

THE LINK

The Parish Magazine for the parishes of
St Catherine and Holy Trinity Ventnor
and St Boniface Bonchurch

October



Sunday Services

Please see inside Link for details of Sunday Services
for

St Catherine's, St Boniface and Holy Trinity

Midweek Services

St Catherine's
Holy Trinity

Wednesday - 10.30am Holy Communion

Thursday - 10.00am Holy Communion (BCP)

Morning Prayer 9.00am and Evening Prayer 4.30pm

St Catherine's Church.

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday.

THE BONCHURCH HALL
Wednesday
COFFEE MORNING
10.00am – 12.00 noon

October 5th,
Coffee morning
First Wednesday of each month

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Ventnor and District
Local History Society
St Catherine's Church
Friday October 28th
at 7.30pm
Under the Solent,
1870-1914
Richard Smout

The Julian Group
meet in The Hub at
St Catherine's Church on
the last Friday of the
month at 2.15pm
All welcome

At
St Catherine's Church
The HUB & Pop Inn
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10.30 – 1pm
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Dear friends, as I walked to the church I'd already decided on the topic for the October article; thanksgiving for the Harvest and special thanks for the fertility of the earth. However at the Hub people were talking about fellowship within the church community and how important it was, like being in a large loving family.

'It's really something we ought to give thanks for more often,' someone said. Everyone agreed and there was a momentary pause when perhaps some of us said a quick thank you to God.



Later as I sat on the beach with a group of friends someone commented on the beauty of Ventnor, the pleasure of renting a beach hut and the joy of having her family come on holiday .

' You know, there's so much to be thankful for, ' she said and then for a moment or two we all fell silent .Not all of the group are Christians but the need to express gratitude for the good things of life was common to us all.

These two events coming close together made me think about the subject of thanksgiving in a different way .How often do we actually stop and give thanks to God?

There is a legend that tells how two angels were sent down from heaven, each with a basket. They went from place to place, to rich and poor , visiting the people saying prayers at home and in church .Then they flew back with their loads. One basket was very heavy but the other was very light; hardly worthwhile, one would have thought, to go so far to collect so little.

'What have you in your basket?' asked one angel to the other.
'I was sent to collect the prayers of all the people who said,' I want' and 'Please give me, 'answered the angel with the heavy load. 'And what have you in yours?'

' Oh, I have been sent to collect the Thank yous of all the people who have been sent a blessing, but see how few have remembered to give.'

Perhaps in the business of our lives we sometimes forget that God is right beside us, and can hear and delight in our whispered Thank yous. It is no good waiting for the right time or place or waiting until we are ready. We may lose the opportunity. There is no special time to say Thank you. Every prayer time should be a thank you time.

Dear friends may God's blessing be with us all. Hilary.

Let us end with Psalm 92: 1-2,4
It is good to give thanks to the Lord,
to sing praises to your name, O Most High:
to declare your steadfast love in the morning,
and your faithfulness at night.
For you have made me glad, O Lord, in all you have done,
and I sing for joy at the works of your hands.



Holy Trinity Times

“Variety is the spice of life!”

...and we can truly say that here in Ventnor, Variety keeps us on our toes!

September started with a bang, right in the middle of Family Fun Week! And indeed, what a lot of variety was there!

Every morning, breakfast and Bible Study at St. Catherine’s, Holy Trinity and St Boniface. We learned about the teacher/

preacher of Ecclesiastes, about John Mark, possibly the writer of St. Mark’s Gospel, about Ananias and the part he played in Saul’s conversion and about Ruth and her place in the genealogy of Jesus. Two from the Old Testament, two from the New!

A variety of activities as well! A delicious pub lunch (thanks to the Bonchurch Inn) and a beautiful walk through the Landslip to Luccombe, where we sat in the garden of Dunnose Cottage for tea. Some of us (me included!) used the blessing of our O.A.P. bus pass and caught the bus once **we’d made it to the “top” road, but others made it to the end.** Thanks to Stuart for his competence in leading us! In the evening, June Cox led us in a variety of music which culminated in putting the pieces together in a moving act of worship.

Wednesday saw all sorts of craft happening in the afternoon at St Catherine's and a cut-throat quiz session, strictly refereed by Trevor, and won by the Methodist team, at Holy Trinity in the evening.

Thank you too, to Ann and Stuart Allen for Thursday! The gardens at East **Miramar looked beautiful and all the games were laid out temptingly...unless you** just sat and enjoyed the sunshine, as yet again (like last year!) it was a glorious day! Any time spent lazing on the lawn with tea and cakes was walked off that evening with a brisk Treasure Hunt walk up and down Ventnor, looking for the **answers to David's rhyming clues!**

Friday's putting was a very pleasant occasion, and in the evening, although it was a bit on the dark and misty side at the end, we all enjoyed the results of Graham and Irwin's barbecuing skills. **A big "Thank You" goes to our Methodist and** Roman Catholic friends for providing the venue, and also the tables, chairs and cutlery...it was great to see such a variety of people there!

Dawn worked wonders and managed to produce photos of all the occasions in time for the **"Bring and Share" tea at Holy Trinity on Sunday afternoon.**

But as well as all this variety, it was good to know that the "Bedrock" events of our church week still carried on happening beneath all the excitement. There **was still Holy Communion on Wednesday at St Catherine's and Thursday at** Holy Trinity, services at all our churches as usual on Sunday morning, and the Evening Communion at Holy Trinity to finish the week.

Because however much "Variety is the spice of life", we still need the regular observances to anchor our week. Exciting and interesting events stimulate and **inspire us, and "one – off" happenings can make a huge impact, but we still need** everyday faithfulness in order to get our perspectives right. Everyday prayer, everyday Bible reading, everyday thankfulness, everyday thoughtfulness. Without the unglamorous everyday, variety has no solid foundation. Without attending **our "ordinary" services, how can we appreciate our "extraordinary" ones?**

So....thank you to everyone who contributed to make our Family Fun Week so varied and interesting.....and thank you, too, to those who, week by week, make sure our regular services run smoothly and to the Glory of God.

Gill

Please pass on my sincere thanks to everyone who gave so much of their time during Family Fun Week, to those who attended the weeks activities were really appreciated. To those who were unable to come along, you really missed some cracking opportunities, not only for fun but for personal enrichment as well

Graham

However, all of us sometimes feel that tension, that restlessness, when the everyday ISN'T enough and we look, often mistakenly, for other things. St. Augustine's words, "Our hearts are restless 'til they find their rest in Thee" can ring very true for us. So here is a more serious poem, written early one morning on my balcony.

Dawn Thoughts.

The sky is lightening in the east,
The sea is silvery grey,
The air is fresh and it will be
A sweet October day.
And when I sit, breeze on my face,
And rippling waves I see,
I know that I am blessed indeed,
Nowhere I'd rather be!
And yet....a yearning fills my soul,
My mind is restless still,
I need to learn to be at peace,
Accept whatever will
Be part of life in Ventnor now
Or future days will hold,



Be happy in my home, my place,
And let GOD'S plan unfold!

Ghana News



Bishop Emmanuel continues to prepare for his retirement and work is going ahead on "our " project in Tamale. **THANK YOU to Gwen Croad**, who celebrated her 80th birthday recently. Instead of birthday presents, she suggested donations be made to the Hospice and to the Tamale project, so a good amount of money will be winging its way there soon.

We are now on Box 97 (I expect that by the time you read this, we shall be over 100!), so do please continue to help with stationery, toiletries, small **games and toys, children's clothes and underwear. SPARC is happy to accept knitted goods, and if you want to " branch out" from THE vest, feel free! (but you'll have to hold me excused. I don't know my plain from my purl!)**

Thank you, all, for your continued support.

And a few people the Church remembers in October.

October 1st Anthony Ashley Cooper, Lord Shaftesbury.

A tireless Christian, who campaigned successfully to improve housing, create schools for the poor and pioneer legislation about conditions of employment, especially in mines and factories. He became the epitome of the Victorian Christian philanthropist, working WITHIN the political system to redress social evils. We need more like him!

October 6th William Tyndale.

His translation of the Scriptures was regarded as subversive by the ecclesiastical authorities when it first appeared in England in 1526. Nevertheless, it was used as the basic working document for the 1611 Authorised Version. He was eventually arrested in 1535 and burned at the stake for heresy on this day in 1536



October 10th Paulinus of York

It's strange to see a Bishop of York described as a missionary TO England, but Paulinus was in the second group of monks sent by Pope Gregory to help Augustine with his work. He accompanied Ethelburga from Kent to Northumbria when she married King Edwin, who subsequently took his **wife's Christian faith. He was the first bishop of York, and is the reason that** today, the Archbishop of York is next after the Archbishop of Canterbury. He died in 644.

October 19th Henry Martyn, translator and missionary.

Born in Truro, he left in 1805 for Calcutta as Chaplain to the East India Company. He was supposed to minister only to the British ex-pats, but he learned the local languages and translated the New Testament first into Hindustani and then into Persian and Arabic, as well as preaching and teaching. At this time, even the recitation of the **Magnificat was forbidden in church, in case "putting down the mighty from their seats" incited the natives to revolt!**

He went to Persia to continue his work, but died there of tuberculosis. He was only 31!

Have you been into Holy Trinity recently?

Well if not, please come in and take a look at our 'new quiet area'. At the last PCC meeting a request was made to the Committee to look into finding an area in the church for visitors to have a quiet area for prayer and reflection whilst it is open for 'Thank God's it's Friday'.

We decided to utilise the area next to the Priest's vestry and with a lot of effort from members of the congregation it has been transformed. Apparently, it used to be the site of the Lady Chapel until that was moved into the main part of the church. We used an altar and rail that had been in storage, moved some pews from the back of the church and put up a curtain across the outside door. We found some candles and a cross and our resident carpenter has made a lovely altar lectern.

For very little outlay, a great deal of team work and lots of help a lovely area has been established for us all to use.

Thank you to everyone who has been involved with this.

Regards Robin



St Boniface News - articles not available this month.

Dates for Your Diary

October 1st Decorating Holy Trinity for Harvest Festival
10 am onwards.

October 2nd. HARVEST FESTIVAL.

October 7th. Street Pastors out in Ventnor.

October 8th HOLY TRINITY AUTUMN FAIR 10 until 3 pm.
See elsewhere in the Link for Poster and details!

October 21st Street Pastors out in Ventnor.

October 30th JOINT SERVICE AT HOLY TRINITY.

In the evening a Memorial Service where those who have lost family and friends are warmly invited, as well as our three congregations.

DO YOU LIKE TO KNIT?

At the moment our friends in Ghana have enough baby vests so we are giving the extra to S.P.A.R.C. this is a charity in Romania. As well as the vests, **children's jumpers, hats , gloves, mittens and scarves** would be much appreciated.

If anyone feels they would like to help and hasn't got a pattern I can always sort one out to suit.

Chris Dobson.



(Remember, Clocks Go back One Hour This Month!)

Apologia

When one takes over an endeavour, such as *The Link*, it is hard not to want to revamp the whole format, and introduce new ideas and thoughts. Sometimes, those things are uncomfortable to some, mistakes are made, and items can be **left out due to editor's error or 'circumstances beyond our control'**. National newspapers have this happen to them from time to time, so it is not surprising that it can happen to a small publication such as this, especially during a transition and so it was with the previous issue. Dawn Oakley has done sterling work with *The Link*, and we, as new editors, are in awe of the time and dedication she poured into the magazine – **it was, literally, her 'baby', as Americans say.** So we have now adopted the baby, but have to learn how to look after it as well as Dawn did! So I personally apologise to those who offered items to be put into *The Link* **and they weren't, and that a certain item** was put in twice! However, Joan and I will make efforts to improve the quality of the magazine, and I hope that you will have the opportunity to respond to us about any concerns and worries you have – and, hopefully, any praise and encouragement you may have a mind to offer – about anything in *The Link*. Any items, hand-written or by *MS Word* e-mail attachment (the e-mail address can be found in the Sunday Notes and *The Link*), has to be submitted to the Hub or *Link* Editors by the stated deadline, found on the inside page of *The Link* or on the church notice board.

On a personal note, it has come to my attention that my advert about a **'Prophecy Group', to see what the Bible may have to say about current events, has 'worried' some people. I got this news second-hand.** My details are in the magazine, and Sunday Notes, **so you are quite at liberty to 'phone me to** discuss the item. My intention was only to see if anyone was interested (writing this in September, no-one has yet responded!), and meet, in the first instance and informally, at The Hub to discuss the next move – a church-supported group at The Hub, or a private informal one at my home on a suitable day and time amenable to everyone. I did not mean to worry anyone, but, in my opinion, the Bible being over 33% direct, and full of underlying, prophecy that reads into current as well as historical events, it is important, *in my opinion*, for us to know what it says. In a group, people have an opportunity to ask, discuss and debate issues, to dip in and out of, or follow **seriously. What you may make of it would be up to you. I don't apologise for** my reasons for putting in the advert, but I do apologise if you are one of those who were concerned or worried by it.

Saying that, I have to say that the Family Fun Week was an interesting and satisfying time for all who attended, if only for the breakfasts! Numbers were low, but that may have been because people had already booked their time ahead of the FFW, so were unable to attend, but those who did come fully enjoyed the time, at Miramar, and at the three churches. Many thanks to those brave souls who rose early to provide both spiritual and physical food and of who gave the time and energy in organising and hosting the events.

August is generally a quieter month for church activities, because of the holiday season. However, as we move into the latter part of the year, activities and concerts start to increase, and these will be advertised in *The Link*, Sunday Notes, on the notice boards and during the said notices in the Sunday services, so there is no excuse to not be aware of them! Regular service times and special services will be posted in the Notes as usual, along with Home Group times and dates, as well as The Hub times, which will revert to winter closing times when the clocks go back this month (an extra hour in bed, yippee!). Also, these events need people to help run and administrate them, and, as we are all a part of the **church family at St Catherine's, we need you to consider your part in helping** out, even in a small way, at The Hub, the Welcoming Team on Sundays or at the concerts, the Cleaning Team, or as a General Logistics (moving stuff about!) Team! These are not so much a service to the church, as it is a service to the LORD! In this light, please remember the **“Hatch, Match and Despatch”** Project that has been in development since March of this year!

October is a time of Harvest events, and we will be having our usual Harvest Festival events and services at in the Ventnor Parishes. But it is interesting to note that the *Feast of Tabernacles* also happens in this month, where Jews remember the time when they wandered about the wilderness in Midian (modern-day Saudi Arabia). They build Sukkots (Booths or Kiosks) out of branches, but not perfectly, so they can feel the wind and see the stars, decorate them and have feasts and games, and honour *Adonai*. We do the same concerning harvest, except we do not build Sukkots, to thank G-d for His provision in our lives. The link with both events is the Grape (Autumn or *Fall*) Harvest in Israel, a month before Tabernacles (August/September), and our own harvests in our country - major church feast days and Jewish Festivals are often closely aligned in timeframes.

Prophetically speaking, this Festival presages the coming of the Messiah and His Kingdom, which has yet to be fulfilled physically, the other ones having been done so.

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Rosh Hashanah follows soon on, as does *Chanukah* (set around Christmas), as we concurrently look forward to Advent and Christmas itself.

And finally (he may have already announced this officially, by the time you read this!), Graham has retired from his position as Rural Dean of the East Wight, and is now just the *Vicar*! I pray that his ministry will grow and be prosperous in Ventnor, especially as he only has three very different and contrasting congregations to deal with instead of the whole Deanery - **mind you, that's a job an' a 'alf in itself!** Also, you will know by now that Archdeacon Caroline has now gone to Swindon to run a Parish, so we pray the same thing for her and wish her well – **Swindon won't know what's hit it!**

With blessings in Christ,
Chris M

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Thank you for all the kind words said about me in last **month's Link**. I have **only been in the Ventnor parishes** for five months but it seems as though I have been here for much, much longer. I am still learning all your names but I am not doing too badly with the Christian names, surnames are beyond me and normally I am very good at phone numbers but they are eluding my memory banks at the moment. So instead of carrying a little black book around with me, I have a little red book which carries lots of numbers that I just might need.



Not only have you given me a warm welcome but I have been extremely grateful for all the offers of lifts I have received. I am hoping and praying that by the time you read this, the DVLA will have got their act together and done all the necessary paper chase in order for me to be able to drive my car again.

I have also restarted my study course again and decided that one of the early essays will revolve around extraordinary services. I reckon that the Carnival Service will qualify in that category –

it was great fun and I hope gave food for thought there were certainly enough aspects to give me sufficient material for a thoughtful essay, (it should also provide interesting theological reflection!)

I am really enjoying my ministry amongst you, learning a great deal from everyone but especially Graham and the Ministry Team. There is so much happening in Ventnor that my diary is quite full.

I would also like to commend the Hub for all the hard work done there. So many times when I have called in, there have been visitors there who are singing its praises, especially Christian visitors who love to share stories of what happens in their churches. The people who man the coffee machines and make all the delicious cakes are doing a very special job of Gospel outreach but I know they are thinly stretched and would really welcome extra help, please think about offering a morning of your time occasionally.

It was a privilege to be part of the Fun Week, I did not manage to participate in much but I thought the programme offered something for everything and what I did manage to get to certainly fed both body and soul. Again many thanks to the organisers.

## Vivienne

Monday Evening 7.45pm

Jenny Hopkins Holder. 852575 Belhaven, Castle Road.

Tuesday Evening 8.00pm

David Tamcken 863215 leads at Mick and Nava

**Young's St Andrews, Belgrave Road.**



Monday Afternoon 4.00 - 5.30pm

Hilary Davis 855797 The Troubadour Café, High Street.

### **‘Toe in the Water’**

A Home group for people to dip into the Christian faith

Thursday Evenings 7.30pm at Belhaven.

Contact John Holder for further information on 852575

### **NEW MEMBERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME**

All these groups are very informal. You do *not* need to know your Bible inside out, or back to front. You can join in with the friendly discussion, or just enjoy a cup of tea, listen and reflect.

# Holy Trinity Autumn Fair

Saturday 8th October

10.00am to 3.00pm

Stalls to include

Tombola, Christmas Stall, Cakes, Raffle,  
Tea and Coffee. Soup and a Roll Lunch.

Admission Free

Any donations for stalls would be greatly  
appreciated.

## Hand Bell Ringers

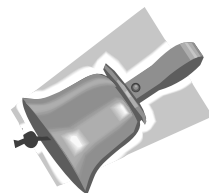
Southern Bells will be bringing their three octave set of bells to St Catherine's church on Monday 10th October to play for the fun of it and in the hope that you would like to come along, listen, have a go, and maybe think about joining the team.

We normally meet for practice in my house at 5pm on a Monday evening for an hour and a half but that time and date could be open for discussion.

We would love to see you and share in the experience of working as a team producing an interesting sound. You do not need to be able to read music, just recognise the numbers 0 to 19, I will explain why on the evening.

Come along and see what it is all about.

Blessings, Vivienne



Safari Harvest Lunch  
Sunday 2nd Oct 12.30pm

Starters at Bonchurch Church Hall

Mains **at St Catherine's Church**

Pudding & Coffee at Holy Trinity Church Hall

followed by a

Harvest Holy Communion Service

(approx 4pm)

If you need transport contact

Revd Vivienne Heenan 730352

Tickets £5.00

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Wednesday

October 5th



BONCHURCH HALL

10.00am - 12.00 noon

Everyone welcome

## **St. Catherine's Harvest Festival** and Tearfund Gift Day - 2nd of October.

Once again, we are supporting Tearfund at our Harvest Festival. I encourage you to come to the Service on Sunday 2nd October to **hear all about this year's project.**

**The heading is "We are Church", and it is encouraging every Christian** to take a stand against poverty. We have the potential to change what is wrong – food shortages, sickness, spiritual hunger. Our church can help to get to the heart of how poverty can be beaten.

Come and find out how, this Harvest we can invest in families and communities in Uganda, Nepal and Peru. We will see the change for ourselves.

We can all pray for these situations and I would encourage you to do so, but it is good to have information and know what it is we can do.

Hope to see you on the 2nd of October.

Many Thanks, Barbara Glover



### Pastoral Opportunities Forms

Please hand your form in to your Churchwardens in order these can then be brought to the Ministry Team at the beginning of October. Please highlight your church at the top of the form.

**Don't forget to pick up your free copy of**  
The Pompey Chimes



# Street Pastors in Ventnor



We have had 7 Street Pastors in Ventnor since June this year. We have 2 teams that go out twice a month.

We are very fortunate to have an excellent team of Prayer Pastors from various local churches who pray for us when we are out. This is definitely a Churches Together venture.

How is it going?

Well, we have found that we have been accepted by people in town. People have opened up to us for chat quite willingly. This was obvious when we joined the Ventnor Carnival parade on the Wednesday evening. Many people came up to us and said what a good job we were doing. We were also recognised by the youngsters in the town too. They feel they can ask us for help, water bottles, chocolates, 'metal' blankets etc. Often our presence can defuse situations. The Police seem to appreciate our presence too. They often direct us to different parts of the town where our presence is needed.

What is so rewarding is to feel God's presence with us in the different situations we have been. Our God is so GREAT! The power of the prayer support is obvious. Thank you very much to all Prayer Pastors who give up their evening to be there supporting us.

If you would like to know about what we do or would like to join the team, please don't hesitate to ask Nava, Mick, Shirley Tamcken or Angela Morris.

Nava & Mick Young

Thank you so much to all my lovely friends for praying to our loving Father, whilst Lee underwent further heart surgery. The procedure was a very new type of implant of a calf's valve sent into a stent, no expense was spared, we even had a cardiologist assist, all the way from Switzerland!! They encountered no complications, it was all done via keyhole surgery, so Lee and I headed home from Southampton 2 days after. Lee is incredibly well, less than two weeks after he's been swimming, walking and working with me at 'Chatters' cafe in Ryde. Thank you for praying for me too, I felt surrounded in prayer, the chapel at Southampton General is a wonderful place to pray.

Lots of love Felicity.

# Carisbrooke Priory

## “DAY for HEALING”

Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> October

10a.m. – 3p.m. with Revd Michael Mitton

This year we are delighted to be welcoming Michael Mitton, one time Director of Anglican Renewal Ministries and then Deputy Director of Acorn Christian Healing Foundation; now a man of many roles including freelance consultant & trainer, Fresh Expressions Adviser for the Diocese of Derby and Non Stipendiary Priest in Charge of St Paul's Derby, where he currently lives.

Michael is the author of several Christian books, including 'Restoring the Woven Cord' and 'A Heart to Listen'. His most recent work is around the subject of "Home" and "Coming Home" will be the Theme for the day. Michael is a regular contributor to BRF's 'New Daylight daily Bible Readings. He is also a speaker at this year's 'Greenbelt'.

No need to book a place. Please bring a packed lunch. drinks are available. An offering will be collected to meet Michael's costs and any remaining to help the Priory.

A concluding Eucharist will include prayer and the Anointing of Oil for healing.

## ART & CRAFT GROUPS

A reminder that the Art Group will start meeting again on Monday 12th September and then. each Monday and Friday afternoons and Wednesday mornings. George offers a warm welcome to anyone, especially those who are convinced they cannot draw.

Di and Brenda's Craft Group continue to meet on Tuesday afternoons.

## **Isle of Wight FOODBANK**

Sitting in Ventnor Baptist Church as Prayer Pastors on a Friday night, many of us noticed that the church is a collection point for the Isle of Wight Foodbank. This organisation collects food for local people in crisis. It works like this:

Non-perishable food is donated.

Volunteers sort and pack the food into emergency food boxes.

Frontline care professionals, such as doctors and social workers, give foodbank vouchers to people in crisis,

The vouchers are exchanged for three days of food at a foodbank,

Foodbanks take time to listen and then point clients towards further support.

We are hoping to have a Foodbank collection point at

**St. Catherine's and Holy Trinity as well, soon, and it may be a good idea to give any tinned or dried food from Harvest Festival to this appeal.** The following things are needed:

Milk (UHT or powdered),

Sugar,

Fruit juice in long life cartons,

Soup,

Pasta sauces and pasta,

Tinned sponge puddings and rice pudding,

Tinned tomatoes, beans and spaghetti,

Cereals,

Teabags and instant coffee,

Instant mashed potato and rice,

Tinned meat or fish,

Jam,

Biscuits or snack bars.

**There are leaflets in our churches to explain further.....this**

initiative is supported by Island Churches, and is for people on the Isle of Wight.



## Samson's riddles



### Barney says

Hello friends,

God blessed Samson with amazing strength. He was so strong, he fought with lions and won!

Samson also tried to keep the source of his strength a secret: if his hair was cut, he would lose his powers.

He also told riddles – puzzles that can be very difficult to solve.

The only way the people could answer Samson's riddle was to cheat – they went to his wife to find out.

Some people will do all kinds of things to stop us from walking with God. When people call us names or tease us for being a Christian it's tough. But we must be strong!

Ask God to help you.

Love Barney

### Barney's jokes

How did the farmer fix the hole in his jeans? With a cabbage patch!

Why did the man take a pencil to bed? So he could draw the curtains!



### God's word

Samson said to them: "Let me put a riddle to you. If you can figure it out ... I'll give you 30 linen garments and 30 changes of fine clothing. But if you can't ... then you'll give me 30 linen garments and 30 changes of fine clothing."

Judges 14:12 (The Message)



### Riddles to solve

Can you work out the answers to these tough riddles? Ask your friends to see if they know!



1 What is found over your head but under your hat?



2 I have a face, but I cannot see. What am I?



3 What can honk without using a horn?



4 If you throw a white rock into the Red Sea, what does it become?



### Let's talk to God!

Dear God, When people are unkind, it's sometimes really hard to follow you. Please help me to be strong. Amen

ANSWERS – No peeking!  
1. Hair. 2. A clock. 3. A goose. 4. Wet!

## Why do the clocks go back?

On Sunday, October 30th, we get the luxury of an extra hour in bed as the clocks go back. But have you ever thought about why we carry out the biannual ritual of going back and forth through time?

**When the clocks go back, we'll be back on Greenwich Mean Time and it will** get darker earlier in the day, although it will also be lighter in the mornings.

**And it's all the idea of a builder from Kent.**

William Willett, from Petts Wood, wrote a pamphlet in 1907 which suggested that the health of the nation could be improved if over four successive Sundays in April and September the clocks would go forward and back respectively. Longer daylight hours would mean more sunshine, more sunshine more happiness.

He himself had adapted the idea from a satirical letter Benjamin Franklin wrote in a French magazine in 1784.

**These ideas would have come to nothing if it hadn't been for the First World War.** In 1916, wartime economies meant that having the lights on for minimal time would conserve energy and thus Daylight Saving Time was introduced.

After the war, most countries that had introduced Daylight Saving Time abandoned it, with some US states adopting earlier working hours to see if the same effect could be achieved. Only the UK stuck with it, despite some opposition from farmers.

Most countries have since reintroduced some measure of Daylight Saving Time, giving us those extra hours of daylight.

The UK made an additional change during the Second World War, keeping British Summer Time all year round, but during the summers it added an additional hour on top – so it was two hours ahead of Greenwich Mean Time. This ended in 1945, although it was tried again during 1947.

A further experiment between 1968 and 1971 saw the UK try British Summer Time all year round, but it disadvantaged farmers and people living in Scotland and Northern Ireland, so it was discontinued.

Since 1981, European countries have all put their clock forwards on the **same Sunday in March, but it wasn't until 1996 that the end date was** standardised to the fourth Sunday in October and a further 1998 amendment to European law changed it to the last Sunday in October.

So as you enjoy your extra hour in bed, enjoy the lighter mornings – and try not to think about the clocks going forward on March 25th next year!

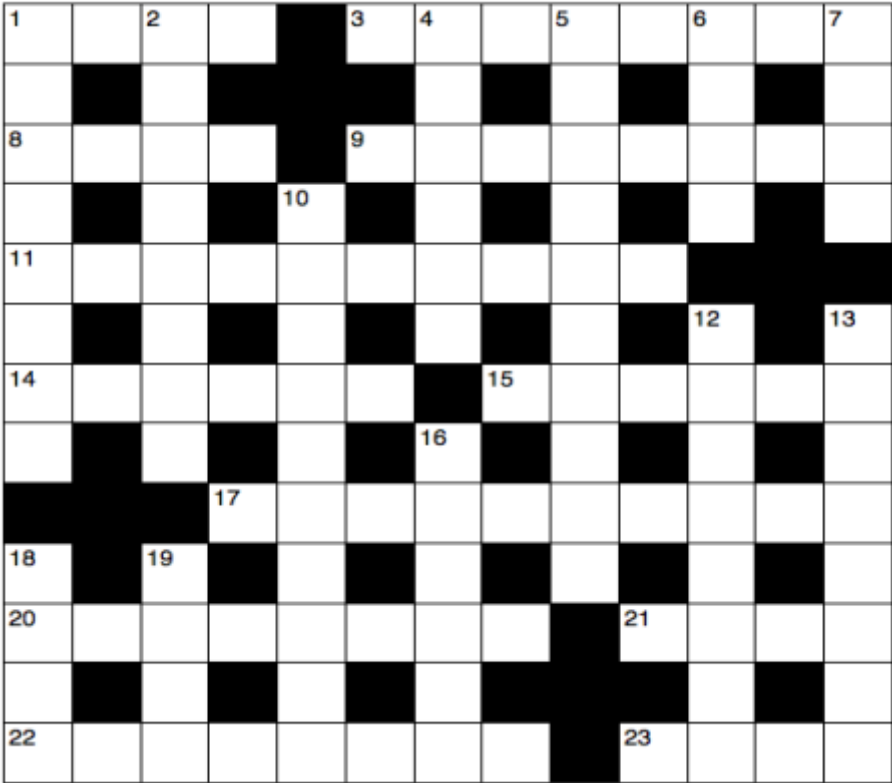
Across

- 1 Grandson of Mered and his Judean wife (1 Chronicles 4:18) (4)
- 3 He said of Jesus, ‘This man has done nothing wrong’ (Luke 23:40–41) (8)**
- 8 Herb with pleasantly scented roots, present in the Beloved’s orchard (Song of Songs 4:13) (4)**
- 9 What God brought Sarah with the birth of Isaac (Genesis 21:6) (8)
- 11 Port on the Red Sea where King Solomon built ships (1 Kings 9:26) (5,5)
- 14 Donald — , Archbishop of Canterbury 1974–80 (6)
- 15 Cereal (Ezekiel 4:9) (6)
- 17 Jesus’ description of a Pharisee (Matthew 23:24) (5,5)**
- 20 Not as widely used at church services nowadays as used to be the case (8)
- 21 ‘ — all your anxiety on him because he cares for you’ (1 Peter 5:7) (4)**
- 22 One of the three strands of Methodism united in 1932 (8)
- 23 ‘They broke bread in their homes and ate together with — and sincere hearts’ (Acts 2:46) (4)**

Down

- 1 The rebuke of 3 Across, ‘Don’t you fear God... since you are under the same — ?’ (Luke 23:40) (8)**
- 2 Horse-drawn vehicle used by King Solomon (Song of Songs 3:9) (8)
- 4 Dearer (anag.) (6)
- 5 One-time editor of Punch and controversial writer and broadcaster who became a noted Christian, Malcolm — (10)
- 6 ‘When you sit to dine with a ruler, — well what is before you’ (Proverbs 23:1) (4)**
- 7 ‘God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both — and Christ’ (Acts 2:36) (4)**
- 10 One description of the inspired nature of scripture (10)
- 12 ‘The Son himself will be made subject to him who put everything under him, so that God may be — — — ’ (1 Corinthians 15:28) (3,2,3)**
- 13 Recognized as valid (1 Samuel 3:20) (8)
- 16 A long A (anag.) (6)
- 18 ‘For God does not — favouritism’ (Romans 2:11) (4)**
- 19 Comes between Joel and Obadiah (4)

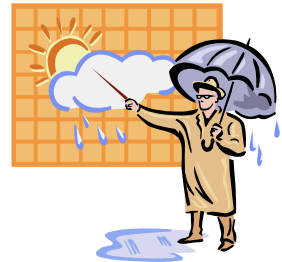
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## Ventnor's August weather

Rainfall of 65.2mm [2.57"] was 129% of the average of 50.39 mm [1.99"]. The wettest day was the 24<sup>th</sup> with 18.4mm [0.73"].

The mean temperature of 16.3°C [61F] was well below the average of 17.4°C [63°F] and the hottest day was the 1<sup>st</sup> with 24.0°C [75°F]. Coolest night was the 19<sup>th</sup> with only 10.2°C [50°F]. Only 5 days had more than 20°C.



# New books for October 2011

## Ministry Rediscovered: Shaping A Unique and Creative Church

*By Mike Starkey, BRF, £7.99. ISBN: 9781841016160*

Mike Starkey sets out a compelling vision for how local church ministry can involve **a call to creative thinking, to stepping 'outside the box', rather than labouring to** work with standard assumptions about congregational growth and models of what constitutes success. Drawing on his own experiences and insights from a wide range of contexts, from inner city to rural, he offers challenge, guidance and encouragement for all those answering the demanding – and at times exhilarating - call to serve the Church.

## Shaping the Heart: Reflections on spiritual formation and fruitfulness

*By Pamela Evans, BRF, £7.99. ISBN: 9781841017266*

God created the human heart to be a worship-filled, holy place with himself in residence, a garden in which the fruit of the Spirit may grow. Shaping the Heart is a book for every Christian who wants their heart to become - through the healing and redemptive touch of heavenly grace and mercy - a place where God delights to dwell.

## And Now For My 43rd Point: How to Give Your Sermon Or Talk The Kiss of Life

*By Nick and Claire Page, Authentic Media, £8.99. ISBN: 9781850789987*

Dragging preaching, teaching and communication into the 21<sup>st</sup> century, this book is aimed at everyone who has to stand-up and talk to others – and for those who have to sit and listen.

Packed full of creative ideas, hints and tips for improving talks and sermons from voice control to effective sermon planning, this is a humorous look at the development and current state of the sermon.

## Martin Luther King Jr: History Maker

*By Richard S Reddie, Lion, £10.99. ISBN: 978 0 7459 5282*

**Martin Luther King's public life lasted only 13 years** - yet in that time, he changed **the USA's attitude to civil rights forever and continues to inspire human rights** movements today. Richard Reddie has written the first book on King since Obama became US President and considers whether Obama is the fulfilment of "King's dream". Reddie seamlessly melds King's religious, social, political, philosophical, and racial ideas in ways that are understandable, yet sophisticated; and captures his legacy and impact on both sides of the Atlantic. Reddie uses **copious photographs** throughout to chronicle the great man's life and times.





I AM  
THE WAY,  
THE  
TRUTH &  
THE LIFE

We pray for those  
recently married.

And we pray for those  
newly baptised.

Remembering those who are preparing for confirmation from our  
parishes - Daniela and Shane Lunnon, also a number of students  
**from St Catherine's School.**

We remember in our prayers  
those who have been recently  
confirmed.

We pray for the Street Pastors  
working in our community here in  
Ventnor.



We remember with love and affection those who have died recently,  
especially we pray for their families.

# October Worship

## HARVEST

- 9.30am Service of the Word in Holy Trinity Church
- 10.30am **Service of the Word in St Catherine's Church**
- 10.30am Holy Communion in St Boniface Church
- 6.30pm Holy Communion in Holy Trinity Church

## Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity Sun 9th

- 9.30am Holy Communion in Holy Trinity Church
- 10.30am Holy Communion in **St Catherine's Church**
- 10.30am Holy Communion in St Boniface Church  
*With prayers for healing.*

## Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity Sun 16th

- 9.30am Holy Communion in Holy Trinity Church
- 10.30am Family Service in **St Catherine's Church**
- 10.30am Holy Communion in St Boniface Church
- 6.30pm **Holy Communion in St Catherine's Church**

## BIBLE SUNDAY Sun 23rd

- 9.30am Holy Communion in Holy Trinity Church
- 10.30am Holy Communion in **St Catherine's Church**
- 10.30am Service of the Word in St Boniface Church

## **ALL SAINTS' DAY** Sun 30th

- 9.30am Joint Service - Holy Trinity**  
with St Catherine's Church and St Boniface Church
- 6.30 pm Holy Trinity - Memorial Service -**  
A time for remembering loved ones.

# Bible Readings for October

## HARVEST

|                     |               |             |
|---------------------|---------------|-------------|
| Sun 2 <sup>nd</sup> | Deuteronomy   | 8: 7- 18    |
|                     | 2 Corinthians | 9: 6 - end  |
|                     | Luke          | 12: 16 - 30 |

## Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

|                     |             |           |
|---------------------|-------------|-----------|
| Sun 9 <sup>th</sup> | Isaiah      | 25: 1- 9  |
|                     | Philippians | 4: 1- 9   |
|                     | Matthew     | 22: 1– 14 |

## Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

|                      |                 |             |
|----------------------|-----------------|-------------|
| Sun 16 <sup>th</sup> | Isaiah          | 45: 1- 7    |
|                      | 1 Thessalonians | 1: 1-10     |
|                      | Matthew         | 22: 15 - 22 |

## BIBLE SUNDAY

|                      |                 |             |
|----------------------|-----------------|-------------|
| Sun 23 <sup>rd</sup> | Deuteronomy     | 34: 1-12    |
|                      | 1 Thessalonians | 2: 1- 8     |
|                      | Matthew         | 22: 34 - 46 |

## **ALL SAINTS' DAY**

|                      |        |             |
|----------------------|--------|-------------|
| Sun 30 <sup>th</sup> | Romans | 13: 8 - 10  |
|                      | Luke   | 14: 25 - 33 |

## Third Sunday before Advent

|                              |                 |           |
|------------------------------|-----------------|-----------|
| Sun 6 <sup>th</sup> November | Amos            | 5:18 - 24 |
|                              | 1 Thessalonians | 4:13 -18  |
|                              | Matthew         | 25:1-13   |

# Pub Nights

The Ministry Team will be gathering at  
Bonchurch Inn on the 26<sup>th</sup> October  
from 7.30pm.  
come and join us for a drink and chat.

Date for your diary

Bowling at Ryde Superbowl

October 15th 6.30pm

2 games + basket meal - £10.95

Contact Shirley Tamcken



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