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## September & October 2018



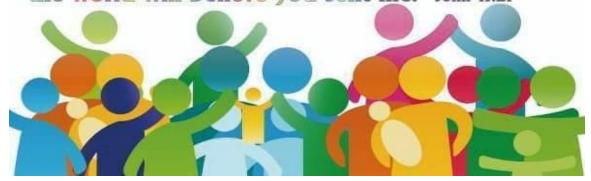
#### **'SUNDAY SERVICE' 9 SEPTEMBER**

Bring & share your food to serve our community Enjoy good food -

music and activities
part of the
Orpington food festival

## ORPINGTON MARKET SOUARE

To pray that they will all be one, Father ... so that the world will believe you sent me. John 17.21



Devoted to Christ Dedicated to Community



#### **Update on interregnum**

You may remember that there was a first round of interviews in May for the Vicar of Christ Church and this resulted in no appointment being made.

As a result, the post was advertised in the Church Times and through our Patron, CPAS (Church Pastoral Aid Society) for a further period. The other two patrons are the Vicar of All Saints and the representative of the Bishop. The Patrons met to shortlist and received comments from the **Parish** Representatives - Caroline Bailey and Alan Goddard. They have decided that in view of the field of applicants that the post should be advertised further over the summer with a view to a third round of shortlisting in September.

I know this may be disappointing but sometimes God's best can take time. There has consistently been a high degree of unity in the views of the Patrons and Parish representatives.

As I was sitting in church the other Sunday I had a sense that God had someone who would lead us forward in new areas of mission and ministry. I began to feel excited that despite these initial disappointments it is not a matter of accepting someone who will just maintain services at Christ Church, but he wants to provide someone who can lead us forward.

God's timing is not always ours and a little wait may not be a bad thing, it enables us as a church to be stretched and do things that often the Vicar would do if it was not an interregnum.

Do keep praying and let's continue in unity taking forward worship and mission in this church.

Alan & Caroline

#### We will remember them!

Every year on Remembrance Sunday, we listen to the Role Call in Church and remember those who gave their lives in the 2nd World War. Have you ever wondered who these brave men were?

We would love to hear from anyone who remembers or knows anything about those men. Please, if you can help, get in contact with the Editor.

Alfred Leslie Ansell

Gerald Francis Boxwell

Edgar William Buckley

Arthur Norman Bulpitt

Leonard Harry Chalice

Norman Clark

Noel Douglas Sinclair Forsyth

Edmund George Gray

Reginald Green

Alec Stanley Hammond

Cyril Charles Thomas Hawkins

Frederick Valentine Francis Lane

James Rowntree Priestley

Edgar Shrubsole

Maurice John Ware

Leslie Whiting

#### We will remember them!



We all had an amazing time at TEAMBUILDERS Holiday Club, hot and sweaty but great fun! As the name suggests the theme of the Holiday Club was all about teamwork! The children heard stories from both the Old and New Testaments that illustrate what it means to work together. These stories helped them to focus on the value of teamwork in life and in particular, as a community of people journeying with Jesus. In met **Jesus** and addition. we discovered what he did for us and how we can become part of Jesus' team.

In our Children's presentation to the parents at the end, we looked at 1 Corinthians 13 where Paul is writing to the Church in Corinth. They had been struggling to be a good team, and he told them that the most important part of following Jesus and being on God's team is love for one another without which it's all a bit pointless.

We show love when we value each team member, we value them for who they are and the gifts and skills they bring to the team, be they big or small! In our Opening service we talked about the church as a body, a team of people and thought about all our gifts and talents and how we can bring these to the team.

We show love when we put trust into each other to do their job rather than trying to do everything ourselves.

'Love never gives up on people, it never stops trusting, never loses hope never quits.'

On Wednesday the children heard how Moses had a huge task of looking after all God's people and he became overwhelmed by dealing with all the issues and so he followed the wise advice of his father-in-law Jethro and appointed leaders to help him. Because a team is not about one person but all people working together.

Then on Thursday we thought about Jesus' team and how he picked ordinary fishermen. He could have had his pick of religious people and people of the law but he picked people just like us, leading ordinary lives, and he chooses us today. He had a special job for them and that was to tell the world about God's love and forgiveness. How many people is that today? 7.6billion - a huge job? But we know about Jesus today because of what those disciples did. And we can show love to others when we pass on the good news about Jesus and God's love

'Love forgives, it does not keep a record of wrong!'

On Friday we learnt about Forgiveness and how Jesus made it possible for us to be forgiven when he paid the price for the things we get wrong. On the cross, he defeated death and sin and rose again. We had an illustration showing that Jesus gives us all the opportunity to be forgiven, if we choose to take it. And it's not a one off but a constant.

And we love because God loved us first! God chooses us and he sent us Jesus, he pours out his love and forgiveness into our hearts and lives if we choose to accept it. We can then pour out and pass on that love and forgiveness to others.

TeamBuilders Holiday Club was only possible because of an army of volunteers, adults and young people who all came together to show God's love to the children in our community. I for one am extremely grateful for all their hard work and effort; they are an amazing team! THANK YOU

Life is not easy and choosing to be on Jesus' team does not mean you will have an easy life but it does mean you are not alone, you have God who will listen to your prayers. He may not always answer them the way we want but I believe he does know best. You also have a team of people behind you willing to help. I remember when I broke my ankle, I did feel sorry for myself, but the children at Explorers pushed me around in the wheel chair that the church loaned me I was rubbish on crutches and put prayers for me in the pocket at the back. Jay and our pastoral team wheeled me to Community Club which is our club for the elderly and they fed me when my husband was at work. I now go and see them and lead some of their talks even though I'm the Children's Minister. I received so much love and support.

As parents we want the best for our children, we can often get really busy

taking them to this hobby or this class, pushing them to do well at school. We try to push them to be the best and panic when things aren't going right because we want then to have the best life and everything to be perfect. It's easy to sometimes forget to tell them we love them regardless of whether they win lose or draw. And forget we have a God who loved them first and unconditionally and also has the best plans in store for them.

I believe the best place for my child or should I say young person now is on Jesus' team. I just need to remember that my job is to show love and support them. And when I'm struggling with this I know I can talk to God and he will help me.

If you want to know more for yourself and/or your children, we are here every Sunday and will be following the last of the series of Friends & Heroes on 2nd September for the children and young people. We also have our regular Sunday Groups for children and young people starting 9th September as well as some fantastic events for all the family starting with Holiday Club Reunion 23rd September, Harvest 7th October, Light Party 4th November and lots for Christmas, with Christingle on 10th December.

Jo Gavin Children's Minister

#### **Travels to Minehead!**

In my occasional articles for "New Winepress" I usually refer to some exotic destination which we have been blessed to visit. Our latest may require a little more selling. Minehead! Just north of Exmoor on the north Somerset coast.

What has Minehead to offer? A local steam railway. A decent links golf course, though a bit windy sometimes. Butlins Holiday Camp. And Spring Harvest, the Christian festival which meets for six days at various sites dotted around the country.

We have attended Spring Harvest many times over the years. We love its Bible teaching sessions every morning, 45 minutes' worth of considerable concentration but mammoth reward. This year we worked through the letter of James, with its emphasis on living out your faith in practice. The leader, Lucy Peppiatt, we felt was excellent in her clear presentation.

We like the Discussion sessions following each study - several are available, at different breadth and depth. We love the afternoon Open activities more than 40 of them - our favourite being a great Bible course, run by the Bible Society, which Maureen Edwards, and myself all found Marv beneficial and stimulating. We thoroughly enjoy the late evening relax, with such as Adrian Plass and Jonathan entertaining us with humour and song.

We quite like the main Evening Worship – usually a couple of interesting video or news items, rather loud and for some of us repetitive singing, and invariably a dynamic and rousing sermon.

We do like the good basic food, comfortable if rather small accommodation, and the opportunity to meet friends from past years – this year for me memories went back more than 25 years.

For us it is wonderful that God calls preachers, teachers and organisers to Spring Harvest – and of course many other such Christian festivals – so that we get a week of stimulation and fellowship, drawing us closer to each other and to our God.

Bob Kendall

#### **Music Ministry**

Our community here at Christ Church is what you might call a 'broad church' – we all have different backgrounds and experiences, and are drawn from a wide variety of denominations. Add to that the wide age range we enjoy, and you start to understand the challenge of providing musical worship for our church family.

It's a real privilege to be the Music Coordinator at Christ Church, heading up all the different aspects of our musical life together. My aim is to engage all who come to church, encourage our faith, and enrich our worship life as the local family of God.

#### Engage

Melanie Bailey and I head up each of our music groups, and we alternate so that every other week we can be part of the congregation, fully engaged in worship without the responsibility of leading. We choose the songs that our bands will play, and aim to select songs from a variety of traditions and styles. Whether hymns or contemporary songs are your preferred medium, hopefully you'll find something in our services that engages with your personal spiritual life in a meaningful way.

#### **Encourage**

There are thousands of Christian songs available to use at church, but we try to look for those which can encourage our faith. They need to reflect the nature of God - Father, Son and Holy Spirit - to remind us of what God has done for us through the death of Jesus Christ, and renew our sense of passion to live fully committed Christian lives and reach out to our community. We find that the mix of genres helps us to find the language we need to describe the holiness, majesty and splendour of our Father God, to recount the life, death and resurrection of Jesus the Son, to delight in the work of the Holy Spirit in our own lives and to express our love and devotion response.

#### **Enrich**

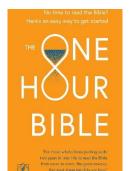
I believe that our worship life together as a community is enriched by all the elements of our services, and that our songs can help in the process of leading us into a deeper commitment to God. We know that our heavenly Father is Creator, Sustainer and Redeemer; there are so many facets of God that we want to reflect in our worship of him. We also want to understand ourselves and the role that he's given us in sharing the good news. The lyrics of our songs help us to see God as he truly is, although it is a pale

reflection of what we will one day experience 'face to face'. They also reflect the scope of human experience — 'in the joys and in the sorrows' — so that we can see the reality of life in all its fulness.

Thank you for all your support of music at Christ Church. That you for your and grace things patience when sometimes go awry! Our worship of God goes far beyond the songs that we sing, but I hope that to some degree, our songs enrich, encourage and engage with all who come to worship. If a song has really touched you, please do let us know we're always on the lookout for fresh expressions of worship alongside our cherished repertoire.

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Liesel Stanbridge Music Co-ordinator



The One Hour Bible – From Adam to Apocalypse in Sixty Minutes By Phili Law, SPCK, £4.99

According to a recent Bible Society survey, around 30% of parents in the UK don't know

that Adam and Eve, David and Goliath, or the Good Samaritan are in the Bible, and 27% think Superman is or might be a biblical story! Over 33% believe the same about Harry Potter and over 50% even reckon *The Hunger Games* is or might be a story from the Bible.

The one-hour Bible is a taster (rather than a replacement!) for anyone wanting to explore well-known parts of the Bible on the go. Maybe a good book to loan to someone interested in knowing more about Christianity.



# Green Christianity for a Fragile Planet



Churches Together in Orpington invite you to a panel debate on

Friday 12 October 2018

to find out...

What is being done

What we should do

What more can be done

The meeting will be at **Orpington Baptist Church**, Station Road, BR6 0RZ

Refreshments from **6.30pm** and an opportunity to look at stands from exhibitors focusing on environmental issues both local and national.

Panel debate starts at 7pm

Speaking and debating and answering questions will be...

**Jo Johnson MP**, Minister of State (Department of Transport) and Minister of State (London)

**Billie Anderson** from *Tearfund*, a Christian relief and development agency supporting those in poverty and providing disaster relief.

**Helen Stephens** from *A Rocha UK*, an international network of environmental organizations with a Christian ethos.

Councillor William Huntington-Thresher, Executive Member for Environmental Services, London Borough of Bromley.

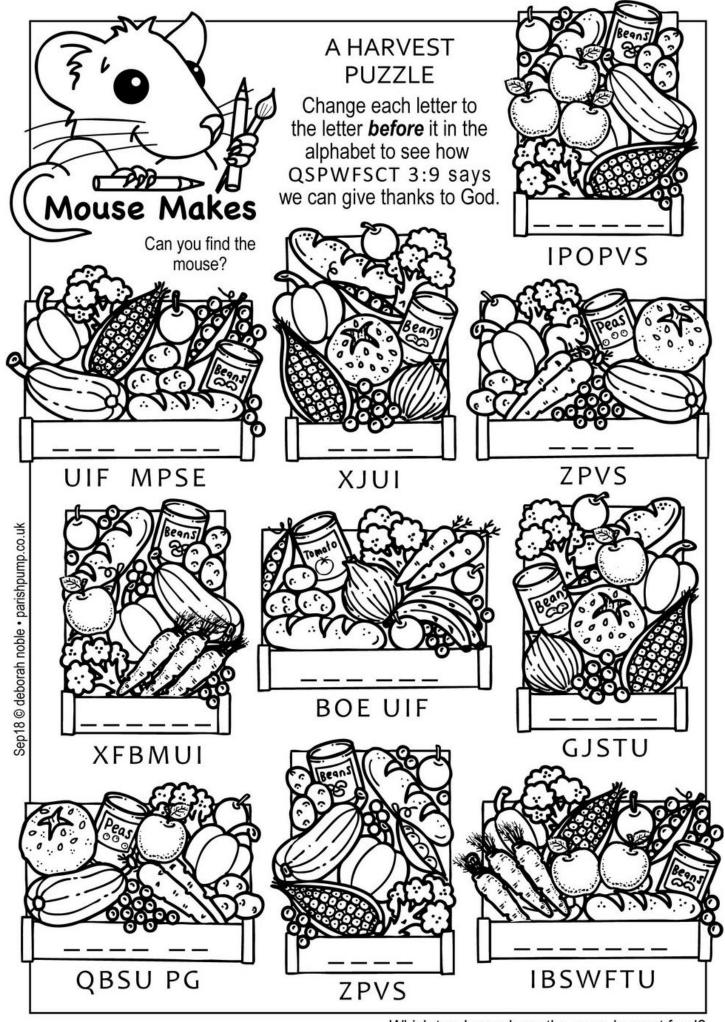
**Jo Musker-Sherwood** from *Hope for the Future* which brings together local Politicians and communities to take decisive action on climate change.

Each will speak briefly and a *Question Time* will follow when comments and questions from the audience can be put to the panel.

To submit a question in advance call 0114 312 2619

Please come to this important event.

All are welcome.



Which two boxes have the same harvest food?

### Mystery Sudoku

Sudoku with a twist – solve the puzzle and you'll discover that one of the rows/columns/blocks spells out a word, phrase, place or a song

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Last edition's solution
LIVING IN PEACE WITH OTHERS

#### **Word Search**

On 4th August 1918 King George V met to pray with members of the Houses of Parliament. One hundred days later, the war ended. Last month, 4th August 2018 was the first day of 100 days of prayer across the country, running until Armistice Day in November. Thousands of Christians across the country are using daily prayers, Bible readings and reflections from 100 Days of Peace and Hope, which can be downloaded, a week at a time from <a href="https://www.remembrance100.co.uk/100-days/">https://www.remembrance100.co.uk/100-days/</a>. HOPE has also published a beautifully illustrated booklet called *Silence* to give away at Remembrance events. *Silence* invites readers to look back with gratitude, and to reflect on eternal themes of faith, hope and love. Find out more at: <a href="https://www.remembrance100.co.uk/silence/">www.remembrance100.co.uk/silence/</a>

AUGUST PEACE

GEORGE HOPE

PARLIAMENT REMEMBRANCE

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Last edition's solution



There was no more dozing off after the café started serving extra-strength coffee **before** the service

#### Last edition's ⊕word solution

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## **TEAMB**UILDERS

I write as a VERY PROUD YOUTH MINISTER following amazing week an at our TEAMBUILDERS Holiday Club! We had just under 100 children for a week of fun, games, drama, craft, singing, dancing and learning Bible stories!!! As Youth (and Community) Minister, I was responsible for the oldest group - Red Athletes - and we created a Hall of Fame with 15 famous athletes and learned some facts about each of them, as well as using the song "Hall of Fame" by The Script as our chant.

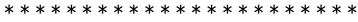


I am especially proud of the young people and young adults who attended and helped in the run up to the club and throughout. The scenery was designed and painted by 3 young adults who were fantastic to work alongside; Nathan Clarke, Josh Finucane and Anthony Motto. They had the concept for their scenery and executed the design, and encouraged the young people to paint (more paint was on us than on the scenery I'm sure)!!! and were also excellent table leaders. The young people played in our band, Jammin' With Jesus, led by our wonderful leader Sharon Russo, and assisted by Liesel Stanbridge. They sang and played several songs including our new theme song; **Planetshakers - Nothing Is Impossible** They were joined on stage by the cheerleaders, led by Jaime van Rooyen, assisted by Caroline Bailey. These 6 young ladies were encouraging the young people to join in the dance moves and were great role models.

I am grateful to the Drama team who performed "Corinth Rovers" so well!! These young people really got into the spirit of the club; encouraging the children to eat "Trout and Treacle" pies, to look "behind you" and to play as part of a team (even if RONALD GRUMP wants to build a wall around the stadium and keep them all there)!!! I am also grateful to the tech team, led by Mike Bailey with Harry Taylor, Aaron Smith and Oli Bailey - who really did a great job throughout the week.

There are so many people involved to thank for the success of team builders; those who helped in the craft teams, the registration team, the games teams, those who moved chairs and scenery and those who prayed for the success. On the hottest week of the year (and possibly the wettest closing ceremony) it was a pleasure to spend my birthday with these wonderful children, young people, young adults and sisters and brothers in Christ.

Andrena Palmer





We have had an amazing week at TeamBuilders, the children had a fantastic time, so many parents have said wonderful things, please pray that hearts and minds have been reached for God's Kingdom.

Thank you so much for being a part of the Team!

I thank God for you and all you have done in His service and I pray you have a relaxing and restful summer, full of joy!

**God Bless** 

Jo

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MATTHEW 19:14

## **Archbishop of Canterbury calls for action on climate change**

The Archbishop of Canterbury, The Most Revd and Rt Hon. Justin Welby, called for bold global leadership regarding climate change when he addressed delegates at the recent *Transition Pathway Initiative – Asset Owners State of Transition Climate Summit in London.* 

The summit, attended by representatives of some of the world's largest asset owners, reviewed the state of transition to a low-carbon economy, and discussed the role that asset owners can play in enabling and accelerating this transition.

As part of his remarks, the Archbishop said:

'As investors, the Church is aware of its responsibility to make sure that we manage things in a manner that is aligned with Christian values, witness and mission. We recognise, however, that we cannot do this alone. And that is why the TPI is an example of how the church, in partnership with others, can play a leading role.

'In the past empires have risen and fallen, and civilisations have themselves risen and fallen, as a result of movements of people. What we are seeing in climate change is something that will move people on a scale that we have never dreamt of in the history of human kind.

'You are the people who can drive the transition. It is still not quite too late. Though it is too late already to avoid significant disruption. But it is not yet too late to avoid the uncontrolled, unchangeable and dramatic disruption that would mean that thing which we hope — that our children and grandchildren have better lives than we do — would become a fading dream.'

#### **Making Our Mosaic**

#### WHAT are we doing?

We are making some big mosaic letters to display in Café Mosaic. They will spell FAITH, HOPE & LOVE. We have already finished FAITH and plan to complete HOPE & LOVE later this year.

#### WHY are we doing it?

'And now these three remain: **faith, hope & love**. But the greatest of these is love' 1 Corinthians 13:13

'The body is a unit, though it is made up of many parts; and though all its parts are many, they form one body. So it is with Christ....there should be no division in the body...its parts should have equal concern for each other. If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honoured, every part rejoices with it. Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it.'

1 Corinthians 12:12, 25-27

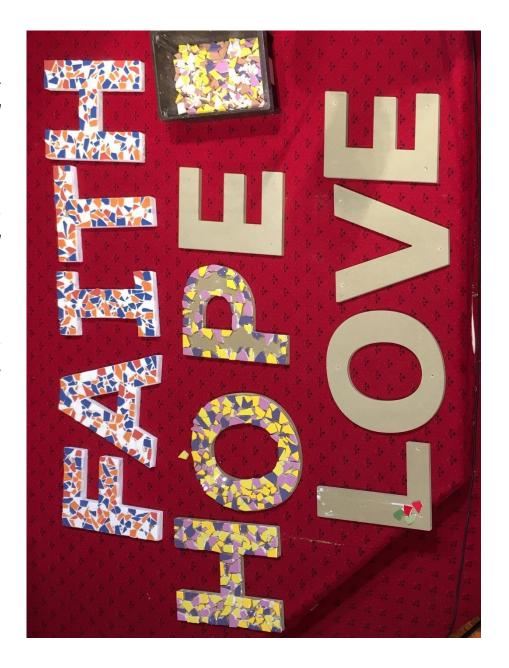
When we make a mosaic like this, we can take old broken tiles and recycle them to make something new and beautiful. Christians believe God can do the same for us! We can be remade in Him even when we feel our lives are broken through sad and



difficult times we might experience. He can make us new.

All the pieces of tile are different shapes, sizes and colours. All of them are important to the mosaic, from the largest to the smallest. Each has its special place and is vital. Christians

believe people are like this, all different, unique and equally important. All of us has our own special place on God's team!



#### 2018 Diary...

#### **Sunday 2nd September**

10.30am Holy Communion with Baptism 6.30pm Evening Worship

#### **Wednesday 5th September**

10.00am Holy Communion

#### **Sunday 9th September**

9.00am Holy Communion 10.30am Morning Worship 6.30pm Evening Worship

#### **Sunday 16th September**

10.30am Morning Worship 6.30pm Evening Worship

#### **Sunday 23rd September**

9.00am Holy Communion 10.30am All Age Worship Holiday Club Reunion 6.30pm Evening Worship

#### **Sunday 30th September**

9.00am Holy Communion10.30am Morning Worship6.30pm Evening Worship

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#### **Wednesday 3rd October**

10.00am Holy Communion

#### **Harvest Sunday 7th October**

10.30am All Age Holy Communion 6.30pm Evening Worship

#### **Sunday 14th October**

9.00am Holy Communion 10.30am Morning Worship 4.00pm Songs of Praise

#### **Sunday 21st October**

10.30am Morning Worship 6.30pm Evening Worship

#### **Sunday 28th October**

9.00am Holy Communion10.30am Morning Worship6.30pm Evening Worship

## Remembrance Sunday Sunday 11th November

9.00am Holy Communion10.30am Remembrance Service3.00pm Service of Remembrancefor the life of a loved one



#### On the Grapevine

#### **WELCOME**

We welcome to the family of Christ Church Orpington through Baptism

> Sienna Palmer-Prego Maia Palmer-Prego Charlie Caton

#### WITH SYMPATHY

We remember those who have recently passed away:

Pat Hemington

#### new winepress

#### **November & December 2018**

Is there a forthcoming church event you would like to promote or report on one that has just happened (church groups, weddings, baptisms, creative days etc), then *new* **winepress** may just be the place to tell Christ Church and the wider community about it!

Email your articles to our editor Vernon at <a href="mailto:vandjmapp@gmail.com">vandjmapp@gmail.com</a> or contact Vernon on 01689 832433

The closing date for articles for the next issue is **Friday 5th October** 

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#### **Children's Groups**

#### On Sunday's

#### **During Morning Services:**

**The Rainbow Room** Crèche is a fun, supervised soft play facility available on Sunday mornings for babies and children aged 0-3 years (inclusive)

3 to 7 years and meet in the Small Hall. Activities each week include singing, Bible stories, games and craft

7 to 11 years and meet in the Large Hall for singing and crafts in a framework of Christian teaching

**Pathfinders** is for young people aged 11 to 14+ and meet in the basement of the church for games, videos, drama and discussions, looking at the Bible and discussing relevant issues

#### **During Evening Services:**

**JUICE** meets on a Sunday evening (6pm-8pm) in the café area and is for young people who are year 9 and above who want to know God and spend time with great friends.

**JUICE** is a place where you can be yourself and hear something about how great our God is!

**JUICE** begins with refreshments in the café and worship with the evening congregation. We then move downstairs to the Undercroft for our session

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#### **Get rid**

A man bought a new fridge for his house. To get rid of his old fridge, he decided to put it outside in his front garden, along with a sign saying: 'Free to a good home.

You want it - you take it.'

For three days the fridge sat there without even one person looking twice at it. So eventually the man changed the sign to read: 'Fridge for sale £30'.

The next day someone stole it.

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#### Retreat

A man with a nagging secret couldn't keep it any longer. In the confessional he admitted that for years he had been stealing building supplies from the lumberyard where he worked. "What did you take?" his priest asked.

"Enough to build my own house, my son's house, And houses for our two daughters and our cottage at the lake."

"This is very serious," the priest said. "I shall have to think of a far-reaching penance. Have you ever done a retreat?"

"No, Father, I haven't," the man replied. "But if you can get the plans, I can get the lumber."

#### Autumn

Yellow the bracken, Golden the sheaves, Rosy the apples, Crimson the leaves; Mist on the hillside, Clouds grey and white.

Autumn, good morning! Summer, good night!

Florence Hoatson

#### What did we do before Google?

Google, the internet search company, was founded on 4th September 1998, by Larry Page and Sergey Brin, both students at University in California. Stanford company was initially based in a friend's garage. The friend - Susan Wojcicki - is now CEO of YouTube.

The company developed from an idea for an innovative search engine originally called Backrub, which outshone early competitors. Eventually its use became so ubiquitous that the word "google" is now often used to mean search on a computer.

From the outset Google has included "Don't be evil" in its code of conduct, and this has been reiterated as recently as this year. The company says: 'We believe strongly that in the long term, we will be better served - as shareholders and in all other ways – by a company that does good things for the world even if we forgo some short-term gains.'

The name Google is a play on the mathematical expression for the number 1 followed by 100 zeros. It reflects the founders' mission 'to organise the world's information universally and make it accessible and useful."

The company's huge campus, Googleplex is a tourist destination in the San Francisco It is regarded as an ideal Bay Area. employee-friendly workplace. The company employs over 60,000 people.

**Funny** 

People are funny; they want the front of the bus, the middle of the road, and the back of the church.

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