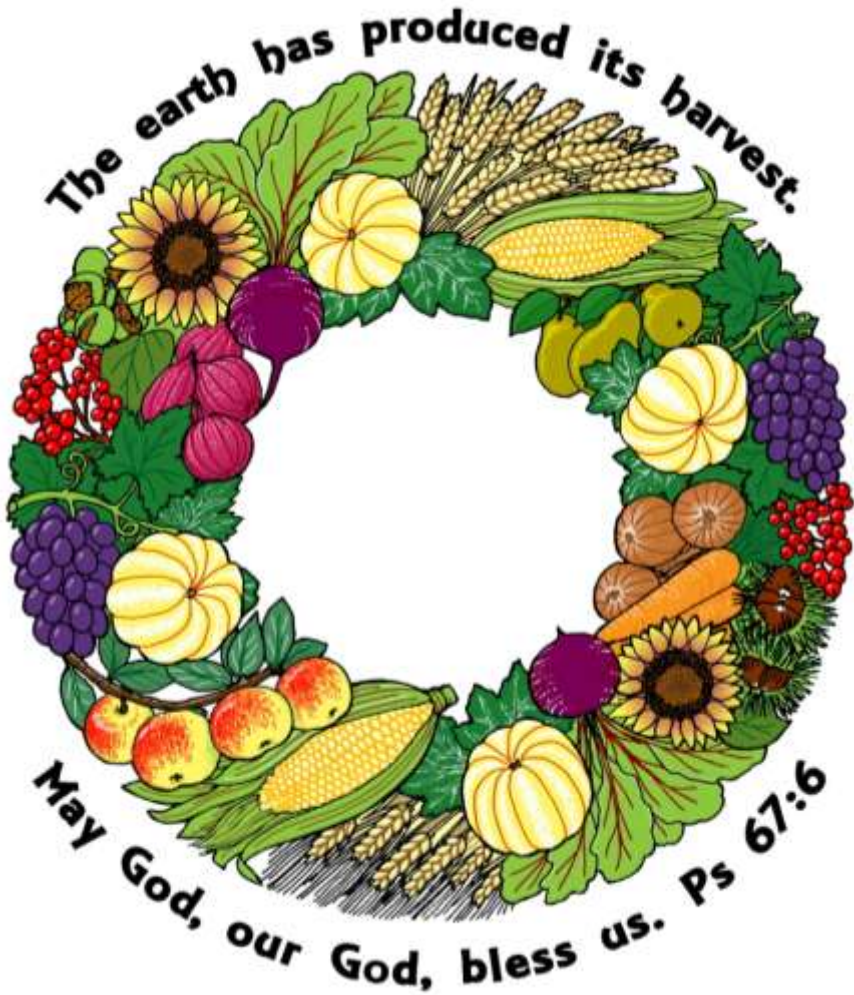


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A message from Revd. Ben Thompson



You are probably well aware of the popular notion that **doing something for the first time in a long time can be “just like riding a bike”** in that, allegedly, “it never leaves you”.

Having spent 20 years dedicating time to music, as a child and then professionally, followed by the last seven years where I have had only rare opportunities to play and perform, I find myself increasingly doubtful about this bit of popular wisdom. Sure, I can sit down at a piano and play a C major scale but ask me to play a Bach invention and my fingers soon find themselves tripping each other over.



The other thing about this popular notion of being able to return to riding a bike is the assumption that there is still a **bike to ride on. I would love to share with you ‘Michi’** a marimba solo by the Japanese composer and percussion virtuoso **Keiko Abe**, but as I don’t have the space to store a marimba, I have not got a suitable instrument to play it on.



I am increasingly worried that similar situations are beginning to play out in many communities on a larger and more complex scale. It seems like many of us assume that the activities and institutions which have helped foster strong relationships within communities will always be there, ready for us to re-engage if we happen to fancy it in the future (much like a rusty bike in a shed or a garage, which may or may not see the light of day again).



At the same time, activities and institutions which have been at the heart of communities for decades if not centuries are increasingly being lost, locally and nationally. This is due both to a decline in usage and in volunteering. The accountancy firm Price Bailey reports that 769 independent public houses closed in 2023 (2.1 closures a day). At the same time, a report by the National



Council for Voluntary Organisations reports that the number of adults helping to run activities dropped from 14% in 2018 to 7% in 2023.

If you're not familiar with the 'Parable of the Talents' (a financial unit, not a reference to natural abilities), it's worth having a look Matthew 25:14-30, even if just as a piece of wisdom literature. The message is simple: without confident commitment to something you've been given, you're likely to lose it.



Perhaps it's time to get that rusty bike out of the garage and go for a ride, or perhaps to pass it on to someone who can care for it and cherish it? Perhaps it's time to consider if and how you might offer some confident commitment to the things we treasure within Frome Valley? If more of us don't, I fear we will lose those activities and institutions which bring out the best in our communities over time, until we become little more than geographic areas full of houses but with no community.



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October 13th 10.30 St Michael's Church
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October 20th 10.30 St Michael's Community Centre
HARVEST FESTIVAL

October 27th 10.30 St Michael's Church
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Also in St Michael's Church

October 13th at 4pm - Healing Service

1st & 3rd Sunday at 8am - Holy Communion



Check page 17 for details of special services & events
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Recorded services are available on 2nd & 4th Sundays
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www.fromsidechurches.org.uk
where details of all services in the Benefice can be found.

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13th Oct Together for Fromside pulpit exchange
20th Oct Mr Adam Biddlestone
27th Oct Mr Tim Lansdown



Further details on the website www.salemchurch.org.uk

SALEM PAGE

I'm afraid this will be short and inadequate. The fact is I went off to a meeting in Edinburgh, completely forgetting the deadline. Apologies to all, especially Gill as editor.



Salem had its church anniversary while I was away and knowing the high regard in which the preacher is held I am sure it went well. The preacher was our former and greatly loved superintendent, Rev. David Alderman, a tireless worker.

I have also had personally to cope with giving up regular preaching, which I have loved doing over nearly sixty years. One may dread going blind, deaf or losing **mobility in old age. I'd never imagined anything could happen to my voice, but it** has and using it in bigger church buildings is not easy. I may still occasionally help out in an emergency or in much smaller buildings.

Our very kind present super, Rev. Teddy Kalongo, offered to hold a service of thanksgiving for my ministry and this he duly did, assisted by Leigh and others. My oldest friend, later my brother in law and more recently also my fellow local preacher, Stephen Lea, kindly agreed to preach at the service at 4pm on 8th of **this month. I was overwhelmed with everyone's kindness.**

Meanwhile, I will hope to write even when I can't speak, for the joint magazine here in Winterbourne and more widely in support of the cause of Christian unity, that, as Jesus prayed, we might all be one, sharing our praise and love of the Lord.

With love to you all from Salem,
David.

We wish David well in his retirement from preaching and look forward to his continuing contributions to this magazine.

The space on Salem's pages is easily filled by this article I have just received from the Minister at Salem, the Revd Leigh Maydew.

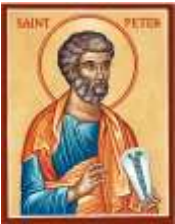
OCTOBER & NOVEMBER

I wonder what your association is with October and November. I wonder what you think of when get to this time of the year?

Already as I wander around Yate (where I live), the shops are **full of 'seasonal' items, which right now means its Halloween time.** For many, October is all about witches, wizards, ghosts, **and sweets, it's all about the commercialised celebration of the end of October.**



In the Church, Halloween is the beginning of a period of remembering. The name Halloween comes from All Hallows Eve, and so 1st November brings us All Saints Day and 2nd November brings us All Souls Day.



All Saints Day is where the church remembers all of those who **have been 'canonised', in other words, people who have been named Saints in the life of the Church.** Some examples you might recognise across Fromeside include St Michael, St Peter, St James. **In a way, it's a day for celebrating all of the 'important' people in the Church.**

All Saints is followed by All Souls, a real day of commemoration where we **remember all of those who have 'gone before us'.** Those family members and friends who are no longer with us, and now all we have left is the empty seat at the table and the photo on the wall.

For many, the anniversary of someone's death, or events like All Soul's Day, can be really difficult because it brings to mind those who we really miss. The church wants to be there to support you during difficult times, and many churches will be holding services of remembrance during this time, please do take a look on websites, Facebook and noticeboards to see what is going on around you.

After All Saints and All Souls, we move to the bit of remembering that is probably more familiar, Remembrance Sunday and Armistice Day. That period when we make space to remember the horrors of war, we remember those who did not return, and those who returned as changed people.



When times get tough, when anniversaries are painful, remember that people are there for you, and the church is there too.

And may the souls of the faithfully departed rest in peace and rise in glory.

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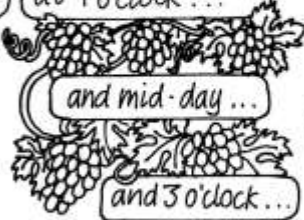
It can be read in the Bible in
Matthew chapter 20 verses 1-15

Jesus told a story to describe God's kingdom.
A vineyard owner went to the marketplace
at dawn to hire workers to pick his grapes.

I'll pay you the normal
wage for a day's work.



He went out again
at 9 o'clock ...



and again with just 1 hour
to go before sunset.



I'll pay you a fair wage

At the end of the day...



Pay the last workers first.

They were given a
whole day's wage...



and so were those who
had worked all day.



You paid them the same
and we worked all day!



My friend, you agreed to
work for a day's wage

I want to give those
who were hired last
the same as you got.



Can't I do what I want
with my own money?

Or are you jealous because
I'm good to others?



Jesus concluded...



So those
who are
now last will be
first, and the first last.



An article from "Parish Pump"...

António Guterres (United Nations Secretary-General) has said **that we're at 'Code red for humanity: the alarm bells are deafening, and the evidence is irrefutable: greenhouse gas emissions from fossil fuel burning and deforestation are choking our planet and putting billions of people at immediate risk.'**

At this time of Creationtide, how are we to respond to these climate concerns?

The world belongs to God:

'The earth is the Lord's and everything in it' (Psalm 24:1). The world is not ours, but God's! We are called to share in care for God's world: *'Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky and over every living creature that moves on the ground.'* (Genesis 1:28). We represent God by governing with the same self-giving generosity that we see in His creation of the earth. This challenges our consumer **mindset, that sees the earth's resources as both limitless** and existing simply for our needs. For example, the fashion industry uses as much carbon per minute, as a car emits going six times round the world! How can we make a difference in our world?



We belong to Christ:

We also belong to the one who's plan is: 'to be put into effect when the times reach their fulfilment – to bring unity to all things in heaven and on earth under Christ.' (Ephesians 1:10). We can look forward to the time when God will create a new heaven and a new earth and make everything new. Meanwhile, we are called to serve as He serves, caring for the earth and our fellow humans, by living simply, recycling, conserving energy and choosing reusable options.

In terms of our world, there is no plan B! God gave us only one planet!

Canon Paul Hardingham

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Across

8 Where the ark of the covenant was kept for 20 years (1 Samuel 7:1) (7,6)

9 One of the parts of the body on which blood and oil were put in the ritual cleansing from infectious skin diseases (Leviticus 14:14–17) (3)

10 Uncomfortable (3,2,4) 11 'Yet I have loved Jacob, but Esau I have — ' (Malachi 1:3) (5)

13 Where Paul said farewell to the elders of the church in Ephesus (Acts 20:17) (7)

16 'Jesus bent down and — to write on the ground with his finger' (John 8:6) (7)

19 Prophet from Moresheth (Jeremiah 26:18) (5)

22 Comes between Exodus and Numbers (9)

24 and 2 Down 'Then Elkanah went home to Ramah, but the boy ministered before the Lord under — the — ' (1 Samuel 2:11) (3,6)

25 There was no room for them in the inn (Luke 2:7) (4,3,6)

Down

1 Rough drawing (2 Kings 16:10) (6)

2 See 24 Across

3 Underground literature (including Christian books) circulated in the Soviet Union (8)

4 Lo, mash (anag.) (6)

5 The Bible's shortest verse: 'Jesus — ' (John 11:35) (4)

6 'Can a mother forget the baby at her — and have no compassion on the child she has borne?' (Isaiah 49:15) (6)

7 Can be seen in a dying fire (Psalm 102:3) (6)

12 'Send me, therefore, a man... experienced in the — of engraving, to work in Judah and Jerusalem' (2 Chronicles 2:7) (3)

14 Second city of Cyprus (8)

15 United Nations Association (1,1,1)

16 One of the women who first heard that Jesus had risen from the dead (Mark 16:1) (6)

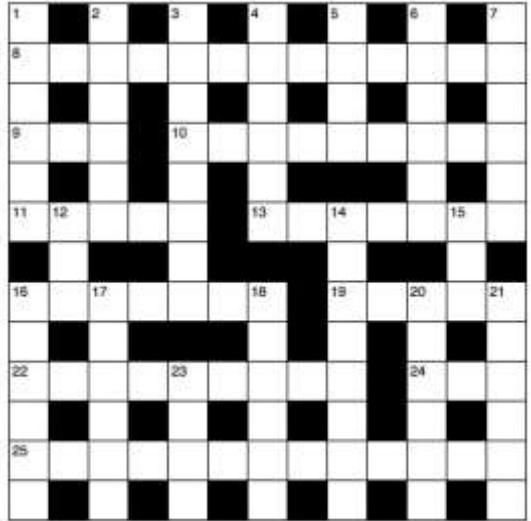
17 Braved (anag.) (6)

18 — of Evangelism, outreach initiative in the 1990s (6)

20 'Woe to those who are wise in their own eyes and — in their own sight' (Isaiah 5:21) (6)

21 'Neither — nor depth... will be able to separate us from the love of God' (Romans 8:39) (6)

23 What Jesus shed in 5 Down (4)



Answers on page 27

SALEM DIARY

There have been some interludes of an Indian summer, but generally it has become more autumnal. This indicates that it is harvest time



On Harvest Sunday, October 6th, the service will be conducted by our minister, Rev Leigh Maydew.

Harvest gifts will be donated to Turnaround Bristol, formerly the Bristol Methodist Centre, which caters for the vulnerable folk in the city centre



The October Coffee morning on Wednesday October 2nd at 10 a.m. will be a Macmillan coffee morning with proceeds being given to the Macmillan charity. There will be a cake stall and donations of cakes will be gratefully received

The next film afternoon will be on Tuesday October 8th at 2 p.m.

All are invited to come and watch a film in good company



Bacon Butty morning will be on Saturday October 19th from 10 a.m. Please come and join us for a bacon butty and /or toasted teacake with tea or coffee



October Women's Fellowship meeting will be on
Tuesday October 22nd
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HYMN: The story behind ... Come Ye Thankful People Come

*Come, ye thankful people, come,
Raise the song of harvest home!
All is safely gathered in,
Ere the winter storms begin;
God, our maker, doth provide
For our wants to be supplied;
Come to God's own temple, come;
Raise the song of harvest home!*

*We ourselves are God's own field,
Fruit unto his praise to yield;
Wheat and tares together sown,
Unto joy or sorrow grown;
First the blade and then the ear,
Then the full corn shall appear:
Grant, O harvest Lord, that we
Wholesome grain and pure may be...*

H Alford (1810–71)

Very probably, you will sing this well-loved Harvest hymn this month. It was written by the Revd Henry Alford, DD, a Victorian clergyman who had been a fellow student at Trinity College, Cambridge with Alfred Tennyson, and whose transparent goodness and friendliness seem to have made him liked and appreciated wherever he went.

His ministry began as vicar of Wymeswold, a tiny village in Leicestershire with a badly neglected church. Over 18 years, Henry rebuilt the faltering Christian community, faithfully visiting every person in his parish, and preaching his way through the Bible in sermons that were so clear that everyone could understand him. He then moved on to the incumbency of Quebec Chapel in London for four years, before moving to the Deanery of Canterbury, in 1857, where he lived until his death in early 1871.



Henry was one of life's good people; gentle, kindly, grateful for everything he had (he used to say 'grace' before AND after each meal), and eager to encourage all those whom he served. He was prodigiously productive: writing something like 50 books. The best known of these was a four-volume exposition of the New Testament, which took him nearly 20 years.

His famous hymn draws upon two of Jesus' parables: the story of the wheat and tares (Mt 13:24-30) and also the story of the seed that grows unbeknown to the sower (Mark 4:26-29). Both are parables drawn from agriculture; both are about the ultimate harvest of our souls before God. During this lifetime we properly give thanks to God for our harvest of His gifts of creation, but we should also reflect on what seed we are sowing in our lives, and what harvest we may expect; as one day God will gather together *only His own* for the eternal heavenly harvest.





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Silent Film with Live Music - Friday 11th October, 7.30pm

In 1922, Nosferatu was the first film of Dracula, and maybe the first ever 'horror' film. English Heritage commissioned Chris Green to compose music for an outdoor screening of Nosferatu at Whitby Abbey in 2022, and we are delighted to welcome Chris (half of GreenMatthews) back to the atmospheric Medieval Barn to play that haunting score as we watch this famous silent movie. Perfect for the lead-up to Halloween!

Talks

Death & Dying in Medieval England - Thursday 10th October, 7pm

Find out some weird and fascinating things about medieval history! This talk is also available to watch live on Zoom - please book well in advance to get sent the link on time.

Workshops

Pottery Taster Afternoon - Saturday 19th October, 1pm or 1.30pm

Choose from a hand-build or a wheel session (2 - 3 hours) with Brenda and Deon at The Pottery Shed. They are kindly donating the profits to the Barn.

Pumpkin flower arrangement Workshop - Wed 30th October, 6.30 - 9pm

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Watch News from the Pews for details of a get together with a cuppa and a very special jam doughnut hosted by Mary Fordham – donations will go to Bristol Dementia Action Alliance

A poster for a "Healing Service". The text reads: "Healing Service. Prayers for body, heart, and mind." It features a photograph of a hand holding a glowing lightbulb. The event details are: "13th October, 4pm. St Michael's Church, Church Lane, BS36 1SE". The logo for "Fromside Benefice of Churches" is in the bottom right corner.

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"May the peoples
 _____ you, O God!
 May all the peoples praise you!
 The land yields its harvest;
 God, our God blesses us."
Psalm 67:5-6 NIV

"God ... has shown kindness by
 giving you rain from heaven
 and crops in their seasons.

He provides you with
 plenty of _____. He fills
 your hearts with joy."

Acts 14:16-17 NIV

"Honour the Lord with your wealth
 and the first part of your harvest."

Proverbs 3:9 ERV

"Let us fear and respect
 the Lord our God.

He gives us autumn and
 spring _____
 at the right time.

He makes sure that we
 have the harvest at
 just the right time."

Jeremiah 5:24 ERV

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Welcome Back to a New School Year!

As the summer holidays come to an end, it has been a joy to welcome our pupils back to school. The start of a new school year always brings a sense of excitement and anticipation, and this year is no exception. After a well-deserved break, it has been **wonderful to see the children's smiling faces, hear their stories of summer adventures, and watch them reconnect with friends and teachers.**



This year, we are excited about the many opportunities that lie ahead. Our dedicated staff have been busy planning engaging lessons, fun activities, and new initiatives that will help each child grow academically, socially, and spiritually. We are committed to providing a nurturing environment where every child can thrive, feel valued, and be encouraged to reach their full potential. We are particularly excited to start the new academic year as a proud member of the newly formed Mosaic Partnership Trust. Twelve schools along with Andrew Best and Geraldine Tidy have worked closely together for the past 18 months and have benefited from some excellent opportunities for the staff and children. We are excited to be on this journey together and look forward to more exciting opportunities ahead.

One of the highlights of this term will be our focus on community and kindness.



We aim to instil in our students the values of respect, compassion, and friendship towards others - qualities **that are at the heart of our school's ethos.** Throughout the year, we will be exploring these themes in our assemblies, lessons and through various projects that encourage the children to make a positive difference in the world around them.



We are also looking forward to welcoming parents and carers into the school for various events and workshops, **one of the highlights of the year is Grandparents' day** whereby grandparents come into school and share their **grandchildren's learning experiences** – such a special day. We cherish the partnership we have with our school community to create a supportive and inspiring environment for our children.

If anyone has children who are due to begin Reception class in September 2025 and would like to join our thriving school, please visit our school website for details of open events and tours.

As we embark on this new school year, let us keep in our thoughts and prayers all our students, staff, and families. May we work together to make this year one of joy, learning, and growth for everyone. we look forward to a fantastic year ahead!

Kirsty Robson
Headteacher

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DOWN: 1, Sketch. 2, Priest. 3, Samizdat. 4, Shalom. 5, Wept. 6, Breast. 7, Embers. 12, Art. 14, Limassol. 15, UNA. 16, Salome. 17, Adverb. 18, Decade. 20, Clever. 21, Height. 23, Tear.



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