# St John the Divine Rastrick

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#### **Our Prayer For Growth**

God of Mission who alone brings growth to your Church,
Send your Holy Spirit to give vision to our planning,
wisdom to our actions, and power to our witness.
Help our churches to grow in numbers, in spiritual commitment
to you, and in service to our local community,
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

#### WHAT'S GOING ON HERE

Here is a list of regular activities which occur in our church. Please contact Group Leaders for details of their activities.

#### **Sunday Services in Church**

11:00 a.m. Holy Communion (1st, 3rd & 4th Sundays)

11:00 a.m. Holy Communion or Morning Worship (2nd Sunday)

10:30 a.m. Joint Benefice Service (5th Sunday as announced)

#### **Mondays in the Community Hall**

6:00 p.m. Rainbows and Brownies

7:30 p.m. Guides

2:00 - 4:00 p.m. Monday Meet - 50 Archbell Avenue

7:00 p.m. Beer & Banter Men's Group (Various Mondays, monthly

at The Four Sons, Clough Lane) - Alan: 07756 035591

#### **Tuesdays in Church**

2:00 p.m. Mothers' Union (3rd Tuesday in the month)

#### **Tuesdays in the Community Hall**

12:00 noon Community Lunch (1st Tuesday in the month)

1:30 p.m. Reminiscent Cinema (1st Tuesday in the month)

1:00-2:30 p.m. Tai-Chi

#### Wednesday Service in Church

10:30 a.m. Holy Communion (2nd and 4th weeks in the month)

#### Wednesdays in the Community Hall

Time Wednesday Nighters (1st Wednesday in the month)

Varies in the Sturrock Room.

#### **Fridays**

7:30 a.m. Morning Prayer (by Zoom). Alan:07756 035591

#### Rev'd Michelle writes .....



Welcome to the October edition of the magazine.

The cooler weather and vibrant colours of the autumn leaves remind us that autumn is well and truly upon us, and so we begin the busy run up to the season of Remembrance and on into Advent and beyond.

As this month begins we celebrate Harvest Festival. A time to give thanks to God for all His good gifts to us. And there is so much to give thanks for. Not only in terms of all His good gifts in creation, but in the many ways He continues to bless us and our church.

In recent weeks we have given thanks for the ministries of both Canon Michael Storey and Alan Hoggard, welcomed Anne Wiggin as our newly licenced Lay Minister, celebrated 90<sup>th</sup> birthdays and a Golden Wedding. We have also secured a grant to add to the fundraising already undertaken, which means we can continue and finish our porch project.

Our recent successful Beer Festival is another cause for thanksgiving, with so many people coming together to make it a success. Thank you to you all.

As we will sing at our harvest festival service:

All good gifts around us are sent from heaven above, then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord for all his love.

We do indeed have much to give thanks to God for.

With my prayers and every blessing

Michelle

#### SERVICES AND CHURCH INFORMATION

#### SERVICES at St. JOHN'S - OCTOBER

Sunday 5th - 11:00 - Harvest - All Age Holy Communion

Sunday 12th - 11:00 - Trinity 17 - Holy Communion

Sunday 19th - 11:00 - Safeguarding Sunday - Morning Worship

Sunday 26th - 11:00 - Bible Sunday - Holy Communion



#### MIDWEEK COMMUNION SERVICES - OCTOBER

Wednesday 1st - 10:30 - St Matthew's

Wednesday 8th - 10:30 - No service this week

Wednesday 15th - 10:30 - St Matthew's

Wednesday 22nd - 10:30 - St John's

Wednesday 29th - No service (5th Wednesday)

#### FORTHCOMING UNITED BENEFICE SERVICES

- ♦ Sunday November 9th Remembrance Service 10:00 St Matthew's
- ♦ Sunday November 9th Eucharist for Peace 7:00 St John's
- ♦ Sunday November 30th Advent 1 10:30 St. John's
- Sunday December 28th Christmas 1 10:30 St Matthew's

#### NEXT SERVICES AT ST. JOHN'S WITH PRAYER MINISTRY

Sunday 19th October Sunday 16th November Sunday 21st December



Please join Rev'd Michelle live on St John's Facebook page for Morning Prayer at 8.30am every morning Tuesday to Saturday,



or you can catch up later in the day on Facebook or via the link on the home page of our Website.

#### **PRAYER PAGE**

Do you have a favourite prayer, or have you come across a special prayer recently which you'd like to share?

The following blessing written by the Revd. Andrew Cromarty came from the Himalayan Garden Retreat in June.

(Used with permission)

May the peace of Jesus fill us, at all times and in all places.

May his love surround us, especially in times of trial.

May his joy well up from deep within us, overflowing into the lives of those around us.

And may we always know ourselves perfectly loved, gently held and graciously forgiven

Amen

#### **Prayer Ministry**

Prayer Ministry is offered monthly during the 11am Parish Communion Service.

An opportunity to bring concerns, people and situations before God in prayer alongside someone else.

Please come to the main door of the Lady Chapel after receiving communion if you would like to take part.

- Sunday 19th October
- Sunday 16th November
- Sunday 21st December

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. (Phil 4:6)



# Daily Lectionary Readings Oct 2025

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29-Sep	30-Sep	01-Oct	02-Oct	03-Oct	04-Oct
Michael & All Angels	Psalms 32	Psalm 34	Psalm 37*	Psalm 31	Psalms 41
Revelation 12.7-12	1 Chronicles 28.11-end 1 Chronicles 29.1-9	1 Chronicles 29.1-9	1 Chronicles 29.10-20   1 Chron 29.21-end	1 Chron 29.21-end	2 Chronicles 1.1-13
John 1.47-51	Mark 11.12-26	Mark 11.27-end	Mark 12.1-12	Mark 12.13-17	Mark 12.18-27
06-Oct	07-Oct	08-Oct	09-Oct	10-Oct	11-Oct
Psalm 44	Psalms 48	Psalm 119.57-80	Psalms 56	Psalms 51	Psalm 68
2 Chron 2.1-16	2 Chronicles 3	2 Chronicles 5	2 Chronicles 6.1-21	2 Chron 6.22-end	2 Chronicles 7
Mark 12.28-34	Mark 12.35-end	Mark 13.1-13	Mark 13.14-23	Mark 13.24-31	Mark 13.32-end
13-0ct	14-Oct	15-Oct	16-Oct	17-Oct	18-Oct
Psalm 71	Psalm 73	Psalm 77	Psalm 78.1-39*	Psalm 55	Luke the Evangelist
2 Chronicles 9.1-12	2 Chron 10.1 – 11.4	2 Chronicles 12	2 Chron 13.1 – 14.1	2 Chron 14.2-end	2 Timothy 4.5-17
Mark 14.1-11	Mark 14.12-25	Mark 14.26-42	Mark 14.43-52	Mark 14.53-65	Luke 10.1-9
20-0ct	21-Oct	22-Oct	23-Oct	24-Oct	25-Oct
Psalms 80	Psalms 87	Psalm 119.105-128	Psalms 90	Psalms 88	Psalms 96
2 Chron 17.1-12	2 Chron 18.1-27	2 Chron 18.28-end 19	2 Chron 20.1-23	2 Chron 22.10-end 23 2 Chron 24.1-22	2 Chron 24.1-22
Mark 15.1-15	Mark 15.16-32	Mark 15.33-41	Mark 15.42-end	Mark 16.1-8	Mark 16.9-end
27-0ct	28-Oct	29-Oct	30-Oct	31-Oct	01-Nov
Psalms 98	Simon and Jude	Psalms 110	Psalms 113	Psalm 139	Psalms 120
2 Chron 26.1-21	Ephesians 2.19-22	2 Chron 29.1-19	2 Chron 29.20-end	2 Chronicles 30	2 Chron 32.1-22
John 13.1-11	John 15.17-27	John 13.21-30	John 13.31-end	John 14.1-14	John 14.15-end
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Join Michelle on line Tuesday - Saturday: https://www.facebook.com/stjohnthedivinerastrick

Google search: 'Everyday Faith' or search 'Daily Prayer'

**Everyday Faith** 

Daily Prayer



#### United benefice of St John the Divine and St Matthews Rastrick



#### All are welcome to:

- a service to remember our loved ones and God's love for us.
- light a candle, celebrate their lives with favourite hymns and
- after the service, share memories over a cup of tea or coffee.

# Loved, not lost

Sundays 26th October at St Matthew's and 2nd November at St John's. Both at 4.00 pm

Further details please contact Rev'd Michelle Petch (01484) 710538, vicar@rastrickbenefice.org.uk



#### **MU MATTERS**

Mothers' Union Matters, Join us, join in.....we are changing lives.

Well, the last month has been busy with MU events and we have more to come!!!

The cake and conversation on Saturday morning was a roaring success

with just short of £100 being collected. And we had great fun, the conversations never stopped and we were so pleased that Bishop Smitha could join us. The Branch funds will make the donations up to a round £100 and Hilary will send that off to MSH as our contribution to the Summer of Hope Appeal for those women in the DRC who



are in such dire need of support, love and care.



Then on Monday a happy group set off for Rochdale in cars to be taken around the Town Hall followed up by a very good lunch.

Read below Ann's account.

9 members of the MU had a lovely trip on the 15th September to tour around the magnificent building which is Rochdale Town Hall. Here they all are standing in front of the organ in The Great Hall which is a venue for many different concerts etc.



A lovely guide, named Karen, gave us a very informative tour of the history. It was designed originally by William H Crosland and completed in 1871 and is known and regarded as one of the finest examples of a municipal building and one of the most historically significant buildings in the country. Work began in 2021 to restore the building to its former glory. We were all in awe of the magnificent architecture and also the knowledge Karen had!!!

We finished off the visit with a lovely lunch in The Martlet Kitchen named after the Martlet bird (lots of these painted on the walls and ceilings around the various rooms) and the restaurant offered lots of delicious fayre. The tour around the Hall cost £9 and was excellent value for money.

#### Ann J x

#### So what more?

On Thursday 18 September there was a 'craft session' led by Gillian C in the reception area of Railway Bridge View. Members were asked to come along to support Gillian and to cement our links with Railway Bridge View.



The next Area Gathering will be led by Hilary Pollard and will be on Wednesday 15th October. The venue is Northowram church 12 for 12.30. Please bring your own lunch, although tea and coffee will be provided. Should be over by 2.30.

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There will be Branch Meeting on Tuesday 21 October starting at 2.00pm in the Church. We will commence with a Eucharist. This will be followed by a very interesting talk by Jenny Haigh. She leads groups of people across the country in Prison Visiting....usually to those prisoners who have very few visitors.

Several of us have been to see Cherry and she is very perky and chatty Riv the Bear also has had outings to see her as well! She would be very pleased to see you.

With love, Julia

### Monday Meet 2 pm – 4 pm

At the home of Shirley Stow, 50 Archbell Avenue HD6 3SU

An informal gathering with the opportunity to unpack the bible readings from the previous day, talk current issues, tackle everyday dilemmas, drink coffee, and eat cake

#### Faith, fun and fellowship

For further information or to confirm location call Shirley (01484-714209) or Alan (07756035591)

#### Anne Wiggin becomes our Lay Minister



What a wonderful, joyful service at Christ the King, Batteyford on the 20th of September, when Bishop Smitha admitted and licenced Anne as a Lay Minister in the Rastrick Benefice! Two other Lay Ministers were licenced along with Anne, and they all joined the other local lay ministers in affirming/renewing their LLM ministry.

Looking around I was pleased to see that out of all the supporting congregations, Anne had the most there, and that was despite torrential rain and with many people tied up with the beer festival. Here we are below.

We all left the service feeling uplifted (if damp!)





#### **ECO CHURCH**

#### Eco Church News by John

#### Praying for the farming communities in our link dioceses

Here's what our dioceses have told us:

The Mara diocese supports several farm development and training programmes to improve both the quantity and quality of crops, and the lives of farmers. We do this through our agricultural project at Buhemba Rural Agricultural College. We help people in the villages to get farms to cultivate but also, we have goat projects, we keep bees and produce honey.

Mara supports an ERI (Enabling Rural Innovation) Project. This puts small – scale farmers in the centre of development processes.

ERI trains farmers in the practical, social and and business skills to move from subsistence (growing to feed only my family) to market-oriented farming while safeguarding food security and managing natural resources sustainably. 64 farmer groups with 1600 direct beneficiaries have been reached by this project in Bunda and Serengeti Districts of Mara Region.

Likewise, the Tarime Diocese has a farmer's training centre at Mogabiri provides education and training in self-help projects to help subsistence farmers move move beyond self-sufficiency.

Father God, strengthen the hands of the farmers of our link dioceses Mara, Rorya and Tarime. May Christian people be marked out as those who live with hope, who love their families, their neighbours, their animals and their land. May they lead the way in discovering the potential of their resources and in farming in sympathy with nature. Holy Spirit, inspire those who teach at the colleges at Buhemba and Mogobiri, to have servant hearts towards the farmers of their region. May Your Name be honoured by the blessings seen in their land.

#### **Missions and Charities**

#### **Harvest Appeal 2025**



This year, it has been decided that all donations of goods and money will go to the Welcome Centre in Huddersfield.

Look out for the buckets in church for tinned and dried foodstuffs, toiletries and cleaning items.

Could you fill a bucket at home with some of the above items and bring it to church on Harvest Sunday, October 5th?

Thank you from the Missions and Charities group



#### **Shoebox Appeal 2025**

#### **Operation Christmas Child**

We are filling shoeboxes with gifts again this year. Deadline: Sunday 2nd November

Please collect a leaflet from the back of church.

#### **BRIGHOUSE CENTRAL FOODBANK**

We are grateful for all your contributions to the Brighouse Central Foodbank. In October we would particularly appreciate the following:

- Peanut butter
- Small cans of chicken
- Crackers/cheese biscuits
- Pasta sauce
- Custard

Thank you so much for your support.

Rosemary & Norman



#### St. John's Rucksack Club

#### Half Day Walk - Sunday 12th October

Walk Leaders: June Bell and Lynn Nutton

**Contact Details**; 07519948033

**Date**: 12th October

Leave Church: 13.30

**Walk Description**: We drive to and park on Old Lindley Road just off the Rochdale Road, first right after Wappy Springs Pub. A 3 mile walk towards Jagger Green then uphill through Old Lindley carrying straight on to Outlane then uphill to the moor over a long moorland path covering wonderful views of Outlane, Blackley and Brosters

Farm.

#### Half Day Walk - Saturday 25th October

Linear Walk from HEPWORTH to SHEPLEY 6 miles

We need to catch the 9.10am Huddersfield bus (X63) that leaves Brighouse. (You can get on at Sainsbury's,

Daisy Road or at the end of Armitage Avenue). This will enable us to catch the 9.41am bus to Hepworth from Huddersfield Bus Station and arrive to start walking at 10.30am.

The walk follows the Kirklees Way to Shepley. Early part of the walk is uphill to panoramic views across the Upper Holme Valley. A bit of road walking to knit footpaths together is needed.

**Leaders**: JUDITH and ERIC OGDEN 07777 494 681 : 01484 716652

DON'T FORGET YOUR BUS PASS

#### Saturday 11th October

The Rucksack Club is hosting the morning coffee session between 10.00 - 12.00 in Church, the proceeds will be donated to the Canal & River Trust.

Many of us take the opportunity to go walking along our local canal system, much of which is maintained by this charitable organisation.



# FLOWERS IN MEMORY OF A LOVED ONE

Thank you to **Shirley Stow Ella Campbell** 

for donating monies to the Flower Fund in September It is much appreciated

#### What the Vicar has been doing

Just a selection...



Helped Shirley to celebrate her 90th birthday!



MU Craft Session Railway Bridge View





Coffee & Cake, hosted by the MU.



Supported the Community Lunch

Service of Welcome at Huddersfield Parish Church for Rev'd Wayne Simmonds.



The licencing of Anne Wiggin as a Lay Minister in our Benefice



Helped John & Jane to celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary.

Led the Quiet Day at Mirfield



Central Methodist Service of Welcome for the new Circuit Ministers.

Pulling pints at the Beer Festival





Accent on Song 2025



Saturday 11th October @ 2.30pm

St John's Church, St Johns Street, Rastrick HD6 1HT

With well known numbers from 'My Grandfathers Clock' and 'The Rose' to medleys from Oliver and Les Misérables, as well as our upcoming 2026 show Kiss Me, Kate. Something for everyone.

> Musical Director: Colin Akers Accompanist: Philip Sutcliffe

All tickets @ £10.00 – available from any Society Member or ring 07752 889821. Tickets can also be purchased on the door.

#### **Marriage Encounter weekend**



#### at the Holiday Inn, Brighouse

The perfect opportunity to spend a weekend learning and practicing new ways to deepen your relationship, presented by a Christian team

Apart from a £50 booking fee, the weekend, including accommodation and meals, is free.

Book at

24<sup>th</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup>

www.marriageencounter.org.uk,
or using the QR code



October

If you'd like more details, phone Sue & Chris on 0798 676 5009

# CICS (Christians in Calderdale Schools)

#### A message from CICS:



#### Welcome to the new academic year!

Do pray for all those who are now back in school (students and staff) or planning to start college or university.

Thanks to all the amazing people of Calderdale who have supported our schools through 2024/25, either through CICS or under their own initiative.

Christians have been welcomed in to:

- lead clubs, assemblies, lessons
- mentor
- support in many ways such as listening to readers
- governors, chaplains, staff
- be part of Faith Panels
- present 'It's Your Move' books to Year 6 leavers

We are now planning the 2025/26 year.

Here at St. John's we support CICS.

Earlier this year we sent a donation of £120 for 'It's Your Move' booklets, which Rev'd Michelle distributed to Year 6 students in the local schools.



#### Things to know about our priests

I came across this recently. I'm not sure who the original author is, but I'd like to share it with you.

#### THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT OUR PRIESTS

1. They love God and you a lot.

(Be mindful.)

2. They really do want God's best for you and your family.

(Be open-hearted.)

3. They are painfully limited human beings.

(Be realistic.)

4. They probably have a pretty low view of their "performance".

(Be kind.)

5. They wish they were a better preacher.

(Be awake.)

6. Their work knows no time or locational boundaries.

(Be patient.)

7. They hear much more negative information than positive.

(Be encouraging.)

8. They have chosen a vocation in which few remain.

(Be prayerful.)

9. They have chosen a highly leadership-intensive call.

(Be lead-able.)

10. They need help.

(Be available.)

11. Their God-given vision is bigger than themself and the church.

(Be faith-filled.)

12. They want to personally meet all the needs but know they can't.

(Be understanding.)

13. They are going to say some dumb things every now and then.

(Be forgiving.)

14. They are greatly encouraged by your faithfulness.

(Be there.)

15. They are passionate for God's Word to be made practical to you.

(Be hungry.)

16. They long for church to be your spiritual oasis.

(Be loving.)

17. They dream for your and your family's spiritual health.

(Be receptive.)

18. They need to hear that you pray for them.

(Be interceding.)

19. They are just regular people.

(Be real.)

Pray for our priests.

I'm always grateful when I hear others are praying for me and I am especially grateful for the grace and encouragement many of you extend to me.

#### Michelle

#### Rev'd Michelle's Building Academy

Otherwise advertised as a Quiet Day at the Community of the Resurrection, Mirfield on 4th September



I'm not sure who'd want to live in the edifice we constructed. We each chose a lego brick and, in turn, added ours to the random structure on the table. If anything, it looked like one of those weird skyscrapers in Dubai...

We'd just read the passage (Matthew 7 vs 24-27) about the wise and foolish builders, which followed coffee, introductions and Morning Prayer. The passage reminds us of the need to build on solid foundations. So the eight of us – made up of both St John's and St Matthew's members - split into two groups of four to consider the question. To fire up our creative juices, we were given a large dice and tasked with drawing a house with door, four windows, roof, chimney and smoke, just as in 'Beetle'.

After surmounting this intellectual challenge, we asked ourselves how sound are the foundations of our own lives. How ready are we to face the storms, and what can help us? The beauty of a community day out is that we can enjoy each other's different perspectives. All of us were there because we've chosen to base our lives on the Lord Jesus Christ and his teaching. Wise builders, yes, although we need to live in his presence from day to day. This gives us hope for the future in what is increasingly a dark, depressing world. The weather seemed to take its cue from the news, with gloomy skies and frequent downpours.



We joined the Community's Brothers in the basilica for their midday communion, a simple but meaningful service, before settling down to enjoy our packed lunches and chat together. Barbara Rukin amused us with her unforgettable tale of how she'd presented a demonstration of the Wise and Foolish Builder story using cardboard houses laid on stones and on sand. On pouring the water on, the house on the 'rocks' stood firm - but oops! - so did the house on sand. Barbara always used soft sand in future, rather than builders' sand. And nobody ever forgot the story!

The afternoon was set aside as 'free' time, to chat together, spend time in prayer, visit the shop or walk in the beautiful grounds. This became an attractive proposition after 3 pm when the sun came out.

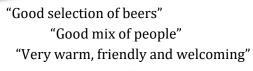
Finally we came together to conclude our day with prayers. Once again, we used Michelle's grandkids' lego to build a 'house', Michelle placing the first brick. Someone remarked on the way the Vicar's brick lay underneath, undergirding the whole structure. Someone else then flipped it on its head, and remarked that it was important that she felt undergirded by us.

It served as a poignant reminder that we're all called to be the living stones spoken of in St Peter's first letter. Jesus is the Cornerstone, but it's vital that we honour our leaders who have followed God's call to minister to us. Thank you, Michelle, for a fun day which gave us chance to hear God.



#### Rastrick St John's Beer Festival 2025







24 real ales, four ciders, prosecco, pop, crisps, pie and peas







Tanya Solo & Matthew Evans Artists in Residence





Longest Journey – 853 miles - Bordeaux (Shortest journey – 400 yards)

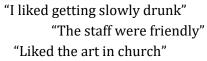
Adrian settled for the duration!

"Will be back"

"Absolutely fabulous"

"Very well organised – a jolly event"





#### Thank you Alan, and everyone!





Some of the all important Kitchen Staff

#### **Caption that!**



Can you think of a suitable caption for this photo?

The winning caption will be printed with the photo in the next magazine.

Have a go!

Send your suggestions to: stjohnsrastrick.mag@gmail.com with the heading, 'Caption'. Deadline: Wednesday 22nd October

The winning caption for last month's photo was chosen by Melody from all of your (anonymous) replies.

"Both are for the Vicar!"

Suggested by Alan Hoggard





#### **COMMUNITY LUNCH**

The next Community Lunch will be on Tuesday 7th October, 12:00 Followed by the Reminiscent Cinema, 1:30



#### **COFFEE & CAKE**

The next Coffee & Cake in Church will be on Saturday 11th October, 10.00-12:00. In aid of the Canal & River Trust.

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#### **COFFEE & CONVERSATION**

As the Platform Café is still out of action, we're waiting for a date when we can resume the last Friday in the month Coffee & Conversation.





## Music News

We're approaching our busiest time for music in the Church calendar, but it's also a most rewarding time, and one we look forward to.

Psalm 65, v.13: The meadows clothe themselves with flocks, the valleys deck themselves with grain, they shout and sing together for joy.

We're celebrating Harvest on Sunday 5th, and the Music Group are looking forward to providing the music for worship in our All Age Holy Communion Service.



In contrast, the next time we play following the Harvest Festival will be for the poignant 'Loved not Lost' services at both churches. It's such a privilege to play for these special services.

Do please see the poster on page 9.

A short time later on Remembrance Sunday, we also have the privilege of playing for the Benefice Eucharist for Peace, which will be at St John's. More about that in next month's magazine.

On the not so distant horizon we'll have our Christingle services, for which planning needs to begin shortly.



The Rastrick Voices will also be rehearsing soon for our special Benefice Carol Service on the evening of December 21st. Having celebrated with a traditional Nine Lessons and Carols last year, it's the turn of one of Rev'd Michelle's alternative carol services in 2025. You're going to enjoy this...

Pam

#### PUZZIC PAGE by the Bat in the Belfty

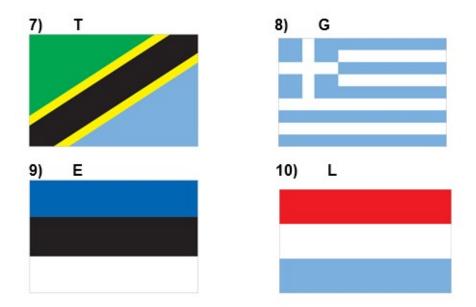
October and cooler days are here. Try these two when you have a moment.



#### 25 - 19 World Flags

There has been a lot of waving of flags, for various reasons this year, so see if you can identify the countries that the following flags represent. All are current, apart from one. Can you identify it and it's country? I have given the first letters of the countries involved to help.





#### 25 - 20 What's my name?

Below are ten real names of famous people past and present, but can you identify their better known pseudonyms?

- 1) Barbara-Ann Deeks
- 3) David Macdonald
- 5) James Wight
- 7) Mary Ann Evans
- 9) Cecil Smith

- 2) Charles Dodgson
- 4) Frederick Austerlitz
- 6) Julia Elizabeth Wells
- 8) Terence Nelhams
- 10) Farrokh Bulsara

#### Last month's answers

#### 25 – 17 Logically speaking

1) Thursday. The only day they both tell the truth is Sunday, but today can't be Sunday because the lion also tells the truth on Saturday (yesterday). Going day by day, the only day one of them is lying and one of them is telling the truth with those two statements is Thursday.

- **2)** Alice and Ben cross first in two minutes, and Alice crosses back alone with the torch in one minute. Then, the two slowest people, Cindy and Don, cross in eight minutes. Ben returns in two minutes, and Alice and Ben return in two minutes. They just made it in 15 minutes exactly.
- **3)** Elephant's weight: 900 kg, Crocodile's weight: 150 kg, Monkey's weight: 25 kg

#### 25 - 18 Second best

- 1) The Man with the Golden Gun ('Live & Let Die' was the first)
- 2) Carry on Nurse(1959) (Carry on Sergeant was first)
- 3) K2 (Everest is number 1)
- 4) David (follows Jesus)
- 5) Patrick Troughton (after William Hartnell)
- 6) Thames (215m) (Severn 220m is the longest)
- 7) Sir Francis Drake (Magellan was the first)
- 8) (Pronghorn) Antelope 57mph) (Fastest Cheetah-71mph)
- 9) Alan Shepard (Russian Yuri Gagarin was first)
- **10)** Zara Phillips (daughter of Princess Anne (her brother Phillip is the eldest)

#### MORE NEXT MONTH

#### SHIRLEY...

#### Gosh October already!

September has passed like a dream for me! What could I write about? So many thoughts have been going through my mind. I suppose my constant thought was my ninetieth birthday! I keep saying the months pass so quickly but *where have ninety years gone!!!* 

We are advised to never look back. Live in the moment – tomorrow will take care of itself. How true but difficult to take on board. We are always planning something or other. This is necessary or nothing would get done but do we appreciate each day as a gift to be enjoyed or made the best of?

Over the years I have experienced all the ups and downs of every day life, just like everyone else. Sadly, many have more downs than ups. I have been lucky. Although my childhood was mostly during World War 11 with just my mum and me – my father was in the Army – I never felt unloved, hungry or neglected in any way. However, things changed when I was nine as I had a baby brother, followed when I was eleven another baby brother! Then I felt a bit in the background and had to grow up more quickly. However, my teens were good as I had friends and enjoyed Guiding, youth club, church groups etc and at sixteen I started work. Although I went to Grammar School, my parents could not in those days, have afforded for me to stay on and study for university. But I still enjoyed life - work during the day earning my own money, followed by night school to improve my secretarial skills! I don't think you want my full life story.....it would fill the magazine!!



Suffice to say, I have been blessed with a lovely family who celebrated in joining altogether for a long weekend at Nidd Hall, Harrogate last month – magic! and many good friends celebrated with me in different ways. I received so many cards, each one very special to me, making it possible for me to happily reach this ripe old-age successfully. Thank you.

We are so fortunate to have so many social get togethers at St Johns, as well as our services. These remind us that God is with us on every occasion, not only Sundays. He is in our outreach in the communities around, both happy and sad occasions. I am so glad that my mum encouraged me to go to Sunday School from being small as *I just know* I am never alone even when by myself! Or I am able to metaphorically 'pick myself up' even when mentally I think I can't. (If you know what I mean).

I have been told recently that I am a 'Seniager' as I have everything I wanted as a teenager only umpteen years later - I hope the following makes you smile -

I don't have to go to school or work, I get an allowance every month, I have my own pad, I don't have a curfew, but I do have a driving licence, and my own car. I can go into pubs and I don't have acne!

'Seniagers' I am informed, are more intelligent than people think. Our brains may be slower because we know so much more. We do not decline mentally with age it just takes longer to recall facts because we have so much information in our brains. Scientists believe this pressure on the inner ear can make some older people hard of hearing!! Older people often go into another room to get something and, when they get there, wonder what they came for. This is not a memory problem it's nature's way of making older people do more exercise. So, that's Seniagers sorted out.

Enjoy whatever this month is offering you, it won't come again!

Shirley

#### AND FINALLY....

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#### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY - OCTOBER

#### **Sunday 5th October**

Harvest Festival 11:00 Parish Lunch 12:30



#### Monday 6th October (and every Monday)

Monday Meet - 50 Archbell Ave 2:00

#### **Tuesday 7th October**

Community Lunch 12:00 / Reminiscent Cinema 1:30

#### Saturday 11th October

Coffee & Cake, hosted by the Rucksack Club 10:00 - 12:00 All Souls AOS Concert 'Accent on Song' 2:30

#### Sunday 12th October

Rucksack Club Half Day Walk - Outlane etc. 1:30

#### Wednesday 15th October

MU Area Gathering - Northowram Church 12:00 for 12:30

#### Sunday 19th October

Prayer Ministry during the 11:00 service

#### **Tuesday 21st October**

MU Branch Meeting 2:00

#### Saturday 25th October

Rucksack Club Full Day Walk - Hepworth to Shepley 9:10 X63 bus!

#### **Sunday 2nd November**

Loved not Lost - 4:00

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