



CHRIST CHURCH
MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND

PARISH MAGAZINE OCTOBER 2019

Scan the smart code to go to our website



50p



Deadline for the magazine is middle of the month prior to publication. Next magazine **Sunday 20 OCTOBER 2019**
 Copy: email to:-
 ccgravesend.mag10@yahoo.co.uk

Hand to a Church Warden or Mike Cubitt

**Christ Church Hall is available for hire
 Contact Maxine Springett, contact numbers are 01474 746428 or 07511962277.
 Well equipped, very suitable for meetings and children's parties**

Front cover: Front Halloween free picture from Vector Jungle.com

Inside this Month

Page 2	Parish Who's Who
Page 3	Volunteering?
Page 4	First steps
Page 5	Shoe box Appeal
Page 8	Homily
Page 9	Word search puzzle
Page 10	Guiders trip
Page 11	Brownies sleepover
Page 12	Last night of the proms
Page 16	Harvest Lunch
Page 18	Kids page
Page 19	Calendar for October

Who's Who at Christ Church

www.christchurchgravesend.org.uk

Vicar	Rev. Sally Womersley	352643
Associate Priest	Jacqueline Littlewood	560106
Assistant Curate	Karen Nelson	362654
Pastoral Assistant	Jasmine Humphries	249106
Pastoral Assistant	Colin Parsonson	359713
Church Warden	Jan Osborne	740763
Church Warden	Lucy Hornby	07545444760
PCC Secretary	John Hougham	352138
PCC Treasurer	Steve Humphries	249106
Reader	Rosemary Austin	358702
Reader	Sheila Brown	356339
Reader	John Hougham	352138
Reader	Martin Sewell	745443
Webmaster	Tim McArthur	
Magazine editor	Mike Cubitt	07840343831

Volunteering

Is there a place for me?

You go to church nearly every Sunday. Perhaps you attend midweek services, and give offerings. Why would you need to volunteer?

One of the reasons for church volunteering is that it causes you to grow closer to others who are grounded in your church and helps you connect to the church body. When you join as a sides-person and greet people for service and help them learn more about the church, become an assistant and help teach the younger children, or spend part of your day cleaning the building, you begin to learn more about the people you're working alongside. You also begin to care more about the things you're involved with and understand that the church is not perfect, but is definitely worth the effort. As you begin to volunteer, you stop only taking in the preaching, teaching, counselling, and wisdom being poured out, and start giving back. Instead of just being a seat warmer watching the show, you have the ability to start a true relationship with the church - and relationships go both ways. It's an opportunity to go from wondering when the preacher is going to notice or offend you to actually being a part of the lifeblood of the church. In a way, volunteering can keep you from feeling isolated by getting involved – **speak to our church wardens or our vicar – your help is required!**



CHIROPODIST

Shelley Lane
MSSCh MBCChA

HCPC REGISTERED
Your local qualified Chiroprapist

Home visits
Telephone 01474 745898

WORKING PARTY

'In order to save on expensive cleaning and maintenance, we hold a monthly working party on a Saturday morning starting at 09.30.

Together we clean and tidy the church, do a bit of necessary DIY or gardening, have a coffee and often some home-made goodies – and finish by about 11.30.

We are enormously grateful to the few loyal helpers who turn up month after month – but we desperately need a few more.

Please consider putting the dates into your diary and coming along. All are welcome – if you can do basic DIY please let us know in advance so that the churchwardens can plan jobs in advance.

**Working party is normally on the second Saturday of each month...
NOTE the next ones will be on Saturday 5 OCTOBER at 9.30.**

See you there, JAN

FIRST STEPS
11TH SEPTEMBER 2019
TAKING CARE OF GOD'S
WORLD

Our naughty little sheep is beginning to notice that the mornings are getting darker. Soon it will be dark when he gets up. He's not looking forward to that, he tells me. It is rather a grey morning though he's hoping that the sun will shine for our First Steps service this afternoon. It is looking slightly brighter when our naughty little sheep, his friends and I walk up to church. Linda arrives at about the same time and our naughty little sheep and his friends rush to their usual places as Linda and I begin to get things ready for our little service. Jan and Anne soon come along to help too. When everything is ready we wait patiently to see if anyone will join us. Finally Mum Emma with Abigail and Rupert arrive to keep us company closely followed by Auntie Lisa. A very small but select crowd and we are very pleased to see them. Abigail is wearing very pretty pink rabbit shoes. Do they make them for big lady feet, I wonder? I would like some, too.

When everyone is settled with jingle bells at the ready, we light our candles and begin our service. Our glittery dragon is with us today. He wasn't able to come to the Teddy Bears' Picnic because the weather was very wet and dragons and wet weather don't really go together. Our naughty little sheep thinks that he may be taking a bit of a chance today, so we shall see! We're thinking about how we should take care of God's world. It is a precious gift, isn't it? And we really should look after it the best way that we can. We sing about going to the park and having a fun time, and being very careful to tidy up afterwards if we have a picnic. And we do love a picnic, don't we? Abigail is a lively happy little girl and she loves joining in as we sing some of our favourite

songs. When we sing about frogs she does some wonderful hopping.

We remember that Audrey Hedgehog is getting big and fat, eating lots of snails and slugs and worms, so that she can soon go to sleep, snug in her leaf house for the winter, ready to wake up again when springtime comes. We'll miss her, won't we? Abigail tells me that she is very careful when she picks up snails because they have their houses on their backs. We think how funny it must be to have your house on your back! Rupert is a very smiley, happy boy today, having a lovely time jingling his jingle bells. Oh what fun! We sing about Jesus' love for us, and about the beautiful world that God has created for us, with rivers and mountains and twinkly stars in the night time sky. Soon it is time to gather all our prayers into the prayer that Jesus taught us, The Lord's Prayer. Then we blow out our candles and off we go into the hall for our refreshments. Our naughty little sheep

and his friends are out there quick as a flash and then they make themselves comfortable so that they can keep an eye on Abigail and Rupert.

I know we have been a small but select group today but we have had a lovely time together and the children have been a delight. We hope that they will come along for our next First Steps service on 9th October when maybe a few more will join us.

GodBless
Rosemary Austin





SHOE BOX APPEAL 2019

It's that time again another piece for the magazine."3 Steps to Heaven" with basics in a BLYTHSWOOD shoe box.

Basics perhaps does not seem very heavenly but to the recipient of a Blythswood shoebox they appear that way. Once again Christ Church is appealing for shoe boxes filled with items to make a hard life just a little easier for children and adults in eastern Europe. How can you help just follow

the 3 Steps.

Step 1 Pick up a leaflet from the back of the church- (organisations will receive some)

Step 2 Find and decorate an average size shoe box (there will be a few in church)

Step 3 Fill the box with appropriate items and return to church by WEDNESDAY 13 NOVEMBER (for delivery in time to Christmas)

Will you take those 3 steps to make someone's life a little more heavenly this Christmastide.

Happy walking and thank you. Veronica



WHAT IS COUNSELLING?

Counselling is a process that gives you the opportunity to explore feelings, thoughts and experiences that are causing distress or that you are finding difficult to understand or make sense of. Counselling can also give you the space to develop new, healthier ways of coping with some of the tough times that life brings along.

I CAN HELP YOU WITH:

Depression, Anxiety, Relationships, Low Self Esteem, Bereavement, Anger Issues, Dealing with Change, Work Related Issues and Spirituality

I am a member of the British Association of Counsellors and Psychotherapists and the Association of Christian Counsellors.

I offer flexible appointments, home visits within the Gravesend area and concessionary rates

HOW I APPROACH COUNSELLING

I am an Integrative Counsellor which means that I use a variety of counselling approaches dependant on your needs and what you want to achieve in the counselling process. Throughout the process you decide what you want to talk about and the pace you want to go. I will listen to you and help you express and understand your emotions. Sometimes I use writing, drawing and toys to help you express difficult emotions

Please call Tracy on 07784 318104 or email info@tj-counselling.com
 Central Avenue, Gravesend Kent DA12 5AW
www.tj-counselling.com.

CHRIST CHURCH MOTHERS UNION

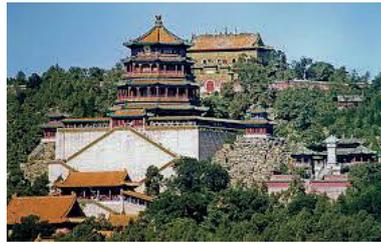


Tuesday 8 October
7.30 in the Church Hall

Come and hear Christine and Martin Sewell who will be sharing their Chinese Adventure .

All Welcome

We request a donation of £2 towards the costs of refreshments.



Fitness League

Movement for Life In Christ
Church Hall

Every Tuesday From 2-3.15 pm
Light remedial exercises Fully qualified teacher

Ladies why not join us!
For more information please
Phone 01634 255759

Do you run a local business?

Have you thought of advertising in this monthly magazine?

If you would like details of costs and how you could contribute to Christ Church through advertising please

contact **07840343831**

or email

ccgravesend.mag10@yahoo.co.uk

COFFEE ROTA 2019

6 Oct Annie - Jill - Angela Kirby
13 Oct Sue Wilkins - Kay - Jill
20 Oct Annie - Jill - Sheila Knight
27 Oct Annie - Jill -
3 Nov Annie - Jill - Jerry Higgins



Come in and enjoy a cup of tea or coffee after the 10.00 o'clock Sunday service



GRAVESHAM FOOD BANK

Below is a list of items required at the moment

**Milk (UHT) - Custard - Toothpaste -
Hot chocolate - Shampoo - Sweets/treats
Breakfast cereal (not porridge) - Marmite -
Fruit juice/squash - Toilet roll -
Sponge pudding - Deodorant -
Tinned Potatoes - Laundry Liquids/tablets**



**This list is only a few of the items that
can help those less fortunate than
ourselves,
any tinned or non-perishable
items are most welcome**



Pre-Prep Places Available 2019/20

St Joseph's Convent Preparatory School

An independent school for boys and girls aged 3 to 11



*"Fully committed to the pursuit of excellence in a nurturing, safe and happy environment
where children are encouraged to achieve their personal optimum in all areas."*

Head Teacher

Contact us to find out more

46 Old Road East, Gravesend, Kent, DA12 1NR

T: 01474 533012 E: secretary@sjcps.org

www.sjcps.org www.facebook.com/sjcps

Readings from the Old Testament

As we had recently introduced a reading from the Old Testament into our 10am service I preached on this change on 1st September. Several people subsequently suggested that I should put this into the magazine. As the full sermon would take up too much space, here is a shortened version.

“I want us to test our imaginations a little. Let’s suppose, for a moment, that Jesus has joined us in our congregation here today. Which parts of our service do you think he might recognise, might feel most at home with? Certainly, he would recognise much of the prayer of consecration – after all, we use his own words, the words he used when celebrating that last Passover with his disciples. He would surely, too, echo the words of the Lord’s Prayer, the prayer he used to teach his disciples and us how to pray. And in our gospel reading he would recognise the account of his teaching and his earthly ministry. But there remains one part of our service with which he would be familiar on a day-to-day basis and which he would know almost by heart – and that is, of course, our reading from the Old Testament. It is five Sundays since we introduced these readings and I just want to make a few comments.

The Old Testament fulfils many roles and I’m going to touch, just briefly, on four of them. In the first place it contains a historical account of the founding of the Jewish nation, its struggles, its suffering and its eventual settlement in the promised land.

History is very important in placing events in context. For example, however important it might be to study the events of the first and second world wars, history helps us understand the origins of those conflicts. No teacher would dream of ignoring everything which happened before the precise dates on which war was declared. In much the same way the Old Testament forms a backdrop against which we can better understand the New Testament, setting out God’s plans, purposes and promises which he fulfils with the coming of the Messiah.

My second point is the importance of the Old Testament in

what it says about that promised Messiah, especially in the writings of the prophets and particularly Isaiah. The New Testament writers often conclude their accounts of some event in Jesus’s life with the words, “in accordance with the Scriptures.” When we recite the Nicene Creed as part of our communion service, we use the words, “on the third day he rose again, in accordance with the Scriptures.” Jesus saw the Old Testament as referring to himself and the prophecies being fulfilled in him.

My third point is that much of the teaching that we find in the New Testament is built on the framework supplied by the Old. We know from the Gospels that Jesus was well versed in the Old Testament writings, which was just as well because time and again his enemies tried to trip him up by referring to some law or other that they fancied he was breaking and he was quick to put them right and challenge their hypocrisy. Jesus was conscious that many of these strict legalistic observances were relevant to times long past and not to the age into which he was born so he interpreted them according to the needs of the day. There is surely a strong message here for those who, even in our own day and age, try to quote some of the Old Testament laws to fit their own bigoted views on life.

My final point is that the Old Testament is great writing in its own right. It contains stories like Noah and the flood, David and Goliath, Pharaoh’s army being drowned chasing the Israelites through the Red Sea and many more. It has great poetry, for example in the Psalms and in the Song of Songs. And, as someone once remarked about Shakespeare, it is full of quotations, many of which have passed into common, everyday use. Here are just a few of the dozens you can find by searching online: “bite the dust, the blind leading the blind, by the skin of your teeth, fly in the ointment, nothing but skin and bones, rise and shine, sign of the times, twinkling of an eye, wits end and the writing on the wall.” The Old Testament, too, has influenced great poetry, like *Paradise Lost*; music, like Hayden’s “The Creation” and the coronation anthem “Zadok the Priest”; masterpieces of art and sculpture like Michelangelo’s *David* and, in our own day, “Joseph and the amazing technicolour dream coat.” In the world of pop, too, we have Boney M’s “By the rivers of Babylon” and “turn, turn, turn,” by the Byrds - but perhaps I’m showing my age with those last two.

Despite what some might think, introducing Old Testament readings into our liturgy was not some sadistic move to confuse readers faced with some of those unpronounceable and tongue twisting names which occur in its pages. There is a lot more to the Old Testament than meets the eye.”

John Hougham



The Twelve Disciples

T	N	S	M	A	A	L	D	T	P	O	M	E	J
H	T	J	U	A	J	S	E	H	D	H	B	T	A
A	T	U	T	T	H	N	A	D	D	A	E	A	M
D	B	D	R	A	M	A	P	O	M	L	E	N	E
D	A	A	J	O	H	N	T	N	L	N	U	M	S
E	R	S	W	P	U	I	W	E	R	D	N	A	T
U	T	R	T	T	M	A	T	T	H	E	W	P	H
S	H	E	B	P	T	T	T	H	H	O	N	H	E
U	O	P	A	S	H	M	D	H	E	O	T	S	E
H	L	H	L	E	O	E	H	T	M	A	M	U	L
A	O	I	A	R	M	J	A	I	P	H	A	S	D
S	M	L	H	O	A	H	S	M	S	E	E	M	E
S	E	I	T	S	S	H	T	L	J	R	H	E	R
H	W	P	R	E	T	E	P	M	E	E	T	P	E

JOHN
SIMON
ANDREW
JAMES THE ELDER
BARTHOLOMEW
MATTHEW
JUDAS
PETER
THOMAS
THADDEUS
PHILIP

Play this puzzle online at : <http://thewordsearch.com/puzzle/4475/>

In August Mothers 'Union held their annual T@3 garden party which was very popular and raised £260 for MU funds. There was a raffle, bring and buy, quizzes and craft activities. A mixture of ages attended and everybody enjoyed themselves.

On 10 September we held our meeting in the hall. Unfortunately due to a mix up our expected speaker on medical detection dogs did not come but hopefully we will rebook for next year. We had refreshments and notices and asked if anybody had ideas for next year's calendar. Our October meeting will be a talk by Christine and Martin Sewell on their visit to Hong Kong and China

Wombwell Hall

Wombwell Hall is a friendly care home nestled in a peaceful area of Northfleet offering nursing care for elderly ladies and gentleman.

At HC-One kindness is at the heart of everything we do and our care and services are tailored to individual preferences.

We're pioneering a simple approach to care, where kindness is our guiding ethos.

To find more information on the care we can offer you or your loved one, please visit our website, or contact our Home Manager, Catherine Veerigadu.



Offering:

- Nursing care
- Little break – Short term care
- Home from home – Long term care
- Comfortable day rooms
- Landscaped gardens
- Regular outings
- 9.3 carehome.co.uk user rating

W hc-one.co.uk

T 0333 321 4757

E careline@hc-one.co.uk

A Wombwell Gardens, Northfleet, Gravesend, Kent, DA11 8BL

Twenty-three, 3rd Milton (St. Faith's) Guides and nine, 1st Milton Rangers spent a week camping at Chigwell Row Guide camp site in Essex.

traditionally camping and adventurous activities, wide games, craft, badge work, hiking, day out at Adventure Island.

we need some help at Guides, as our assistant leader has moved away and other leaders in training, are heading back to Uni. I have some Mum's helping on a rota, one a week. But I really

need an assistant leader. beginning and end of terms are covered as leaders return from Uni.

Kathryn Lynch Guide Leader



11th Milton Brownies at Sleep-over

"On Saturday 7th September 11th Milton Christchurch Brownies joined other units for a sleep-over at Soar trampoline park in Gillingham.

In order to gain their Soar badge the girls needed to complete a number of activities including the Wiggle ladder, Dodgeball and Battle Beam. (Even the helpers couldn't resist the Battle Beam !)

The night ended in a Wipeout competition and Chloe in our unit came 2nd which was great !

After not much sleep and more early morning bouncing, we all enjoyed our Bacon/sausage rolls and headed home for some rest."

**Photos:
Julie
Haywood**



Last night of the Proms



On 14th September a sausage and spud supper, quiz and a live streaming of the Last Night of the Proms was held in the hall of Christ Church. Everyone enjoyed singing and flag waving.

Many thanks to those who prepared the food, hall, technology for the live streaming, quiz, raffle, did the washing up and clearing away.

Local Historical talks - walks - quiz

Some Gravesham Characters-Famous & Forgotten (Illustrated talk with supper)

Speaker: Christoph Bull (Local Historian)

On: Monday 14th October 2019

At: Reliance Restaurant, Queen Street, Gravesend

Begins: 6pm for fish & chip supper, talk to follow

Cost: £15 – includes talk with fish & chip supper

Booking essential: Reliance Restaurant 01474 533593

Gravesend the day before yesterday (illustrated talk)

Discover how the town has changed over 60 years & celebrate 60 years of Kings Farm Library 1959 – 2019.

Speaker: Christoph Bull (Local Historian & former Kent librarian)

On: Thursday 17th October 2019

At: Kings Farm Library, Sun Lane, Gravesend Begins: 2pm

Cost: £4 includes refreshments

Booking required 03000 413131 (ask for Kings Farm Library) or email: kingsfarmlibrary@kent.gov.uk – or call in.

Gravesend at twilight guided historical walk (Early evening event with refreshments)

Guide: Christoph Bull (Local Historian)

On: Friday 25th October 2019

Meet: 5.30pm at Sealey's Estate Agents, Parrock Street, Gravesend

Cost: Free – but booking essential as refreshments are provided by Sealey's.

Contact and booking: catherine@sealeys.co.uk or 01474 878405.

Sealeys Estate Agents are working with Christoph Bull to promote the town to its residents and visitors.

Exciting Youth Choir in Gravesend

If you are aged between 7 and 17 and enjoy singing then come along!

- Join a friendly group of singers
- Learn great music of different styles and
- Perform at concerts and services

For further information visit

www.christchurchgravesend.org.uk

- **Or call 01474 534517**

Join the

semiquavers


Youth choir in Gravesend

We meet weekly for Rehearsals

at Christ Church

Tuesday evenings

6.15 pm to 7.30 pm

We need **VOLUNTEERS**

for the ADSS café at Safeharbour in Coldharbour Road.

The café is open during the week between 10am and 2pm for the public and is also used by our day centre. The days we need volunteers for are

Monday, Tuesday and Friday

Anyone interested should contact **Katie Antill** on **01474 533990** or speak to

Alzheimer's & Dementia
SUPPORT SERVICES

ANGELA KIRBY
for further information.

Alzheimer's & Dementia
SUPPORT SERVICES

First Steps

First Steps

First Steps

FIRST STEPS

Is a service especially designed for families with pre-school children, although all children in the family are welcome to come.

We meet in the church at 1.45pm on the second Wednesday in each month for a short service and then to enjoy a chat over a cup of tea.

We are finished in plenty of time for parents to meet their other children from school.

Why not come along with your children, you will be very welcome.

Next date is Wednesday 9 OCTOBER 2019.



MUSTARD SEED

Third Thursday of the month

In

Christ Church hall 2.30 – 4.00

We invite you to come and join us for tea, biscuits, cake and conversation with occasional speakers and quizzes.

Come and find out who we are and meet new people. All ages welcome

Contact: Colin Parsonson: 01474 359713

Pam Kilby: 01474 332693



Christ Church 200 Club

The **200 Club** is a means of raising money for the Christ Church General Fund, which supports the Ministry and Mission of the church and Good Causes as agreed by the PCC, whilst at the same time giving members the opportunity of a small 'flutter' and the chance to win some money.

Membership costs £30 per year. Fifty percent of all monthly donations are given over to the Christ Church General Fund with the remainder being returned to the membership in prize money. The draw is made on the fourth Sunday of every month in the hall after the morning service.

Payment can be made by an annual sum of £30, a quarterly payment of £7.50 or a monthly payment of £2.50, the latter two by bankers order. Cheques should be made payable to Christ Church PCC No 3 account.

Join by contacting John Thrush, in church, and completing an application form. If you are not sure who John is, ask one of the sides people and they will point you in the right direction.

Winning chances are only limited by the amount of numbers you purchase, the more you have the better your chance of winning.

Worthwhile it certainly is, since its inception the 200 Club has donated over £40,000 to Christ Church to support its Ministry and Good Causes.

Contact JOHN THRUSH 200 Club Secretary

An amateur production presented by arrangement with Music Theatre International (Europe).
All authorised performance materials are also supplied by MTI Europe.
www.MTIShows.co.uk

GRAVESEND ENTERTAINMENT & MUSICAL SOCIETY PRESENTS...

A Funny Thing HAPPENED

On The Way To The

FORUM

Book By Burt Sheenlove and Larry Gelbart
Music and Lyrics By Stephen Sondheim

10th - 12th OCTOBER 2019
Nightly at 7.30pm including
Saturday Matinee at 2.30pm
THE GUILD THEATRE, VALE ROAD,
NORTHFLEET, KENT DA11 8BZ
TICKETS £12.50

BOX OFFICE: 07714 234987
WWW.TICKETSOURCE.CO.UK/GEMS

www.gravesendentertainmentandmusicalsociety.org

"A COMEDY TONIC!"

noda

£6

Your Parish Magazine for 2019

If you usually pay for your Christ Church Parish Magazine on an annual basis, then there can be no better time to make your contribution than when you collect your February copy. At just 50p per issue this represents very good value for you to keep up to date with what is coming forward, or what has happened in the few weeks that have just gone by. With the running of your church it is another way in which you can help

Please join us for

Harvest Lunch

ON

Sunday 13th October



Soup will be provided but could you please bring something savoury or sweet to share.



Please bring your own drinks

Please sign on the list at the back of the church and indicate whether you will be bringing something savoury or something sweet.

BIBLE NOTES

As well as the "New Daylight" booklet of Bible notes prepared by the Bible Reading Fellowship, there is also a booklet entitled "Bible reflections for older people". This also comes out every four months and is priced at £4.60 for New Daylight and £5.05 for "Bible Reflections for older people"

This booklet is written by older people for older people, the reflections are designed to bring hope, assurance and sustenance, reminding the reader of the presence and love of God. Each issue contains 40 Bible reflections and prayer suggestions to use and revisit as often as needed.

If you would be interested in seeing a copy of this booklet please have a word with Julie Hill.

What happens at Christ Church?

Sunday Services

08.00 am Holy Communion (said)
10.00 am Communion with crèche & God's Gang
On the 2nd Sunday All-Age service
Evening Service - see inside magazine for details.

Weekday Services

Monday morning prayer 08:00
Holy Communion (said)
Saturday 08:00
Wednesday 10:00
and evening prayer 17.15

**For further information
Contact
The Church Wardens**

Registered Charity no. 1130741

Office hours

Friday 18:30 until 19:30

Regular activities and youth organisations

There are a wide variety of clubs for you:-

Daily	Christ Church Pre-school (2½ upwards)
Monday	Music Group; Brownies
Tuesday	Mothers Union (2 nd Tuesday In church hall) Cubs and Semiquavers
Wednesday	Guides
Wednesday	First Steps (under 5's and carers) 2nd Wednesday 1.45pm
Wednesday	Ifield Ladies (every third Wednesday)
Thursday	Beavers/Brownies; Choir Practice: 2.30 p.m. Mustard Seed (every third)
Friday	Rainbow Unit; Scouts; Parent and Toddler
Saturday	Working Party (9.30 a.m. every second)



First Steps



Jonah in Nineveh

Jonah tried to escape from the purpose that God had for him by fleeing on a boat from the port of Joppa. He could not escape the will of God though, and when the sailors threw him overboard to try to save their ship, he was swallowed by a big fish, which left him on the shore. From there he went to Nineveh.

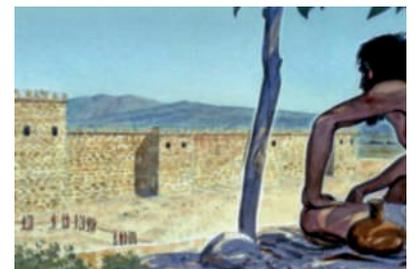


The city of Nineveh was so big that it took Jonah three whole days to work his way across it, shouting himself hoarse as he went. But to his great surprise, the ruthless Assyrians listened to what he had to say. When the king himself got to hear Jonah's message, he sent out a royal proclamation ordering everyone to begin praying and fasting at once.

When dawn broke on the 40th day nothing happened. The sun set on the 40th day and still nothing happened. "We have been saved," cried the people of Nineveh. "God has forgiven us!" They sang and danced and rejoiced, offering prayers and sacrifices to God – all except Jonah, who stomped off into the desert.

"Why have you spared them, Lord?" he moaned up to heaven, stacking a few sticks together as a shelter from the heat. "They aren't even Jewish! If you're going to save sinners like these, I'd rather be dead than serve you."

God taught Jonah one last lesson. Overnight, a broad, shady tree grew over Jonah that guarded him from the burning sun till evening and kept him cool. But next morning, the disappointed prophet found that the tree had withered away. And Jonah needed its protection more than ever. All day long, not only did the sun blaze down but a scorching wind blew across the sands.



"Lord, the death of that tree is the last straw." Jonah groaned. "Please let me die." How can you be so upset about the death of a tree you didn't plant or water," the Lord scolded, "when you're cross with me for not killing the thousands of people in Nineveh?"

Jonah finally realized that God created all the people of the world, and he cares for people from all nations, not just his own; that the Lord's kingdom stretches over the whole world.

CALENDAR OCTOBER 2019

Sunday 		6 08.00 Holy Communion 10.00 Holy Communion	13 08.00 Holy Communion 10.00 Holy Communion	20 08.00 Holy Communion 10.00 Holy Communion	27 08.00 Holy Communion 10.00 Holy Communion
Monday 		7 08.00 Morning Prayer BROWNIES	14 08.00 Morning Prayer BROWNIES	21 08.00 Morning Prayer BROWNIES	28 08.00 Morning Prayer BROWNIES
Tuesday 	1 18.15 Semiquavers	8 18.30 Semiquavers	15 18.15 Semiquavers	22 18.15 Semiquavers	29 18.15 Semiquavers
Wednesday 	2 10.00 Holy Communion 17.15 Evening Prayer	9 10.00 Holy Communion 17.15 Evening Prayer 13.45 First Steps	16 10.00 Holy Communion 17.15 Evening Prayer	23 10.00 Holy Communion 17.15 Evening Prayer	30 10.00 Holy Communion 17.15 Evening Prayer
Thursday 	3 Choir Practice BROWNIES	10 Choir Practice BROWNIES	17 Choir Practice 14.30 Mustard seed BROWNIES	24 Choir Practice BROWNIES	31 Choir Practice BROWNIES
Friday 	4 13.15 Parent and Toddlers 18.30 Office hours RAINBOW	11 13.15 Parent and Toddlers 18.30 Office hours RAINBOW	18 13.15 Parent and Toddlers 18.30 Office hours RAINBOW	25 13.15 Parent and Toddlers 18.30 Office hours RAINBOW	
Saturday 	5 08.00 Holy Communion	12 08.00 Holy Communion 09.30 Work party	19 08.00 Holy Communion	26 08.00 Holy Communion	

A selection of photos from the BBQ held on Sunday 14 August as everyone enjoyed the shared lunch

