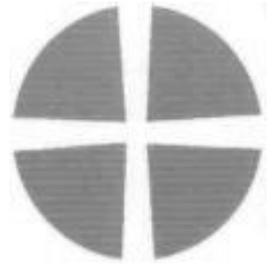


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Rev. Rosemary Nash

From the Minister's Study

Dear Friends,

Welcome to this Autumn edition of our newsletter.

Autumn is traditionally a time of thanksgiving as we celebrate our Harvest festivals, from which we then move into a time of remembrance when we bring to mind the sacrifice of others in the pursuit of peace.

I want to share a few thoughts with you about the power of sacrifice. Here is a story to begin with. A pig and a chicken were walking past a church when they spotted a colourful notice advertising the harvest supper. It read "Hot supper and all are welcome" inspired to get involved, the pig suggested to the chicken that they each contribute, bring something to the table as it were. "Great idea" said the chicken. "Let's offer them ham and eggs." "Not so fast" said the pig "For you, that's just a contribution, but for me it's a total commitment!"

Making sacrifices can of course, be relative and some are easier to make than others. I recall one harvest festival in particular when a request had been made for tins of any sort and for bags of rice. It was clear when the day came that a good number of people had raided the backs of their cupboards for those tins that had been lurking there for several years. Alongside that though, were many bags of rice that the junior church children had bought with their own pocket money.

Charles Dickens once said, "The important thing is this, to be ready at any moment to sacrifice what you are for what you could become." Personally, I am in awe of the sacrifices that some people choose to make. Sacrifices which are both costly and life changing. Like a friend of ours whose father became a living donor; offering one of his kidneys so that a young man might start living again.

Jesus said, "No one has greater love than this, that he lay down his life for his friends." Now that's the sort of selfless commitment I believe we see in Jesus himself. That willingness to set aside personal comfort and gain, for the greater good. In November we will say these words "At the going down of the sun and in the morning. We will remember them," as we unite to make sure that no-one is forgotten and to remember and honour those who have sacrificed themselves to secure and protect our freedom.

Every day, people from all walks of life live sacrificially, paying the price of following their dreams with humility and radical generosity. Not only for themselves but for others and for a better world. A lesson for us all. As we share in this time of thanksgiving may we honour those who have been an example and an inspiration to us. May we also consider how we might too live sacrificially and follow the example of Jesus.

I leave you with this bible verse:

*"Do not neglect to do good
and to share what you have
for such sacrifices are pleasing to God"
(Hebrews 13 v 16)*

God bless,

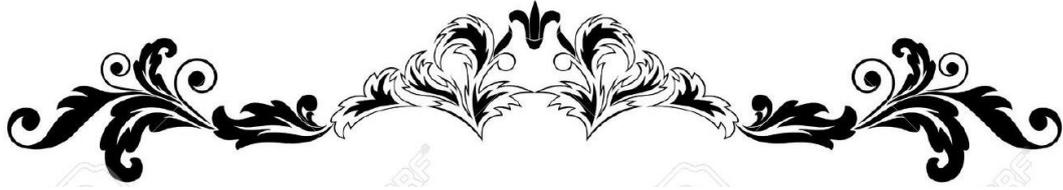
Rosemary X

October November



**O Lord, as summer ends once more,
Remind us of Your constant love,
Routines and busy-ness crowd in the door,
Remind us of Your constant love,
Give us Your peace and a heart for the poor,
Remind us of Your constant love.
Show us Your will each passing hour,
Remind us of Your constant love.**

Words of Wisdom



Being a Christian is like being a pumpkin:
God picks you from the patch,
brings you in,
and washes all the dirt off you.

Then He cuts the top off
and scoops out all the yucky stuff.

He removes the seeds
of doubt, hate and greed.

Then He carves you a new smiling face,
and puts His light inside of you
to shine for all the world to see!



10 SECOND SERMONS:

Don't worry about the numbers.
Help one person at a time and
always start with the person
nearest you.

- Mother Teresa

Time for Reflection

The Bible is clear: Moabites are bad. They were not to be allowed to dwell among God's people (Deuteronomy 23); **but then** comes the story of "Ruth the Moabite," which challenges the prejudice against Moabites.

The Bible is clear: People from Uz are evil (Jeremiah 25); **but then** comes the story of Job, a man from Uz who was the "most blameless man on earth."

The Bible is clear: No foreigners or eunuchs allowed (Deuteronomy 23); **but then** comes the story of an African eunuch welcomed into the church (Acts 8).

The Bible is clear: God's people *hated* Samaritans; **but then** Jesus tells a story that shows not all Samaritans were bad.

The story may begin with prejudice, discrimination and animosity; **but** the Spirit moves God's people towards openness, welcome, inclusion, acceptance and affirmation.

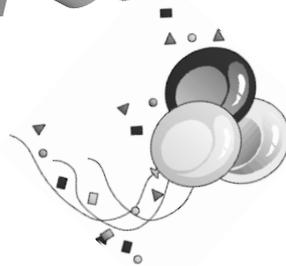


Celebrations

Wedding Anniversaries

October

7th Elma & Melvyn Morgan



Birthdays

October

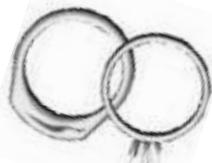
10th Kathleen Carter

20th John Carter

23rd Wendy Dillarstone

November

None known



November

13th Olive Bevan



Can we celebrate your special day too? All you have to do is fill in the form and place them in the gold box at the back of the Church; spare forms to fill in are on the side of the box.

Pause for Thought ..

In Psalm 23, we have the phrase; "He anoints my head with oil." I always thought it was figurative language for God keeping the Psalmist healthy, or anointing him for a task, like a king or prophet. It always puzzled me, but I never knew this parallel.

"Sheep can get their head caught in briars and die trying to get untangled. There are horrid little flies that like to torment sheep by laying eggs in their nostrils which turn into worms and drive the sheep to beat their head against a rock, sometimes to death. Their ears and eyes are also susceptible to tormenting insects. So the shepherd anoints their whole head with oil. Then there is peace. That oil forms a barrier of protection against the evil that tries to destroy the sheep. Do you have times of mental torment? Do the worrisome thoughts invade your mind over and over? Do you beat your head against a wall trying to stop them? Have you ever asked God to anoint your head with oil? He has an endless supply! His oil protects and makes it possible for you to fix your heart, mind, and eyes on Him today and always! There is peace in the valley! May our good, good Father anoint your head with oil today so that your cup overflows with blessings! God is good and He is faithful!"



Letter to Mary

11th September 2019

Hi Everyone,

I've just sat down for a while to compile this month's letter. Well, August is usually a quiet month at the Church because a lot of people are away but in our case there's plenty to think about. Park Productions had a charity show for Hannah who is going away to the Guide Jamboree Camp in Poland next year. There's a lot of work being done in the Church; removing pews, and painting and varnishing the floors. Now that it is put together, it looks quite cosy. Thanks to everyone who joined in. The rehearsals are going on for our next show in the Church Hall; it's

“Let’s Face The Music Of Irving Berlin”. We had a full rehearsal last night which went well, but I need a lot more practice at home before the first show in 10 days’ time.

The annual summer club went off very well and this year I had the pleasure of our Annabel and Amelia attend for two mornings of that week. They enjoyed it and joined in very well. It was hard work but all the children appeared to enjoy the sessions.

On July 29th, Rob and I had a trip on the X24 bus to Newcastle to see if I could get an outfit for our Clare and Manuele’s wedding on 28th September. We went to Phase One in Debenhams. Rob found a dress and said, “How about this one?” I went to try it on and was surprised how easy it was to wear. Next, the assistant went and found a jacket to match which was a size 12 and fit just right on my small shoulders. I couldn’t believe how quick it was finding something to wear. I would just need to find some shoes to fit, but that would have to be another day. I was exhausted by then so we made our way home for the day. A few days later I had a bag and a fascinator for my hair and I had to settle for a pair of sandals because they were the only things that would match and were comfortable to wear all day.

At home, it’s pandemonium. I fell and hit my back on the back doorstep and couldn’t move. After a while I managed to get up to bed with Rob’s help and the next day we got a taxi to the Pallion Walk-in Centre. I saw a doctor who organised an X-ray for me. He found there was nothing damaged, but I had bruising around my right kidney and up my right side. I saw the X-ray and was reassured that I hadn’t damaged my spine where I had my back fixed 11 years ago; the pins were still there. Since then I have had people come from the hospital to make my home safer. I’ve got a new bench to sit on in the bath, a walking stick, grab rail at the back door and they are coming tomorrow to fit a half step at the back door. I’ve asked for a half step and grab rail for the front door and hopefully they will fit these as well. I am on the list to attend the falls clinic in Washington so I just have to wait for the appointment to come through.

Our Clare’s dress will be coming over soon in preparation for the wedding. So although we are both aching, we will have to make room for it. I’d better get on with some clearing out and practice the songs for the show while I am busy.

Bye for now,
Lots of Love,
See you all soon,

June

xxxx

Poetry Corner

*I said a prayer for you today
And I know God must have heard;
I felt the answer in my heart
Although He spoke not a word.*

*I didn't ask for wealth or fame
(I knew you wouldn't mind)
I asked for priceless treasures rare
Of a more lasting kind.*

*I prayed that He'd be near to you
At the start of each new day,
To grant you health and blessings fair,
And friends to share your way.*

*I asked for happiness for you
In all things great and small,
But that you'd know His loving care
I prayed the most of all.*

Author Unknown



*Goodness is stronger than evil;
Love is stronger than hate;
Light is stronger than darkness;
Life is stronger than death;
Victory is ours through Him who loves us.*

*Archbishop Desmond Tutu
African Prayer Book*

Fun & Games

A Page for all the family

Parables Wordsearch

Find the hidden words relating to Jesus' parables:

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D I V E S A N D L A Z A R U S
E S A R I C H F O O L R N P P
E A B D N S I O G A L A Z R R
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G W I S N O S L A G I D O R P

LOST COIN

GOOD SAMARITAN

FIG TREE

PRODIGAL SON

DIVES AND LAZARUS

WISE BUILDER

MUSTARD SEED

RICH FOOL

THE SOWER

PARABLES

TALENTS

LOST SHEEP

Prayer Time

We see signs of summer's passing in golden leaves,
shortening days, misty mornings, autumn glow.
We sense its passing in rain that dampens,
winds that chill, Harvest's bounty placed on show.
Creator God, who brings forth
both green shoot and hoar frost,
sunrise and sunset,
we bring our thanks
for seeds that have grown,



harvests gathered,
storehouses filled,
mouths fed.

And, as your good earth rests
through winter's cold embrace,
we look forward to its re-awakening
when kissed by Spring's first touch.

Amen



Interesting Autumn Facts

- ✿ Until 1500, Autumn was called "Harvest" in Britain.
- ✿ Women lose more hair in Autumn: they hold onto it in summer to protect their scalps against the midday sun.
- ✿ Those who live near the equator miss Autumn entirely, because their regions get a consistent amount of sun.
- ✿ The aurora borealis is visible more often in Autumn because geomagnetic storms are twice as likely.
- ✿ Babies born during Autumn are more likely to live to 100 than those born during the rest of the year.
- ✿ No film with "Autumn" in its title has ever won an Oscar; all the other seasons have!

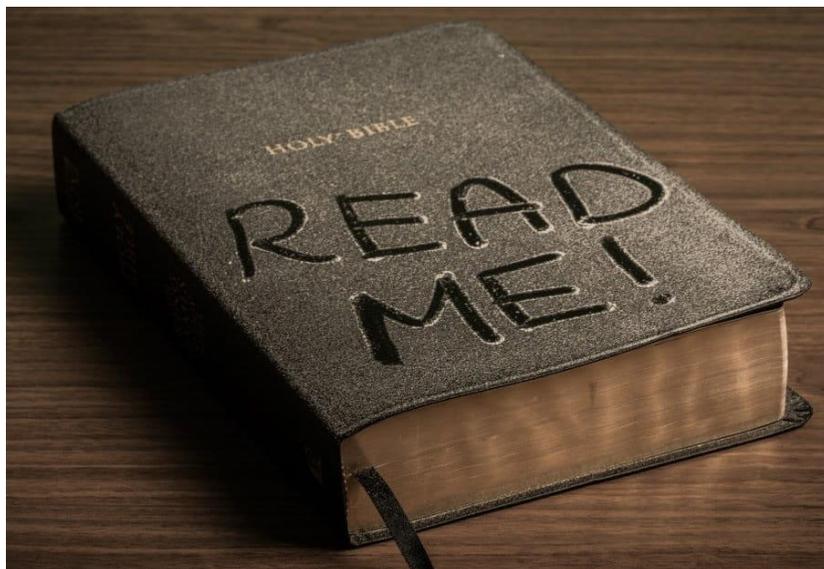
Wise Biblical Advice On When To Keep Your Mouth Shut.

Don't open your mouth:

1. *In the heat of anger – Proverbs 14:17*
2. *When you don't have all the facts – Proverbs 18:13*
3. *When you haven't verified the story – Deuteronomy 17:6*
4. *If your words will offend a weaker brother – 1 Corinthians 8:11*
5. *If your words will be a poor reflection of the Lord or your friends and family – 1 Peter 2:21-23*
6. *When you are tempted to joke about sin – Proverbs 14:9*
7. *When you would be ashamed of your words later – Proverbs 8:8*
8. *When you're tempted to make light of Holy things – Ecclesiastes 5:2*
9. *If your words would convey a wrong impression – Proverbs 17:27*
10. *If the issue is none of your business – Proverbs 14:10*
11. *When you are tempted to tell an outright lie. – Proverbs 4:24*
12. *If your words will damage someone's reputation – Proverbs 16:27*
13. *If your words will destroy a friendship – Proverbs 25:28*
14. *When you are feeling critical – James 3:9*
15. *If you can't speak without yelling – Proverbs 25:28*
16. *When it is time to listen – Proverbs 13:1*
17. *If you may have to eat your words later – Proverbs 18:21*
18. *If you have already said it more than one time (then it becomes nagging) – Proverbs 19:13*
19. *When you are tempted to flatter a wicked person – Proverbs 24:24*
20. *When you are supposed to be working instead – Proverbs 14:23*

***“Those who guard their mouths and their tongues
keep themselves from calamity.”***

Proverbs 21:23



Now for some funnies ...

From Church Bulletins:

Tonight's sermon: 'What is hell?' Come early and listen to our choir practice.



The sermon this morning: "Jesus Walks on Water." The sermon this evening: "Searching for Jesus."



Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.



Don't let worry kill you off - let the Church help.



Miss Charlene Mason sang, "I will not pass this way again," giving obvious pleasure to the congregation.



For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.



The Reverend will preach his farewell message, after which the choir will sing, "Break Forth into Joy."



Irving Benson and Jessie Carter were married on October 24 in the church. So ends a friendship which began in their school days.



Potluck supper Sunday at 5 p.m. - prayer and medication to follow.

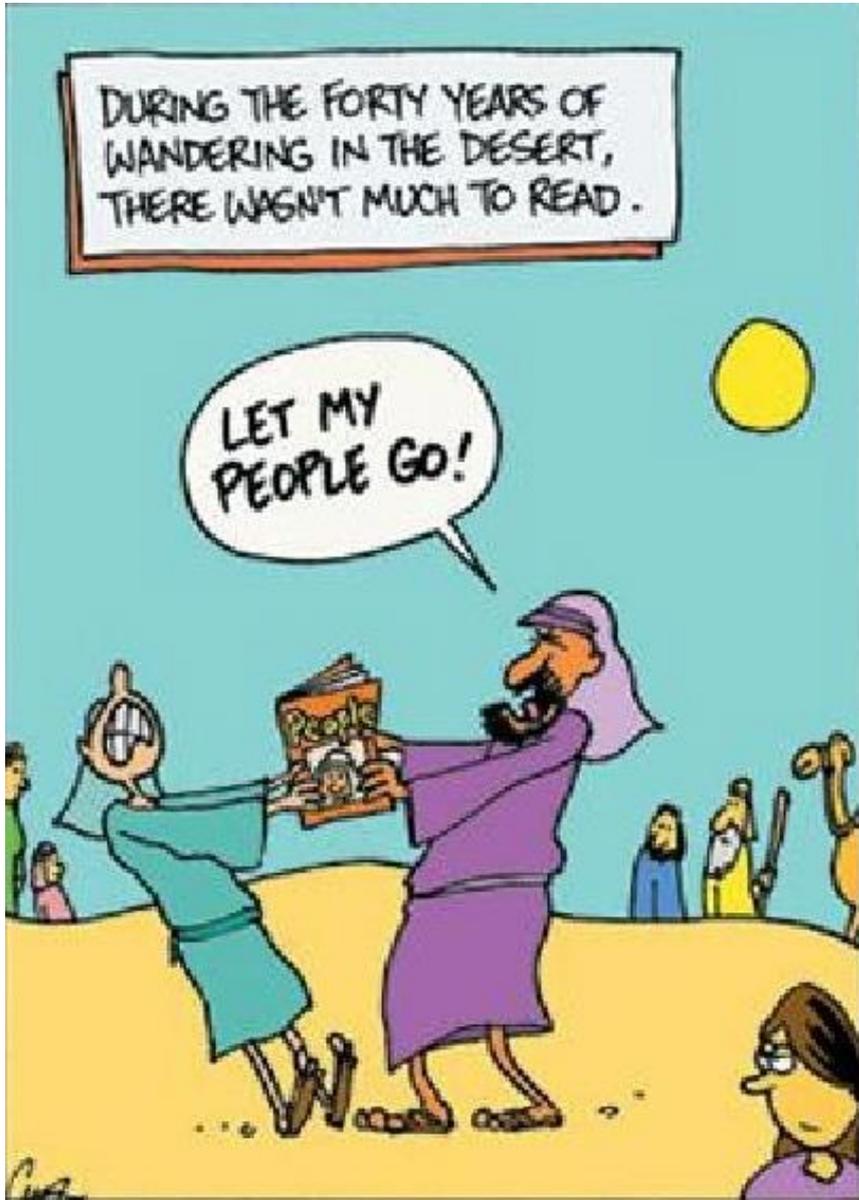


The church will host an evening of fine dining, super entertainment and gracious hostility.



A little boy came home from Sunday School saying that he had to take a cucumber the next week. It had been Harvest Festival a few weeks ago, so his mother queried this. The little boy still insisted, and so the next week he trotted off to Sunday School with his cucumber.

On his return, his mother asked how he had got on. "I got it a bit wrong," he said, "We were supposed to take a NEWCOMER!"



I've started a business building yachts in my attic. Sails are going through the roof.



My husband is working in a bowling alley.

Ten pin?

No, permanent.

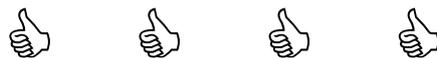


The police just caught a man stealing 50 helium balloons.

They had to let him go.



When my wife told me to stop impersonating a flamingo, I decided I had to put my foot down.



Why aren't koalas actual bears?

Because they don't meet the koalifications.



Nostalgia isn't what is used to be.



Student Humour:

A lecture is the art of transmitting information from the notes of the lecturer to the notes of students without passing through the minds of either.



English leaves me numb
but maths leaves me number.



Harry: "Dad, will you do my homework for me?"

Dad: "No Harry; it wouldn't be right if I did your homework for you!"

Harry: "Well, you could at least try!"



Diary Dates

Preachers at Burn Park for October and November:

October		November	
6 th	Rev Rosemary Nash	3 rd	Rev Rosemary Nash
13 th	Mr John Carter – favourite hymns	10 th	Skinner
20 th	Mr Bob Howarth	17 th	Mr John Gilbert
27 th	Mr Jim Kirkland	24 th	Rev Rosemary Nash Church Anniversary

Important Dates to note around and about:

Tue 8 Oct: 7:30 p.m.: Burn Park: Park Productions rehearsals begin for “Dick Whittington”

Thu 17 Oct: 2 p.m.: John Carter’s house: Bible Study

Sat 19 Oct: 10 – 11:30 a.m.: Burn Park: monthly Coffee Morning

Sat 19 Oct: 3:30 – 5 p.m. & 7 p.m. onwards: open auditions for Park Productions’ “Dick Whittington”

Wed 23 Oct: 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.: Holy Biscuit: Pioneer Hub for those involved in leading Fresh Expressions or Pioneer Ministry. All are welcome but booking is essential; contact Elaine Lindridge.

Sat 26 Oct: 1:30 p.m.: Swanbank Church, Burslem, Stoke on Trent: wedding of our former Superintendent Minister, Rev Kathryn Stephens, to Lloyd

Thu 21 Nov: 2 p.m.: John Carter’s house: Bible Study

Sat 17 Nov: 10 – 11:30 a.m.: Burn Park: monthly Coffee Morning

Tue 19 – Fri 22 Nov: 7:15 p.m.: Seaham Town Hall: Vane Tempest Theatre Group production of “Tails of Hamelin”: Tickets £8 and £6 (12 & under) in advance

Sat 30 Nov: time tbc: Burn Park: “Unwrapping Christmas” including display of Talents, Santa’s Grotto, pre-Christmas Fair

Advance Notice:

Wed 18 Dec: 6 p.m.: Burn Park: Community Carol Service for all

Sat 8 Feb: 10 a.m.: Castletown Methodist Church: Marriage & Relationship consultation: it is essential that prior to this day, those wishing to take part should read the information to prepare for the discussions. All information can be found on the internet at <https://www.methodist.org.uk/about-us/the-methodist-church/marriage-and-relationships-2019/> Copies of the report can also be obtained from Susan Mountford (Circuit Administrator)

*For more details about these and other events,
please see your weekly printed notices or posters on the notice board*

*If you have any notices to be published,
or articles for the next magazine,
please contact Suzy Wake
at Church, tel: **5226257**,*

*by e-mail on WaSus654@aol.com,
or at 119, Tunstall Rd, by 9 p.m. Thursday.*



BURN PARK CHURCH MISSION STATEMENT

Burn Park Methodist Church exists to worship God,
and make the Love of Jesus known,
in our welcome, outreach, and care for all.



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Regular Events at this Church:

Sunday

10:30 a.m.	Morning Worship & Sunday Club
11 a.m.	Mustard Seed Church led by Pastor Sunday Raji
1 p.m. - 3 pm	Deeper Life Church Worship
6 p.m.	Churches Together Drop-In for Homeless people

Monday

10 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.	Drop-in Lunch
1:30 - 3:30 p.m.	Ladybirds (1 st Monday of month)

Tuesday

11 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.	Lunch Club
7:30 p.m. - 9 p.m.	Park Productions

Wednesday

6 p.m. - 8 p.m.	Deeper Life Church Bible Study
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Thursday

10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.	Coffee@Burn Park
1 p.m. - 3:45 p.m.	Stroke Club
2 p.m.	Bible Study (3 rd week of month)
6 p.m. - 8 p.m.	Beavers, Cubs, & Scouts

Friday

9:30 a.m. - 11 a.m.	Toddlers Group
4 p.m. - 9 p.m.	Ballet Classes

Saturday

10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.	Coffee Mornings (3 rd week of month)
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