

"Methodist and United Reformed Church News in Darwen"

*Working together to learn, live, love and share the Gospel of Jesus Christ.*

## **October and November 2020**

**CENTRAL**

**BRIGHT STREET**

**SPRING VALE**

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## Letter for Darwen Partnership Church Magazine

The season of Creationtide, also known as the Season Of Creation, has its origins in the Eastern Orthodox Church which in 1989 declared September 1st as a day of prayer for creation. Over the following decades, as awareness of the present ecological challenges facing our world grew, this single day of prayer developed into a liturgical season running from September 1st to October 4th, the feast day of St Francis of Assisi (the patriot Saint of Ecology). This season of Creationtide has been embraced ecumenically and Christians around the world are encouraged to pray for, and care for, God's good creation. This is also when we celebrate Climate Sunday and Harvest services in our churches.

If there is maybe one positive aspect that came out of this time of Covid 19, it is that we tread more gently on God's creation. The reduced travel by air and land, the reduced pollution from factories etc enabled Mother Earth to flourish without the devastating impact we as human beings have on the earth. Many of us forget that the 5th mark of Mission is: To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation, and sustain and renew the life of the earth. We are made in God's image to do as God does, to create and not destroy, to respect and honour that was made good, to repair and to restore and to be guardians of a better future.

There are many modern day prophets in our midst - from whom have we heard the warnings of the climate crisis? It could be communities in the global south, on the frontline of the climate crisis and feeling its effects acutely. Or, has it been activists, who have been campaigning on this issue for years? Voices such as Greta Thunberg's and David Attenborough? Or, is creation itself the prophetic voice we need to hear? Should we be listening to the pain of wildfires, flooding, tsunamis and earthquakes?

Saint Francis the Patron saint of Ecology said: "Preach the Gospel at all times; and when absolutely necessary, use words." Francis was all about orthopraxy, or living the Gospel, rather than orthodoxy, or merely verbal beliefs.

As the Church, a global body with brothers and sisters around the world, who are feeling acutely the impact of the climate crisis. Do we listen to these cries? What is our role as local churches sharing this message and addressing it?

Please contact your mentor or one of the Green Apostle team members to learn some more.

Rev Daleen ten Cate  
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### Dear Churches in the NW Synod

Are you passionate about the environment? Would you like to make some sort of difference to the way we treat our planet-home? Are you up for exploring how we can tread more lightly on the earth? Do you see that as something connected to following Jesus and making a Jesus-shaped difference to the world? Did you know that the 5th Mark of Mission is: 'to strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth'?

We can support you to become an Eco Church.

At the recent Synod Meeting, the North Western Synod adopted the 'Environmental Charter' set out below, which encourages each congregation to embrace it in all they do and agrees to bring a similar resolution to the next General Assembly for adoption by the whole United Reformed Church.

- We believe that creation reveals the glory of God. That we are called to be stewards of God's creation working with all people of good will to make sure that His earth remains a beautiful place full of wonder, worship, love, justice and peace by respecting the environment and all creatures.
- B. We challenge ourselves to live simply and in solidarity with the poor not taking unfair amounts of the world's resources or creating waste and pollution.
- C. We commit ourselves to safeguarding life and living sustainably by taking our environmental impact fully into account.

To find out more about the ECO Church Award, visit [ecochurch.arocha.org.uk](http://ecochurch.arocha.org.uk). and contact the Green Apostle Team or your Missional Discipleship Mentor. We can walk alongside you to do an Eco Church Audit in order for you to look through an Eco lens to the following aspects of being church.

- Worship and Teaching
- Management and Church Buildings
- Management of Church Land
- Community and Global Engagement
- Lifestyle

Looking forward to hearing from you

Blessings  
The Green Apostles Team

## CENTRAL URC

### Harvest Festival at Central

It was lovely to be able to celebrate our first service back at church with our Harvest Festival which was led by Barbara. Although we had to follow the social distancing guidelines we felt very close in spirit together. We had silk flower arrangements and lots of donated cans and dried goods to decorate the front of the church before the service began.

Barbara reminded us how important it is in these times to be able to share our donated Harvest gifts to the Food Larder and also to be able to share God's spirit with each other. She told us about the origins of Harvest, going back to biblical times.

Although we were not allowed to sing, we were able to listen to Alizon playing the organ and to taped music by The Priests, including the Lord's Prayer.

We were reminded of the people who were not able to attend church and to keep them close to our hearts and prayers.

People we remembered in our prayers are Lynda R whose husband is very poorly and Beryl S who has recently lost her dear husband, Tom.

#### Birthdays/Celebrations during the past few months:-

Birthdays: Ann, Geoff, Beryl Slater, Elsa, Janet P, Karen, Bert, Mary, Marie, Ananie, Adebola and Abiola. Special milestone birthdays for Barbara, Dorothy C and Lesley B.

Anniversaries: Barbara and Harry, Gary and Eileen, Beryl and Ken, Bill and Paula.

Congratulations to Georgia, Heather's daughter, on her 21<sup>st</sup> birthday and gaining her degree in order to continue to do a Master's at Bangor University. Well done.

Congratulations to Irene's granddaughter Shauna Lea who has gained a 1<sup>st</sup> in Health and Social Care at Preston University. Well done.

Congratulations to three new babies born recently: A new grandson for Karen, Ethan Jack James Crossley (Jack and James are after his grand-dads); Mary had a little boy, Angelo Ikenna; Candid had a baby girl, Evelyne Tavonga. We wish them joy with their new arrivals.

We think of Leila and Heliya as they move to Birmingham. We wish them God's blessing, happiness, peace and security as they start on this new journey in their lives. It has been a privilege to be able to support them through DARE and our church during their time in Darwen.

Beryl would like to send her heartfelt thanks to everyone who has supported her during this difficult time, with phone calls, prayers and cards. She was delighted to receive the beautiful bouquet of red flowers sent from our fellowship. Beryl, you are always in our hearts and prayers. You are a special lady and we are all very proud of the dignified way you have cared for your husband Tom during his long illness.

May I take this opportunity to thank everyone at Central who has worked hard to enable our church to open.  
Liz, Church Secretary

## CENTRAL URC

We are thinking especially of all the people who are still unable to attend our church, those people who are in residential care and those people seeking a settled life in the UK. We remember you all in our prayers.

It has been suggested that we place a photograph in church for people who are unable to attend. If you would like to do this, please contact [lizrutherford@live.co.uk](mailto:lizrutherford@live.co.uk).

Dear Friends

A sincere thank you to all who have continued to donate generously throughout lockdown or perhaps have still been putting some money aside for when we meet up again.

To those who have set up a 'Standing Order' with the bank, these are now starting to show in the bank account. It is a really easy way to give and if anyone would like details please ask or telephone Eileen on 775633. If you have offertory envelopes please throw them away as they are of no use once a standing order is in place.

With the 'Free Will' offertory envelopes the idea is that you choose what amount you wish to give each week and where possible keep to it whether you are able to attend worship or not. I have spare sets if anyone is interested.

Once again, Thank you.  
Eileen (Treasurer)

### **'THANK YOU' for your unique and vital contribution to the life of the United Reformed Church, and for the work of the kingdom which we are able to do together in God's name**

We are living through an extraordinary and challenging time – a very anxious time for everyone; a difficult time for many; and a time of suffering and loss for some. Yet, the main purpose of this letter is to say **'thank you'** to each of you for all that you have done for the Church in the past; for all that you continue to do even in these difficult times; and for what you will do in the future.

**'Thank you' for your continued giving this year.** We fully understand that circumstances this year are difficult. Most local churches have been unable to meet for over five months. We have not had the usual opportunities to make our offerings for the work of the Church. But most of the costs of the local church and of the denomination have not reduced and some have increased as a consequence of the pandemic. We are also aware that some have lost income or work this year and are therefore in great financial difficulty. But there are others on fixed incomes who are actually better off than they might otherwise have been. **So, please continue to give what you can in whatever way you can – or save it up until you can hand it over.**

Any giving of ours is a response to the amazing generosity and love of God which we see in Jesus. Nevertheless, **it is important for us to say 'thank you' to each and all of you.**

Ian Hardie, Treasurer of the United Reformed Church and John Piper, Deputy Treasurer

August 2020

## **NEWS FROM TOCKHOLES URC**

A few weeks ago, I was chatting to Marion Isherwood, as a Risk Assessment was being drafted for submission to the URC regarding reopening of Chapel. Although we will have to cordon-off pews, create a one-way system, and provide hand sanitizer - it seemed a small price to pay if we could once again open our Chapel and invite our lovely congregation to worship together again. I was a little dubious about not being able to sing - but I'm sure we could play some music to lift our spirits during the service.

However, as I write this message for the Newsletter, I feel uncertain of what will happen. The Government has announced a stricter Lockdown for Lancashire and I don't know whether this will influence our decision to reopen. I will post updates on our Facebook page as soon as I have them - search for Tockholes United Reformed Church and 'Like' us.

Much of my time in lockdown was spent walking, and over the past month I've walked round Tockholes with my family. We've been visiting the Chapel Grounds, tidying family graves. Thank you to Steve Hargreaves and George Swanton for keeping an eye on the graveyard and making sure it is kept tidy, ensuring that it is a relaxing and peaceful place to be. We've also visited the Rock Inn a few times; it's been lovely to see a local business doing well. I'm keeping my fingers crossed and saying a little prayer that we will be sat there with friends in December celebrating 'Lancashire Sings Christmas' together.

In all our prayers this week are Kathleen, Harry and Jean, and Sue. We are thinking of you all, and hope you're feeling much better soon.

We are very pleased to announce that Mr Tony Rutherford has agreed to be our Treasurer. This matter has been giving us cause for concern for some time and we feel very fortunate indeed to have Tony take over this task. Tony, who is now retired, worked for the Synod for many years and is fully conversant with the financial aspects of the United Reformed Church. We give him a warm welcome to our Chapel.

Emma/Marion

## **TRINITY FELLOWSHIP NEWS**

We start with the sad news that Enid Kay has passed away at the age of 92. Enid was a regular worshipper at Trinity for many years before she went into Eachstep nursing home several years ago, and we pray for her son Ian and all the family at this difficult time.

We are also sorry to report that Reverend Keith Burrow passed away earlier this week, after suffering with dementia for some time. Keith was the Methodist minister in Darwen before Terry Young, and we think of his wife Margaret and the family.

We have also been praying for Catherine Young, and for the Methodist church at Bright Street following the vandalism there.

On a happier note, Sylvia and Bill celebrated their golden wedding at the beginning of August, and we hope that they enjoyed their special day.

There are a couple of birthdays to mention – Margaret Baron celebrated her 90th, and it was also Sandra's in September.

Angela reported that Emily has passed her driving theory test first time and can now start driving lessons, and Kirsty has enrolled at dog grooming school.

Emily Atkinson is starting studying for her doctorate in Clinical Psychology at the University of Surrey in Guildford this week, and we wish her well with this new stage of her career.

Judith

### **TRINITY FELLOWSHIP NEWS cont/**

It is also with sadness that I have learnt of the death of Rev Keith Burrow on Sunday last 13th October.

Here is part of the letter I've received from his nephew:

"I'm sorry to say that Keith passed away on Sunday morning at the Sandygate Methodist nursing home. He had been in and out of hospital over the last few weeks and had returned to the home on Saturday, having rallied. He was laughing with his carers, and then passed quickly and painlessly".

Colin

### **NEWS FROM DARWEN METHODIST CHURCH @ BRIGHT STREET**

As I write this (last minute as usual) we are again faced with tighter restrictions across Lancashire and the possibility of another national lockdown.

Not the news we want to hear.

However, we do have some good news following the devastation caused by the vandalism and fire when we were broken into in the early hours of Saturday August 15<sup>th</sup>. Nothing could have prepared me for the sight that met me when I was called out at 7.30 am that morning – absolute mindless vandalism throughout, a kitchen completely gutted by fire and pretty much the whole building smoke damaged.

We are not angry, but very sad to think that there are people in such a dark place that they would want to cause such destruction. We want whoever did this to know that they are forgiven and we have prayed for them.

The good news is the overwhelming support and generosity we have received from church members, friends from local churches, the local community, other Methodist churches in the West Pennines Circuit and various organisations. We are so grateful and cannot thank you enough.

We do, of course, have our insurance which will cover most of the restoration but we are taking this opportunity to not only restore and refurbish our building, but to make some alterations and improvements which will benefit us and enable us to better serve our local community. We haven't as yet got the full cost of our project but through the generosity of so many friends we have raised over £5,500 to date. We know that God is with us through all of this and, with his help and guidance, we will be back stronger and ready to serve Him and the community again.

Things are moving very slowly and we are all having to learn to be patient. We will put our trust in the Lord and wait for His perfect timing.

We are also, of course, very grateful that during this time when our building is out of action, that we can worship with our brothers and sisters in Christ at Spring Vale and share with them in our Zoom Fellowship group, expertly run by Pam, one of our Bright Street members.

Until the next time, when I hope I can tell you that we have made much progress.

Love and God's blessings, from all at Bright Street.

Karen

## **NEWS FROM SPRING VALE METHODIST CHURCH**

Finding ourselves already in September seems unbelievable, particularly in these trying times, and we do hope that you are all well and staying safe.

Despite our Church having been closed until recently, much has continued to take place during this time and we now have a lovely new meeting room, in what were previously our classrooms. The transformation is quite amazing and we cannot thank Chris and Simon enough for all their hard work and commitment. The entrance to the Church has also been redecorated and the result is warm and welcoming for all who now use our building.

As many of you will be aware, Bright Street Church was broken into and badly vandalised some weeks ago. It was with great sadness and shock that we learned this had happened to our friends and we continue to hold everyone concerned in our prayers. We know that with their passion and steadfastness, and God's love, they will emerge stronger as a Church. We hope that the repairs can take place soon and the Church will once again be welcoming everyone back to worship.

Jointly with Bright Street we had returned to worship in their building and it was a joy to be able to attend services again. We would like to take this opportunity to thank our friends for welcoming us and a chance to once again meet together, although a little differently. In view of not being able to use the building at Bright Street we are now holding services at Spring Vale and we would like to thank everyone who responded to the call to ready the church for worship at short notice, particularly the cleaning team, and to Reverend Louise for working tirelessly doing risk assessments and ensuring we were doing everything correctly.

Thanks also to David who has done such a lot of work in liaising with us all to keep us up to date with all manner of things; this is very much appreciated.

Our thanks also go to Kath for all the hard work undertaken in overseeing finances.

Finally, thank you to everyone who has attended worship and for help in adhering to all the guidelines, not easy, but so worth it to be able to worship together again. And of course to Rev Louise for her continued support, in particular for those who are unable to attend Church currently and who remain in our prayers. Last but not least, to all our preachers for the lovely services they prepare and deliver.

Services will continue to be held at Spring Vale presently at 11.00am each Sunday.

Irene

Dear Friends, welcome to my 21<sup>st</sup> 'Thought For The Week' during lockdown from Mal Breeze

Eight-year-old Kelsey enjoyed helping others. She really wanted to do something that would make a difference. She wasn't very big and she wasn't very strong, so many people didn't think there was much she could do. Some tried to discourage her and told her she had good intentions, but she should just wait until she was a little bigger.

Kelsey didn't like that idea at all. She didn't want to wait until she was bigger. It wasn't that she was impatient! She just saw so much that needed to be done and she wanted to help. She saw people to feed and yards to clean. She saw needs nobody else seemed to notice. She saw sad people that she just wanted to make happy, but all her friends, family, and even teachers said that she was too small. It wasn't as though she wanted to go around the world, she just wanted to help the people she saw everyday. Oh, but the thought did occur that if she had the chance to go around the world, she wouldn't even have to stop and think! She was out there!

At church one Sunday, she heard a missionary speaking of all the needs in a country far away. Kelsey was sad as she heard him speak because she was sure there was nothing she could do. Then she heard the missionary say something that made her sit bolt upright and listen with joy. "If you give just one pound in a month, you could feed TEN people in another country far away."

A big grin spread across Kelsey's face, as she understood just what she could do. "I CAN do that, and nobody can stop me!" Now her thoughts were not rebellious, just excited that she COULD finally do something and make a difference. Every month for many years Kelsey took her offering to church to help feed hungry people in a far away country. Plus, she always prayed for the people she was feeding halfway around the world. Kelsey was so happy and almost always had a smile on her face. She learned that she didn't have to be big to help others. Helping made her feel REALLY BIG in her heart.

Do you ever feel like the little girl in the story? Do you ever feel like you want to help but aren't good enough or big enough?

I can remember my first junior school teacher telling me I wasn't good enough and that I wouldn't make anything of my life. Well I think it's fair to say that she was wrong.

In my work as a Church Related Community Minister I come across many people who have been told they aren't good enough, haven't got anything to offer, haven't got the skills needed and what they do have won't make any difference anyway, and so they haven't been given the chance to do anything and quite rightly feel rejected.

How often do we hear of people who have applied for a job and been told they haven't got the right experience? Well the question I always ask is, who is going to give the experience they need if they don't give them the chance to get it and prove that they can in fact do the job or task they are wanting to do.

Well, Jesus wants you to know that it doesn't matter how big or how small, or how little experience you have. He wants to use all of you in an awesome way - not just when you're big, but right now! And He will guide you and help you to get the skills and experience required for the job or task He's calling you to do.

Don't let anyone tell you are not big enough or not good enough; we all have a gift of some kind and God can see in us what we often can't see in ourselves or what other folk can't see in us.

Even in lockdown we can all do something to make a difference and we need to pray and ask God to show each one of us what He wants us to be doing for Him right now.

LET'S PRAY

Dear Heavenly Father, thank you for giving each of us something that we can give back to You. Help us to give cheerfully knowing that, no matter how small our gift may seem, You can turn it into a miracle. In Jesus' Name we pray. Amen.

This week think of something you can do for God right now which will make a difference in your community or your church and go for it!

So, until next week, keep well and keep safe.  
Shalom my friends

Mal Breeze  
Community Minister

[https://youtu.be/n6\\_lqptPeTU](https://youtu.be/n6_lqptPeTU)

Dear Friends, welcome to my 22<sup>nd</sup> Thought for the Week during lockdown. Every ten years, thousands of people from all over the world go to the Bavarian Village of Oberammergau for a performance of the passion play but sadly this year's performance has been postponed.

With this in mind I thought it would be appropriate to focus on the motivational story of how it first started and how the villagers must be feeling at this time.

Have you ever had trouble sticking to a routine? Tried to do a daily exercise routine only to discover after a week that somehow it hasn't gone too well? Or committed yourself to a new routine of daily prayer or bible reading and after a couple weeks realise although you've been praying or reading it hasn't been daily, exactly. Well the commitment of the people of Oberammergau, Germany, put all of us to shame.

The Oberammergau Passion Play, the greatest story that was ever told, is set in a tiny Bavarian hamlet and is like no other play on the planet. It all began during a tumultuous period in 1633. During the Thirty Years' War, from 1618 to 1648, Germany had lost a substantial part of its population and Oberammergau was no exception. It was soon visited with the devastation of the "black death" in 1633 and residents of Oberammergau lost over half of their population.

Sorrowful and repentant and to stop the spread of the disease and famine, the town did the one thing within their power: they turned to God and prayed for salvation. The town council and the citizens (those who were well enough) walked to the main church and prayed to be spared from the plague and famine. The Oberammergau citizens made a solemn vow; that they would perform a Passion Play every 10 years (something common at the time) – as an act of penitence, worship and thanksgiving. From that moment there were no more plague deaths in Oberammergau.

God heard their prayers and absolved them of their plight! After their vow, the village was free of the sickness and not another person perished. The play continued from generation to generation; the torch would be passed and the show would go on! Tradition and authenticity are stressed and incorporated into every fibre of the Passion Play.

Now 375 years later, the villagers of Oberammergau are still putting on a Passion Play every ten years apart from one year because of the war and now this year which has been postponed until 2022.

The cast and crew are all from Oberammergau or have lived in Oberammergau for at least 20 years. Out of a population of 5200, about 2500 participate in the play in some way, either as cast, crew or front-of-house staff, and from January all the men can't shave or have a haircut. What is impressive is that even in the midst of an increasingly secularised Europe, this one little town still keeps the vow they made 375 years ago. The burgeoning arts culture in this little town that once faced extinction is a unique but very real example of what God can do, how He pours His grace down on those who place their trust in Him.

Although we are all disappointed at not being able to visit the Oberammergau Passion Play as planned, the villagers and all those involved must be absolutely devastated after all the hard work they have put into the rehearsals and preparing the village to receive thousands of guests to experience the wonderful story of Jesus'

crucifixion and resurrection in such a dramatic way. This week we need to remember them in our thoughts and prayers during what must be a deep loss.

Our God is an Amazing God, and we thank Him that He answered the prayers of the villagers of Oberammergau all those years ago and we are grateful for their response to thank and honour Him in this way. What a commitment they made and wow have they kept it.

Oberammergau has yet to record any cases of the new Coronavirus, and its pastor Thomas Groener said in a recent interview that "it is no coincidence that the town has so far been spared infections of the new Coronavirus. God helped the people back then. He saved them from the plague epidemic, spared them. That continues similarly today. It is however very sad that we have had to postpone the play this year and a blow to the local economy".

We so often make commitments but we don't keep them. It must be so strange for them as they pick up their lives in the community knowing that they can't keep their commitment at this time and they'll have to do it all over again in two years' time. We can learn from them but can we ever serve God with the same dedication, faith and commitment?

In Romans Ch 5 Vs 1-5 we read these words;

Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>2</sup>through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of God. <sup>3</sup>Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; <sup>4</sup>perseverance, character; and character, hope. <sup>5</sup>And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.

<https://youtu.be/MOevAr9aP4o>

Let us pray; this prayer has been written by my wife Lorraine

Dear Lord, as those of us who were due to go to Oberammergau deal with the disappointment of not being able to go, may we also think of and pray for those in the village involved in putting on this spectacular event to honour your name and to tell your story as they too deal with disappointment, especially those who were to have prominent roles who may now have missed that opportunity to honour you in such a public and beautiful way. May we remember how and why the play was started and their continued commitment to you for answering their prayers in circumstances not so very different to those we are all experiencing now. Lord, may we as individuals and collectively have the strength and humility to show such a commitment, faith, love and trust in you and your Grace. Amen.

During lockdown I've heard several stories of people setting themselves goals and committing to achieve them. If you haven't done so already why not think of something you can commit to which will make a difference to you or someone else.

I won't be doing a thought for the week for the next two weeks as I'm going to be on holiday so, in the meantime, keep well and keep safe. Shalom my friends, Shalom.

Mal Breeze  
Community Minister

## ZOOM EVENTS OCTOBER

### Prayer Breakfasts:

17<sup>th</sup> of October at 10.30am

### Communion Services:

Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> October at 10.30am

### Songs of praise, hymns and their stories part 2:

Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> October at 6.30pm

### Quiz Nights:

Friday October 16<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm

*For the quiz nights don't worry if you are on your own I'll pair you up with someone using breakout rooms.*

### Morning Prayers: Every Tuesday at 9.30am-10.00am

More information about these events will be sent out nearer the time; in the meantime if you'd like to join in with any of them please email me and I'll send you the relevant details.

In the meantime, keep well and keep safe, Shalom my friends, Shalom. Mal.

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### Lancashire East Missional Partnership Coffee Morning

21<sup>st</sup> October 10 am

Contact [Daleen.tencate@nwsynod.org.uk](mailto:Daleen.tencate@nwsynod.org.uk)

Second-hand wheelchair in excellent condition to give away.  
Please contact Jean Worswick 01254 775009

### Request for toiletries

We are in need of toiletries for our DARE group and also other people in need at this time. If you are able to contribute please contact [patsybellusci@outlook.com](mailto:patsybellusci@outlook.com)

We DARE you to donate your old bikes : Men's and children's

Please contact John East [eastiseast2004@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:eastiseast2004@yahoo.co.uk) if you are able or know of anyone who can donate to this worthwhile cause, as these bikes are proving invaluable in providing the freedom to access more places without having to incur travelling expenses.

If anyone is interested in buying Send a Cow Christmas cards or gifts, please contact Alizon Elliott (Tel 01254 56349). There will also be details on the church notice board. Many thanks.

# BIBLE READINGS

## OCTOBER

- 1 1 Kings 18.1-20
- 2 1 Kings 18.21-end
- 3 1 Kings 19
- 4 Matthew 21.33-end
- 5 1 Kings 21
- 6 1 Kings 22.1-28
- 7 1 Kings 22.29-45
- 8 2 Kings 1.2-17
- 9 2 Kings 2.1-18
- 10 2 Kings 4.1-37
- 11 Matthew 22.1-14
- 12 2 Kings 5
- 13 2 Kings 6.1-23
- 14 2 Kings 9.1-16
- 15 2 Kings 9.17-end
- 16 2 Kings 12 1-19
- 17 2 Kings 17.1-23
- 18 Matthew 22.15-22
- 19 2 Kings 17.24-end
- 20 2 Kings 18.1-12
- 21 2 Kings 18.13-end
22. 2 Kings 19.1-19
- 23 2 Kings 19.20-36
- 24 2 Kings 20
- 25 Matthew 22.34-end
- 26 2 Kings 21.1-18
- 27 2 Kings 22 1-23.3
- 28 2 Kings 23.4-18
- 29 2 Kings 23.36-24.20
- 30 Philippians 1.1-11
- 31 Philippians 1.18-26

## NOVEMBER

- 1 Matthew 5.1-12
- 2 Philippians 2.1-4
- 3 Philippians 2.5-11
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## Bible Word Search – Fruits of the Spirit



Blameless, Christ-like, Compassion, Confident, Considerate, Courageous, Forgiving, Fruit, Gentleness, Gifts, Goodness, Gracious, Grateful, Healthy, Humility, Joy, Learn, Love, Loyalty, Meditation, Meekness, Obedience, Prayerful, Respect, Submissive, Surrender, Tolerance, Trustworthy, Virtues, Wisdom

Try to find the mystery answer: after you have found all the words, sort the left-over letters into the correct order to form the mystery answer.

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