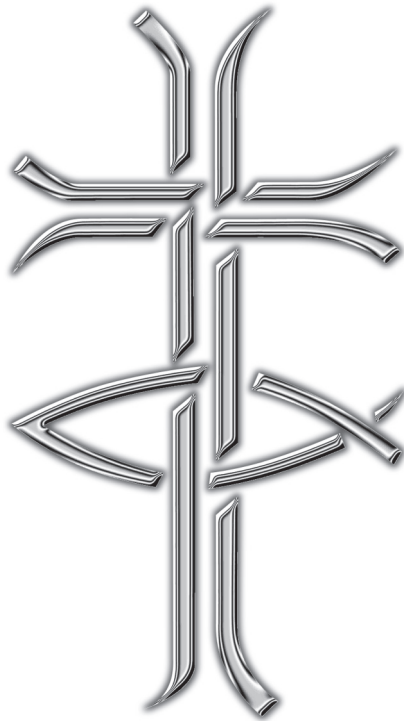


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# The Recorder

September 2011

News and views from Redland Park &  
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# New Brunswick | September Diary

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## Preachers for 11am Services 2011

Sep	4th	Angus Gregson
	11th	Angus Gregson (Communion)
	18th	Derek Marsh (Harvest Thanksgiving)
	25th	Brenda Isherwood

## Speakers for Womens' Guild

Sep	7th	D.I.Y
	14th	Preparation for Anniversary
	21st	Anniversary speaker Rev. Mary Piggott
	28th	D.I.Y

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A warm welcome is extended to any lady who might like to come along and join the ladies at their Wednesday meeting. There is a special invitation to a EVERYONE who would like to join the ladies to celebrate their Anniversary on September 21st.

As you will see we are holding our Harvest Thanksgiving Service on Sunday 18th September. Once again this year we shall be giving our gifts to Little Brothers at the Priory in Marlborough Street. They are always very pleased to receive our donation of goodies.

We were all stunned and shocked by the sudden death of Sheila Chapman at the end of July. Sheila had been in church on the Sunday and had shared with the ladies at Women's Guild on the Wednesday but sadly suffered a heart attack and passed peacefully away on 29th July. We shall miss her. She was just beginning to master her motorised buggy although reversing was still a bit of a mystery to her. But as always she could see the funny side of trying to master this art. Sheila could never understand why Gill could manage to reverse the scooter with one hand and not even be sitting on it! During the last few months life had not been easy for Sheila she had had spells in hospital and long periods of recovery at home. But more recently she had been feeling better and was a regular once again at morning worship and Women's Guild. We uphold her family in prayer as they come to terms with the sudden loss of their beloved Mother. (A tribute is on page XX

During the summer we have been pleased to hear that Jim has had an eye operation which already seems to have improved his vision. Its early days but we pray for even clearer sight for him.

We remember Irene in our prayers, too, at the moment as she under goes more hospital tests.

Ivy has undergone several tests and scans and so we pray that it won't be long before a diagnosis has been made.

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Dear all,

While for many of us the summer has been a time for holidays and maybe just a bit of rest and relaxation for many others it has been anything but that. In Libya the rebellion has continued and as I write seems to be nearing its climax with Tripoli coming into rebel hands and Gaddafi himself seems to be on the run. In Syria the rebellion against that regime continues though at some cost to those who oppose the regime without the hope of intervention from outside. This has all been part and parcel of what has become known as the "Arab Spring." In all of this we have seen the yearning for freedom given real expression. That yearning is a constant theme through history and has been given expression in the anti-slavery movement of the abolitionist in the 18th and 19th centuries. It was also given expression in the suffragette movement of the 19th and 20th centuries. It has been given expression in many political movements and when countries have sought their own independence movements.

All of this points to something very deep within the human make-up. For myself I see this as very much related to how we understand ourselves as being made in the image of God, something fundamental to the Jewish, Christian and Islamic faiths. All of us celebrate the creation story of Adam and Eve. When Jesus came preaching his Good News he did so with a particular critique of his own society. For me various

texts stand out in this regard. In Luke's gospel there is Mary's song of rebellion in Luke 1.46-55. There is also the first time he preached in the synagogue in Nazareth (Luke 4.14-29). You might recall that didn't go down to well with the congregation! The examples are numerous besides these. What Jesus expresses is God's freedom and how that will impact here and now. Freedom is always challenging and never comes without some cost.

The other news items that will have concerned many of us over the past few weeks are those concerning the riots. Freedom can be abused and that was one aspect of what happened in mid-August, though as some have pointed out the riots also point out some failings within society. From our involvement with Broadplain in the city centre I am very aware that funding provision for youth work is wholly inadequate. Freedom needs to be understood in terms of rights and responsibilities and those things need to be taught and shared. I know that Dennis Stinchcombe, who heads up Broadplain Youth club at the Riverside (M32) was able to make these points to Ed Miliband when he came to visit. Again freedom never comes without some cost, but it is part of the gospel we proclaim and it is fundamental to what it means to be human and part of a good and healthy society..

*Dougie*



Congratulations to **David and Carrie Jones** on the birth of baby Elsa, born on 29 June, a sister for Martha and Corinne.

**Elizabeth Graham** has been unwell for some time and unable to come to church. She has now moved to Sussex to be nearer her daughter, Elizabeth. Her new address is St Anne's Residential Care Home, 92 Mill Road, Burgess Hill, West Sussex RH15 8EL, tel 01444 462912 and we hope she will be very happy there.

**Gwyneth Hebblethwaite** has moved into The Avenue (Cotham Park North, Cotham) where she has more support, but she is as active as ever. We hope she will be very happy in her new home.

We think of **Teame Mebrahtu** who is recovering slowly from his operation and we pray for his health, and for Teblez and his family while they support him.

**David Hayden** is having some further hospital treatment and we pray that this will be completely successful.

We pray for a speedy recovery for **Henry Dickenson**, who has recently had an eye operation, and we hope this will make a good improvement for him.

We were sorry to hear that **Janet Owen** has been in hospital for a couple of weeks but is being visited by Mal and her family; Janet is not well enough to receive other visitors at the moment. Please pray for her recovery to good health, and for Mal and the family.

We wish **Jess Weir** a good recovery - she is currently staying in Westleigh Care Home (St George) for six weeks to try to regain her mobility before going back to Fosseway Court.

Congratulations to all those who have taken exams this summer; we hope you have all achieved what you wanted and are set onto the next step of your life.

We pray for all those members and friends we know who need our prayers at this time.

We were pleased to celebrate two baptisms in July - of **Jessica Hannah Hirsch**, daughter of **Hannah and Daniel Hirsch**, and **Amelia Suzanne Tabb**, daughter of **Helen and Chris**, both babies are new grandchildren for **Andrew and Suzy Sims**.

## New Brunswick Continued

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We think of Joyce at this time as she goes in to have another cataract removed. We pray that it will be as successful as the last operation. We also remember Joyce in our prayers as she mourns the loss of her dear brother-in-law. May God wrap His comforting arms around her.

For all our folk who are not as well as they would like we pray that Gods healing hands may be on them. May they be assured, too, of our love and care.

It is with much delight that we have heard that Jo and Lou are expecting a new arrival! We pray that Jo will remain well throughout the pregnancy and look forward to a Christmas baby.

Congratulations.

Our Girls Brigade Company will recommence on Wednesday 7th September. The Girls Brigade is open to all girls from the age of 4yrs. We meet from 6pm to 7:30pm every Wednesday during term time. We would appreciate your prayers for both the girls who attend week by week and for the Officers and helpers that they are given guidance, understanding and patience. As they bring the Good News of Jesus to these young girls.

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### *Mary Joyce Skelton Tribute*

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The family of Mary Joyce Skelton are sad to announce her death on 30 July 2011. Mary and her late husband John lived in Henleaze and were members of Redland Park Church for many years. John was a well known piano teacher who taught several generations of local children. Mary had lived in a care home near her daughter in Coulsdon, Surrey since 2001, She died two months short of her 101st birthday. She will be sorely missed.

Readers can see pictures of Mary on a webpage set up to collect donations to the Friends of the Elderly charity that cared so brilliantly for her over so many years <http://www.justgiving.com/Mary-Joyce-Skelton>

# What's On?

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Visit to Barton Camp – [www.bartoncamp.co.uk](http://www.bartoncamp.co.uk)

Have a look at the web site for all activities . This was founded by Urijah Thomas our 1st minister at Redland Park. All welcome. Please let Carol Fry know if you would like to come or sign up at the church (this will be after church bring some lunch to share).

**When:** 18 September

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Harvest Sale

Including light lunch in front of the Church. Help needed and any ideas of stalls etc.

**When:** 24 September

**Where:** Redland Park

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Joint Harvest Thanksgiving Service with the Koreans.

Harvest Lunch with English and Korean food. Tickets on sale shortly.

**When:** 25 September

**Where:** Redland Park

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Launch of R.A.C.E. our London 2012 Olympic Games project.

This will be after the morning service

**When:** 2 Octoberber

**Where:** Village Hall in Abbots Leigh

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It is our turn to do the SATURDAY SOUP RUN

Redland Park are responsible for ALL 5 Saturdays in October.

Please can you help us?. This is an ecumenical initiative organised by the Clifton, Redland, Cotham and Hotwells Churches which has been running for a number of years. We take a lunch to the homeless and street dwellers on each Saturday throughout the year.

Can you spare a Saturday morning or 2 during October? We need 4 people, a car driver and 3 who would be willing to take out the lunch. We need lots of sandwich makers, and gifts of small cakes, flapjack, bananas, toiletries, dog food, socks and underpants. Gifts of money would be much appreciated too.

There will be a soup and sandwich lunch on Saturday 8th October from 12. noon at the church to raise money for the soup run. Everyone will be very welcome.

Please get in touch with Jane Pedlar if you can help. Tel. 0117 9507303. Thank you.

## THE LATEST NEWS ON TRAIDCRAFT:

Yes, it's that time again, and the Christmas catalogue has arrived! For those who like to order early, the catalogue has all your Christmas needs - paper, cards, decorations, nativity sets, plus dried fruit and sugar for your puddings and cakes, or if you don't want to bake, there are small and large cakes already iced, puddings, sweets and chocolates.

For Christmas gifts, there are hampers, boxes of chocolates, clothes, jewellery, bags, drums, games of chess and dominoes, children's toys, ornaments, cushions and mirrors, vases, bedding, calendars, etc.

Have a look at the catalogue and I will order for you. Carol Fry

Les Fry has now completed over two months on Pemba where he is helping to develop the education in five schools in a town called Wete. He initially attended an acclimatisation week with other volunteers in Dar Es Salaam, then a week's Swahili course – staying in a convent – then learning about Tanzanian education and taking possession of a house – a basic structure which he has had to generally clean, furnish and make habitable. He was only able to start his project for a week or two before all the schools closed for Ramadan, although he continued teaching teachers and sharing good classroom practice – despite being regarded as a very old man by Pemban standards.. He then went on an eight day journey around Tanzania visiting other volunteers and seeing their placements, particularly those of an educational nature, a wonderful journey fraught with

some difficulties with everyone speaking Swahili and no road signs on some of the coach trips! He was glad to arrive safely in the right place each time. He is having a great adventure despite being in a very hot, dusty and poor country, with very few medical facilities, education only to age 13 at most, little infrastructure or IT facilities, but friendly people who make the most of what little they have. He has worshipped in Catholic and Lutheran churches so far – all in Swahili – but this is better than he expected in a country that is 98% Muslim. His diet seems to consist of rice and vegetables, and whatever else the market has that day. Lots of Pembans are keen to try out their English on the only white man on Pemba, and he in turn wants to brush up his Swahili! However, he is able to get on the internet at home, and keep up with family, friends and Preston North End.

# Redland Park Church Meeting Minutes

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MINUTES OF THE CHURCH MEETING HELD ON 17TH JULY 2011

Welcome and Opening Prayer led by Rev Dougie Burnett

41 present. Apologies for Absence were received

## MATTERS ARISING

The back pews have been removed giving more space to the toddlers and babies.

### Church in Society

Myra reported that we will be having a Harvest Sale at the front of the Church on Saturday 24th September from 11.00am till 2.00pm. There will be a light lunch. This will be in aid of Church funds. She appealed to as many people as possible to take part in the £10 challenge e.g. selling produce they had grown, making jam etc.

There will be a Harvest Lunch on 25th September.

### 150th Anniversary

November 20th will be the Celebration Day with the Synod Moderator coming to take part in our service. It will be a joint service with the Koreans.

Les and Carol Fry had spoken to people at Barton Camp and they would be very happy for Redland Park to arrange a visit. Urijah Thomas had founded the camp for underprivileged children. Carol Fry and Helena McKinnon will arrange a date. The Koreans will also be invited.

A parade from Urijah Thomas' memorial fountain at the top of Black Boy Hill will take place on 20th November. It was suggested the congregation dress in clothes depicting the past and today's decades.

Unfortunately the Downs committee are not allowing trees to be planted on the Downs at the moment.

### Ministerial Matters

Dougie reported that the 2012 project was going well. St John's School are very involved. A web site will be set up which will be linked to the Redland Park site.

Hopefully the project will include all ages including our 1st Thursday group.

October 2nd 2011 will be the launch day ( after the morning service). Dougie is hoping that Jason Gardner will be able to attend. During the course of the year we hope to feature some veteran Olympians including, Grace Isaacs ( swimmer at Helsinki in 1952) and Dorothy Tyler, an athlete who had actually met Hitler at the 1936 games.

The SCM post for the Korean Church has been advertised and a name had been put forward. The minister, when selected will live in what has been The Castle Green manse.

Rev'd Daehoon Kang will be leading our joint service with the Korean congregation on 7th August. Unfortunately Rev Janet Webb was double booked that day.

### Secretarial Matters

Sally reported that the Caretaker, Adam, had agreed to work 20 hours a week instead of 40. This will obviously be saving the church money. We are one of the very few churches that actually employ a caretaker. Sally will be asking people with keys to help opening the church in future, especially when Adam is on holiday in August. Most church organisations have a member with keys so they will be expected to open and lock the church premises.

The nomination papers are ready for members to collect. The nominations must be back by the 1st Sunday in September.

### Finance

As the treasurer was unable to attend, John Neugebauer presented the annual accounts. He explained that HMRC payments were up to date and a strong governance is in place to make us more efficient. John thanked David and Viv Hayden for their very hard work tracking back our charity donations which had not been paid. These now had all been paid to the charities. David explained unless the auditors knew the history of our church they would not have picked up that the income from the Home Mission Fund was due to be paid to Broad Plain and similarly with Gift Aid recovered on charitable donations. These accounted for most of the increased amount found to be due to charities.

It was explained that several members had either died or moved away from the church so our giving had decreased which is quite worrying.

Carol Atter proposed and Andrew Hayden seconded that we accept the accounts.

John explained if we don't give more we would only be in existence as a church in not so many years time.

The whole congregation needs to give more to support our failing income. 20th November 2011 is an important date to celebrate the last 150 years and to go forward.

John explained the options

- 1 Tithing for 1 year, or to be as generous as possible.
- 2 £10 challenge
- 3 Commitment to the Church

The last Trio campaign failed as there was no personal follow up.

Angus Gregson proposed we spend our capital to which Andrew Sims replied saying that money should only be used for capital works.

## Church Meeting Minutes continued...

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Helena Mackinnon said she thought this was a great opportunity to celebrate our 150th Anniversary and that we should support the idea of tithing.

Carol Fry said we are the people of God and we are the Church.

We need to discuss this at the September church meeting.

Audrey Bryant thanked John for his report and hard work.

The removal of the dry rot in No 1 had begun. Asbestos now has to be removed before any other work can progress. John reported that we could easily spend £50,000 on our property.

David Hayden thanked the minister and elders for their generous gift given to himself and Viv for sorting out our charity payments.

### News of Members

News of members was shared.

### A.O.B.

The church secretary reported that as we would be short of Junior Church leaders during August the Korean leaders were willing to have our young people join theirs. It had been suggested the church meeting minutes be published in the recorder before the following meeting. Carol Fry proposed they were.

The meeting ended with prayer.

The next meeting will be held on 18th September 2011 at 11.45 am.

# Redland Park Church Calendar



## SEPTEMBER

- Sun 4th 10.30am Morning Worship - Rev Dougie Burnett – Communion  
10.30am Korean Worship – Upper Room
- Wed 7th 7.30pm Elders
- Sun 11th 10.30am Morning Worship – Rev Dougie Burnett  
10.30am Korean Worship – Upper Room  
11.45am CHURCH MEETING  
6.00pm Service of Prayer and Praise  
til 7.15pm
- Sun 18th 10.30am Morning Worship – Rev Dougie Burnett  
10.30am Korean Worship – Upper Room  
12.00pm VISIT TO BARTON CAMP
- Sat 24th 11.00am HARVEST SALE in aid of Church Funds  
til 2.00pm
- Sun 25th 10.30am Harvest Festival Service ( joint with the Koreans )  
12.00pm Harvest Lunch  
6.00pm Service of Prayer and Praise  
til 7.15pm

## OCTOBER

- Sat 1st 7.00pm Concert by The Bristol Male Voice Choir  
and Great Western Chorus
- Sun 2nd 10.30am Morning Worship - Rev Dougie Burnett – Communion  
10.30am Korean Worship – Upper Room  
12.00pm LAUNCH OF R.A.C.E. ( 2012 Olympic Project )

## Sheila Chapman Tribute

Shelia, Margaret Chapman (nee Warfield) was born on 7th June 1937, in Bedwellty, South Wales. She met William John Chapman (who was always known as John) when she was 15 and they were married when Shelia was 17. They set up home in Lawrence Weston but later, in 1959, moved to 192 Ullswater Road where Shelia lived until her death. It was very much the family home (and the place where Heather was born).

Sheila and John were a devoted couple – always together (and so happy) until John's death in 2002 after 43 years of marriage. And as a couple they came here to New Brunswick (to the old building) to the "History Guild" amongst other things. Sheila loved history (she avidly followed the Tudors of TV) and also the Royal Family – at home she'd amassed a collection of Royal memorabilia including pictures, books, DVD's and the like.

Sheila said what she thought and could be a bit "fiery" sometimes but despite that she was very much a "people person;" young at heart, affectionate and liberal with her "hugs." She could also be a bit "stubborn." She disliked broccoli, for example, and no-one could get her to eat it no matter who they were. But she was fun-loving too for despite being a diabetic she loved apple pie and kept her fridge full up with sweets.

But above all Sheila was a family person never-more happier than surrounded by

her children: Robert, Heather and Stephen, and her many grandchildren and great-grandchildren – always there for them and interested in what they were doing.

She also appreciated her friends whom she phoned most days to make sure they were OK – little acts of kindness that made all the difference to the lives of others. It was the same here at New Brunswick URC where she felt at home cared-for and supported.

But that was Sheila someone who gave of herself to others and was glad to do so. Sheila lived by Christian principles the seeds of which had been sown long ago in childhood by her father who was a Salvation Army Officer (who played the Euphonium). And Shelia lived that faith from her early days working at Paxman's laundry in Gloucester Road, through to the many years she worked at Bristol Maternity Hospital as a nurses' assistant – a job that fitted Sheila's caring personality (and while there she met Princess Diana).

But now she's gone and so suddenly. This person who gave so much of herself to others (and who was always there for us) has gone. The pain of separation is real (it hurts) which is why we feel such a deep sense of loss which comes from losing someone we cared about so much. During her life Shelia invested so much of herself in us and we invested so much of ourselves in her – and it is this emotional giving-and-receiving which makes grieving so painful

# Turn Your Back On The Devil

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Turn your back on the devil,  
Turn and face the other way,  
Turn your back on the devil and say,  
“Get thee behind me, Satan, go away.”

## CHORUS

Get thee behind me Satan,  
Aint-a gonna play your game!  
You can't win'  
I won't give in,  
'pon my soul you'll get no claim!

Turn your back on the devil,  
Don't believe a word he'll say;  
If you do you're certain to go astray.  
“Get thee behind me, Satan, go away.”

## CHORUS

Turn your back on the devil,  
Never let him have his way.  
If you do there's the devil to pay!  
“Get thee behind me, Satan, go away.”

## CHORUS

Turn your back on the devil,  
Lest he think you're easy prey!  
Turn your back on the devil, and say,  
“Get thee behind me, Satan, go away.”  
    “You ain't got a case worth statin',  
    So get thee behind me, Satan,  
    Go away!”

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# Keeping up with the vicar Pt 18 Angus Gregson

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Here are the Lectionary readings for September and the first Sunday in October. During the summer (you remember – those last couple of months of hot days and unbroken sunshine) the passages from Matthew’s gospel recorded many of Jesus’ parables and the mixed reception they received. This month, as Jesus heads towards and enters Jerusalem for the final time we hear him teaching the disciples about the need for forgiveness, and responding, sometimes quite pointedly, to those trying to catch him out.

We reach the end of the readings from Romans where Paul applies his detailed explanation of his theology to how to live in the light of that. We may read Romans 13:1-5 again and wonder how the people of Libya (and so many other countries) would respond to it. Philippians in a sense puts it in perspective; it might be worth reading 3:20 to see where we’re heading.

Many preachers use the lectionary readings as a basis for their preaching. The suggestion is to read them sometime in the week before Sunday worship so that if they are the ones used, it might help you get a bit more from the sermon.

Sep	OT	Psalm	Gospel	NT
4th	Ezekiel 33:7-11	Psalm 119:33-40	Matthew 18:15-20	Romans 13:8-14
11th	Genesis 50:15-21	103:8-13	Matthew 18:21-35	Romans 14:1-12
18th	Jonah 3:10-4:11	145:1-8	Matthew 20:1-16	Philippians 1:21-30
25th	Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32	25:1-9	Matthew 21:23-32	Philippians 2:1-13
Oct				
2nd	Isaiah 5:1-7	80: 7-15	Matthew 21:33-46	Philippians 3:4b-14

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## FLOWERS

Just at the moment all we seem to be asking for is money. Every Sunday there are flowers in our church. Thanks to the team that arrange them every week, and give extra time for special occasions.



As the flower fund does not receive any direct funding from the church, therefore donations would be gratefully received.

Thank you very much to members of the congregation, who have been giving towards the flowers, some for many years. Best wishes, Sally

# Secretary's Notes by Sally King



The summer seems to have come and gone in a flash and Dougie is back from his holiday. As a church we are now about to celebrate 150 years on the site at Redland Park. This should be a time of looking back to the great mission our forefathers had, but more importantly to look to our future and our mission.

This is the URC Vision4Life year of Evangelism. Our Harvest festival coincides with 'Back to Church Sunday'. We hope as many of you as possible will take part inviting people to that service the invitation cards have arrived so you will be given them shortly.

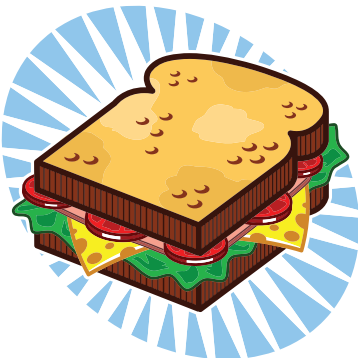
We desperately need someone to organise Christian Aid within our church. For many years the church has been very active in supporting Christian Aid and it would be a great pity if this has to stop.

I hope you will be able to support our Harvest Sale on 24th September if you have any idea for stalls please contact the Church in Society committee. It is hoped to make a good amount of money for church funds that day.

I have listed other important dates earlier in the recorder so I hope you will be able to support as many activities as possible.

As many of you know Janet Owen is in hospital and we wish her a speedy recovery. Until she feels better I am ( with Terry's help ) sorting out the lettings of the church rooms. If you need to book a room please e mail or phone me before deciding a date to check availability.

Best wishes *Sally*



There will be a soup and sandwich lunch on Saturday 8th October from 12. noon at the church to raise money for the soup run. Everyone will be very welcome.

**Deadline for contributions for the October Recorder is 25th September.**

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