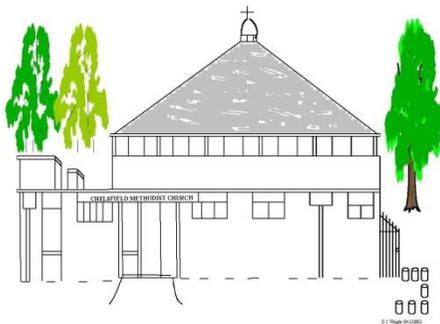


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## **OCTOBER 2019**

### **A Letter from The Manse**

Dear Friends,

I write this letter from Northern Spain where Shirley and I are on holiday. I'm sat with my cafe latte on the balcony overlooking Santander bay. This week there is a regatta and there are several old sailing boats including a Pirate ship complete with salty a sea dogs crew and a black bearded captain!

Now these old vessels are in stark contrast to the huge ferry moored nearby that shuttles folks to and fro from Portsmouth elegantly and very smoothly. On board The Ferry Pont Aven has state of the art radars and navigational equipment to ensure a safe passage through the choppy waters of The Bay of Biscay and its notorious undercurrents.

Looking at these two ships a world apart I began to think of the voyages of St. Paul across the Mediterranean. No radar, life boats or sonar on Pauls boats. In fact, when Paul stepped aboard there was no guarantee of the vessels sea worthiness, the captains sobriety, or the chance of hi-jack from Pirates. Passage by boat in Pauls day was really taking your life into your own hands

Why don't you have a look at Acts 27:13-27 for just how lively just one of his voyages gets!

Paul knew how dangerous his missionary travels would be, indeed if he survived the ocean and an unfriendly prison cell often awaited. Yet Paul with great determination set off driven by a passion to spread The Gospel. For Paul danger was nothing in comparison to the glory he found in knowing he (and all people) were invited to be members of God's eternal kingdom.

Well Paul a big thank you! Within 400 years of Paul setting sail Christianity would be firmly established in Europe.

Well that's my pondering done for now. Latte nearly finished and another day to explore giving thanks to God for another day He has given.

Blessings,

Terry

## SERVICES IN OCTOBER 2019

Sunday 6th	10.30am	M Ayres Stewards: Rodney & Shirley Carder
Sunday 13th	10.30am	Songs of Praise Stewards: Audrey Lancaster & John Crowther
Sunday 20th	10.30am	Revd. Terry Wright HC Stewards: Rodney & Shirley Carder
Sunday 27th	10.30am	K Kwafo-Akoto Stewards: Audrey Lancaster & John Crowther

## CHURCH CARE

A reminder of our rota for Church and vestry cleaning prior to:

October

6th	Brenda
13th	Paul
20th	Rodney and Shirley
27th	Brenda

# PRAYER DIARY FOR OCTOBER 2019

## 6<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER HARVEST CELEBRATION

Seventy years ago on Harvest Sunday every pew in the Chelsfield Methodist chapel was crammed full with the villagers and the ‘Young Farmers’. The dais was decked with fruit, vegetables, and sheaves of corn all grown within a short distance of the chapel. Everyone had come to thank God for the harvest, some thankful because they would now be able to pay off their outstanding bills. Times have changed and today we celebrate a wider range of God’s bounty.

### PRAYER

Generous Creator God, we thank you today for all the gifts of creation in their various colours; the greens of plant life supplying us our food; the brown earth covering our mineral resources: the blues of the oceans rich with aquatic creatures; red the colour for loving which you so graciously spread amongst all who seek you. Thank you God. **Amen.**

## 13<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER PRISONS’ SUNDAY

Prisons are places for punishment, retribution, correction, or rehabilitation. What do you think?

### PRAYER

Merciful God, we pray for prisoners and those who work in prisons. We pray for prisoners who feel isolated from loved ones and are confused, resentful, or aggressive. We pray for the prison staff, chaplains and visitors. May your presence support and encourage those who have to engage in resolving disputes and violence. May the wounds of victims of crimes, both physical and mental be healed; the aggressor and victim having become reconciled through the heed of chaplains and social workers getting them together. May your Spirit be alive amongst them. **Amen**

## 20<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER THE BEGINNING OF ONE WORLD WEEK

This week's aim is to make people aware of the need to make changes now, in order to secure a fairer, more satisfying life for us all whilst protecting the planet's resources for future generations.

### **PRAYER**

Creator God may we all be forgiven for the way humankind is abusing the resources you have so generously provided for all your people. May everybody throughout the world be made aware of the harm that has already been caused through the exploitation of these gifts. Help us to see how we as individuals can respond to this challenge. Strengthen those engaged in publicising the problem and those who are trying through research to find safe and satisfactory alternatives. **Amen**

### **27<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER BIBLE SUNDAY**

### **PRAYER**

Heavenly Father we thank you for the people who were inspired to record your words and deeds in the Bible. Help us to remember those who suffered torture and death so that your holy word could be translated and distributed to ordinary people. Support those who risk punishment today for distributing the Bible in adverse situations. Let us never forget how precious the Bible is, the source of comfort, guidance and inspiration. **Amen**

# What's on during the week?

(Regular Clubs and Classes – term times)

## **Mondays:**

9.30 – 11.00am      Yoga  
2.00 – 2.30 &  
4.15 – 8.00pm      Ballet & Dance (Zena)

## **Tuesdays:**

10.00am – noon      AcaFellas                      (every other Tuesday)  
1.30 – 4.30pm      Art Club                      (every other Tuesday)  
5.00 – 7.00pm      Kumon Class

## **Wednesdays:**

10:30 – 11:30am      CJP Academy  
2.00 – 2.45pm      Ballet (Coleen)  
7.00 – 8.00pm      Pilates                      In the church and hall  
8.00 – 9.00pm      Pilates                      In the church and hall

## **Thursdays:**

9.30 – 11.00am      Yoga  
2.00 – 2.45pm      Ballet (Coleen)  
4.00 – 6.00pm      Ballet (Coleen)  
8.20 – 9.20pm      Pilates

## **Fridays:**

9.35 – 10.35am      Pilates  
10.45 – 11.45am      Pilates  
Noon – 1pm      Pilates (Post Natal)  
1:30 – 3:00pm      Rainbow Tots  
5.00 – 5.45pm      Dance (Zena)

## **Saturdays:**

4.00 – 6.00pm      Kumon Class



# **RAINBOW TOTS**

**Fridays 1:30 – 3:00pm**

**£2 per family**

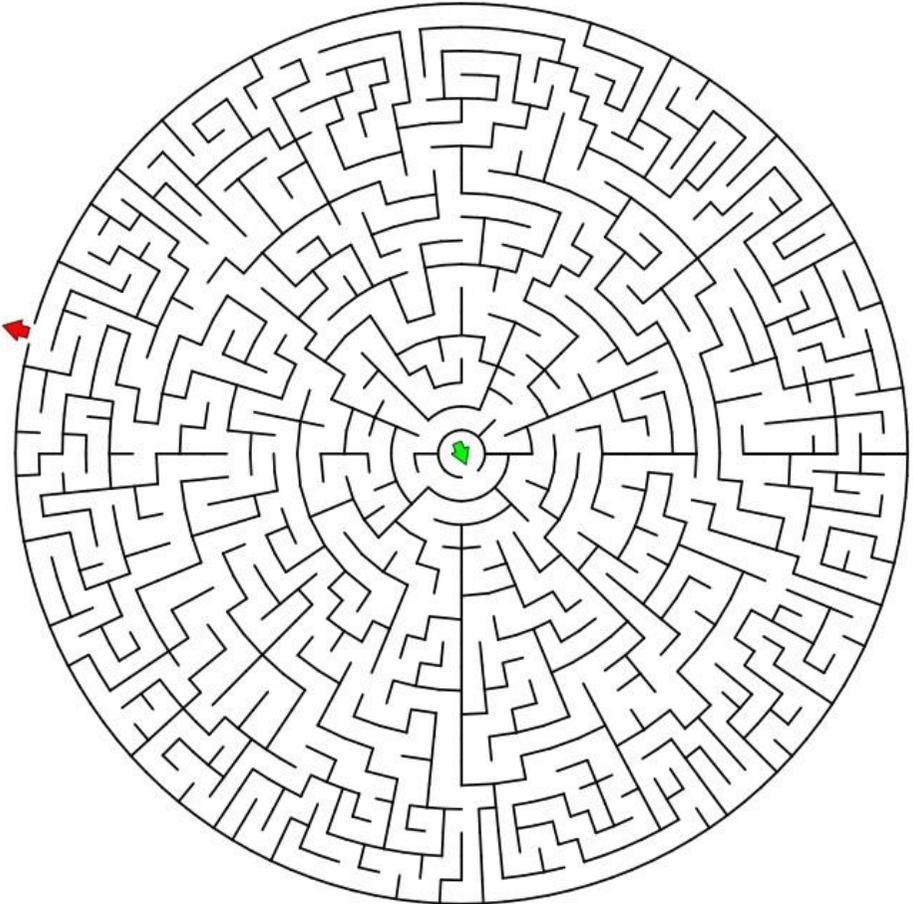
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October, please bring along a  
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foodbank.**

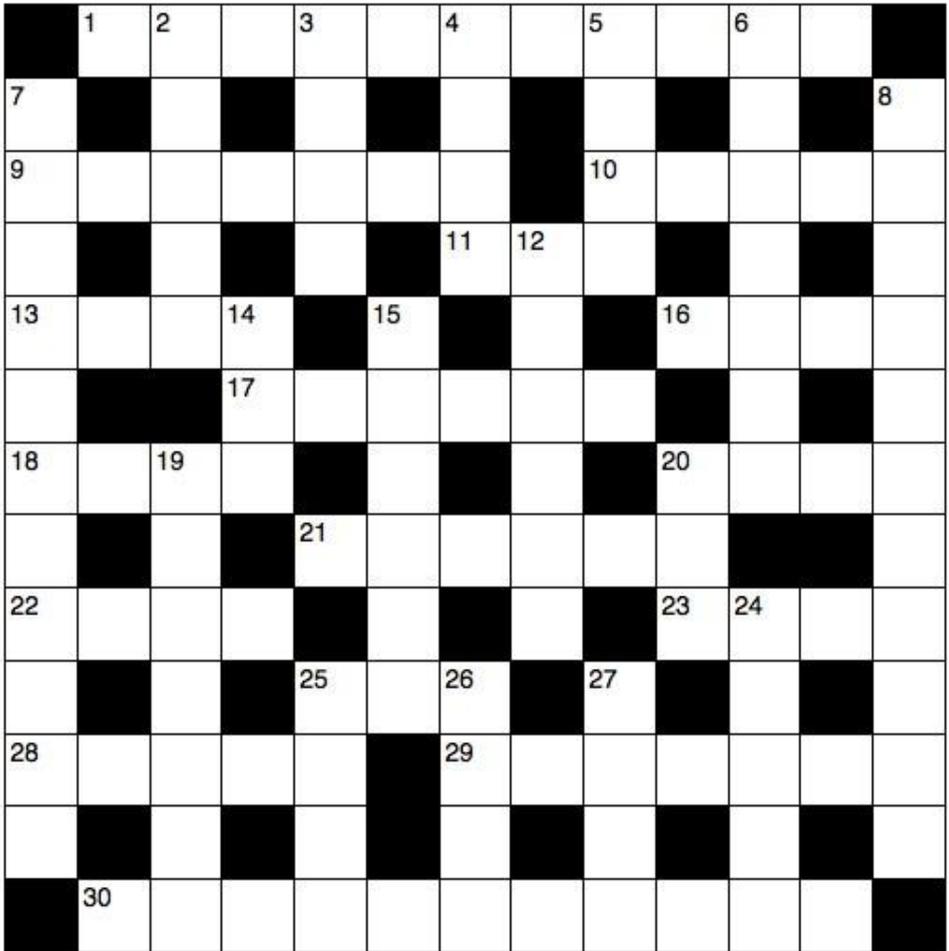
# Puzzle Pages

## Last month's crossword answers

**ACROSS:** 1, Also. 3, Offering. 9, The Magi. 10, Rules. 11, Soper. 12, Help me. 14, Isaac and Jacob. 17, Scorch. 19, In man. 22, Loads. 23, Inertia. 24, Vicinity. 25, Belt.

**DOWN:** 1, Artistic. 2, Sleep. 4, Faith in Christ. 5, Enrol. 6, Islamic. 7, Gasp. 8, Fabric. 13, Abundant. 15, Archaic. 16, Jailer. 18, Resin. 20, Mitre. 21, Slav.





### Crossword Clues

#### Across

- 1 The sixth disciple (Matthew 10:3) (11)
- 9 'And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the — —' (Matthew 6:13) (4,3)
- 10 Love intensely (Song of Songs 1:4) (5)
- 11 From Mt Carmel to Jezreel, Elijah — all the way (1 Kings 18:46) (3)
- 13 One of the Midianite leaders who was captured and killed after Gideon's victory in the valley near Moreh (Judges 7:25) (4)
- 16 Metallic element (4)
- 17 At line (anag.) (6)

- 18 'Cursed is everyone who is — on a tree' (Galatians 3:13) (4)  
 20 Where Samson killed a thousand Philistines with a donkey's jawbone (Judges 15:14) (4)  
 21 He succeeded Moses (Deuteronomy 34:9) (6)  
 22 'When he saw him, he took — on him' (Luke 10:33) (4)  
 23 'For — is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction' (Matthew 7:13) (4)  
 25 'The god of this — has blinded the minds of unbelievers' (2 Corinthians 4:4) (3)  
 28 Fear or terror (Psalm 31:22) (5)  
 29 'We, who are many, are one body, for we all — of the one loaf' (1 Corinthians 10:17) (7)  
 30 Assyrian ruler assassinated by his sons while worshipping his god Nisroch (2 Kings 19:37) (11)

### **Down**

- 2 'For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made — ' (1 Corinthians 15:22) (5)  
 3 'After supper he — the cup' (1 Corinthians 11:25) (4)  
 4 The request of a man of Macedonia in Paul's vision: 'Come — to Macedonia and help us' (Acts 16:9) (4)  
 5 He disobeyed his father Judah by refusing to impregnate his dead brother's wife (Genesis 38:9) (4)  
 6 I veto me (anag.) (7)  
 7 Fourth king of Judah (1 Kings 15:24) (11)  
 8 Priest of God Most High, who blessed Abram (Genesis 14:18) (11)  
 12 'I have made you — — for the Gentiles' (Acts 13:47) (1,5)  
 14 Implore (1 Samuel 15:25) (3)  
 15 'Out of the eater, something to eat; out of the — , something sweet' (Judges 14:14) (6)  
 19 'I am the most ignorant of men; I do — — a man's understanding' (Proverbs 30:2) (3,4)  
 20 'Sin shall not be your master, because you are not under — , but under grace' (Romans 6:14) (3)  
 24 Native of, say, Baghdad (5)  
 25 The last word in the Bible (Revelation 22:21) (4)  
 26 Heroic tale (4)  
 27 'Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you — ' (John 8:32) (4)

## ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES IN OCTOBER

### SEPTEMBER

Tuesdays 8<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> 1.30 – 4pm Art Club

Friday 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> 1.30pm – 3.00pm Rainbow Tots

### Thought for the Month

Tell all the nations, “The Lord reigns!” The world stands firm and can not be shaken. He will judge all peoples fairly.

*Psalm 96:10*

If you wish to contribute to the November Newsletter, may I have your items by Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> October.

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