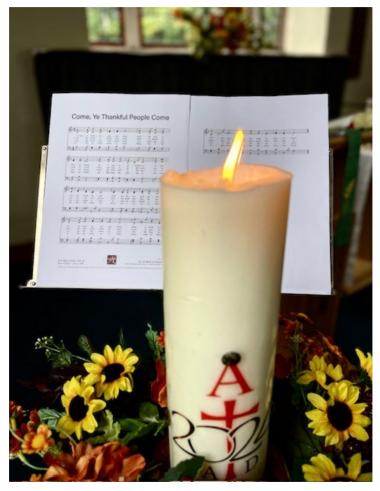


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^{**} Members of our team are very pleased to visit you in your home, to listen to you, talk with you, and pray with you. Nothing is too trivial, and nothing is beyond the reach of God's love and grace.

All you have to do is pick up the telephone and call.

We will be delighted to hear from you, and respond to your need.



Please scan me to donate to help maintain our church



October Letter

Dear friends,

As we enter October autumn is very much here; as described by John Keats the Season of mists and mellow fruitfulness. In our garden at home, and perhaps in yours as well, there's such a good crop of apples that some of the tree boughs are bent with their weight.

We are particularly blessed at All Saints to look out over fields of ripening crops and to have several farms in our parish. This month we will celebrate God's abundant provision and give thanks for the hard work of our farmers in our Harvest Festival on 13th October.

And as the month progresses, daylight hours shorten and the nights draw in, our thoughts also begin to turn towards Christmas. And so I thought I'd take the opportunity to share with you some of the things being planned this year. Over Advent we will be drawing on the Latin American traditions of something called Posada to help us put our Mission Statement into action and Share the love of Jesus in our community.

Posada (Spanish for lodging or inn) is a way for us to take sets of knitted figures of Mary and Joseph plus shepherds, wisemen, donkey and sheep into the homes, care homes, the day nursery and the school in our parish.

Our knitted figures are going to be commissioned in church on Advent Sunday (1st December) and they will then travel around our parish to those who have agreed to give them a night's shelter. Each day of Advent, Mary and Joseph and their friends will be taken from one lodging (Posada) to another, stopping – by arrangement – where there is a place for them and a warm welcome awaiting.

With them is a journal for their hosts to record any thoughts and comments, together with some prayers of handover and welcome. Hosts can also take selfies with Mary & Joseph and send them in to our website or Facebook page.

Finally on Christmas Eve, Mary, Joseph and the others return to church for the birth of Jesus (also knitted!). The whole family can be visited in All Saints' Church at our

Crib Service and on Christmas Day.



As you can see, we are going to need quite a few knitted Posada sets, and I know some of you have already been busy with your knitting needles, which is great. It's not too late if you want to join in and start knitting – we have patterns available, and we will need the figures completed by mid-November. I'd love to be able to use the old Blue Peter line Here's one I made earlier, but I can take no credit for the knitted figures above.

I hope I've whetted your appetite - and provided some ideas for a project to pass away the longer autumn evenings.

God bless, Heather

He is Always There

It is funny that when we're in trouble
We immediately kneel down and pray,

And expect that the good Lord in heaven

Will all of our fears allay.

It's amazing that when we're in crisis

We turn to the Lord straight away,

But we barely spare Him a moment

When everything's going our way.

We seem to seek God when it suits us

And we fail to keep in touch each day,

Yet regardless how badly we treat Him

His love means He's not far away.

So perhaps we should stop for a moment

And give thanks to the Lord in a prayer,

For no matter how neglectful of Him we may be For us, He will always be there.

By Colin Hammacott

Meru's Musings

Teasers

-Monica took part in a furiously competitive race, which she won due to her speed and agility. Despite this, she was not allowed to collect the winning trophy. Why?

-When I was 14 my mother was 41, and she is now twice as old as I am; how old am 1?

-A man walks into a bar and immediately falls unconscious. Why?

Latin names for plans

Hamamelis Witch Hazel

Hebe Shrubby veronica

Hedera Ivy

Helenium Sneezeweed

Helleborus Lenten Rose

Helleborus niger Christmas rose

Hemerocallis Daylily

Heuchera Coral bells

Hibiscus Tree hollyhock

Hosta Plantain Lily

Hylotelephium Sedum, Stonecrop

Latin Quotations.

Ex post facto. After the fact. Fortes fortuna juvat. Fortune favours

the brave.

Hic jacet..... Here lies.....

Habeas corpus. A legal writ, bringing a prisoner to court.

In memoriam. In memory of. In toto. Altogether. In vino veritas. In wine is truth.

Sayings of our elders

Judges:

Don't blame the judge for the law.

Judgement:

Before you start up a ladder, count the rungs.

Judge every man charitable.

If you can't have what you want, want what you have.

Kindness:

When the Dali Lama was asked 'What is your religion' he replied 'Kindness'

A kindness is remembered, a meanness is felt.

Kindness is better than piety.

Knowledge:

Every new answer raises a new question.

When wine comes in, knowledge goes out.

Law:

Without law civilization dies.

The beginning and the end of law is kindness.

Leaders/Leadership:

Beware the chief seat, because it shifts.

Too many captains will sink the ship. When the Shepherd blunders, his

flock blunders after him.

Meru Ullah



9.00am 13th October "Things that go bump in the night"





In Messy Church children and their parents/carers have fun learning about the Christian faith together through different activities—crafts, cooking, games, songs...

If you would like to know more about Messy Church please contact Jackie Moss on 01782 771067 Or come along on the day.





ASHTON ON MERSEY SHOW BAND

(www.aomshowband.co.uk)

This 34 musician band has toured Europe & the USA, playing classical, musicals, jazz & pop music. The band, which celebrated it's 50th birthday in 2023, now presents a concert on

Saturday 19 Oct. starting 7 30pm (doors open 7pm) at the Civic Centre Alsager (ST7 2AE)

Tickets £15, available from the Home Coffee Shop, Alsager.

The event includes free refreshments and a raffle.

100% OF THE PROFIT WILL GO TO THE CHRISTIE CHARITY, including The Christie at Macclesfield, which serves South Cheshire & parts of North Staffs.

Supporting









2025 Knitting Art Exhibition



Yes we've reached that time again and as the darker nights will soon be upon us it's get your knitting needles out time.

After a long hard think, we've settled on The Nativity Story as our theme for 2025

Again, using our tried and tested recipe of 4 inch knitted squares.



Our recipe is :using double knitting wool and size 4 mm needles

(old number 8) cast on 25 stitches, knit 45 rows then cast off, hopefully you will have a 4 inch knitted square —wonderful. As the darker nights creep upon us through the Autumn and Winter months, we would like as many people as possible to help with this project, so if you know anyone who can knit please ask them to help too.

All knitted squares can be left in church, given to a member of the congregation who will bring them into church, or give them to the person who delivers your Parish Magazine.

To begin with we are looking for squares in various shades of brown and shades of blue.

Over the next few months, we will have updates on how the squares are coming along and what different colours we will be requiring to complete the project and of course more details about our exhibition date.

If you need further information at this time, please don't hesitate to ring Bev on 01270-874491

P.S Noah, Adam and Eve all hope this project is going to get as much support as they did.



Harvest at All Saints' All Saints' Church Lawton

Sunday 13th October 10.45am

Please join us at our Harvest Festival Service We are donating your gifts to the Alsager & District food bank.



We are asking for gifts of non-perishable food – items that can be given, stored and distributed to people in genuine need. Below is a list of much needed items

- Breakfast Cereals
- •Tea /Coffee
- Sugar
- Milk (long life)
- Tinned Meats
- Soups (packet, tins)
- Cuppa Soups

- Tinned veg incl. Tomatoes
- Potatoes (tinned, powder etc)
- Noodles (dried)
- **Tinned Fruit**
 - **Jellies**
- Rice puddings
- **Biscuits**

- **Toilet Rolls**
- Sanitary Wear
- **Nappies**
- Soap/Shower gel/Shampoo
- **Toothpaste**
- **Laundry Products**

CARRIER BAGS

As God has blessed us so much all through this year, let us be a blessing to him and to others by being generous in our purchasing and generous in giving it away.

From the Registers

Baptism

On	25th	August	Willow Grace Grocott	5 months
On	14th	September	Lucca Maximus Angotti	7 months
On	22nd	September	Leo Zavier Maynard	11 months

"I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the saints, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge--that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God."

Ephesians 3:18-19

Church Collections for August2024

Week Beginning	4th	£891.90
Week Beginning	11th	£1,020.60
Week Beginning	18th	£660.00
Week Beginning	25th	£397.33

Our thanks to everyone who has helped us by giving faithfully and generously towards our costs of mission, ministry and maintenance.

During this unprecedented challenging time, you can also keep up to date via our website where you can find out about our worship, church life, giving and accessing our monthly parish magazine.

Learn to 'wait well' for all your life you will spend more time waiting than you will

'My future is in Your hands...'



LET US NOT BE

WILL REAP IN DOING GOOD, FOR WE WILL REAP IN DUE SEASON, IF WE DON'T GIVE UP. SO THEN, AS WE HAVE OPPORTUNITY, LET'S DO WHAT IS GOOD TOWARD ALL MEN, AND ESPECIALLY TOWARD THOSE WHO ARE OF THE HOUSEHOLD OF THE FAITH. GALATIANS 6:9-10

In her helpful book, When, God, When? Joyce Meyer writes: "God has taught me to keep living the life I now have, while I am waiting for the things that are in my heart to come to pass. We can become so intent on trying to birth the next things that we neither enjoy nor take care of the things at hand. I had a vision from God ten years before I began to see it fulfilled. During those years, I believe I missed a lot of joy trying to give it birth outside of God's timing."

Learn to enjoy where you are, while you're waiting to get to where you want to be. After all, all your life you will spend more time waiting than you will receiving. And when you receive what you're waiting for now – you'll begin waiting for something else. That's life! If we don't learn to 'wait well', we'll live with endless frustration.

Waiting well is what will deliver our dream. Listen: "in due season we shall reap, if we faint not" (Gal. 6:9). "Due season" is when God knows we're ready, not when we think we are. He has set appointments to accomplish certain things in our life, so we might as well settle down and wait patiently, because that's when it will happen – and not before.

God knows what you need, He knows when you need it and He knows how to get it to you. All He asks you to do is trust Him.

Adapted from UCB 'Word for Today'

Psalms 27:14

"Wait patiently for the Lord. Be brave and courageous. Yes, wait patiently for the Lord."

Laugh lines etcetera...

Passwords

An elderly vicar got a call from a scammer who said, "I've got all of your passwords." The vicar replied: "Excellent! What are they? Just wait while I grab a pen."



"It's either an appeal to youth culture or we can't afford to service the boiler for the Winter season"

Right resting place

The new vicar was a bit of an efficiency expert, whose obsession was to move around the hymnbooks, the notice-sheets, the magazines, the guides, and most of the other portable things in his church, in search of the perfect place. From porch to display stand to table to vestry to side chapel – round and round various things went, week by week

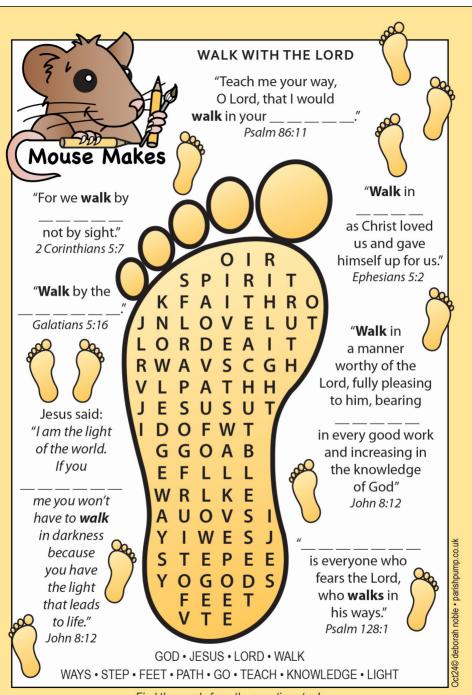
After several months, a visitor approached a harassed churchwarden before church one morning, and asked if he could tell her where the copies of the church guides were kept. "No, I'm sorry," he said wearily. "But if you just stand here a while, I'm sure you'll see them go by!"

Growing up

Your child has started growing up when he stops asking you where he came from and starts refusing to tell you where he's going.

Duct tape

Duct tape is like the Force. It has a light side and a dark side, and it holds the universe together.



Find the words from the questions too!

Recycling & Green Living Tips

TOP TIPS FOR MANAGING YOUR RUBBISH

Reduce Waste At The Source

The best way to manage waste is to reduce it first as much as you can. By keeping an eye on what we bring into our homes, we can significantly cut down on the amount of rubbish that needs to go out again and protects precious resources.

- Consider borrowing, rather than buying: this cuts packaging waste – big-ticket items like tools, electronics & smaller furniture/ decorative items come with bulky protective packaging. It also saves you money.
- Opt for reusable or refillable alternatives: Avoid disposable items like paper kitchen roll & tissues.
 Swap to cloth shopping bags, stainless steel water bottles, and reusable coffee cups or cutlery, or sit in rather than taking away. Pack your lunch to take with you and have a coffee before you go.
- Plan Meals: Meal planning can help reduce packaging & food waste. You can buy only what you need and just the quantities you need. Remember to check your cupboards and the freezer first to see what you already have. Freeze your leftovers for a nocook night off!

 If you have a baby in the house, consider switching to reusable nappies. They aren't as hard to deal with as it might seem and worth it even if you still use disposables while you're out.

Reuse As Much As Possible

- Shop preloved where possible: if there's something you need, check out the wide variety of second hand shops and save something that's already in circulation.
- Reuse Containers: Glass jars, plastic containers, and other packaging can be repurposed for storage or DIY projects e.g. Store leftovers in a jar rather than using foil or clingfilm.
- Donate Unwanted Items: Consider donating items in good condition to local charities or secondhand shops rather than binning them –
 Freecycle is great for many things including toy, furniture and household items.

Maximise Recycling

- For the unavoidable waste max out your recycling. Paper, card, metals including foil, glass bottles & jars, plastic food containers and cartons, tetrapaks and food waste are all recyclable in the kerbside bags and boxes that most council services collect. Batteries can be recycled at any shop that sells them.
- If your product comes with unavoidable packaging, check whether it can be easily recycled,

and remember foil, tin cans and glass are longer lasting and more recyclable than plastic. Avoid excessive packaging - who needs a plastic wrapped banana anyway?

- Set up your system: We all know that if something is easy, we are more likely to do it so make recycling easy. Whether that's organising and labelling your bins, putting the recycling boxes in a easy to reach location or tasking the kids to take on the job!
- Sort Your Waste: Continue to sort your recyclables (see council websites for details of what you can and can't place in your recycling bags & boxes) as usual.

5 Weird things you can compost

1. 100% Cotton Balls, pads and Q-tips One hundred percent cotton and cardboard Q-tips and cotton balls can be tossed into your compost bin and will get broken down by microorganisms and bacteria just like everything else. Note: If your Q-tips have plastic stems, they don't belong in the compost.

2. Coffee Grounds and Paper Filters Used coffee grounds and even paper coffee filters make a great addition to your compost pile; doing so is a great way to reduce waste. If you're not a coffee drinker but you still want to be part of the movement to rescue coffee grounds from an untimely end,

stop by your local coffee shop. Many coffee shops have started giving away used coffee grounds to avid composters just like you.

3. Paper and Cardboard. These are better shredded and will soak up any excess fluid in your compost bin.

4. Natural Wine Corks Provided they are not plastic, wine corks will decompose.

5. White paper and masking tape Arts and crafts are rarely recyclable, but when you use white glue, water colour and paper materials you can

add a little culture to your compost pile by composting artwork.



A bumblebee can only fly for about 40 mins between feedings. But we've lost 97% of our wildflower meadows. So each nectar-rich flower you plant in a window box or in your garden or community green spaces could be the pit stop that saves a bee.

Happy Recycling

Carol Henshaw

All Saints' Community Page

Lots of Autumn, tidying up, and planting going on around the churchyard. Jane & Roger have been weeding and clearing moss around the front of the church and tidying the edges on the path. Kath cleaned all the steps and found a Health and Safety issue with some railings, so Paul ,Michael and Geoff set about putting it right. What a busy volunteer group!









Pat and Diane along with Carol have been creating new beds in the od part and planting spring bulbs in both the new and old section with Geoff ferrying soil between the two groups! All this after sorting all the broken branches across the pathways from storms in August.







Diary Dates

Saturday 26th October 10.30am to 12.30pm Coffee and Christmas Craft Fayre

30th November to 6th December Christmas Tree Festival 10-4pm

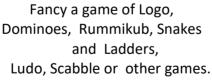
Sunday 1st December 3-5.30pm
Mince Pies and Mulled wine at the Rectory

Monday 16th December 3pm Carol Singing at Lawton Manor

Friday 31st January 7pm Curry and Quiz Night







Tuesday 8th October
Then come and join us on
Enjoy a challenge or
teach others.











All Saints' Church Lawton is open daily

The church is open daily for private prayer 10am to 4pm.

Come in and spend a few quiet moments in the tranquil and peaceful setting. There is a prayer station at the front of the church or simply choose a pew.

Morning Prayer at All Saints'

Rev Sister Heather Kemball warmly invites you to join her for Morning Prayer at 8.30am on Monday, Wednesday and Friday

Midweek Communion at the Rectory

Cancelled during October.

Prayer for October 2024

Lord,

As we move into autumn and the month of October, the normal seasonal changes are all around us, the beautiful colours, the falling leaves, the cooler days. And that is reassuring.

But, so much else in our world is changing so rapidly, often in ways we don't understand. And that can be worrying.

Thank you that You never change. You are always the same, faithful, present and loving. And You tell us in Your Word, not to be anxious about anything, but to bring all things to You in prayer and to trust You. When we do this, You promise us Your Peace — a peace of heart that steadies us and helps us move forward.

Thank you that whatever comes, we are secure in You, when we put our trust in Jesus.

In His name, we pray.

Amen.

By Daphne Kitching

Bible Readings for October Services

Date	Epistle	Gospel
6th	1 Corinthians 12: 1 - 11	Matthew 5: 13 - 16
13th	Deuteronomy 26: 1 - 11	Matthew 13: 1 - 23
20th	1 Corinthians 12: 1 - 31	John 17: 20 - 23
27th	1 Corinthians 14: 1 - 33	John 14: 15 - 31

Teaser Answers

Monica took part in a furiously competitive race, which she won due to her speed and agility. Despite this, she was not allowed to collect the winning trophy. Why?

Ans= She was a horse.

When I was 14 my mother was 41, and she is now twice as old as I am; how old am 1?

Ans= 27(as this is the difference in age between the two)

A man walks into a bar and immediately falls unconscious. Why? **Ans= It was an iron bar.**



Please send any material for inclusion in the November edition of Lawton Light!

by October 10th

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Services & Speakers October 2024

	8.30am	10.45am	6.00pm	
6th	Trinity 19			
	Holy Communion	Holy Communion	Service of the Word	
	Martin Oram	Martin Oram	Margaret Cruxton	
13th	Trinity 20			
		Harvest	Holy Communion	
		Bev Boulton	Angela Speedy	
20th	Trinity 21			
	Holy Communion	Holy Communion	Evening Prayer	
	Bev Boulton	David Taylor	Bev Boulton	
27th	Trinity 22			
		Praise & Prayer	Holy Communion	
		Margaret Cruxton	Margaret Cruxton	



October Rotas

Date	Time	Service	Readers	Prayers
6th October	8.30am	Holy Communion BCP		
	10.45am	Holy Communion CW	Pat Lancaster	Bev Boulton
			David Hermitt	
	6.00pm	Service of the Word	Harold Dowler	Bev Boulton
			Kieran Hurchinson	
13th October	9.00am	Messy Church		
	10.45am	Praise & Prayer	Janet Parker	Jane & Bev
			Linda Jones	
	6.00pm	Holy Communion CW	Chris Preston	Harold Dowler
			Bev Boulton	
20th October	8.30am	Holy Communion CW		
	10.45am	Holy Communion	Yvonne Banks	Jane Baker
		Iona liturgy	Paul Cruxton	
	6.00pm	Evening Prayer	Jane Baker	Jane Baker
			Kieran Hutchinson	
27th October	10.45am	Praise & Prayer	Ruth Griffiths	
			Margaret Mellor	Yvonne Banks
	6.00pm	Holy Communion BCP	Harold Dowler	Service prayers
			Chris Preston	





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