



ST GILES HORSPATH PARISH MAGAZINE

September 2010

Dear Friends,

The days are closing in now and the fields around Horspath are no longer full of waving corn but bundled bales and brown earth. It is time to celebrate Harvest. This year our harvest festival will be on 19th September when we will be celebrating with a family service. Dried food will be sent to the Food Bank at St Francis Cowley and we will have a sale after the service of any fresh produce, the proceeds of which will go to the Pakistan relief fund.

As we take this time to celebrate the safe gathering in of the Harvest and give thanks to God for his bountiful goodness, it seems to jar with the experiences of so many others around the world. My mind naturally turns to the many millions of people in Pakistan who have lost not only their harvests but also their homes and loved ones in the floods. I recently returned to Cockermouth in Cumbria, which as you will remember, became headline news in November last year, when the river Derwent broke its banks and flooded the town. Months later this lovely little rural town is still struggling with the aftermath of that night. Many shops are still boarded up and the bridge that collapsed remains in ruins. At Wordsworth's Georgian house, which was lucky enough to escape the worst of the waters because its design raised it above any danger of flooding, there was a video recording the locals' experiences. There were many harrowing stories but many more words of wonder and praise at the way the firemen risked their lives to help stranded people from their homes and the way the community pulled together to help each other. It was clear that the people of Cockermouth had rediscovered something about their town and their neighbours which maybe before the floods was there but not recognised. It had taken a moment of crisis to show how much they cared for each other and that it was this sense of community that was slowly rebuilding a new and better town.

We are fortunate in Horspath, we have not had to cope with a flood and we have many things to be grateful for this Harvest, not least our community. In many ways we have a very strong community with many things going on in our village, from organisations such as the senior citizens and gardening club, to a close network of friends who support and care for each other, not least within the church. However, a number of people within the village have felt a desire to build up this common life and have organised a meeting on September

6th at 7.30 pm in the Methodist Chapel with the aim of sharing gifts and talents in order to put on community events and projects which we can all enjoy together. We hope you will be able to come along and find out not so much what Horspath can do for you but what you can do for the people you live amongst.

Emma

CHURCH SERVICES IN SEPTEMBER

Sunday, 5 th September	(The Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity)	11.00 am	Parish Communion
Sunday, 12 th September	(The Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity)	11.00 am	Team Service
Saturday, 18 th September		1.30 pm	Wedding of Lucy Mullins and Geoffrey Winchester
Sunday, 19 th September	(Harvest Festival)	11.00 am	Harvest Family Service
Sunday, 26 th September	(The Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity)	11.00 am	Morning Worship



Wheatley Team Ministry Annual Service
on Sunday, 12th September at 11.00 am
in St Giles' Horspath
'Walking with God' with Juggling John

followed by bring your own picnic lunch and games in the school field



Time Out

Half an Hour of music, words and silence on the first Sunday of the month from 5.30 pm to 6.00 pm at the Methodist Church, Horspath

A service of Choral Evensong will take place on Sunday, 5th September in All Saints' Cuddesdon at 5.30 pm preceded by cream tea at 4.30 pm. If you would like to sing then please contact Jonathan on 01865 361 381

From the Registers:

Weddings:	17 th July	Zoe Whitlock and David Harper
	7 th August	Helen Butler and James Wright
	28 th August	Stacey Hackett and Luke Plasted

Internment of ashes:	8 th July	Mia Angela Weekes
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Harvest Festival and Patronal Festival

These two festivals occur on Sunday, 19th September this year.

The church will be filled with wedding flowers on Saturday, 18th so after consultation with Nell, it has been decided to ask those who wish to donate harvest goods to place them at the back of the church on Friday, 17th. After the wedding, they can then be displayed in the church for the Sunday service.

I hope everyone is happy with this arrangement this year. Let's hope for a sunny weekend for the wedding, the Feast cricket match and for the village Feast which will pull on to the Green for Monday.

- Carol Lowe

FLOWER ROTA FOR SEPTEMBER

Sundays	5th	Brian and Carol Lowe	12th	Janet Madden Rebecca Madden-Waite
	19th	Gill Gray Carol Cuthbert	26th	Muriel Walker Nancy Llewelyn



HORSPATH SENIOR RESIDENTS' CLUB

Wednesday, 1st September: Visit to Chavenage House. Cost, including tea, is £15. Coach leaves at 1.00 pm.

Wednesday, 15th September: *Four Chances* Quiz in the village hall at 2.00 pm.

Wednesday, 6th October: Visit to Stratford-on-Avon. Coach leaves at 9.00 am. Fare is £8.00.

- Sheila Dandridge

HORSPATH GARDENING CLUB

In September we will be introducing our new programme for the coming season. We will still be meeting on the second Tuesday of each month, beginning at 8.00 pm, with refreshments at 9.00 pm. It is hoped to meet still in the Methodist Chapel and all are welcome.

Our first meeting will be:

Tuesday, 14th September: *'Discovering Day Lilies'* - Gerald Sinclair from the Nursery Further Afield in Bucks holds the National Collection of Hemerocallis and is going to talk about his quest to find as many varieties of the Day Lily. This quest has taken him to many different countries and he has many tales to tell. We are able to use the Methodist Chapel for this event.

Tuesday, 12th October: *'Herbs and their Uses'* - Anne McIntyre, an author and well known herb expert, will give a talk about growing different types of herbs and how they can be used as remedies and companion planting.

Building a Strong Horspath Community

Horspath is a village situated within beautiful surroundings where a diverse population lives with many interests and talents. In many cases our people are already organised:

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Gardening and gardens• Books and reading• Cricket• Football & Golf	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bell ringing• Allotment group• Shotover preservation• Senior Residents
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However there are still some areas where we can initiate and improve interactions amongst ourselves. Our objective is to start a movement in the Horspath community to strengthen the social bonds by building on shared interests and goals. Here are some suggestions of interest groups that we think have strong potential:

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• History (Horspath village, village archives, church history, family trees, listed buildings, tree preservation)• Music (choir, recitals, concerts, instrument playing)• Nature and Wildlife	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Craft (woodwork, needlework, pottery, painting, cookery, flower arranging, photography)• Youth (sports activities, karate, outdoor adventures)• Writing group• Art appreciation
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Are you interested in joining the movement and lead or participate in one of our groups? Please come to the kick-off on:-

**Monday, 6th September 2010
7:30pm in the Methodist Chapel**

Signed on behalf of the Parochial Church Council of St. Giles Horspath. For further information call: 872484 (Roeloff Kramer), 872793 (Sheila Frankum) or 873987 (Enid Gomm).