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News and views from Redland Park &
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New Brunswick | Oct Diary

Preachers for **October** 11am services

October
6th Astrid Molyneux
13th Angus Gregson (will include Communion)
20th HARVEST THANKSGIVING
Led by Rev Ian Thornley
27th Les Fry and friends

Preachers for **Nov** 11am services

3rd Ella Bryant
10th Angus Gregson

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

October 15th: Community Harvest Lunch at 12.30 pm. Booking necessary please ring 950 776 or 07848 147 554 leave a message. Minimum charge £3. All profits to Restoration of ST Stephen's Clock.

October 20th: Church Harvest – all gifts will be donated to Julian Trust.

October 25th: Southmead Quiz 7pm. Entrance £3pp, free nibbles, tea and coffee.

November 3rd: Joint churches service at Pentecostal Church at 6.30pm. Followed by a Social time and light refreshments.

We continue to uphold to God those of our church family who need His presence at this time. Thinking especially of Angie who continues to feel the loss John. Ivy who is having further treatment for her hearing.

We think, too, of Gill who is suffering from a very painful back. We uphold Liz to God as she, too, continues to miss Jeff and has moved into a new address. We ask that she soon settles and feels 'at home'.

Jen is very much in our thoughts and prayers as she goes on a six month placement in Stroud. May God be with her and give her His Strength, Peace and Healing. There maybe others who are not mentioned here but are known to God. Perhaps family members or neighbours who need our prayers. We uphold them all to Him.

Vestry Vibes by Douglas Burnett



Dear friends

In the next few weeks we shall be entering into the Holy Habit of prayer. With that we shall be having a Redland Park and Bristol Korean Church away day at Barton Camp on Saturday November 16th.

For those who don't know Barton Camp it is the residential centre created by Urijah Rees Thomas, the first minister at Redland Park, to provide for children living in the Bristol slums a chance to experience the green of the countryside and be renewed in body, mind and spirit. Barton Camp, which is just outside Winscombe (so not be confused with Barton Hill!), still works with children from some of the more deprived areas of Bristol.

The theme of our day will be that of prayer. I suppose at one and the same time prayer can seem both very natural and somewhat scary. "Am I doing it right?" many might ask themselves. Maybe prayer is best understood as focused awareness on God, and seeking that dialogue with God. A deep-down dialogue.

I suppose for some they might consider finding the "right" words a challenge in itself. Though there is no such things as the "right" words. It is really just about taking time to "be there."

To be honest I would never have made a contemplative. If I want some clarity of mind and thought, and thus that sense of connection with God, you are more likely to find me running or cycling on the Downs. I wouldn't want to be stuck in a monastery!! It is all about what is right for the individual.

So, in our day on the November 16th, Helena will be leading us as to what prayer is all about. There will be worship together, but also a variety of activities and possible workshops.

If you are up for a walk up to Crooks Peak (you can see it from the motorway when you are driving down to Taunton) there may be that option included. Weather permitting, that is, or just bring your boots and waterproofs. There will be all-age activities, and there is also the heated outdoor swimming pool. It might be outdoor but it really is HEATED!!

The idea is to bring your own lunch, but we shall be eating together, which is another of our Holy Habits. There will be lots of gladness as we join together in fellowship. So, it won't be scary. It will be lost of fun, and a bit of recreation as well. Hopefully we can all come back with a renewed sense of how God is present in our lives and how prayer can express that relationship. All of that is what Urijah had in mind, I am sure, when he established Barton Camp.

Please see also Les's article and Helena's piece also in this edition for more information.

Dougie

Redland Park People



The email containing the people page for last month's Recorder went astray; it was printed as a separate sheet in the Recorder so we hope it was seen.

We send our best wishes to **Lewis Manyika** for a full recovery from his stroke. He is currently in the rehabilitation unit in St George (17 Summerhill Terrace, BS5 8HX) and making good progress.

We think of **Derek Jones** as he undergoes a knee replacement operation on his second knee and send him our best wishes for a speedy recovery.

We are sorry that **Margaret Prigg** is still not in good enough health to come to church so we send her our prayers and wishes for better health.

It was good to see **Reg and Joyce Dickson** in church but Reg has been very ill with shingles; we do hope he continues to feel much better.

We think of all those who cannot get to church any longer, or cannot come as often as they would like. We pray for those in poor health, for those awaiting operations and those under stress. We wish them all God's blessings.

Verenga-Mukoku Church, Zimbabwe

The Verenga-Mukoku Church, the mother church for Truida Mutare, was our overseas church charity for 2017-2019 and we raised funds to help rebuild the church when the congregation were unable to afford work on it after the economy of the country collapsed under Robert Mugabe. The money raised is going towards materials, while the work is being carried out by members of the church and local workers.

The photographs show some of the work that has been undertaken over the past year or two, and Truida will be spending several weeks in Zimbabwe from November so we should have more up-to-date news on the rebuilding then. We hope all goes well and the church will be very happy in their new home.

Photos attached showing some of the work that has been carried out.



Prayer page:

Prayer for the month.

Generous God, our food and drink,
Your giving meets our needs and exceeds our expectations:

We give you thanks and praise.

As long as we live here we have work to do for you,
A gospel to believe and live:
May your joy be our strength.

In a world of inequality and need we pray for the overworked and the unemployed,
The impoverished and the greedy:
We hunger and thirst for what is right.

We pray for sleepy consciences to be stabbed awake, for cold hearts to be thawed,
For complacency's bubble to be burst:
We hunger and thirst for what is right.

We pray for justice to be exceeded by grace, for mercy to triumph over wrath,
For your love to be the measure of all things.
We hunger and thirst for what is right.

We pray through Christ, who is our life,
The first and last.
The Living One.
Amen.



Please pray for:

The people whom we feed on the soup run and all who are hungry.

Those whose crops have failed because of too much or too little rain.

The housebound and lonely.

Those receiving hospital treatment or waiting for an appointment.

The NHS managers, admin staff and clinical staff.

The emergency services.

The Prime Minister, the Government and the M.P's.

St. John's school.

The Korean Church and New Brunswick Church.

God, you have given us so much. May we always remember and seek to help those in need. AMEN

Bristol Bach Choir

We start this season with one of James MacMillan's most powerful works, Cantos Sagrados, combining Latin liturgy with some hugely powerful poems, reflecting the heat, glare and political violence of Latin America, and asking some poignant questions.

In contrast Bristolian David Bednall's Three Songs of Love takes four heart-rending poems by Yeats, McCrae and Clare, exploring love in all its many guises. From the thrill of its first appearance through to the distant memories evoked by a return to an old haunt.

As a complete contrast, Mendelssohn's Te Deum in D is reminiscent in style of works from the Baroque period, particularly those of J.S. Bach whom Mendelssohn greatly admired.

Where: St Mary Redcliffe **When:** Saturday 19 October 2019

Tickets £22 and £14, students £5

From Angus, 0117 214 0721 or tickets@bristolbach.org.uk



Redland Park Church Calendar

Dates for October 2019

Sun 13th	10.30am	Morning Worship led by Rev. Dougie Burnett
	10.30am	Korean Worship Upper Room
	7.00pm	Evening Worship led by members

Sun 20th	9.15am	Big Brekkie in aid of Christian Aid
	10.30am	Morning Worship led by Rev. Dougie Burnett
	10.30am	Korean Worship Upper Room

Sun 27th	10.30am	Morning Worship led by Rev. Dougie Burnett
	10.30am	Korean Worship Upper Room
	7.00pm	Evening Worship led by members

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Sun 3rd	10.30am	Morning Worship with Communion Led by Rev. Dougie Burnett
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Crisis Centre Ministries

Crisis Centre Ministries will be holding an open evening from 7.00pm on Monday 21 October at Fishponds Baptist Church, Downend Road, Fishponds, Bristol BS16 5AS. The evening will begin with the chance to interact with their four projects so that you can hear stories and experience some aspects of the work; there will be the opportunity to meet staff and Trustees, then the formal AGM will follow.

Wild Goose cafe will be offering light refreshments.

If you would like to attend please ring 0117 330 1230 (or let Carol Fry know) so they know about catering.

Walking the Way, “Making New Disciples.”

This seems to me to be the most vital of our Holy Habits, particularly during this time of national uncertainty and stress. As such, I invite everybody to follow the daily texts below and use them as a basis for your prayers for a full calendar month. I believe that God will bless our collective prayers and so guide us to making new disciples.

Les Fry.

<p>1 God, empower our congregations to actively and successfully engage in making disciples for Jesus Christ.</p> <p>Matthew 28:19</p>	<p>2 God, may our church encounter the love, presence, grace, peace, and forgiveness of God through our worship.</p> <p>John 4:23</p>	<p>3 God, may our congregation treat visitors with such warm hospitality that they feel led to become active members.</p> <p>Romans. 12:13</p>	<p>4 God, may our church have an open door policy and see ourselves as a hospital for sinners, not a museum for saints.</p> <p>Luke. 15:7</p>	<p>5 God, teach us to worship with our eyes open to the needs and circumstances around our church and community.</p> <p>Deuteronomy 15:11</p>	<p>6 God, enable churches of all sizes in Bristol to offer numerous points of entry into congregational life.</p> <p>Romans. 12:4-5</p>	<p>7 God, teach us to love those whose lives don't measure up to conventional standards of intelligence, success, or morality.</p> <p>Matthew 5:44</p>
<p>8 God, empower our church to encourage diversity, racial unity, and reconciliation to all..</p> <p>Psalms. 133:1</p>	<p>9 God, we pray that our whole congregation reach out as part of our active ministry.</p> <p>Luke 3:3</p>	<p>10 God, grant our Church leaders and Elders a real vision for growth and development.</p> <p>Jeremiah. 29:11</p>	<p>11 God, give us an outward focus that exists to equip, train, and support people to be the church in the world.</p> <p>Ephesians 4:12</p>	<p>12 God, enable our church to help the congregation discover and use our spiritual gifts in ministry</p> <p>Romans 12:6-8</p>	<p>13 God, raise up in our congregation those who will visit members who are sick, hospitalized, or in nursing homes.</p> <p>Matthew 25:36</p>	<p>14 God, help our members see that our primary place of ministry is beyond the church building.</p> <p>Matthew 10:8</p>
<p>15 God, equip our church members to engage in local and global mission outreach.</p> <p>Acts 1:8</p>	<p>16 God, give our congregations a passion to support vulnerable and lonely people.</p> <p>Romans 9:1-3; 10:1</p>	<p>17 God, equip us through lively worship, active Cell groups and friendship groups to find challenging outreach opportunities.</p> <p>Isaiah 62:10</p>	<p>18 God, may our members care and respect one another without regard to outward signs of power or position.</p> <p>Luke 10:34</p>	<p>19 God, provide opportunities for personal growth and spiritual formation that strengthen our members in their Christian walk.</p> <p>1 Thessalonians 3:13</p>	<p>20 God, grant our congregation the ability to help members develop language for talking about God in our lives.</p> <p>Romans 1:16</p>	<p>21 God, empower our church to help people study the Bible and apply its truths to our daily lives.</p> <p>Joshua 1:8</p>
<p>22 God, may our congregations learn how to pray, corporately and privately, and offer continued encouragement.</p> <p>1 Thessalonians 5:17</p>	<p>23 God, may our church guide new members into a personal relationship with God and righteous living.</p> <p>Psalms 48:14</p>	<p>24 God, help our members understand the importance of developing and practising sound stewardship practices.</p> <p>Numbers 18:25-32</p>	<p>25 God, help our congregation attend to justice and advocacy issues, as well as mercy and compassion.</p> <p>Leviticus 19:15</p>	<p>26 God, equip our congregation with the ability to preach, follow and introduce Jesus to others.</p> <p>Isaiah. 61:1</p>	<p>27 God, bless our churches with the fruits of the spirit and the ability to practice faithful disciplines.</p> <p>Galatians 5:22-23</p>	<p>28 God, we pray for guidance for those offering children and young people Christian education.</p> <p>1 Corinthians. 2:13</p>

Keeping up with the vicar Pt 98 Angus Gregson

Here are the Lectionary readings for October and the first Sunday in November. As in last month's readings, Jesus is on his final journey towards Jerusalem and by the end of the month he's got to Jericho. Just the long haul - literally and spiritually - up to Jerusalem for the final time.

I wondered why we start with the disciples asking Jesus to increase their faith. Reading back a couple of verses he's just suggested to them that even if their brother "sins against you seven times in a day, and seven times comes back to you and says, 'I repent,' forgive him." That might well take a strong faith!

We've a good run through Luke's gospel during what the Lectionary calls "Ordinary time" - the part of the year between Pentecost and Advent - and in this month's readings we see some of the earlier themes recurring. Jesus has had an ongoing verbal battle with the Pharisees, the very people who really should have recognised his divinity, but instead we get a story about a second good Samaritan - this time the only healed leper who praised God for his healing.

And as Jesus is repeatedly criticised by Pharisees for whom he consorts with at mealtimes (e.g. 7:39 or 15:2), he not only tells a pointed story about a Pharisee and a tax collector, but then puts it into action as he goes to eat with Zacchaeus and brings about a remarkable transformation.

The gospel of accepting God's forgiveness is shown to use in what would seem the most unlikely characters. Let's carry that out with us on the soup run this month.

Many preachers use the lectionary readings as a basis for their preaching. The suggestion is to read them sometime in the week before Sunday worship so that if they are the ones used, it might help you get a bit more from the sermon.

Angus

Oct	Old Testament	Psalm	Gospel	New Testament
6th	Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4	37:1-9	Luke 17:5-10	2 Timothy 1:1-14
13th	2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15	111	Luke 17:11-19	2 Timothy 2:8-15
20th	Genesis 32:22-31	121	Luke 18:1-8	2 Timothy 3:14-4:5
27th	Jeremiah 14:7-10, 19-22	84:1-7	Luke 18:9-14	2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18
Nov				
3rd	Isaiah 1:10-18	32:1-7	Luke 19:1-10	2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12

Walking the Way

Living the life of Jesus today

CHURCH FAMILY AWAY DAY TO BARTON CAMP 16th November.

As part of our next Holy Habit "Prayer", we have arranged to spend some time together as a church family and with our friends from the Korean Church. This offers us all the opportunity for fellowship across the ages, to enjoy each other's company in a lovely setting and to explore something of what prayer means to us individually and collectively.

Barton Camp is an appropriate setting for our day as it was begun by a Redland Park Minister, Rev Urijah Thomas early in the 20th century and is still run by the Bristol Children's Help Society which he set up.

You can check out the Barton Camp facilities and environment at <https://www.bartoncamp.org/>



Our programme will include worship, time for reflection, interactive creative workshops, board games, crafts and leisure opportunities like swimming in the heated outdoor pool or hiking up Crooks Peak- inclusive activities for all ages. Rev Helena McKinnon will lead our prayer focus.

Please bring a packed lunch and some fruit or cake to share- as well as an open mind and a warm heart.

The day will start informally at 10am and finish about 4pm.

Please confirm with me if you hope to join in this day- and do contact me for any other information- for example for shared transport.

Les Fry

Deadline for contributions for the
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