



Dear All,

By the time you read this it will be officially Autumn! For some of you that will herald the onset of winter which many dread, for others the changing scenery, the glow of colour, the freshness of the air, the patterns of moisture on a spider's web are a cause for delight and celebration. Personally, after the reoccurring wet and dull winter, I look forward to

being able to recognise a season, different from the last, distinctive, one that leads to another. Well, we will have to wait and see if autumn really does herald winter this year.

Our church life can be seen in a similar way, soon we shall celebrate Harvest, and there is I think a psychological progression from Harvest towards Christmas; almost like a countdown of events that culminate in Christmas. But it doesn't end there, from Christmas we start looking towards Easter and so on. The seasons in the church are as continuous as the seasons of the weather, which leads us on to having to ask a question if the analogy is to stand up. Has our Christian year become a little bit of the same but with different calendar dates; in other words; rather like the weather, has our church life become more of the same week by week with very little to get excited about, rather like opening the curtains in the morning, commenting; raining again, and carrying on into the day as before?

For two weeks in September I preached on 'New beginnings' and a 'new home'; that life changes for a reason, and so should our spiritual life within the context of church. If you look back, honestly and bring to bear the reality of our memories, would we really want to turn the clocks back on some of the ways we had to survive a few years ago? Think of the washing machine, the vacuum cleaner, the telephone, even the contentious car. These might provoke arguments regarding the planet, however, would we really want to go back to a certain time in our lives that was harder than today?

It is the same with our church life, maybe it is too easy now, maybe we do not have to tackle the hard aspects of our faith due to the modern way of saying; 'Jesus is a friend of mine and everything will be OK'. I do not think everything will be OK just because Jesus is a friend of mine!! I think he wants us to struggle with the seasons, that his word is not about, 'more of the same'; that it has times of celebration as well as times to share pain, expectation, rest and action.

We are called to share the seasons good and bad, to seek new solutions for what is too familiar and not progressive for His gospel. We can do it together, sharing the new vision, moaning and groaning sometimes, celebrating God's love always, but looking for the time when Christ will return to gather up what we have done for Him.

This autumn, let us look forward to events within the church and our lives that mark and make a difference to, 'Business as usual'. A new and exciting time is with us, let us be fully active in the new season.

Blessings JON

THE UNITED REFORMED CHURCH IN CHELTENHAM

From the church registers:

In Memoriam

Arthur Macarthur

The Revd Arthur Macarthur, a giant of the United Reformed Church, has died at the age of 94. He was one of those who were instrumental in bringing about the Church's formation in 1972, and served jointly as its first general secretary.

Arthur was ordained in 1937. He was general secretary of the Presbyterian Church of England for twelve years from 1960 – 1972, and Moderator of its General Assembly 1971. When the formation of the United Reformed Church brought together Presbyterians and Congregationalists in 1972, he became joint general secretary with the Revd John Huxtable, his Congregational counterpart. He was Moderator of the General Assembly of the United Reformed Church in 1974-75 and continued to serve as general secretary until 1980.

Arthur died on September 1st. A private family funeral took place at Swindon Crematorium on 11th September, followed by a service of Thanksgiving at Ashcroft Church, Cirencester, the same day.

He was a good friend of the URCiC and acted as Interim Moderator at St Andrew's in the interregnum between Rev Tom Morrison and Rev Glyn Jenkins, and since then he led many of our services in Cheltenham. There is the possibility of a nation-wide Memorial Service, perhaps in Carrs Lane URC Church, Birmingham, and details will be published when received.

He is survived by his wife, Esme; they had been married for 58 years. In retirement they lived at Cirencester. There are three sons and one daughter and six grandchildren. We hold them in our thoughts and prayers.

Baptism

We welcomed into the family of the Church on 31 August at St Andrew's, by infant baptism, Robyn Suzanne Parks, and we look forward to getting to know her and watching her grow in faith over the years.

Dedication

Olivia Odell (granddaughter of Tim and Dorothy) was dedicated at St Andrew's on 7 September and we welcome her into the family of the Church.

Our prayers: we hold in our prayers those who are ill as well as those who are or have been in hospital: Ann Ashworth, Peter Coulthurst, Dennis Goldring, Mary Howes, Paulette Hyde, Dorothy Lamb, Sandy McKenzie, Sadie Smith and James Spence.

Kenya Appeal

There are two forthcoming events to raise funds in the final push for the Kenya Appeal:

Harvest Supper – 7 pm Saturday 4th October at St Andrew's

Elephant Drive – 2.30pm Tuesday 28th October at Prestbury URC

All are welcome to attend.

Ecumenical Supper

On the **18th October** we are hosting an ecumenical supper at St. Andrew's when Jon will give a PowerPoint presentation on the human rights issues in Israel/Palestine. He is off to the Holy Land, giving a paper in November. Donations are for Christian Aid and a retiring offering towards the cost of Jon's trip, which he is paying himself. Please fill in the form on the notice board in the Link Gallery at St Andrew's if you are able to be at the supper, or let Jon know.

Birthday Teas at the Manse

The September/October Hatherley tea is on **Sat 18 October** 3-5pm, and the November/December tea is on **Sat 13th December**. All with birthdays these months are welcome. If you are unable to make the date allocated for your birthday, don't miss out, please contact Maz as it may be possible for you to attend at a later date.

Tuesday Forum – October

14 October Our speaker for the first meeting of the month is Anne Strathie, whose subject is “Cheltenham Art Gallery and Museum”.

28 October Penny Russell-Smith will share some “Royal Feasts” with us.

Both meetings will be held in the garden room at St Andrew’s beginning at 2.30pm, and will be followed by tea and biscuits.

Literary Group –

The next meeting of the Literary Group is on Wednesday 19 November to be held at 7.30 at Prestbury URC. The novel we will be discussing will be 'Beyond the Black Stump' by Nevil Shute.

New members are always welcome – contact Mary Cummings on 01242 243216

Walking Group

An all-age group interested in country walking is in the process of being formed. If you would like to take part in a local monthly walk of a couple of hour’s duration on easy going terrain, please contact Roger Little.



Pensioners’ Forum

Wednesday 3 October

‘Paying for Care’

Diane Roberts

Nursing Home Fees Agency

Free Entry – All are welcome

Coffee Bar open from 10.00am – 12 noon

Coffee/Tea 50p

Cheltenham Opera Society

The Cheltenham Opera Society now meets at St Andrew's. COS organizes visits to productions, lectures on forthcoming events and showings of DVDs of interesting performances etc. More information is available from Roger Little or Tony Jeans.

PROM PRAISE



A Christian ‘Last Night of the Proms’
Royal Albert Hall,



Saturday 4th April 2009:

Please sign-up on the lists on the notice boards by 30 November.

Maz will contact all on the sign-up lists
with the price during December

Music at St Andrew’s

Concert by
Philomusica of Gloucestershire and
Worcestershire

Of
Carter’s “Laudate Dominum”
Rutter’s “Requiem”

And

A selection of solos on the theme of Autumn
At St Andrew’s United Reformed Church On
Saturday 1st November 2008 at 7.30pm
Tickets £7 Under 16s Free

Contemporary Music Concert by

NOSZFERATU Trio

Featuring works by David Price, Howard Skempton, Joe Cutler,
Michael Wolters, Donnacaha Dennehy and others.

8pm Wednesday 8th October

Noszferatu are a collective founded in 2000 with the aim of presenting the freshest faces of contemporary music within a broad, eclectic aesthetical outlook. The members of the group are all acclaimed soloists in their own right, working across a wide range of genres including contemporary classical, jazz, physical theatre, drum and bass, latin and tango. Since Noszferatu's debut at Oxford Contemporary Music in May 2001 the group has performed twice at the Huddersfield Contemporary Music Festival, frequently in the BMIC Cutting Edge Series and all over the UK. The group has also given concerts in the Netherlands and Italy.

STANDyg

STANDyg will meet on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month at 6.30pm in the evening alternating between St. Andrew's and Warden Hill. It is proposed that STAND will lead the communion service on **December 7th** with a similar reading and sketch format as last year.

Moving On

We give our best wishes for all leaving or staying at home starting University courses this September. We remember Fran, Richard, Geoffrey and Matthew all starting courses. We think of those who have left school or college to start jobs, and those who have moved up a year in school.



We also remember parents who will have to get used to not having their children around for a good part of the time. Be with them in prayer and support as they come to terms with this difficult letting go process.

Community

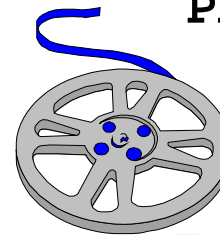


Warden Hill United Reformed Church

Saturday 1st November

at 2.30pm (doors open at 2.15pm)

**THE CHRONICLES OF NARNIA:
PRINCE CASPIAN (PG)**



Free Entry

Family and Friends Welcome

Refreshments available

Christian Aid Week

The total raised from the URC Christian Aid Week street collection in May was £910-00 - this exceeded the total raised in 2007. The final total raised by the Cheltenham Area Christian Aid Committee was £38,052.08 - also an increase over last year's total.

As Joan Sampson (Leader of the Cheltenham Committee) said: "This result is really good, especially in the present economic climate and considering some Churches did not support us this year. What a result we would have if all the Churches in Cheltenham gave some support, however little, and what a difference that could make in the world where so many are suffering malnutrition and poor living conditions."

We were delighted to have some new collectors this year - we would like to make a concerted effort to encourage more street collectors next year.

Commitment for Life

The United URC Commitment for Life service is on **Sunday 26 October**. This is the annual service when we (the URC in C) rededicate our commitment to Commitment for Life. We shall be moving the focus from Zimbabwe (who we shall continue to hold in our prayers) and back to Palestine. We are delighted that Linda Mead - the URC's national director for Commitment for Life is coming to speak. It promises to be a strong weekend of reflection on the situation in the Middle East - Jon will be speaking at an ecumenical meeting on Saturday 18 October (see elsewhere in In Touch) and look out for details of an evening service/event on Sunday 26 October.

URC in C Emergency Fund

The World Church and Mission Committee would like to appeal for donations to the URC in C Emergency Fund - the committee would like to make donations to both the Red Cross Appeal for victims of the hurricanes in the Caribbean and to Christian Aid's emergency appeal for the floods in India. Recent donations to Darfur Emergency Appeals have exhausted the Emergency Fund so the WCM Committee are unable to release any funds immediately.

Donations to the URC in C Emergency Fund can be made through churches via envelopes marked for "Emergency Fund". Please ask WCM Committee members, church treasurers or Lizzy George (URC in C Treasurer) if you would like more details - we expect to put a longer note into a future In Touch about ways of giving donations to Commitment for Life, the Emergency Fund, the Kenya project or any other appeals.

Forthcoming Events of Interest

- **Coping With Kids** – for all parents and carers. A positive Parenting Course held at Warden Hill URC, each Friday in October (3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th and 31st)
- **Niblett Memorial Lecture** at Sarum College Salisbury, Sat 4th October 2008 and general leaflet on Sarum course.
- **Prestbury Passion Play 2009** The first meeting will take place at St Nicholas' Church, Swindon Lane, Wednesday 22nd October at 8pm. All are invited

Seen in a church magazine: "Ladies, don't forget the jumble sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands."

Warden Hill News

By the time that this article is published, we will have either had or be having our Harvest Celebrations. This is a time of Thanksgiving for most of us, but it is also a chance for us to remember the many, many people in our World who have so little. The Church in Warden Hill has focused its efforts this Harvest Weekend on raising money for a project in Burkina Fasso, helping the people there to grow vegetable crops suitable to their changing climate.

Our own Rev. Maz Allen has been working very hard with the support of church members to raise money for a dispensary in Kenya and she is going to tell us more about this project at the Warden Hill URC Church members' meeting on **1st October at 7.30pm**. Please try to attend this meeting as we will also be updated on the progress that is being made towards our LEP with St. Christopher's. It is worth noting that it is now a year since we started joint services with St. Christopher's. The anniversary date is Family Worship led by Rev. Jon Morgan on **5th October** at Warden Hill URC.

National Star College – Ullenwood Cheltenham

The centre is about to embark on provision of a new Therapies Centre to provide Multi – Sensory, Hydrotherapy and Physiotherapy Facilities. The cost of this centre will be around £2.4million though about half of this amount is currently available.



As we at Warden Hill URC are regular supporters of the Star College we are asking for donations towards the project. We propose to have a collecting pail at Warden Hill during October but would appreciate help from other Churches. Monies may also be sent to the Church Treasurer Mrs Diana Mile or to Mrs Elsie Hutton at Warden Hill URC.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

October 1 st	URC Church Meeting at 7.30pm
October 5 th	Family Worship at URC led by Rev. Jon Morgan (1 st Anniversary of Joint Worship each Sunday)
October 26 th	Annual Joint URC Commitment for Life Service at St Andrew's URC at 11.00am. Communion Service at St Christopher's conducted by Rev. Canon Barraclough at 10.30am.
November 9 th	Remembrance Service at St Christopher's.
November 29 th	Joint Christmas Fair at St Christopher's. Details will follow.

Kids' Stuff

Nearly New Baby & Children's Goods

Saturday 18th October
10.30am – 12 noon

Warden Hill URC

Sellers - £6 per table

Tel. Maz 01242 238273

In aid of St Stephen's Children's Home, Kenya
Charity No 1101077

Prestbury News – In Touch

October Coffee Morning

The October Coffee morning is on Saturday 4th October 2008 at 10.30. Our hostesses will be Gwen Hewinson, Nora Aldridge and Jean Danes - please come along and enjoy the Coffee, goodies and fellowship.

Elephant Drive Tues. 28th October 2008 2.30 – 4.30 at Prestbury URC

Please come along and support us on Tuesday 28th October 2008 when we will be holding another Elephant Drive (just like beetle). If you haven't been before they are great fun for everyone from four years to a hundred ! Tickets are available from Julie, Emma, Anne and Maz at a cost of £3.00 per adult and £1.50 per child including a hot dog or beefburger and a drink or tea and cake.

Every penny we raise will help us to build the Health Centre at St Stephen's - so why not have some fun and help the cause !

A TLS Gateways into Worship – can you help me with my project ?

Some of you will know that I am now working towards completing the final phase of my lay preaching accreditation.

My placement church is the Dursley group and over the next ten months I will be preaching six times, leading worship three times, being assessed and leading a small group.

Rather than spend a lot of time on the motorway and clocking up my carbon footprints – Simon Helme has suggested that I run some small group sessions here in Cheltenham. We will be trialling some new Canadian materials “Seasons of the Spirit” following the lectionary over a 6 week period through discussion, pray and reflection. We will probably run the group on a Thursday at a venue to be decided, depending on the group we will either run the sessions over October and November 2008 or January to February 2009.

It's at this point that I need your help - I need six to eight people to make up the small group, if you are interested in joining this small group and providing me with some constructive feedback as part of the process then please contact me – Julie Jefferies (Cheltenham 232892).

Junior Church

From September to December, Junior Church will take place only on the second Sunday of the month. Our Family Services will continue to take place on the fourth Sunday of each month.

In Touch – Contributions always welcomed

Please either see Ian Brooks at Church or forward all contributions to him directly via e-mail (ianbrooks444@btinternet.com). Ian can also be contacted on 01242-603467.

Recipe for Happy Homes

Time is one of the most important ingredients of a happy marriage ;

Not time to waste – time to use

Time not just for prices, but for life's values

Time for neighbours, time for friends

Time to apologise and make amends

Time for his folk as well as your own

Time to praise, but not to moan

Time to discuss

Time to share

Time to consider his point of view

Time for the garden

Time for a book

Time for a baby

Time to care

Time for a quiet moment of prayer

Time for your husband when his days' work is done

Time to listen to your teenage son

Time to show junior a bird on the wing

Time to thank GOD for EVERYTHING

Kindly submitted by Pat Gregory.

St Andrew's News

October Communion Offering

Sabeel



Sabeel promotes non-violence and reconciliation based on justice for all the national and faith communities of Palestine and Israel. It campaigns for more accurate international awareness of the suffering of Palestinian Christians. Friends of Sabeel UK works for a just and enduring peace by supporting the ecumenical ministry of Sabeel

Jerusalem through our prayerful actions and financial resources; raising awareness in Britain of the struggle of the Palestinian people, especially the suffering of the Palestinian Christian community, and promoting a just solution in the region. Sabeel believes this must be based on respect for international law, human rights and religious tolerance, a fair sharing of natural resources, and coordinating activities between friends in the UK, Palestine and Israel. Sabeel is a partner organisation of Christian Aid, and its International Patron is Archbishop Desmond Tutu.

Jump for Joy

The next half-hour service for all the family will take place from 9.30am – 10am on **Sunday 12th October** at St Andrew's. All families, and anyone else interested, are welcome to attend.

One World Week

A united service for One World Week will be held at Gas Green Baptist Church on the **19th October**. Please do support this as we seek to further strengthen our ecumenical links within the West central area of Cheltenham.

From the Elders' Meeting:

Remembrance Parade - Jon is Chaplain of the local Air Training Corps and they will be parading into St Andrew's Church on Remembrance Sunday to take part in our Remembrance Service.

Jon also now has a role with the University of Gloucestershire.

Elders' Sabbatical – Two of the Elders are due to take a sabbatical next year. Replacements will need to be found to cover this one-year period. Anyone interested in Eldership are asked to contact the church secretary.

Concert Steward - At the AGM in April 2009, Tony Jeans will step down from the one-year post as lead Concert Steward and a successor will need to be found. Anyone who would like to fill the position is asked to contact Tony who will be able to provide details of the role.

Rose Window Repairs – work on the repair of the Rose Window, situated above the access ramp in the church, will begin in October and is expected to be finished before the end of the year.

St Andrew's Parents and Toddlers

The group is going from strength to strength. With over 30 registered, and an average of 22 parents with children each Tuesday it seems that it is here to stay. The first service in the church took place on the 9th September, which was enjoyed by those involved. Our thanks go to Ann Lewis who organises the rotas and is actively involved, those who help set up and serve refreshments. If there are more people who would like to be involved, please see Ann or Jon.

Farewell

It is with sadness that we say goodbye to John and Jane who have been worshipping with us for the past three months. They sit at the front and John uses a walking aid. They are moving down to Paignton, Devon. They will be missed as they found a spiritual home at SA and wanted to be much more involved than mere attendance on a Sunday morning. We wish them every blessing on their move and look forward to catching up with them upon their visits to Cheltenham.

Thursday and Saturday Coffee

The coffee bar rotas do not have enough names of volunteers on them to ensure its future. This source of outreach to the community, and income for the church, will end without your support. Please consider whether

you can help, and speak to church secretary (Thurs) or Alison Stagg (Sats).

Correspondence – placed in the Link Gallery

- Gloucestershire Nightstop
- Carrs Lane Lecturers in Radical Christian Faith 2008
- Barnes Close Newsletter
- The Jesse Tree at Holly Mount URC Malvern
- Young People going to University – letter for Ministries
- Order forms for diary and yearbook
- Cheltenham Interfaith
- Petition from *Livability* about social housing and wheel chair standards
- Cheltenham Open Door Newsletter
- Gloucestershire Churches Environmental Justice Network Newsletter
- “Who is my neighbour?” – social disorder report from Churches Together in England
- Self Help Africa

A Roller Coaster Ride

Reflections on twelve years as West Midlands Moderator

During the twelve years as West Midlands Moderator, one of the words that has come up at regular intervals in my daily spiritual journey is ‘roller-coaster’. Journeying through the rich kaleidoscope of events and people and churches, in different places and situations, has felt like a roller-coaster ride. There is no time to pause; some events are exhilarating; others are challenging. One of my ecumenical colleagues described his role as being like a butterfly – fluttering about from one place to the next, but not stopping very long at any one point. There has been a sense of a constant momentum – a momentum that is matched by

the frenzied world in which we live and could be a reflection of a church anxiously trying to discern the way forward in changing times.

It has been a fruitful, enriching and privileged twelve years. Although I haven’t felt a strong sense of belonging in one local community, I have felt the blessing of a welcome and a belonging in all the churches across the Synod. Whether I am booked to lead worship or Peter and I just turn up unannounced, we have always received a warm welcome.

I have written a longer reflection on my time as moderator (available from Synod Office). What follows is the concluding section, where I sought to discern the presence of God on the roller-coaster ride.

Where is God on the roller-coaster?

I want to finish by offering twelve affirmations and challenges:

1. **God is in the relationships.** The church is called to reflect the life of the Holy Trinity, a community of three-in-one bound together in love, love that is continually offered for the healing of the world. The primary role of the moderator is to develop relationships that reflect Trinitarian love. This means both developing relationships rooted in love between the moderator and ministers, Elders, churches, Synod staff and Synod committees, and seeing that such relationships grow and flourish within and between churches and amongst ministers and Synod staff. Such relationships grow and develop not just through meetings, but in prayer, personal encounter and shared work. The challenge for a conciliar church is to balance the meetings with other ways of growing in relationship.
2. **God is the mutual belonging.** The body of Christ is discovered in the sharing together across diverse boundaries of geography, race and theological differences. Synod and Areas and Ecumenical groupings help us to enlarge our horizons and hold each other to account in the Body of Christ. The challenge is to sustain mutual belonging, within the United Reformed Church in ways that are fruitful and energising rather than weighed down with procedures and meetings.
3. **God is present in each place and at every time.** The church in each place witnesses to the presence of God. The primary role for the church

in these changing times is to continue to be a faithful witness to God in the great diversity of human life. This means connecting with different spiritualities, growing in the life of prayer and wrestling with intellectual questions about faith. The challenge is to still see God, even in the dispiriting and despairing places.

4. **God offers life in all its fullness.** How does the church mirror this in the midst of the busy round of meetings? A dilemma of being an activist church is feeling that we're struggling against all the odds. The challenge is to focus on the life that is energising rather than draining, even when it means leaving some things undone.
5. **God is in the life of the congregation,** where the word is preached, bread and wine are shared, prayer is offered, service is given, people are cared for, justice is served and peace prevails. The challenge is to renew congregational life, struggling with the dilemmas of individualising faith, the issues of power and power struggles, people being burdened with too much to do, and the building of unwitting barriers of exclusion.
6. **God is in the desire for unity.** Ecumenism has made great strides, in the development of LEP's, Churches Together Groups, County Ecumenical bodies, the hidden ecumenism found in the workplace and shared social action. The challenge is to grow in the spirituality that discovers the heart of God in each place and in each person. Then people are brought together from very different backgrounds to share gifts and insights for the transformation of the world.
7. **The Holy Spirit continues to reveal God,** bringing hope to a despairing world and making new things possible. The challenge is discovering the balance between maintaining what's happening and moving forward in new directions. Openness to discerning the work of the Holy Spirit is a major calling to the church in a time of change.
8. **Inspired and committed leadership helps to make God visible.** The work of ministers, elders, secretaries, treasurers, Synod officers and countless numbers of people with a leadership role play a critical part in bringing people closer to God. The challenge is to keep caring for, developing and supporting people in leadership roles.
9. **God is in the fruitfulness of growth.** The dilemma for a church in decline is that the agenda for managing decline takes priority. Issues about deployment become critical and time consuming. Ageing

congregations, churches sharing ministers, lack of children and young people lead eyes that see no further than the problems. A big feature of decline is that it breeds negativity. The challenge is to have eyes open for where God is present in the fruitfulness of growth, even in the smallest ways.

10. **God is a faithful God.** The numbers of people who continue to worship Sunday by Sunday; the amount of faithful living that goes on week by week in the community and the workplace and the hidden places of people's lives testifies to this. The challenge is for Christian people not to lose their nerve, but to continue to grow in trust.
11. **Worship is the primary moment of encounter with God.** Worship has a particular focus on the believing community gathering together, within the wider sense of the whole of life being an offering to God. Worship immerses the believer in Christ's story and nurtures each person for the living out of the Christian life. The challenge is to move away from a 'one hour a week delivers all' culture, to the sense of the wholeness of God's purpose for all of life.
12. **God is a creative God,** whose creativity is seen in nature and in the new ideas that fill the human mind. The challenge for the church is to engage in pursuing that creativity through research and development, in an age in which the pressure is on to cut back on the wider budget and to focus on the nitty gritty realities of decline.

Conclusion

The roller coaster ride of the West Midlands has taken me to exciting places, meeting committed people, seeing fascinating work in our churches, sharing fruitfully with ecumenical colleagues. There have been times of despair and disappointment, but these have been greatly outweighed by the sense of privilege at being called to serve as moderator. In all things, God has been my helper and the Holy Spirit has given me strength. I give thanks to God for these past twelve years.

Elizabeth Welch

OCTOBER DIARY			
1	Wed	10.30am	SA Pensioners' Forum 'Paying for Care'
		7.30pm	WH Church Meeting
		7.30pm	SA Bible Study with Jon
3	Fri	7.30pm	WH Coping with Kids'
4	Sat	4.00pm	SA Wedding
		7.00pm	SA Kenya Project Meal and Cabaret Evening
5	Sun	10.30am	P Mr Martin Clarke
		10.30am	WH Revd Dr Jon Morgan
		11.00am	SA Revd Maz Allen <i>Communion</i>
		6.00pm	SA Revd Dr Jon Morgan
8	Wed	7.30pm	SA Jon's Bible Study
9	Thur	7.30pm	WH URCiC Council
10	Fri	10.30am	Hath Maz's Bible Study at 51 Bournside Road
		7.30pm	WH Coping with Kids'
11	Sat		Synod at Redditch
12	Sun	9.30am	SA Sunday Praise
		10.30am	P Revd David Brown <i>Communion</i>
		10.30am	SC Revd Canon Owen Barraclough <i>Communion</i>
		11.00am	SA Mrs Julie Jefferies
14	Tues	2.30pm	SA Forum: Ann Strathie
		7.30pm	D'sley Gloucestershire Churches Together Talk
15	Wed	7.30pm	WH Partners' meet
		7.30pm	SA Jon's Bible Study
17	Fri	10.30am	Hath Maz's Bible Study at 51 Bournside Road
		7.30pm	WH Coping with Kids'
18	Sat	3.00pm	Hath Birthday Tea at the Manse
19	Sun	10.30am	P Mr Bob Alger
		10.30am	WH Revd Dr Jon Morgan <i>Communion & Cooking Club</i>
		11.00am	SA Revd Maz Allen
22	Wed	7.30pm	SA Jon's Bible Study
		8.00pm	Chelt Passion Play 2009, St Nicolas Ch, Swindon Lane
24	Fri	10.30am	Hath Bible Study with Maz at 51 Bournside Road
		7.30pm	WH Coping with Kids'
25	Sat	7.30pm	SA One World Week Supper (Christian Aid)
26	Sun	10.30am	P No service
		10.30am	WH No service

		11.00am	SA	United Commitment for Life Service
		6.30pm	P	United Service with St Mary's at the URC
28	Tues	2.30pm	SA	Forum: Penny Russell-smith
		2.30pm	P	Elephant Drive in aid of Kenya Project
29	Wed	7.30pm	SA	Jon's Bible Study
31	Fri	10.30am	Hath	Bible Study with Maz at 51 Bournside Road
NOVEMBER DIARY				
1	Sat	2.30pm	WH	Community Film - "Prince Caspian"
2	Sun	10.30am	P	Revd Dr Jon Morgan
		10.30am	WH	Revd Maz Allen
		11.00am	SA	Revd Dr TJW Sampson
		6.00pm	SA	Revd Maz Allen <i>Communion</i>
5	Wed	10.30am	SA	Pensioners' Forum: 'Qi Gong'
Weekly Meetings				
	Mon	9.30am	SA	Mah Jong
	Mon	10.00am	P	Prestbury Urchins <i>term time only</i>
	Mon	9.00am	WH	Warden Hill Urchins
	Tues	11.30am	WH	Morning Prayers
	Tues	10.00am	SA	Parent and Toddler Group
	Wed	9.00am	WH	Warden Hill Urchins
	Wed	9.15am	SC	Little Shepherds pre-school worship <i>term time only</i>
	Thurs	10.00am	SA	Morning Coffee
				Rev Jon's 'sip and chat' until noon
	Thurs	10.00am	SA	"Bumps and Babes"
	Sat	10.00am	SA	Saturday Coffee Bar
	Sun	6.30pm		STANDyg meets fortnightly

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