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From the Editor



First of an apology to Sue Ingham, the new photo of whom in the last issue was less than flattering. Neither the original photograph nor the version that appeared in the proof I approved for printing suffered from the impression that Sue had been caught eating a jam doughnut. I am working with the printer on how to avoid an unexpected change

in the future.

Such is my memory these days that I had forgotten that the theme of the February 2021 issue was 'Light'. So it is gratifying that contributions for this issue, with the theme of 'Light and Darkness' are different and varied.

Clare offers two different approaches to the theme, each with an invitation to pause and reflect.

The first of these focuses on one of the paintings in the exhibition 'Octave', on loan from Westhill Endowment Trust and on display in the church during October. For completeness, I have included photographs of all eight pieces. This makes for rather a busy page so, if you were unable to view these suitably separated in church, I suggest to cover up most of page 11 so that you can concentrate on one image at a time.

Church family news this month contains both shock and delight. There is also news of the church's project to offer a home to a family of refugees. This, and the Taunton Churches Warm Place Scheme, are attempts to shine a little light in the darkness of hopelessness.

November is the month when the season of Advent usually begins. So, looking ahead, a feature on the Jesse Tree gives you various opportunities to use this time of waiting.

As always, I welcome contributions for the December issue, and particularly prayers for others to use. It's that time of year, so the theme, which need not constrain you, will be Birth.

Peter Henderson

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Forthcoming Church Services

Sundays at 10:30am at the United Reformed Church, Paul Street

- 6 November Morning worship led by the Revd Clare Downing, Moderator of General Assembly (includes The Lord's Supper)
- 13 November Morning worship for Remembrance Sunday led by the Revd Clare Callanan
- 20 November Morning worship led by Mr David Clitheroe
- 27 November Morning worship led by Mrs Jo Morling
Advent Sunday
- 4 December Morning worship led by Miss Sue Ingham (includes The Lord's Supper)

Weekly Activities

at the time of publication these are:

Wednesdays 9:30am - 12:30 **Work-Wise** in the church hall: offering support with all aspects of job seeking

Other Notable Dates

- Thursday 3 November Elders' meeting
- Sunday 6 November *International Day of Prayer for Persecuted Christians*
- Monday 14 November Magazine deadline
- 19 November *World Toilet Day - seriously, see www.worldtoiletday.info*

For **Advent** this year the Joint Public Issues Team invite us to dwell upon Luke 1:53

“He has shown strength with his arm;
he has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.
He has brought down the powerful from their thrones
and lifted up the lowly;
he has filled the hungry with good things
and sent the rich away empty.”

with the aid of resources at <https://jpit.uk/advent>

Pastoral letter



Dear Friends

As we look around, there seems to be an abundance of apples this year, and I heard on the local news that there is a farm in Devon that will take your excess apples and turn them into apple juice; and for a small cost you can buy back your apples as apple juice. Hearing about this use of apples made me think about apples in the Bible. If you look at what is written in Genesis, the forbidden fruit is not identified

as an apple or any other named fruit.

But popular Christian tradition holds that Adam and Eve ate an apple. In ancient mythology the apple is one of the most sacred trees and symbolises good health and future happiness. Since ancient times it has also been known as the 'The Tree of Love' and is associated with Aphrodite, the goddess of love. The unnamed fruit of Eden became an "apple" under the influence of the story of the golden apples in the Garden of Hesperides. As a result, the apple became a symbol for knowledge, immortality, temptation, the fall of man, sin.

The Celts, the Norse, the Greeks all have symbols in their beliefs relating to apples, so why not Christianity? Apples are part of the Somerset heritage, and in Norton Fitzwarren some of the roads are named after cider apples.

The word Apple first appears in the Bible in Proverbs 25. The Hebrew word, 'tappuah', which is used in Hebrew Scripture meaning fragrance, probably refers to the apricot or quince, because Palestine was too hot to grow apples. There is also nothing to show that the apple was from the Tree of Knowledge.

Translations vary, place names change, even today that happens. Life is always on the move. Some things we like and can accept while others

we don't and can't. One of the big issues in all churches is racism and how we can address it.

As we heard at General Assembly, the URC offered an apology for historic links to transatlantic slavery and its continuing complicity in the legacies of the trade today, and has made a commitment to undertake practical actions to address "the continuing negative impacts of the legacies of transatlantic slavery on black communities in the UK, the Caribbean and Africa."

The apology: "We the General Assembly of the United Reformed Church, mindful of our own history and that of our antecedent bodies wish to confess and apologies for our role in transatlantic slavery and the scars which continue to blight our society, our Church, and the lives of black people in our midst and around the globe today." (The full text of the apology can be found on the URC Website).

At our Synod meeting a short film called "Tell it as it is" was shown. This film had been produced since the apology was given, and highlighted some of the issues which have affected many people of colour and especially the black community. A number of issues were raised. One of which was "On the whole most white people don't think they are racist, but how accurate is that?" Look carefully at your life, your way of living and you may be shocked and surprised about your thoughts and feelings on various daily issues with regard to race.

And today, if you can, get out and enjoy the colours of autumn, eat an apple or two and scuffle through the autumn leaves.

From a lover of autumn,

Sue

Praying through the week

Sunday	We rejoice that your light shines in our lives and our world. Thank you for your sustaining presence in the past year: that we're even here is a work of Your grace. Thank you for strength when we were weak, and for peace amidst our turmoil.
Monday	Please bless all who look to the future not with peace but with anxiety. We pray for those ill and fearful of what the few months may bring. We pray for those with family difficulties who wonder how to solve them. We pray for those financially stressed and those afraid for their job.
Tuesday	We pray for all affected by conflict and war, the displaced, the victimised, those grieving the death of loved ones, those living in refugee camps or exiled to foreign lands, those who have no home to call their own, immigrants, the homeless poor. May your presence and your peace surround all who are in need.
Wednesday	We pray for all affected by droughts, floods and storms; by sea-level rise and wildfire. We lament the loss of biodiversity and the threat to food supplies. We pray for bold, robust collaboration among leaders to mitigate the effects of climate change.
Thursday	We pray that your grace and wisdom direct all the world's decision makers. May hearts be softened to your ways of peace and justice, may negotiations be fair and may dignity be restored to all people. May the common good prevail.
Friday	We pray for the ill, the injured, those anticipating surgery or recovering: please heal, restore, comfort, and encourage each one. We ask for blessings on their caregivers, giving thanks for the outstanding work of the National Health Service under difficult circumstances.
Saturday	God our Comforter, we pray for all who mourn, whether the grief is fresh or lingering. Console them with your presence in their darkness and give them resurrection hope. May all who mourn see the glimmer of your light, this day and always.

Revised Common Lectionary for forthcoming Sundays

6 November	13 November	20 November
Job 19:23-27a Psalm 17:1-9 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17 Luke 20:27-38	Malachi 4:1-2a Psalm 98 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13 Luke 21:5-19	Jeremiah 23:1-6 Psalm 46 Colossians 1:11-20 Luke 23:33-43
27 November <i>Advent Sunday</i>	4 December	11 December
Isaiah 2:1-5 Psalm 122 Romans 13:11-14 Matthew 24:36-44	Isaiah 11:1-10 Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19 Romans 15:4-13 Matthew 3:1-12	Isaiah 35:1-10 Psalm 146:5-10 James 5:7-10 Matthew 11:2-11

PASTORAL TEAM

Our aim is to foster care and concern for each other in the congregation.

However, If you have a emergency and need help or concern, do not hesitate to contact a member of the Pastoral Team.

Mrs Isobel Tosh Robb, Mrs Meg Cardy, Dr Eryl Harris,
Mrs Sheena Helliar, Miss Sue Ingham, and Revd. Janet Sowerbutts.

Church Family News

Ron Williams

It is with great sadness that we note that Ron, a church member and our church administrator, died on 6th October, following a short period in hospital. A serious illness had only recently come to light and Ron's body failed to respond to urgent treatment. So his death is a shock to us. A private family funeral will be held on 11th November. Please continue to keep his wife, Rita, and their families in your prayers.

Carol thinks of darkness and light

It was when I was at my darkest moment in my life that I set off to the river to end it all. Instead God showed me the light and guided me into the URC to be greeted by Eryl's smiling face. Everyone spoke to me, no-one rejected me. So I would like to thank everyone for helping me find the light.

Carol Rowswell

Charitable donations

Owing to the generosity of members of the congregation, the church has been able to make several donations to charity recently. To date these are: £1100 to the DEC Pakistan Floods appeal; £3192 to Christian Aid for its work in Ukraine & Afghanistan; £110 to Love Musgrove; and £343.75 to Water Aid. These sums do not include direct giving by members.

Birthday Corner

We offer greetings to Paula Powell whose birthday is on 10th November.

May God bless you and make this day special.



At the church meeting

Sheila and Heather hang up gloves

On Sunday 16th October Stuart Trott told us: "Today is one where we mark the end of an era. For many, many years we have all become used to looking at our church front and the garden at the rear with its fine display of colour from flowers tended and nurtured by Sheila and Heather. They both now feel that it is time to step down from this task."

On behalf of the church Stuart presented Sheila Woolvin and Heather Parsons each with a gift.

(See photographs on page 14.)

Ukraine refugees

Frank Callanan gave a full report on installing a Ukrainian refugee family in a house rented by the church. Frank was thanked for doing (and continuing to do) the large amount of work needed. See his report on page 15.

Open Door

It was reported that Mark Woodcock, the manager of Open Door in Taunton is leaving in November, after eight years in the role, to join the Homeless Outreach Team.

Drone warning

Stuart reported that the church insurers intended to fly a drone overhead on 18th October to inspect the condition of the roof. Sure enough they did (see photo).

Social and Arts Events are on page 16.



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Therefore do not pronounce judgment before the time, before the Lord comes, who will bring to light the things now hidden in darkness and will disclose the purposes of the heart. Then each one will receive commendation from God.

Apostle Paul writing in 1 Corinthians 3:5

Light and Darkness

What links Isaac Newton, the band Pink Floyd, and John's Gospel? Now I know all three subjects may be a bit ageist... I mean none of us were around in the time of Newton or the writer of John's Gospel, and not everyone was truanting off school early, as I was, to go home to a boyfriend's house and listen to Pink Floyd's album *Dark Side of the Moon*. But what links them?

Well for me the answer is light. Isaac Newton around 1671-72 discovered the origin of colour when he shone a beam of light through an angular prism and split it into the spectrum - the various colours of the rainbow. Pink Floyd's iconic album cover showed a picture of a prism with the light split in this way, against a black background (see *opposite page*). The gospel of John says '...What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.'

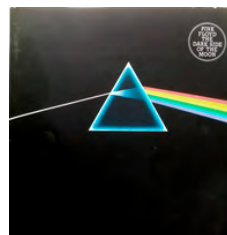
Newton's simple experiment demonstrated that colour comes from light - in fact, that colour is light. Scientists investigate the objective properties of colour while artists explore its subjective visual effects.

In her artwork series Octave, Elizabeth Gray-King relies on the power of colour and its researched relationship to the human brain.

In art and colour theory, every colour that exists is a mix of three primary colours - red, blue, yellow. When we see one of these colours on its own, our brains automatically search to see the other two colours. So if we see red, then we want to see green as well since blue + yellow = green. If we see blue we want to see orange, and if we see yellow we want to see purple.

In her painting 'HEAR' Elizabeth paints a wide stripe in either a primary or complementary colour, and within that colour she paints a small stripe of its opposite complementary colour. She maintains that this results in a very 'noisy' painting with colours jostling for attention in the way that noises and demands compete in our lives. The artist wonders whether some of those voices perhaps of despair or grief drown out the voices of hope and love...

Within the painting there is also a sliver of white showing through...hard to see in a small reproduction but much clearer in reality of the canvas. It is as if the prism of light is there splitting off into its myriad colours. Yet it is also as if there is peace and light in the midst of noise and chaos.

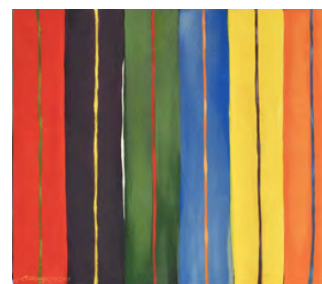


The cover of the Pink Floyd album *The Dark Side of the Moon*. Artwork by George Hardie and the Hipgnosis design group

I wonder what you are finding 'noisy' in your life at the moment? What are the dark and/or noisy parts happening for you at this time? Where and when and how do you think you could find that sliver of white, that piece of light that will shine through in peace and love?

And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:7

Clare Callanan

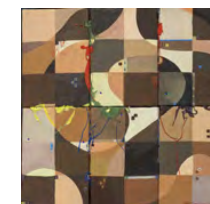
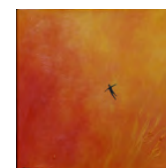
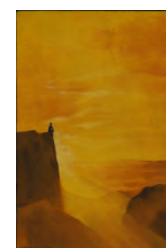
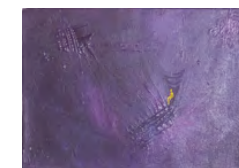
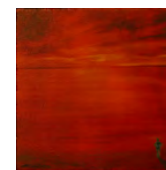


Above: Hear by Elizabeth Gray-King

Right-hand edge, top to bottom:
Watch; Wait; Call; Fly; Chill; Leap

Bottom left: Be

The display in church is on loan from Westhill Endowment Trust



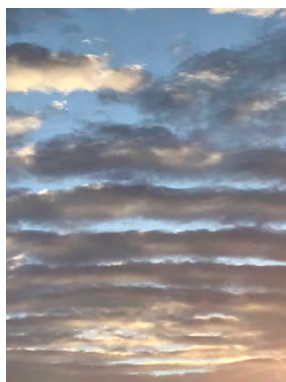
Studies in light and darkness



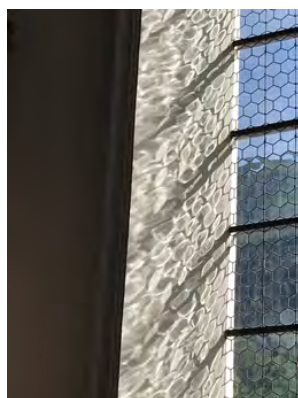
Autumn fringes on the canal path



Autumn sunrise across the river Tone valley



Sunrise clouds



Light slanting through monastery windows, Stams Abbey, Austria



Leaf shadows, Imperial Gardens, Innsbruck

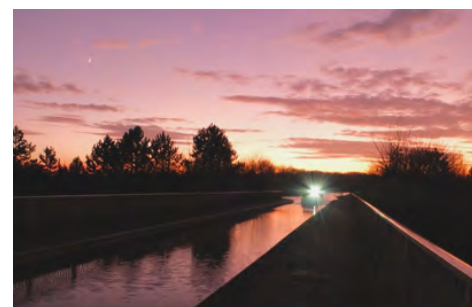
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Early morning on Cothelston Hill

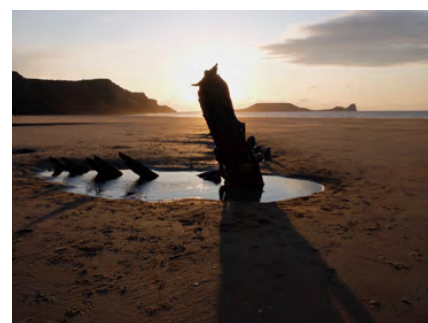


Staircase at Barrington Court



On the Grand Union Canal towpath in Milton Keynes

A wreck on Rhossili Bay beach



The barn on Longrun Meadow

The church garden

With thanks to Sheila Woolvin and Heather Parsons...

Hanging baskets
in August 2021



Lurking in the shadows...
the church cat?



Even on a wet
autumnal day, the
garden looks glorious

Our Ukrainian family

After much searching and viewing we managed, in August, to find a very suitable property, in nearby Comeytrove, to accommodate the incoming Baryk family (see August 2022 issue). Fortunately, it is almost fully furnished.

Guidance was sought from the Synod Solicitors, and all was approved. Taunton URC would be the guarantor and Svetlana Barak the 'occupying' tenant. The agents, Connells, created a new type of agreement in order to make this possible and we are really grateful to Adam Hibberd for facilitating this.

The original budget was for around £10,000 but, as little property was available near that figure, we have exceeded that and the Elders agreed to pay a higher monthly rent to secure the tenancy and hope that you are all in agreement in going over our original budget.

However, in late August the Baryk family decided they would not now be coming, because of schooling and induction year issues. (A day later all their visas were granted!!)

So, rather than start all over again we agreed to enrol under the Somerset County Council Ukrainian Resettlement Scheme.

Following a selection process, our Church Secretary, Alison Forshaw from the SCC Resettlement Team, and I met with Olena Kofan and her mother-in-law Valentyna. They along with Olena's daughter Anastasiia aged 14 seemed ideal 'guests' for the property.

All three are currently being hosted in Norton Fitzwarren, but are soon coming to the end of their 6 month placement/hosting arrangement. Olena has a job, in Wiveliscombe working in marketing and using her Computer Science degree skills.

So, we are now in the process of going through further paperwork to change the occupying tenancy into Olena and Valentyna's names to remain legally compliant.

Frank Callanan

Social and Arts Events

Sunday 6th November

We are delighted to welcome **Sue Weightman** from the Food Bank in Taunton. It is a great opportunity for us to update our understanding of the situation in our town. Sue is the manager of the Food Bank. A **snack lunch** of soup, breads and fruit follows the service and Sue's talk will also leave time for questions. We will be joined by Revd. Clare Downing who leads our service.

Sunday 4th December

We have reserved tables at the Winchester Arms, Trull. See the menu on the opposite page.

As usual we will not meet in January or February 2023 but hope to resume in March.

Sheila & Janet

MAGAZINE DEADLINE

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The theme for this issue will be Birth.

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People of loving service are rare in any walk of life. Leaders of loving service are still rarer. But in all cases those who serve will be loved and remembered when those who cling to power and privileges are long forgotten.

Archbishop Justin Welby preaching at the funeral of HM Queen Elizabeth II



CHRISTMAS CELEBRATORY LUNCH MENU

Sunday 4th December

2 courses £14.95 3 courses £16.95

STARTERS

Soup of the day
Whitebait
Ardennes pate

MAIN COURSE

Roast beef with Yorkshire pudding
Roast Pork with stuffing
Roast Turkey with stuffing

(add a Yorkshire pudding to pork or turkey for 50p)

Chef's dish of the day

Vegetarian dish of the day (v)

(all above served with seasonal vegetables, roast & new potatoes)

Ciabatta served with roast potatoes & salad garnish
- choice of roast beef, pork or turkey (in gravy)

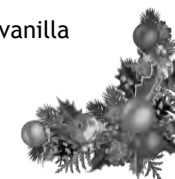
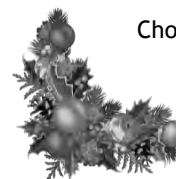
DESSERTS

Banoffee Pie
Apple and mixed berry crumble
Chocolate sponge & chocolate crumble
Cheesecake of the day

or

Ice cream- choice of
Chocolate, strawberry, chocolate mint chip, vanilla

Please ask for allergy advice.



Let There Be Light

The following text is adapted from author Dennis Merritt Jones and was published on The Huffington Post. https://www.huffpost.com/entry/mindfulness-practice_b_4040910

“Light gives of itself freely, filling all available space. It does not seek anything in return; it asks not whether you are friend or foe. It gives of itself and is not thereby diminished.” – Michael Strassfeld

I would imagine that there have been times in your life when days have felt ‘dark’ - days when, for various reasons, it seems difficult to overcome that sense of separation from life, meaning and purpose. I believe those times come to us all. I know that with the daily news in our country and across the world, for the last few years, and especially in recent weeks, I have felt overwhelmed at times. Such sense of darkness and emptiness can arise from within in times of great loss or sudden, unexpected and, perhaps, unwelcome change. Often, those who are going through the grieving process experience periods of feeling isolated and shrouded in the shadows of sadness. Then again, sometimes that sense of darkness and separation seems to show up out of the blue for no apparent reason whatsoever. Sometimes there are just those unavoidable moments of darkness that come with the privilege of living in a human skin. Yet it is hard and wearying at times.

Teachers from many of the great faith traditions have taught that darkness is simply the lack of the awareness of the presence of light; that when light is introduced, darkness fades into the nothingness from which it came. Light has always symbolised the presence of Infinite Intelligence, God, Spirit, the Self, Presence, Being, the Beloved, or any of the many other names humankind has used to describe the Life Force behind all creation. Regardless of how we refer to it, the important thing to remember is that this Life Force is always present, even in our darkest of times – we just have to remember it is there and call it forward in our interior awareness. We don’t have to create the light, we have to reveal it. As it says in Genesis 1:3, “Let there be light and there was light.” Let there be light: In other words, allow the light that is already there to reveal itself; we need only open to its presence. No struggle, no pushing or forcing, no denying or avoiding the darkness... just allow it to reveal itself from within.

When we remember the presence of light in our mind and heart; it brings an awareness of our connectedness to life. This is when we begin to see the moment through new eyes; eyes that can see beyond the darkness and into a new day. This may sound easier said than done when we are immersed in emotional darkness. It may be that the following practice may be helpful. The process may help you to emerge into a lighter space. I encourage you to do this slowly and mindfully, truly allowing yourself to open to the experience:

Take an unlit candle and the means to light it with you into a darkened room. Safety is important always.

Sit in the darkness for several minutes and breathe mindfully; allow yourself to feel immersed in the darkness. Think of that dark room as how you feel inside. Rest.

Light the candle and watch how the flame casts a gentle glow that naturally dispels the darkness filling the room with a soft light. Again, think of the room as your interior being. Breathe in the light that so softly illuminates the room. Allow the sense of light to fill you.

Finally, bless whatever the darkness represents to you and let it go. Be it grief, disappointment, resentment, or whatever else... feel its release and the “lightness” of being that fills its void.

Notice that at no time did you have to chase the darkness away, struggle with it, bargain with it, curse it, or fear it... you simply had to call forward the presence of light and, in the process, the apparent darkness faded into the nothingness from which it came. As you rest in the light imagine that you have done nothing more than remember the radiant presence of the one who said Let there be light and I am the light of the world.

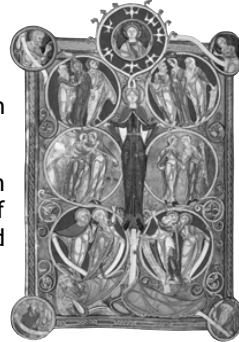
Clare Callanan

Q U O T E	<p>If I say, “Surely the darkness shall cover me, and the light around me become night,” even the darkness is not dark to you [God]; the night is as bright as the day, for darkness is as light to you.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Psalm 139:11, 12</i></p>
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The Jesse Tree

A devotional guide for Advent

The Jesse Tree is depiction in art of the ancestors of Jesus shown in a branching tree rooted in the person of Jesse, mentioned in Isaiah 11. The earliest example is an illuminated manuscript which dates from the 11th century.



The Tree of Jesse in the 12th century Lambeth Psalter

More recently, the branches of the tree have been represented by symbols which form that basis of decorations (see below); for example, you could turn your Christmas tree into a Jesse.

Another innovation inspired by the Jesse Tree is to compile a series of Bible readings which give the 'back story' to the coming of the Messiah. These form an alternative, daily lectionary for the period of Advent.

Advent begins on the fourth Sunday before Christmas Day, so its length varies from year to year depending on which day Christmas falls. This year Christmas Day is on a Sunday and Advent so Advent is as long as it ever is. (Note that Advent calendars which start on 1st December are depriving children of a significant amount of chocolate!)

Jesse Tree readings may be used as devotional guides for the season of Advent; some suggest they can be family readings to teach children about the meaning of Christmas. Children of every age may benefit from this spiritual discipline.

One such lectionary is published by 'Nourishing Joy', a branch (excuse the pun) of the American company Ethical Green Living. It has readings for Advent every year, and the lists extend through the Christmas period to the feast of Epiphany. You can see these at <https://bit.ly/3MREM4B> (I would have published one but they are copyright)

I have downloaded a different set of (only 25) decorations to colour in. Alternatively, you can try to guess the Bible passages represented. The first eight are shown opposite; more available on request.

Peter Henderson



News from Taunton churches

Taunton Churches Warm Place Scheme

Taunton Team Chaplaincy is willing to coordinate a project to offer warm spaces at Participating churches this winter, using communal spaces like church halls. It would offer Members of the public suffering from the cold but unable to afford to heat their own home a warm space during the day. Basic refreshments might be provided.

So far, the following churches are offering opportunities:

All Saints Church Trull will be happy to welcome anyone who is looking for a warm place, to come to their Community Centre - Church Road, Trull - during the hours that The Hive Cafe is open which is weekdays 10am to 4pm and Saturdays 10am to 12 noon. There will be no obligation on them to purchase drinks and/or food. No specific activities will be laid on for any such people, although parents will be welcome to join our Parents and Toddlers group, Angels, which meets at 9.15am and 10.30am on Thursdays.

Halcon Baptist Church, Crossway, Taunton, Invite you to join them for their Coffee Morning on a Tuesday 10.30 a.m.- 12 noon.

Cheddon Memorial Hall. "Little Seedlings" Mondays 1.30-3.15pm. This is for pre-school children with their carers

Salvation Army Hall is open for the elderly from 11.00am until 3pm on a Wednesday. We charge £5 but this includes a two course hot meal, with plenty of tea/coffee biscuits and cake. We also have some sort of entertainment after lunch, which may include a singer or craft or games etc... Please let Lindsay know if you are coming. They also run a knit and natter on a Monday from 10.30am - 12.30pm which includes hot drinks and a warm welcome.

St James Church is usually open Mondays Tuesdays Wednesdays and Friday mornings.

Wellsprings Community Church will be opening Cafe Connect for drinks and meals as usual every Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. It officially opens 10.30am - 1.30pm, but people are there from 9.30ish every day and so visitors could come in from that sort of time if necessary. Meals are quite cheap, and we have a "pay-it-forward" scheme so that, if necessary, people can eat for free.

ROTAS FOR NOVEMBER

CHURCH FLOWERS

6 Nov -
13 Nov Eryl Harris
20 Nov -
27 Nov Kay Copp

MORNING COFFEE ROTA

6 Nov Rita Williams & Pamela Elliott
13 Nov Chris Trott & Sheila Rudofsky
20 Nov Pamela Bamber & Carol Rowswell
27 Nov Heather Parsons & Isobel Tosh-Robb

Sunday duties

	Duty Elder	Communion Elders	Zoom host
6 Nov	Sheena	Sue Eryl	Eryl
13 Nov	Eryl		Frank
20 Nov	Sue		Peter
27 Nov	Meg		Sue
4 Dec	Frank	Stuart Sheena	Eryl

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Vision Statement

For the sake of the Gospel, we will be:

- ◆ a church that welcomes, whoever you are
- ◆ a church that cares and responds with action
- ◆ a church that works with others and plays its part in the community
- ◆ a church that knows and shares the love of God
- ◆ a church that is growing in faith and knowledge of God
- ◆ a church full of hope and joy