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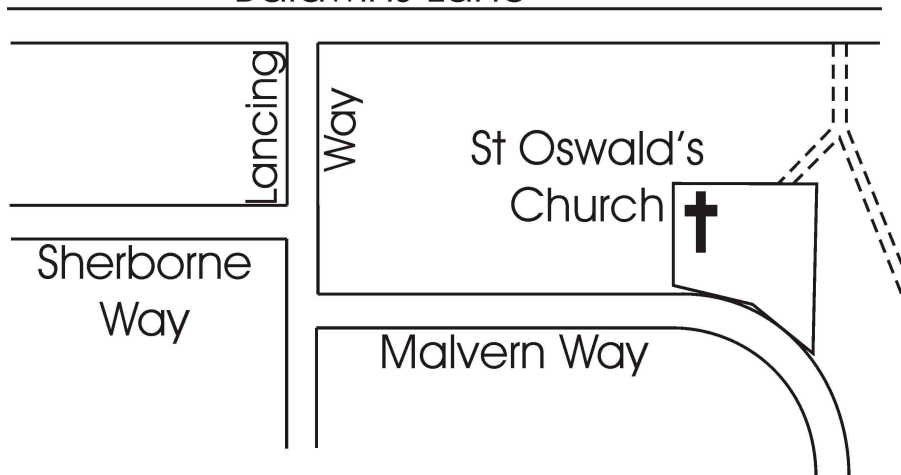
St Oswald's Church – who are we?

*We are part of the Church of
England in the St. Alban's
Diocese.*

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Baldwins Lane



You will find us at Malvern Way, Croxley Green, WD3 3QL,
just off Baldwins Lane.

There is a direct footpath link from Baldwins Lane into the
rear of the church grounds, and car park access from
Malvern Way.

The office entrance is at the back of the church hall.



My First Few Months in Croxley Green

It is hard to believe that I have been in Croxley Green for several months. When I arrived as the new Vicar of St Oswald's, there was a mixture of excitement and apprehension. I wondered what the community would be like. I quickly discovered that Croxley Green is not simply a place on a map. It is a community with a heart.

The beauty of the area was one of the first things that struck me. The Green, the trees, the canal, the river and the many footpaths give Croxley a character of its own. I have enjoyed walking with members of the St Oswald's church community and I have

discovered different parts of Croxley Green.

On foot, you see details that might be missed from a car and meet people along the way for a quick hello and sometimes for a much longer conversation!

However, the greatest beauty of Croxley Green is not found in its scenery, beautiful though it is. The beauty of Croxley Green is found in its people.

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From the beginning, my family and I have received such a warm welcome. People have been generous with their time, their encouragement and their practical help.

They have introduced themselves, shared stories about the area and helped us to find our feet. Moving into a new home and beginning a new ministry can feel rather overwhelming, so these acts of kindness have meant more than people may realise. Special thanks to the community of St Oswald's who helped us get our home ready for us to move into. That was above and beyond.



I have been struck by the strong community spirit here. In an age when life can be very busy and people can easily become engrossed in their own pressures and problems; it is refreshing to see people making the effort to come together. Whether at church, local events, schools, community groups or simply through conversations in the street, there is a real sense that people care about what happens in Croxley Green and care about one another.

I saw this at the Revels and Croxfest. These gatherings brought people of different ages and backgrounds together, not only to enjoy themselves but also to support those who had worked so hard to organise them while giving an opportunity for local organisations and charities to tell people about the valuable work they do.

It was encouraging to see members of the community stopping to listen, asking questions and showing their support. Events such as these remind us that we are part of something larger than ourselves. They help turn the place where we live into a community to which we belong.

Community does not happen by accident. It is created whenever someone gives their time, welcomes a stranger, checks on a neighbour or offers their gifts for others. There is a lot of this going on here in Croxley Green.

I have met many people who serve in this way. They may not think it remarkable, but these small and faithful acts make Croxley Green feel safe, welcoming and alive.

Life at St Oswald's has given me many happy opportunities to see that spirit at work. My first Sunday was Pentecost, a day when the Church celebrates people of different languages and backgrounds being drawn together by the Holy Spirit. It felt like a very appropriate beginning for my ministry here.

Since then, there have been regular services, our Family and Spotlight services, the Holiday Club, our patronal festival and many everyday moments of worship, laughter, conversation and care.



It has been wonderful to discover the friendship shared by the worshipping communities of Croxley Green. I am enjoying working alongside the Baptist, Roman Catholic and Methodist communities, as well as All Saints Church, our mother church.



We belong to different traditions and worship in different ways, but we share the same desire to serve Christ and our neighbours. At a time when difference can so easily become a cause of division, it is heartening to see churches choosing fellowship and cooperation. Together, our witness is stronger and we are better able to serve the community God has placed

around us.

It has been spiritually enriching to see the work of the Parish Nurses, supported by volunteers from the community. Their ministry recognises that caring for people involves the whole person: body, mind and spirit. The time, compassion and practical support they offer demonstrate faith expressed through loving service. Once again, people are giving something of themselves so that others do not have to face illness, anxiety or loneliness on their own.

Our Holiday Club last July was a particular joy. Seeing children learning about the miracles of Jesus and filling the church with energy reminded me that the Church is at its best when every generation knows that it belongs. I am grateful to everyone who gave their time to make it possible. It showed what can happen when people bring their different gifts together.

Every Monday morning, we open the doors of St Oswald's Church for our volunteer run Café O. Members of our congregation and different people from the community come in to enjoy coffee, tea and cake, and I have really enjoyed getting to know those who have attended. It is a lovely place where those who come enjoy spending time together and getting to know one another.



These first months have also been a time of listening and learning. Every church and every community has its own story. I want to understand the hopes, memories and experiences of the people who have made Croxley Green what it is.



I am enjoying hearing about the past, discovering what matters to people now and beginning to imagine what the future might hold for us as a community.

As I look ahead, my hope is that St Oswald's will continue to be a place where everyone feels welcome, valued and loved. We want to be a church that is firmly rooted in prayer, just as our Patron Saint was, and open to the whole community.

Our calling is captured beautifully in the words, "For Christ, Community and Creation." I hope that we will grow in all three: following Christ faithfully, serving our community generously and caring for the beautiful world God has entrusted to us in this place.

I know that there is still much for me to learn, many more people to meet and many more corners of Croxley Green to discover, but after these first few months, I can say with gratitude that I feel very blessed to be here.

Thank you to everyone who has welcomed my family and me so warmly. I look forward to all that we will share in the months and years ahead.

Ritah

We welcomed Alan Restarick back to continue telling us about his bees and honey. This second talk was mainly about how Alan extracts honey from the hives and puts it into jars. Alan has his own extraction unit that he can use in his kitchen.

How It All Works Together: The Extraction Process

The function of an extractor is best understood by looking at the process from start to finish.

Step 1: Uncapping the Frames

Before frames can be placed in the extractor, the wax caps that bees seal each honey cell with must be removed. This is typically done with a heated knife or an uncapping fork. The wax can be used to make candles.

Step 2: Loading and Spinning

The uncapped frames are loaded vertically into the basket. The lid is secured, and the beekeeper begins to turn the crank or starts the motor. The basket spins, generating centrifugal force that pulls the liquid honey outward and onto the inner wall of the drum.

Step 3: Draining the Honey

As the honey is extracted, it runs down the walls of the drum and collects at the bottom. Once the process is complete, the honey gate is opened to drain the pure, filtered honey for bottling. The empty combs can then be returned to the hive.

It all sounds very simple but I guess there is a technique to it, so

the sticky honey does not get everywhere.

This time Alan had some honey that we could buy which is labelled Hertfordshire Honey. The bees fly about two to three miles from their hive collecting nectar.

Thank you, Alan for a very interesting afternoon and of course bringing some honey along. We shall certainly enjoy tasting it.

Janet

Next meeting 8th October is our Celebration of 150 years of Mothers' Union Worldwide. (postponed from August)





CHRISTMAS FAIR

★ St Oswald's ★

17 Malvern Way, Croxley Green, WD3 3QL

COMING SOON!

Saturday 14th November

Help us
Spread
Joy!

CHRISTMAS FAIR DONATIONS NEEDED!



Bottles & Goodies
for our tombola



Apples
to make delicious apple juice!

Every donation is greatly
appreciated. Thank you!



Please email Mim at
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A CROXLEY RAMBLER'S DIARY

Friday 11th September

The countryside is still very dry and water restrictions continue. But at last the drought has broken and we have had enough rain to fill the water butts at home. On our walk, we noticed green shoots of grass in many places but there were still plenty of trees suffering from a lack of water.

It was a pleasant autumn day, with alternating clouds and sunshine. We began at the hamlet of Belsize and set off uphill to Rose Hall Farm. Horses are their business; 'Chiltern Equestrian' provides livery stables and riding lessons. We walked past the stables and a number of paddocks before descending the slope into the Chess Valley through Hanging Lane wood. A buzzard called overhead, unseen above the trees. In the valley bottom we passed Valley farm which also specialises in looking after horses.



The ford in the Chess stream is one of my favourite places and today the water was running clear. According to Thames Water the sewage works at Chesham has not had to discharge untreated sewage since December. Nonetheless, it is hardly surprising that, because of past water quality problems, the water cress beds have closed, although the owners hope to be able to re-start the business one day. Thames Water has been upgrading their Chesham works so perhaps we will see real improvements this winter.

We took the road along Sarratt Bottom and turned up Moor Lane between high hedges. The road is narrow and the locals favour large cars so it meant taking refuge in the hedge once or twice. We emerged on the main road amongst a cluster of notable buildings. 19th century Little Sarratt Hall and several timber outbuildings are all listed and so is the impressive Georgian Sarratt Hall on the other side of the road. We turned right towards the village, passing the Old Forge (originally 17th century but now extensively modernised) and then took the adjacent path down over the fields. At the bottom of the hill we turned right along Plough Lane and then left amongst the quiet trees of Commonwood.



Commonwood House is quite a contrast to its woodland surroundings. It is not listed by Historic England but its mock Tudor architecture is remarkable in its own way. The surrounding hamlet has become a refuge for the wealthy but there is one cottage in a state of decay with a broken down car in the garden. I wonder what story that house could tell. We

walked on past the dry duck pond and the Cart and Horses pub and took the track to Penmans Green. A jay flew off from the hedgerow and we noticed bees on ivy flowers - a sure sign of autumn. Before long we were back at Belsize but discovered that the kitchen at the Plough was closed. So we decamped to the Boot on the green at Sarratt for a more than adequate repast.

Suitably refreshed I decided to walk home and made my way across the fields to Newhall farm. The farmer had the muck spreader working in the first large field and there was nothing for it but to keep going along the footpath while attempting to keep out of the way. Fortunately there was fresh grass beyond, where I could clean my boots! A car maintenance business has taken over one of the barns at the farm. They seem to specialise in old cars. In pride of place was a beautiful blue E-type

Jaguar coupé. I passed a herd of cattle, presumably the source of the farm's fertiliser, and made my way over the field to Chandlers Lane. Across the noisy motorway the hedges were decorated with a fine display of autumnal old man's beard.

At Chandlers Cross there is a path into the Woodland Trust's Harrocks Wood. As I walked among the trees I was disturbed to smell burning and see smoke drifting in the air. The dry woodlands make any signs of fire a worry so I looked around for the source. But it seemed to be coming from the neighbouring horse paddocks - perhaps someone burning rubbish.

By now I was beginning to feel the effects of walking for most of the day and so it was good to reach Croxley. I paused to look at the large field north of Little Green Lane where the wheat had caught fire during harvesting on 18th July. It had been a very worrying event for those living in houses



nearby. The hard work of the fire crews meant that the fire was contained and no-one was hurt. But it was touch and go for a while and the burnt hedges and burnt trees in Long Newlands Spring provide evidence of the intensity of the blaze. I wonder if the shrubs and trees will re-grow next year. Meanwhile the farmer has turned the soil. There are green patches in the field and, as I passed, a large flock of corvids and pigeons was busy scouring the ground for food.

Brian Thomson

ST. OSWALD'S JUMBLE



SALE



Saturday 10th Oct
2.00pm - 4.00pm

Entry £1

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JEWELLERY and more.....

REFRESHMENTS in the Church

***Please bring any donations of items
to sell to the Church Hall Mon 5th -
Fri 9th Oct from 7.00pm - 8.00 pm***

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DVD's OR ELECTRICAL ITEMS**

Malvern Way WD3 3QL
more info from 07790 330981

HARVEST 2026

This year's harvest is overshadowed by the impact of the long spell of hot, dry weather in the summer. It meant crops ripening early and yielding much less than



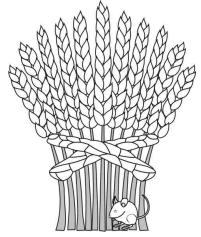
normal. As a result farmers are suffering financially and the country will be even more dependent on imports of food.

Moreover, the large fields in north Croxley suffered a major fire while harvesting was taking place. The flames moved quickly to Little Green Lane and a number of homes had to be evacuated. Eight fire engines attended from a wide area and thanks to the efforts of their crews the fire was contained. They managed to prevent damage to houses and Little Green School and they were able to protect the neighbouring woodlands. However, burnt hedgerows still testify to the intensity of the fire.



A HARVEST PRAYER

Around the supermarket



Loving God,
as I gaze around the supermarket
at rows and rows of fresh produce,
what colours crowd my sight –
red shiny apples, acid-yellow lemons,
bright-orange carrots and purple aubergines.

If I close my eyes and sniff
my nose is filled with the rich smell of coffee,
or the comforting smell of freshly baked bread.
Here, Lord, are the fruits of your creation gathered in abundance,
and telling of your profligate generosity.

Here too is the work of human hands, as people have ploughed
and sowed, nurtured and harvested in all weathers
to harness the miracle of your creation, to produce our food.

So, let us this harvest time
give thanks to our Creator for the gifts of creation.

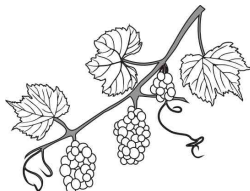
Let us remember with gratitude
the hard work of women and men all over the world
that brings us this rich bounty.

As we celebrate, let us also remember those
whose plates are empty, those whose crops have failed.

May we learn to work together
so that all God's children may enjoy the fruits of creation. Amen.

Elizabeth Clark

From the book Autumn by Ruth Burgess, Wild
Goose Resource group 2021



ST OSWALD'S HARVEST GIFTS

This year our gifts of produce will go to the Rickmansworth Food Bank.

Food banks provide emergency food and practical support to people who have been left without enough money to live on.

People also get emotional support, and a reminder that they are not alone and someone understands.

The foodbank's volunteers offer a friendly face and basic kindness. For many people, it's the first time someone has sat down and listened to them – especially when they have been worn down by the way our social security system currently works.

This year the foodbank faces increasing demands for help and they currently need biscuits, cup-a-soup, long-life juice, snacks (e.g. crisps, cereal bars, etc), tinned fruit, tinned meat, tinned vegetables, toilet roll and washing powder.

Rickmansworth
Foodbank

Our gifts of money will go to New Hope, Watford's homelessness charity. New Hope provides emergency help for homeless

people. The charity also provides accommodation for those in recovery from alcohol and substance misuse. They offer training, support and a range of activities for those recovering and for those facing mental health difficulties so that they can move on with their lives.

New Hope

WHAT'S ON?



Services

Holy Communion on Sundays 8 am and 10 am, except first Sunday in the month when there is a Family Service at 10 am.

Holy Communion on Wednesdays at 11 am.

Evening Prayer on the first Sunday at 4 pm

Sunday School meets each Sunday, except first Sunday in the month, at 10 am

Café O

Monday mornings (except Bank Holidays) in the church from 9.00 am to 12 noon



Mothers' UNION
Christian care for families



meets on the second
Thursday of each month at 2.30 pm in the
church.

Men's Breakfast meets in the hall monthly on Saturdays at 7.45 am.

Donut Club for Year 7s

3.30 to 5pm each Friday until October half term and then first Friday of each month in term time

Hot Dog Club for Year 8s

5.15 to 6.30pm first Friday each month in term time

CALENDAR OCTOBER-NOVEMBER

OCTOBER

Friday 2nd	3.30pm Donut club 5.15pm Hotdog club
Sunday 4th	9.00am Harvest breakfast in the church hall 10.00am Family Service Harvest Celebration 4.00pm Evening prayer
Thursday 8th	2.30pm Mothers' Union. Celebration of 150 years of MU worldwide.

CALENDAR FOR OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER

OCTOBER continued

Friday 9th	3.30pm Donut club
Saturday 10th	2.00 to 4.00pm Jumble Sale
Friday 16th	3.30pm Donut club
Saturday 17th	7.45am Men's breakfast. Land of the Maple Leaf. Phil Brading
Sunday 18th	10.00am Spotlight communion service with New Hope on homelessness
Friday 23rd	3.30pm Donut club
Friday 30th	2.00 to 4.00pm Musical memories afternoon tea arranged by the Parish Nurse at Croxley Baptist

NOVEMBER

Sunday 1st	3.00pm All Souls' service
Friday 6th	3.30pm Donut club
Sunday 8th	2.30pm Civic remembrance service at All Saints'
Thurs 12th	2.30pm Mothers' Union. Chiltern Open Air Museum.
Sunday 15th	10.00am Spotlight communion service on caring for one another with the Safeguarding team
Saturday 21st	7.45am Men's Breakfast. Vietnam, Richard Doughty
Wed 25th	5.20 to 6.15pm Lighting of the Christmas Tree outside the Library.

DECEMBER

Friday 4th	3.30pm Donut club 5.15pm Hotdog club
Thursday 10th	2.30pm Mothers' Union Christmas celebrations
Saturday 12th	5.00-6.00pm <i>Churches Together carol singing at the Library or 19th</i>
Saturday 19th	7.45am Men's breakfast Festive fun Michael Hart 5.00-6.00pm <i>Churches Together carol singing at the Library or 12th</i>
Sunday 20th	10.00am Spotlight communion service: 6.30pm Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols
Thursday 24th	4.00pm Crib service
Friday 25th	Christmas Day - 10.00am all age communion

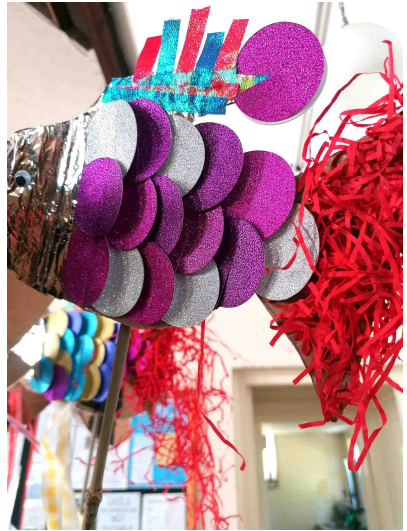
READ ALL ABOUT IT

Holiday club 2026 turns into a WEEKEND MIRACLE

In July, fifty children from school reception age to year six joined us for holiday club. This year we based our activities around a new glossy magazine supplement of the GOOD NEWS newspaper, called WEEKEND MIRACLE. They wrote news articles, prayers and jokes. This year (being a magazine) we introduced our new agony aunt column called “Dear Reverend Ritah”

On Monday we looked at the story of Jesus turning water into wine at a wedding in Cana.

The article looked like this.



Dear Reverend Ritah

What have I done? Please advise me. I've got hundreds of guests coming to my daughter's wedding. My catering budget just won't stretch. Will the guests notice if I serve blackcurrant squash instead of red wine? I don't want to look tight and I can't turn them away. My reputation will be in tatters. What should I do?

Reply from our agony aunt Reverend Ritah

Dear mother of the bride

You have been over generous with your kind invitations to your daughters wedding. I'm afraid that the guests will soon notice the blackcurrant squash. I suggest you serve the wine you have. When it runs outs, pour out the jugs of water and pray for a miracle!!!



Our mad scientist, Dorothea, showed the children some amazing colour change experiments and explosions. The children had been told that they were going to turn water into wine, but due to an editing typo, they had to turn water into slime. It was very messy but they loved getting all sticky.

On Tuesday we looked at healing miracles with first aid being taught during the afternoon. The children had fun bandaging huge teddy bears and pretending to be ambulances.



On Wednesday they heard the story of Jesus feeding the 5000. All this was in between

craft, games and choir practice. Alison wrote our theme song "The Miracle Blues" which the children learnt each day.

We ended with the parents joining us for a service of celebration to close our holiday club for the year. The children then took home their crafts and magazine that they had been working on.

A huge thank you to all forty volunteers who helped in so many ways. Next year we are looking for a new team to take on the holiday club, so if you are interested please speak to Ritah.



Remember **DON'T SNOOZE- READ THE GOOD NEWS**

News report by The Editor - Vanessa Mackay



Below: Ritah with
organisers
Vanessa and Julie

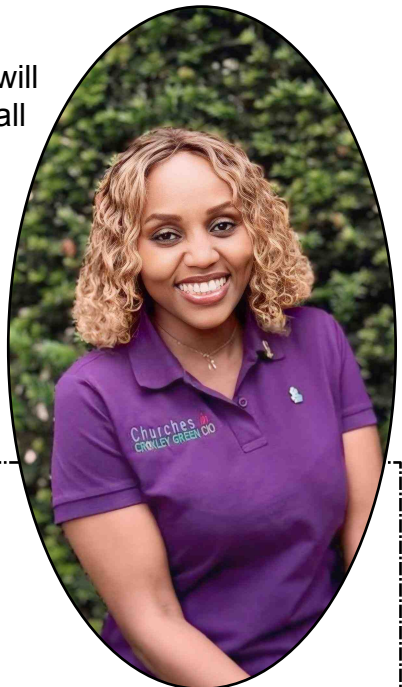


CROXLEY PARISH NURSE

Following Cathy Scarborough's untimely death All Saints' church was packed on 1st September. The service was an appropriate tribute to Cathy and the loving care she provided to so many throughout her life. Julian Maina has taken over as Croxley's Parish Nurse

The Nurse-led Cancer Support Group continues at All Saints' Church Hall on the first Thursday of the month in collaboration with Macmillan Cancer Support. It runs from 2.30 to 4pm and welcomes anyone affected by cancer. Join us to meet others, share your experiences and learn coping techniques in a warm and friendly group.

The Musical Memories tea for those affected by dementia and their carers will take place at Croxley Baptist church hall on Friday 30th October from 2-4pm with refreshments and musical entertainment. For more information contact Janet Staerck.



Contact Details
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07510575699

Intercessions for each week

The following suggestions for prayer week by week are by no means exhaustive. They are intended as prompts to encourage our prayers for: the life of our church; the charities with which we are connected; the roads of our parish; the village and the wider community. Other suggestions for prayer may be found on the fortnightly pew sheet.



Sun 27th September - Sat 3rd October

Safeguarding team and Pastoral Contact Group

The Church Army

Churches in Croxley Green

Canterbury Way, Gade Bank, Links Way, Rousebarn Lane

Sun 4th - Sat 10th October

Uniformed organisations – Rainbows, Brownies and Guides

Christian Solidarity Worldwide

Our local doctors' surgeries

Dorrofield Close, Hazelwood Road, Mayfare, Sansom Close, Watford Road

Sun 11th - Sat 17th October

Parish Magazine

New Hope Trust

Dame Sarah Mullally, the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Church of England and the Anglican Communion.

Beechcroft Ave, Oakleigh Drive, Sycamore App, Sycamore Road, Valley Walk

Sun 18th - Sat 24th October

Churchwardens, Treasurer and PCC

Trinity Project

The King and Royal Family

Byewaters, Evensyde, Basildon Close, Gill Close, Heckford Close, Longmans CI

Sun 25th - Sat 31st October

Baptism preparation and follow-up

Croxley Parish Nurse

Parish, District and County Councillors

Girton Way, Malvern Way, Sherborne Way, Winchester Way

1st - 7th November

Café O

Christian Aid

Our Diocesan Bishops, Andrew, Richard and Jane

Claremont Crescent, Lancing Way, Winton Crescent, Winton Drive

8th - 14th November

Prayer Fellowship

Watford Schools Trust

Our local shops and businesses

Dulwich Way, Lincoln Drive, Lincoln Way, Little Green Lane

15th - 21st November

Sunday School

The Children's Society

Our local schools

Baldwins Lane, Kenilworth Drive, Manor Way, Rochester Way

22nd - 28th November

Our Mission Action Plan

USPG

All Saints' Church

Durrants Drive, Hastings Way, Lewes Way, Norwich Way

29th November - 5th December

Choir and church musicians

Watford and Three Rivers Refugee Partnership

Parliament and our MP Gagan Mohindra

Merchant Taylors Place, Appleby Drive, Gloucester Court, Hertford Close, Pevensey Way, St Mawes Close, Scarborough Drive, Scotney Close





ST OSWALD'S REMEMBRANCE BOOK

OCTOBER

George S. PENMAN ~ 24th Oct 1923 to 2nd Oct 2002

Jean Mary SCOTT - 23 September 1931 to 3rd October 2016

Alfred MORRIS ~ 9th Jan 1896 to 4th Oct 1987

Stephen John BONE ~ 22nd April 1934 to 7th Oct 2002

George Ernest McISACK ~ 19th March 1915 to 9th Oct 1970

David William RESTARICK ~ 22nd Dec 1926 to 11th Oct 2007

Sydney George HOOK ~ 14th Feb 1906 to 15th Oct 1990

Theresa (Tess) Dawn HAWKINS - 10th Nov 1947 to 15th Oct 2014

Jean Grace HOMER - 26 May 1932 to 18th Oct 2015

Clifford Ernest Patrick BLACKWELL - 2nd Mar 1930 to 21st Oct 2015

Diana Mary DAVIES ~ 17th Jan 1919 to 23rd Oct 2006

Geoffrey George Victor TILLEY ~ 8th Nov 1932 to 23rd Oct 2011

John Douglas BATCHELOR - 14th Oct 1927 to 24th Oct 2018

Arthur Alfred William LEE ~ 18th June 1909 to 28th Oct 1986

Lizzie KING ~ 5th Sep 1886 to 29th Oct 1969

Mary OLIVER ~ 1st Sep 1911 to 29th Oct 1994

Joyce MANDEVILLE ~ 10th Aug 1921 to 31st Oct 2009

Reg HENDERSON - 17th Feb 1917 to 31st October 2005

NOVEMBER

Richard John PALMER - 25th June 1936 to 1st Nov 2014



David WARD - 28th Dec 1935 to 4th Nov 2023

Brian David HOWARD ~ 3rd Nov 1958 to 5th Nov 2010

Eric George HART ~ 6th June 1910 to 7th Nov 1976

Margaret Violet MACLEAN ~ 13th Jan 1911 to 9th Nov 2010

Stephen John SHEPPARD ~ 24th Mar 1953 to 9th Nov 2015

Gillian Elizabeth POWELL LOUGHRAN ~ 13th Feb 1951 to 12th Nov 1993

John Arthur HOWARD ~ 24th Oct 1924 to 19th Nov 1974

Valerie Jean GRIFFITHS - 19 June 1934 to 20th November 2023

Audrey Jean RUMMERY ~ 10 Dec 1931 to 23 Nov 2015

Nellie Elizabeth MANNING ~ 13th Dec 1906 to 24th Nov 2004

Jessie Gertrude BARBERO ~ 29th April 1913 to 25th Nov 2004

Sydney George SEARLE ~ 20th May 1922 to 25th Nov 2010

A Harvest Prayer

In our sowing and our harvesting,
in our cooking and our eating:

Let us

till the earth gently,

fish the seas wisely,

tend the animals lovingly,

share with the hungry generously,

pay the worker fairly,

enjoy the food thankfully,

praise the Giver abundantly.

So may the Father who provides for all creatures,
the Son who encompasses all in his mercy,
the Spirit who gives breath to all living things
bless our lives with goodness
and guide us in generous living. **Amen.**

Simon Taylor



From the book Autumn by Ruth Burgess,
Wild Goose Resource group 2021

Come to
St Oswald's
**CHRISTMAS
FAIR**

ON
14TH NOVEMBER

★ 11-3.30pm ★



CHRISTMAS
CAFÉ O



MULLED
WINE



ST OSWALD'S
APPLE JUICE



BOTTLE
TOMBOLA



SANTA



Puzzles by Richard Lee

ODD ONE OUT PUZZLE No. 9 - a little mental exercise by Richard Lee

The clues below (A to O) should direct you to two of the words in the column on the right.

Some of the answers suggest two words which can be individually linked to the clue, some may give two separate words which together give a two word answer and some join two words together to form a new one word answer.

Most are straight forward but a few may be cryptic and there are choices to be made for the correct pairing of words to make your answer - you can't be sure until every clue has been solved.

There is a space at the end of each clue to write in the numbers of the words you have used. When all clues have been solved one word will be left over and this is the ODD ONE OUT. Good luck!!

THE CLUES

- A - Two anagrams _____
- B - Two American states _____
- C - Two opposites _____
- D - Two for a glove _____
- E - Two sound the same _____
- F - Two cuts of meat _____
- G - Two ball games _____
- H - Two associated with a tower _____
- I - Two Asian countries _____
- J - Two holding a pin _____
- K - Two decision makers _____
- L - Two ending with an animal _____
- M - Two snakes _____
- N - Two carrying over _____
- O - Two sweets _____
- The Odd One Out Is _____

- 1 - ALPINE
- 2 - ANACONDA
- 3 - BRISKET
- 4 - BULLION
- 5 - BULLSEYE
- 6 - CAMBODIA
- 7 - COBRA
- 8 - COLORADO
- 9 - CONFIDENT
- 10- CYMBAL
- 11- EIFFEL
- 12- FLANK
- 13- GAUNT
- 14- GOVERNESS
- 15- IMPREGNATE
- 16- IVORY
- 17- JUDGE
- 18- LAUNDRY
- 19- LET
- 20- MOSCOW
- 21- PERMEATING
- 22- POLO
- 23- QATAR
- 24- RIPPING
- 25- RUGBY
- 26- SHY
- 27- SOVEREIGN
- 28- SYMBOL
- 29- TENNIS
- 30- UMPIRE
- 31- VERMONT

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APPLES

ASTER

AUTUMN

BARN

BLACKBERRY

BLUSTERY

CART

CHUTNEY

COBWEBS

CONKERS

FARM

FIREWORKS

GLOVES

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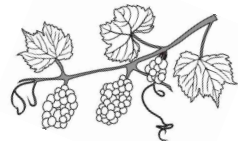
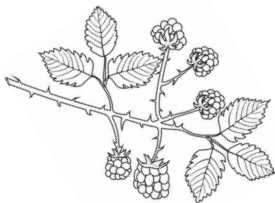
THISTLE

AUTUMN QUIZ

by Bill Frost



- 1 Hedgehogs start to hibernate in Autumn, but what is a baby hedgehog called?
- 2 Which farming activity traditionally takes place in the Autumn?
- 3 What is the name for Trick or Treating in the north of England?
- 4 Name the pigment which trees stop producing, thus causing leaves to lose their green colour?
- 5 Complete the name of this Kinks song from 1967...Autumn _____?
- 6 Maple, ash and sycamore trees produce seeds with which nickname, due to the way they fly through the air?
- 7 In ancient times, which autumn vegetable was thought to remove freckles and cure snake bites?
- 8 How many apples does it take to create one gallon of apple cider? 28, 36 or 42?
- 9 What was the name of the movie starring Robin Williams that won him an Oscar in 1997.
- 10 In which year did Guy Fawkes try to blow up Parliament?
- 11 The Oktoberfest is held annually in which German city?
- 12 Which English Romantic poet composed "To Autumn" after a walk near Winchester one autumnal evening?
- 13 Which regal American singer had a hit with Autumn Leaves in 1955?
- 14 In which year did Autumnwatch first air?
- 15 Which tree that doesn't lose its leaves during Autumn?



PUZZLE ANSWERS



~~S E V A E L V J J F W Y K~~
~~R E A P U M P K I N S I L E~~
~~B L A C K B E R R Y B E L~~
~~Z C H U T N E Y X L Q Z T~~
~~M E L L O W N M U T U A S~~
~~G S M O O R H S U M V H~~
~~A C O R N S T S E V R A H~~
~~P P K S B E W B O C E A T~~
~~P S P S R E K N O G T F~~
~~L W Q Y Q K F R A C S R Y~~
~~E S U O M D L O C I A A A~~
~~S E V O L G J Q M A J C H~~

Solution to ODD ONE OUT PUZZLE No. 9

A = 15, 21; B = 8, 31; C = 26, 9; D = 13, 19; E = 10, 28;
 F = 12, 3; G = 25, 29; H = 11, 16; I = 6, 23; J = 1, 24;
 K = 17, 30; L = 4, 20; M = 2, 7; N = 14, 27; O = 5, 22;
 ODD ONE OUT = 18 - LAUNDRY



AUTUMN QUIZ 1. Hoglet. 2. Harvest. 3. Mischief Night. 4.
 Chlorophyll. 5. Almanac. 6. Helicopter seeds. 7. Pumpkin.
 8. 36. 9. Good will hunting. 10. 1605. 11. Munich. 12. John
 Keats. 13. Nat King Cole. 14. 2006. 15. Evergreen.

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