeting September 13th

Helen, our President, welcomed 45 members and pointed out where we can all read the minutes of the last meeting.

She then swung into action saying we had a super evening with the rounders although we did not actually win. We did very well with the cake stall at the Village show and Grappenhall Heyes was a great success. Our fundraising quiz is now ready $\sim £1$ per copy with all the answers containg the word OLD. Answers to be in by the end of October.

Saturday 6th Oct. Ian Davenport demonstrating his flower arrangements. 7~30pm £5 including refreshments, Contact Jean on 01928 787649

17th October Weaver Vale Choir and their Jubilee Concert.

The Barn Dance on Saturday 27th October at Kingsley Community Centre. Tickets £,10 per head include a Fish and Chip supper

November 5th Coach trip to Boundary Mill. £13 pp. ~~ Table top sale 3rd.Nov 01928 788803

Christmas Dinner now booking ~ £17.50 pp. Saturday 8th December.

Entertainment by Ashton Sound Folk singers.

 9^{th} Nov. Murder Mystery £12~50 Including a 3 Course meal. Delamere Park Centre ~ Barbara 01606 882533

January 28th trip to Emma Bridgewater Factory in Stoke Pottery and museum& Art centre. £7.95 including sandwiches and cake for lunch. Depending on numbers attending there will be a coach or car share.

Gordon Burns will be the speaker at the big Autumn meeting in Winsford. 2nd October 11am to 3pm in the Lifestyle Centre, Winsford

Flowers were sent to Helen Welburn

Our entertainment was RosienSedjwiek with her version of Mothers Ruin goes fruity. The tasters were delicious with the odd person even managing two. She told us how easy it is to make and for interested people ~ www.mygineration.co.uk The passion fruit gin was apparently out of this world. Incidentally there were no complaints except for Mary R who is allergic to alcohol and later at least one husband who said that it should have been one of our famous open meetings. Vote of thanks was Gill Harrison and the Competition was won by Collette Holden with Ann Palmer second and Katherine MacVicker 3rd.

The AGM will be held in our next meeting 8th November followed by Tea & Biscuits and a Bring and buy in aid of Ananbaban Leprosy Hospital.

Mary D & Mary R

Meeting September 2012 Crowton WI

President Jane Bell welcomed members and 2 visitors to the September meeting of Crowton WI.

Plans are now underway for the 2013 holiday and those members who sign up will be visiting the Nottingham area and the trip is planned for 23rd – 27th June 2013. During the August break members visited the Yorkshire Dales and had a wonderful day out. We had a guided tour of the picturesque dales, enjoying the beautiful scenery and learning interesting facts as we drove along. We had a superb lunch at the Wensleydale Creamery in Hawes and watched the cheese being made and explored the visitor centre and the lovely gift shop. The outing was enjoyed by all and thanks go to Beryl and Audrey for organizing the trip.

The Crowton Bowls day was a great success and congratulations go to Kath Humphries who won the cup. On September 5th a Group Bowls event was hosted by Crowton and this was enjoyed by all who took part. Members were also reminded about the Group Meeting which takes place on the 20th September at Frodsham Community Centre. This will be a soup and sandwich lunch followed by a Flower Demonstration.

Other events include lunch at the Maypole on the 24th September and members were encouraged to join in with the weekly ramble.

Unfortunately the speaker for the evening was unable to make it but this did not prevent everyone from having an enjoyable time. The Committee decided to have a beetle drive instead and great fun was had by all as the dice were rolled and beetles were drawn.

The next meeting is scheduled for 2nd October and the speaker will be Lyn Hand and her talk is entitled 'Christmas in Chester'. The competition is a Christmas Decoration. Visitors and potential new members are always welcome. Meetings take place at Crowton Village Hall on the first Tuesday of every month at 7:30pm.

Shampoo

I don't know why I didn't realise this sooner. It's the shampoo we use in the shower. When I wash my hair, the shampoo runs down my whole body, and printed very clearly on the shampoo label is this warning, "FOR EXTRA VOLUME AND BODY." No wonder I have been gaining weight. I am getting rid of the shampoo and am going to use dishwashing liquid instead. It's label reads, "DISSOLVES FAT THAT IS OTHERWISE DIFFICULT TO REMOVE." Problem solved.

From the Registers

St John. Norley

Funerals

September 4 Barbara Brew September 6 David Osborne

Christ Church, Crowton

Holy Matrimony

8th September Derek James Mortimer & Bianca Lee Bairstow

Funerals

24th August Reginald Bebbington (Gabriel Bank, Crowton)

12th September Charles John Mandleberg

(former Crowton Churchwarden)

John Mandleberg's Funeral

I have a copy of the Eulogy given at John's funeral. If anyone would like a copy, please let me know.

Beryl Thorne (Churchwarden)

KINGSLEY CHURCH CLEANING ROTA

Week Commencing

October 7 J Starkey and S McClean
October 14 H. Merrington and R Carter
October 21 J Brundrett and A Griffiths
October 28 N Vickers and M Skidmore
November 4 J Starkey and S McClean

SIDESPERSONS' ROTAS

ST. JOHN NORLEY

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7 October	10.00	C & P Burrow		
	18.30	A Askwith		
14 October	09.30	J & G Lunt		
	18.30	D Lawrenson		
21 October	08.15	F Smith		
	09.30	R Boon		
4 November	09.30	R Downes		
	11.15	J & C Osborne		
ST. JOHN KINGSLEY				
7 October	10.00	Cliff Peartree & Margaret Wadsworth		
14 October	09.30	Rosemary Carter & Derek Coupe		
21 October	09.30	John Dawson & Robin Graham		
CHRIST CHURCH CROWTON				
7 October	10.00	Mr & Mrs R Kinsey		
14 October	09.30	Mrs S Starkey & Mr P Gleave		
21 October	09.30	Mr & Mrs P W Mann		
28 October	10.00	Mrs D Atkinson & Mrs M Barber		
4 November	09.30	Mr & Mrs Tom Smith		

Midweek Communion Services 10:00a.m

Thursday 4th October	St. John, Norley
Thursday 11th October	Christ Church, Crowton
Thursday 18th October	St. John, Kingsley
Thursday 25th October	No Service—Half Term
Thursday 1st November	St. John, Norley

Principal Services October & Early November 2012

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Sunday 7th October		Trinity 18
08:15 10.00 10.00	Holy Communion (BCP) Harvest Service Harvest Service	Christ Church, Crowton Christ Church, Crowton St John, Kingsley
10.00 18.30	Harvest Service Evening Prayer	St John, Norley St John, Norley
Sunday 14th October		Trinity 19
09:30 09:30 09:30 11:15 18.30	Morning Worship Holy Communion (CW) Holy Communion (CW) All Age Service Evening Prayer	St. John, Kingsley St. John, Norley Christ Church, Crowton Christ Church, Crowton St. John, Norley
Sunday 21st October		Trinity 20
08:15 09.30 09.30 09.30 11.15	Holy Communion (BCP) Morning Worship Holy Communion (CW) Holy Communion (CW) All Age Service	St John, Norley St John, Norley Christ Church, Crowton St John, Kingsley St. John, Kingsley
Sunday 28th October		Last after Trinity
10.00 18.30	Worshipping Together Encounter Worship	Christ Church, Crowton St. John, Kingsley
Sunday 4th November		4th before Advent
08:15 09:30 09:30 09:30 11:15	Holy Communion (BCP) Morning Worship Holy Communion (CW) Holy Communion (CW) All Age Service	Christ Church, Crowton Christ Church, Crowton St John, Kingsley St John, Norley St John, Norley

