We aim to show how God through the Church, with its worship, teaching and service is relevant to modern living.

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TRAIDCRAFT Fighting poverty through trade
FROM THE REGISTERS

We have baptised
27th August 2016 Natalie Watt
Millie Mae Watt

We have joined together in marriage
27th August 2016 Aaron Wall and Stephanie Tyrrell

Sadly we have laid to rest
9th August 2016 Peter Hide Aged 80
30th August 2016 John Brennand Aged 92
14th September 2016 Kathleen Wappat Aged 88

May they rest in peace and rise in glory

AFTER THE CARDS AND VISITORS

Bereavement is a very difficult time for the spouse/partner left behind. Starting again on their own is even more difficult.

Carrie and Anne would like to help with the next step by meeting recently bereaved spouses/partners for coffee at Greyfriars on the first Tuesday of the month at 10.30am. Contact Carrie on 850103 for further information.

KNIT2GETHER FRIDAYS BETWEEN 10PM AND 12NOON AT GREYFRIARS RESTAURANT: A weekly knitting, crocheting and hand sewing group continues to meet in the restaurant at Greyfriars, Flints Terrace, Richmond. All will be made very welcome. Bring your own projects and enjoy coffee and a chat whilst making new friends. Please contact Claire Murray on 07737482611.

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DON’T FORGET - if you live in:
Richmond, Gilling West, Eppleby, Eryholme, South Cowton, North Cowton, West Layton, Hutton Magna, Cliffe, or Barton, you may be eligible for a small grant towards: Educational courses, necessary medical equipment, household appliances, and many other expenses.

For further information, please contact either Mrs C Wiper Gentry (Clerk to the Trusts) 3 Smithson Close, Moulton, Richmond DL10 6QP, or the Rector.

Easyfundraising.org.uk is an easy way to raise money for St Mary's Disability Access Toilet Fund. Shop with any of over 2,700 retailers and a percentage of what you spend is donated to the fund at no additional cost to you. Retailers include Amazon, John Lewis, eBay, Tesco and many more. Please register to support us today at http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/

“The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched - they must be felt with the heart.”
Helen Keller
Thoughts from The Rectory...

Confirmation – what is it for?

This month we celebrate with and pray for Hannah and Keeley Rafferty, Katie Rawson, James Lunn and Harry Ellis who are to be confirmed by Bishop James in St Mary’s on 11th October. So what are they doing and what can it mean for them and for us?

In the SPCK book *Faith Confirmed*, which we are using for our preparation for confirmation, it states that ‘As children we often adopt the beliefs, opinions and ideas of our parents.’ It goes on to explain how, as we grow, we develop our own ideas, beliefs, etc. Confirmation is the time when we take responsibility for our faith and publicly declare that we want to belong to the Church.

Often this can be as a result of a long hard journey. A lady I prepared for confirmation in one of my previous parishes had such a journey and wrote this lovely letter:-

**God knows I have given my life to him, so why make a song and dance about it???

Born in the Christian faith, having family worship most evenings during my childhood, who would have thought it would take me 45 years to reach this point. Yes it’s been a long winding road with many highs and lows! Being baptised at 12 and trying to be a good Christian but not always succeeding. Confirmation was something I thought unnecessary. 2009 I was approached by a fellow church member to join her on the confirmation class, I refused. This year another member asked if I would join her at this year’s confirmation class... ‘What’s with everyone asking me??’ I sit quietly at the back of church most Sunday mornings listening to the sermon and basically minding my own business. So what’s with the sudden interest in me being confirmed? How did they know I had not already been confirmed? I decided that I’d better go and sit in some of these classes but make sure the Reverend knows I do not want to actually be confirmed. The first class, sit, is exactly what I did. That evening I was home alone and sadness came over me. I could not shake this feeling off and I did not know why I felt this way. The next confirmation class soon came round and I found myself looking forward to it. This time I shared some of my life experiences and listen to others and I left feeling happy. I have always prided myself on being a good listener and found it very easy to be quiet even when I disagree with what’s being said. That night my 9 year old daughter over heard me talking to a friend about confirmation...her eyes lit up and she started dancing around the kitchen singing ‘Mummy’s getting
confirmed, Mummy’s getting confirmed’. I put her straight and told her that I was only attending the classes! Over the next few weeks I battled with my feelings towards confirmation and when I read the section in the Confirmation book about prayer I thought, why not pray about confirmation. I prayed asking God to lead me. Last week a lady from church who I am friendly with both in and out of church, yet I had not told her that I was attending confirmation classes, approached me with the biggest smile on her face and said that she would definitely be going to the confirmation service just to see me being confirmed. The joy in her face reminded me of the joy my daughter had singing and dancing around kitchen when she first heard the news. At that point my prayers were answered.

God knows I have given my life to him, so why NOT make a song and dance about it!!!

This is not a piece of fiction. This is a beautiful picture of the journey taken by this lady – an exploration of faith that is so real, heartfelt and lovely. She didn’t mention in her letter that as she was confirmed by the Bishop of Sherwood, she was reduced to tears of joy. This was a real life-changing moment for her.

Each one of our candidates this year will have their own story to tell. Each one of us has our own story to tell. The trouble is we think that no-one will be interested, that our story is not that special. Well it is, so why don’t we do as this lovely lady did. She told all her friends and work colleagues, she told anyone who would listen. She did sing and dance about it.

Let us all make a song and dance about it!!! About our personal relationship with a loving God.

It would be lovely if we could fill St Mary’s on Tuesday 11th October at 7:00pm to support and pray for Hannah, Keeley, Katie, James and Harry and to receive Holy Communion with them for the first time.

Yours in Christ

Rev’d John

Thank you from the Canon

Sunday 11th September 2016 will always hold a very special place in my heart. It was the day that I was installed as an Honorary Canon of Ripon Cathedral. The reason it was such a special day is the support I received from you all. A full coach and many cars brought approx. 70 members of churches in the benefice. In addition many friends and family made it a day I will never forget.

Thank you also for the lovely cake and holy socks from the Mothers’ Union and for the many cards received.
SAT 1 For the month just past, and now for this month. May we seek to love one another and make a difference in all we do.

SUN 2 For our neighbours and friends. For Pilmoor Drive, Pilmoor Close and Oliver Road.

MON 3 For our wardens, verger, and all who support the daily running of our churches. With thanks for all they do. And for those who work unseen.

TUE 4 For all who mourn loved ones. We pray for all who attend the After the Cards group for friendship and support during bereavement.

WED 5 For our schools: for their staff, students, parents, carers, governors, diocese, and local authority.

THUR 6 For Christians Together in Richmond and the First Thursday Prayers. For families coping with increasing financial demands. We give thanks for the storehouse in Richmond.

FRI 7 For all who attend Knit2gether, and for all the residents and staff at Greyfriars.

SAT 8 For our Rector John, Rev’d Mark Beresford-Peirse, Rev’d Bill Simms, Rev’d Jennifer Williamson, Bishop John, and their families. We give thanks for their time, compassion, and wisdom.

SUN 9 For the opportunities each new day gives us. May we embrace them.

MON 10 For all who provide emergency service relief. For the Girlguiding and Scouting movements.

TUE 11 For all who are going to be confirmed this evening at St Mary’s Church. We pray for their continuing journey of faith.
For people who work unsociable hours. For all who are in prison.

WED 12 For all who suffer religious persecution.

THUR 13 For love, friendship, and encouragement. For family and friends who live far away.

FRI 14 For all seeking God’s purpose for their life. For courage to listen to God, and to use the gifts which he has given us.

SAT 15 For space to listen to God and to talk with Him. For all who come to our churches for funerals, baptisms and weddings.

SUN 16 For all who come to Free to Be. We pray for the Royal family, for the Queen and for her government.

MON 17 For our choir, our organist, Musical Director Chris, and all who make music in our church.

TUE 18 For our Mayor, local councillors, for our MP and MEPs, and for integrity and wisdom for all involved in politics.

WED 19 For our Armed Forces here and abroad, and their family and friends. We pray for The Beacon at Catterick Garrison. For the refugee crisis.

THUR 20 For Swale Women’s Institute and St Mary’s Women’s Fellowship.

FRI 21 For peace in self and the world. For space and time to listen to God

SAT 22 For all who are sick in body, mind or spirit, and their carers.

SUN 23 That we may always love God and love our neighbours as ourselves.

MON 24 For our bell-ringers and their energy and talent. For Fairtrade.

TUE 25 For the Mothers’ Union in this country and worldwide. For their prayerful support of so much.

WED 26 For our readers Joan and Scott, Gillian, and George, and Chaplain of Readers Rev’d Jennifer Williamson.

THUR 27 For peace in the world. For people caught up in conflict.

FRI 28 For those known by few but loved by God.

SAT 29 For people we are worried or concerned about.

SUN 30 For Fun-Key Church: all who help, and all who come. For all who are coming to the Hope and Remembrance service this evening.

MON 31 For Rev’d John, our Pastoral Team and all who seek to pray for, visit, support and love all in our community both in and beyond our church walls.
Every Friday: Knit2gether at Greyfriars’ Restaurant, 10am - 12noon: A weekly knitting, crocheting and hand sewing group continues to meet in the restaurant at Greyfriars, Flints Terrace, Richmond. All will be made very welcome. Please see page 3.

Saturday 1st: Book Launch at St Mary’s Church, 7.30pm - please see page 9

Tuesday 4th: After the Cards at Greyfriars, first Tuesday of the month at 10.30am. Please see page 3

Wednesday 5th: Richmond Flower Arranging Club in Hudswell Village Hall, 10.15am

Thursday 6th: Christians Together in Richmond and First Thursday Prayers at Holy Trinity Chapel, 12noon-12.30pm

Saturday 8th: Exploring Faith at Rokeby Inn on the A66, 10am -12noon: The speaker will be Archdeacon of Richmond and Craven Bev Mason. She will speak about ‘Confident Christianity - proclaiming Christianity in the rural context’.

Thursday 13th: Gilling West Gardening Society in Gilling Village Hall, 7.30pm: ‘Sensational Sweet Peas’ with David Matthewman. Please see http://gillinggardeners.weebly.com/

Sunday 16th: Free To Be at St Mary’s Church, 6.30pm: Everyone is warmly welcomed to this ‘after hours’ contemplative worship event which gives space to think, pray, awaken the senses and simply be with God. The event is ‘free flow’ and you are welcome to join and leave at any point. There will be a simple Eucharist at the end of the evening.

Monday 17th: Swale WI: Hazel Stephenson joins us for Landgirls.

Tuesday 25th: Mothers’ Union, 2pm: We look forward to welcoming everyone.


Sunday 30th: Fun-Key Church at St Mary’s Richmond, 4pm (with refreshments and activities from 3.40pm): We will be looking at Saints and Angels. Fun, faith and fellowship for all ages. For more details, please see page 10.

Sunday 30th: Hope and Remembrance service at St Mary’s Church, 6.30pm: A lovely service giving space and time to share with God all the memories we have of loved ones who are no longer with us. A quiet and thought-provoking service with the opportunity to light a candle in memory of loved ones who have died recently or in the past.

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Telephone or call into the main school office for an application form

Contact: 01748 822104
Café Church at St Mary's

By the time you read this, we will have held our latest Café Church service and welcomed Rev’d Canon Judy Hirst to discuss one of her books, Struggling to be Holy. Our next magazine will have an update.

Coming up at Café Church, we look forward to welcoming Kate Bruce (Sunday 20th Nov.), Peter Trewby (Sunday 19th Feb.), and Mark Tanner (Sunday 2nd April) who is to be appointed Bishop of Berwick.

Café Church is a new, informal way of experiencing church at St Mary's. We meet bi-monthly at 4pm to enjoy tea, coffee, and home baking around café-style tables while listening to informative presentations from our special guests. After the presentation, we discuss our thoughts around the tables before we feed back to the speaker and provoke interesting conversation. It is not compulsory to join in the discussions if you don’t want to; it’s great to listen, too! Why not bring a friend? We invite everyone who would like to spend a relaxed afternoon of learning and fellowship, which will finish with the quiet service of compline. Everyone is very friendly and we would love to welcome as many people as possible. Refreshments are available from 3.45pm. Please see Wendy or Gillian, and find us on Facebook.

THE WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY GROUP MEET AT THE LUNN’S AT 2 HURGILL ROAD, 7.30pm: Everybody is welcome to join us for cake, chat and discussion. Please contact Scott on 826895 for more information. The group started in mid-September, and new members are very welcome.

THE THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY GROUP AT JENNIFER PATRICK’S AT 1 ROPER COURT, 7.30pm: This is another very friendly group. Please call Jennifer on 850693 for more information.

Background Notes from an Appreciative Listener

We wonder how many of you have enjoyed a little game of ‘Spot that Tune’ during our 10 o'clock Sunday services?

Our talented organist, Chris Denton, often plays subtle melodies which link in some way to the Readings for the day, to the Church year, or to events in the wider world. Some of these tunes have been spotted in the part of the service between the Gospel and the Sermon, beautifully timed to fit that short space while the preacher moves into place in the pulpit.

After the Gospel reading of The Good Samaritan, it was When I needed a neighbour were you there? Pentecost featured Come Holy Ghost, while Chariots of Fire appeared during the Olympics. All very gently done so that the prayerful atmosphere is not disturbed, but enriching all the same; and where it amuses, smiling is good for us!

We hope you enjoy listening out for more.
BOOK LAUNCH AT ST MARY’S - Saturday 1st October, 7.30pm  
(part of Richmond Walking and Book Festival)  
Do come to an evening to launch two books – one by Bishop John Pritchard, *Something More*, and the other by new novelist Sarah Meyrick, *Knowing Anna*. Sarah, as Director of Communications for Oxford Diocese, helped John do a final 100 mile pilgrimage down the Thames in 2014, and opened it as a Pilgrim Way. In a world where most people under 35 don’t understand what our traditional religious language is all about, Bishop John’s book looks at the human experiences that might suggest the existence of ‘something more’: the divine dimension in everyday life. Sarah’s wonderful novel explores the many faces of love and grief as a group of Anna’s family and friends go on a pilgrimage on the Pilgrims’ Way to Canterbury. It’s a beautifully written novel, full of wisdom and grace. Sarah and Bishop John will be in lively conversation, and wine and nibbles are included in the price.

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Richmond Walking and Book Festival  
September 24th to October 2nd 2016  
Tickets on sale from Castle Hill Bookshop, Richmond (01748 824 243) and www.booksandboots.org

As well as a choice of walks each day and free local writer events, there will be:

**Saturday September 24th**  
Egyptologist, Prof. Joann Fletcher: ‘Ancient Egypt: New Discoveries’, Richmond School Main Hall, 7.30pm, £8

**Sunday September 25th**  
Irene Lofthouse: Writing Workshop, Jacalou Junction, 2.00pm, £5  
&  
David Joy, ‘Men of Lead – Swaledale & its Miners’, The Station, Richmond, 7.30pm, £6

**Monday September 26th**  
Historian, Juliet Barker: ‘Celebrating Charlotte Brontë’, Richmond School Sixth form Centre, 7.30pm, £8

**Tuesday September 27th**  
Little Toller Publisher:, ‘The Art of Re-Publishing Nature Classics’, Cricket Club, 7.30pm, £6

**Wednesday September 28th**  
Reading Group Event: with author, Frances Brody - 'A Death in the Dales', Richmond Library, 7.30pm, £10 (ticket includes a copy of the book)

**Thursday September 29th**  
Poetry Open Mic, Richmondshire Cricket Club, 7.30pm, £3

**Friday September 30th**  
John Bevis: 'The Keartons (from Thwaite): Inventing Nature Photography', Richmondshire Cricket Club, 7.30pm, £6

**Saturday October 1st**  
Sarah Meyrick and Retired Bishop, John Pritchard: ‘One more step along the World’, St Mary’s Church, 7.30pm, £6 with profits being donated to St Mary’s Bell Appeal  
&  
Ian Short: ‘Swaledale: In The Footsteps of Ella Pontefract & Marie Hartley’, Richmond Station, 7.30pm, £6

**Sunday October 2nd**  
Former MP, Chris Mullin, ‘Hinterland, A Memoir’, Richmond School main hall, 7.30pm, £8
FUN-KEY CHURCH @ ST MARY’S RICHMOND

August saw Fun-Key Church having a summer-break, and by the time you read this we will have restarted on Sunday 25th September with our annual Harvest service (we will update this in the next magazine).

I have to confess to missing meeting up for our service with our Fun-Key Church friends in August, but we kept in touch in person and via Facebook too. Having no service though gave our wonderfully willing helpers a break. Their help is invaluable, and without them, Fun-Key Church would not happen. So THANK YOU to them.

We meet for our October service on Sunday 30th, when our theme will be Saints and Souls. Then, in on the last Sunday in November at 4pm we will hold the Christingle service. So, lots to look forward to.

A huge thank you to all who come and help, all who plan, all who support, and all who come along. And thank you to the Mothers’ Union who support us every time with refreshments. It is such a relaxed and informal service and a delight to see so many people coming and taking part.

Fun, faith and fellowship for all ages.

For photos of what we do please see the church website, also the blog and find us on Facebook too.  http://funkeychurchatstmarysrichmond.wordpress.com

Gillian 07592016476

Students and staff at St Francis Xavier School in Richmond are once again celebrating exceptional exam results. A third of the results achieved were at A* and A grades and overall students achieved a magnificent 83% 5 A*-C including English and Maths.

Early indications show that the school has achieved a progress 8 score of 0.79 of which the school is extremely proud. This is a new government measure that indicates how much progress children make between their KS2 SATs and GCSEs. At St Francis Xavier School children make almost a grade higher than is expected nationally across all subject areas!

Head teacher, Sharon Keelan-Beardsley, praised the outstanding work ethic of the students, who she says were extremely well taught by a caring and dedicated team of staff. ‘It is amazing to see our young people grow and develop throughout their time at St Francis Xavier School. They have been a lovely year group who have not only achieved superb exam results, but who have taken part and excelled in so many aspects of school life. As you can imagine, I am totally delighted for the individual students, a number of whom have achieved all As and A*s, but also for those who have overcome adversity to do so well. It is a privilege to work with young people who have such high aspirations and it is wonderful to see them excelling academically as well as growing spiritually and emotionally in their time with us. They can now look to the future with confidence and I will enjoy finding out what they have achieved when they come back to visit their old school.’

“We shall never know all the good that a simple smile can do.”

Mother Teresa
PASTORAL PAGE

It is the prayer of St Mary’s Church that we can do all we can to support, listen to and love all in our parish whether members of our church or not. The Pastoral Team at St Mary’s has recently been relaunched and as part of that we are introducing 2 things which we pray will be helpful.

Firstly, we are introducing a "Visitor and Phone Call Request" form which will be available in every pew and around church. This form can either be completed for yourself or on behalf of someone who you believe would appreciate a visit or a phone call from a member of the Pastoral Team. There will be a box clearly marked at the back of church where you can put the slip. Rev John and Gillian will access the box and make initial contact, after which a member of the Pastoral Team will follow it up. (If you are unable to complete the form because you are not in church, please telephone, text or email Rev John or Gillian).

Secondly, we are launching a Prayer Circle at St Marys. If you have something which you would appreciate prayer for, we would be privileged to do that, whether it is a tough week ahead, exams, coming to terms with bereavement, health issues, whatever you wish to share, in confidence, we will support you in prayer.

To ask for prayer you can either telephone, email or text Rev John or Gillian and they will place your prayer in the circle. Please be assured your requests are confidential, and no requests will be seen as too small, frivolous, or unimportant. It will be our privilege to support you in this special way.

You can contact Rev John via Tel: 01748 821241
Mob Tel or Text: 078 753 48245 and Email: j_echambers@btinternet.com
You can contact Gillian on Tel: 075 920 16476 or Email: gillian.lunn@yahoo.com

If you would like to be a praying member of the circle or a member of the Pastoral Team, Rev John and Gillian would love to hear from you.

“Try to be a rainbow in someone's cloud.”
Maya Angelou
MOTHERS’ UNION

By the time you read this we will have welcomed Peter Trewby to speak at the Mothers’ Union.

Members of the Mothers’ Union were delighted to provide a lovely cake to share in celebration of the appointment of Rev’d John as Honorary Canon at Ripon Cathedral on Sunday 11th September. A tasty way to celebrate a special day.

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 25th October. More details in the Pew Sheet and online.

Susan Scrafton

FLOWERS

Many thanks to Julia Robertson who has organised the Flower Rota and all things to do with flowers for the last 6 months.

Katrina Templeton has now taken on this task and will be contacting all those on the rota in the near future to introduce herself. She is looking forward to working with the Flower Guild members in the months ahead.

Katrina’s contact details - 01748 449300; 07889220270; katrina.templeton@gmx.co.uk

On this day….

75 years ago:- on 2nd Oct 1941 (to 7th Jan 1942) that the WWII Battle of Moscow took place. Nazi Germany launched a massive offensive against the Soviet capital. It was one of the largest and most important battles of the war; Germany lost.

70 years ago:- on 15th Oct 1946 that Hermann Goering, Nazi leader, died. He was sentenced to death at the Nuremberg trials, but poisoned himself with cyanide on the eve of his execution.

65 years ago:- on 26th Oct 1951 that Winston Churchill became British Prime Minister for the second time.

60 years ago:- on 29th Oct 1956 (to 7th Nov) that the Suez Crisis took place when Israel invaded Egypt in attempt to regain Western control of the Suez Canal. Britain and France joined the invasion, but were forced to withdraw by the UN, USA and USSR. Prime Minister Anthony Eden resigned, and many commentators consider the crisis the end of Britain’s role as a major world power.

50 years ago:- on 10th Oct 1966 that the album Parsley, Sage, Rosemary & Thyme by Simon and Garfunkel was released.

40 years ago:- on 4th Oct 1976 that the InterCity 125 High Speed Train service began operating in the UK.

30 years ago:- on 9th Oct 1986 that Andrew Lloyd Webber’s musical The Phantom of the Opera premiered in London.

Also 30 years ago:- on 29th Oct 1986 that the M25 orbital motorway around Greater London was officially opened.
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| Sunday 2nd October  
Trinity 19    | 8am           | Holy Communion (BCP)                          |
|               | 10am          | Sung Eucharist                                |
| Sunday 9th October  
Trinity 20     | 8am           | Holy Communion (BCP)                          |
|               | 10am          | Sung Eucharist                                |
|               | 6.30pm        | Choral Evensong                               |
| Sunday 16th October  
Trinity 21     | 8am           | Holy Communion (BCP)                          |
|               | 10am          | Worship for All                               |
|               | 6.30pm        | Free To Be                                    |
| Sunday 23rd October  
Bible Sunday   | 8am           | Holy Communion (BCP)                          |
|               | 10am          | Sung Eucharist                                |
| Sunday 30th October  
All Saints Day | 8am           | Holy Communion (BCP)                          |
|               | 10am          | Sung Eucharist                                |
|               | 4pm           | Fun-Key Church                                |
|               | 6.30pm        | Hope and Remembrance Service                  |
| Every Wednesday | 9.15am       | HOLY COMMUNION                                |
| Every Thursday | 10.30am      | HOLY COMMUNION                                |
| St Michael & All Angels Downholme |         |                                               |
| Sunday 9th October   | 9.30am        | Morning Prayer                                |
| Sunday 23rd October   | 9.30am        | Holy Communion                                |

Forgive me for my lack of hope when I have doubts that I will cope.
Forgive me for my gluttony when I take more than is for me.
Forgive me for my temperament when I say things that were not meant,
Forgive me for not speaking truth when I use words that are uncouth.
Forgive me for my want of care when motionless, I stand and stare.
Forgive me for my unkind thoughts when I offend with sharp retorts.
Forgive me for my platitude when I should keep my tongue subdued.
Forgive me for not standing up when I like Christ, must taste the cup.
Forgive my thought and word and deed when from the past I take no heed.
Forgive me Lord, as only then...may I move on and say Amen.
George Alderson
St Mary’s

SIDES PEOPLE 10.00 am OCTOBER

2nd  J&A Robertson, J&D Wade
9th  G&M Merlane, A Guy, A McDonald
16th G&J Barber, R MacAulay, K Robson
23rd O Harrison, R Gazzard, M Emmerson, E Chambers
30th C&J Bilbrough, F&M Gibbon

COFFEE ROTA - OCTOBER

2nd  L Copeland, P Croft, J Emmerson
9th  R Brown, P Wheatley, J Brown
16th A McDonald, C Stedman, A Bacon
23rd M Emmerson, J Bilbrough, C Bilbrough, H Ellis
30th C Blenkiron, M Gibbon, R MacAulay

Flowers - October

2nd  Vacant
9th  Joan Brown
16th Joan Brown
23rd Judith Clarke
30th Judith Clarke

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Joy is for giving and not just getting.
Joy is forgiving not just forgetting.
George Alderson.