

MINISTER'S LETTER

*The Church of Christ, in every age
Beset by change but Spirit-led,
Must claim and test its heritage
And keep on rising from the dead.*

(Fred Pratt Green H&P 804)



Dear friends,

This year, and this month in particular, our church celebrates a significant anniversary: seventy five years of people worshipping and serving God in this place. Seventy five years. Just think about it. Think about all the people that have passed through these doors during that time. Think about all the hymns that have been sung, all the prayers offered and all the relationships built and nurtured within the love of God. Think about the number of children that have been welcomed into the life of the Church over this period. Think about the number of couples that have made their vows to love one another for the rest of their days. Think about the number of families that have said their final farewells to loved ones. Seventy five years. So many lives touched by God in this church. Just think about it. Over the weekend 12th-13th September we have much to celebrate don't we? So celebrate we will.

With all this in mind, it might seem strange that I began this letter with a verse from a hymn that speaks of the need for the Church to continually rise from the dead! At a time when we are celebrating a life, it might seem odd that I should speak of death. Yet, death is a reality of life, and, whilst now is a time to look back and give thanks, it is also a time to look forward and to re-commit ourselves to serving Christ in the world. This will inevitably mean that we have to let some things die that other things might spring forth with new life in their place.

Seventy five years. Just think about it. Think about all that has changed in the world during that time. Think about advances in technology and the effects of these on people's lives. Think about the

way the pace of life has increased. Think about how families have become more dispersed, how working patterns have altered. Think about the place – or lack of place – of the Church in society. Think about how people relate to God in general and in the media in particular. Seventy five years: so many changes. Just think about it.

If we are to move with confidence into the future together we have to recognize that the Church too needs to change. Yes, we need to hold on to our Christian heritage – we stand in faith alongside those who have gone before us – but, and as the hymn suggests, we also need to ask serious questions of that heritage: we need to claim it and test it. Inevitably this will mean that, just as we hold onto some things, we will also need to be prepared to let some things go – however painful that might be – because they are no longer helping us to be the body of Christ in this place; because they are no longer helping us to share the good news of Jesus Christ with the people of Merton Park.

As we seek to proclaim and affirm our conviction of God's love in Christ and as we seek to renew confidence in God's presence and action in the world and in the Church, we will need to identify some priorities: those things that we believe we can do well and offer to those around us; those tasks to which we believe God is calling us.

As we continue to listen to and talk with one another – in our sharing together – let us always remain open to discern the Spirit of God calling us on and leading us into the future, revealing fresh ways in which we can be Church in this place. We face change, yes, but the Church has always faced change. And God is still with us.

To the next seventy five years then, whatever it might bring!

With every blessing,

Paul

Oberammergau Passion Play 2010



We have some spaces left on our visit to this memorable event which is performed by the local community in the Bavarian village of Oberammergau. The play dates back to Pentecost 1634 when, after months of suffering and death from the

plague the villagers vowed to perform a Passion Play every ten years, to give thanks if they were spared during the epidemic. Now you have the opportunity to experience this memorable occasion.

The group will arrive in or near Oberammergau for two nights (this is the maximum permitted) and then travel via King Ludwig's Castle in Neuschwanstein, for five additional nights to the picturesque Tyrol staying at the four star Schlosshotel Rosenegg in Fiederbrunn for a period of holiday and sight seeing. A full day excursion to Salzburg (Mozart's birthplace and the backdrop to *The Sound of Music*), a day trip around the Grossglockner Pass (Austria's highest mountain), and a day trip to Innsbruck. The guide price is £1395 (based on sharing a twin) which will include bed, breakfast and evening meals, with an outward and return overnight stay in Metz. Travel dates have been arranged for 29th June (with Rev Margaret Adams) and 5th September (with the Rev Stuart Thomas). Seventy people are already booked and this is your chance to join them. Optional insurance will also be offered with final confirmations. The tours are underwritten by Epsom Coaches who will, included in the package, arrange pickups from your home subject to being within a fifteen mile radius of Epsom.

For further information Pam & Derek Eade 020 8393 6885

MARKING THE MILESTONES

Being part of the fellowship at Martin Way for 75 years has certainly played a big part in my life. My earliest memory is coming to Sunday School in 1934 so that I could join the Brownies. Then I became a member of the Junior Choir, under the leadership of Eva Collins. We were an active group and put on many shows including "May-Day in Welladay" which ran for three performances, playing to packed audiences. We were especially trained in Maypole dancing!

They were happy days which were sadly curtailed when the war started in 1939. Some children were evacuated and other families moved out of London. In October 1940 when our house in Springfield was damaged by an incendiary bomb we moved out to Betchworth in Surrey, returning home in the summer of 1941, so I was not away for long.

It was not until March 1946 that I began attending the Youth Club, (My diary says "Fred Warren, Secretary, asked me to sign the visitors' book". In May 1947 I was received as a Church Member (I described it at the time as "a very impressive service). In January 1948 I was elected Secretary of the Youth Club and later as Joint Leader. This experience stood me in good stead when many years hence I became involved with voluntary youth work with the local authority, which I enjoyed until I was almost sixty years of age!

In July 1948 I accompanied Fred to a Youth Conference at Reading entitled "Christians 1948" as part of a local team. As a result of this Fred and I were invited to accompany a party of young Swedish Methodists on a coach around England in August for one week. It was a most interesting trip and the following year we sailed across to Goteborg and toured over one thousand miles visiting churches, sightseeing and staying in homes all over Sweden for two weeks - a really memorable trip. I am still in touch with the couple I stayed with in Stockholm.

I have happy memories of many activities I enjoyed in my youth at Martin Way - Brownies, Sunday School, Tennis Club,

Youth Club, Choir, Wesley Guild, Girl's League, Bank Holiday Hikes in the country, Music Circle - to name but a few.

There are, of course, still plenty of things happening during the week at Martin Way - Coffee and Chat, Men's Supper Club, Midways, Frogs Club, Lunch Club, Prayer Group, House Groups etc. In fact - something for everyone!

The official opening of the present church building on the 10th May 1958 was a very impressive affair. The consecration was conducted by the Chairman of the London South West District, Rev. George Simpson assisted by our own Minister, Rev. Erastus Evans. Every seat was taken and Fred and I were asked to organise the "overflow congregation" in the North Classroom. Meantime, our two year old son was being cared for by my mother. A celebration tea was provided at 5pm in the Church Hall. A few VIP's were served at a special table on the stage!

In 1984 we had our great Jubilee celebration when Rev. Hedley Lyddon was our minister. Special services were taken by Rev. George Maskell (one of our first Ministers) and also Rev. Colin Rowe (Chairman of London South West District).

Fred and I were married at Martin Way by Rev H. Veale in April 1945. We had almost 55 wonderful years together. The fellowship at Martin Way was always a strong feature in our lives together and the last 75 years, packed with memories, seem to have passed all too swiftly. Our two children were both baptized at Martin Way. Julia became a church member and later transferred to her local church in Ware in Hertfordshire and Bill became a member of the Anglican Church.

I give thanks for the past 75 years at Martin Way and remember that Dr. Donald Soper speaking at our first service in 1934 stressed the need of putting Jesus Christ as the central figure in our lives.

Doreen Warren

ARTHUR MAXFIELD



We first met Arthur in 1989 when we visited China and spent much of the holiday in the pleasant, often hilarious, company of Arthur and his wife, Kate.

We have kept in touch over the years and visited them in their home in Gibraltar, but then Arthur sadly contracted cancer several years ago. Consequently we, along with the group that meet on Tuesday evenings, called 'Time for Prayer', and our whole church have been praying for this friend during his illness and up to his death last month.

The following tribute was paid at Arthur's funeral in Gibraltar by the Bishop who could not be present; it is reproduced here with the permission of his widow, Kate. This will now show you what a remarkable man he was and why we asked so many of you to pray for him and his family...

Derek and Mary Heaton

While I am unable to be present at this funeral service I would like to join my clergy in expressing my sincere condolences to Kate, son and daughters, some of whom have flown all the way from UK. I have already celebrated Holy Mass to thank almighty God for the gift of this wonderful husband father and friend.

The Death of Arthur Maxfield is a loss to us all. He was a gentleman, quiet, intelligent, creative and a person interested in the well being of others. I met him in Hatch End in Middlesex in 1974, where I was taking a course On Television production. An Electrical Engineer by profession in the UK he worked for Granada Television and other prestigious television companies. There was nothing he did not know about television - operating, producing and even financing it. He was a man with a wide variety of interests. He was a great lover of steam engines, trains. He also was an avid and keen photographer and often exhibited his pictures

with the Photographic Society in John Mackintosh Hall, winning awards.

Once retired and residing in Gibraltar he did his utmost, in his quiet gentlemanly manner to help Gibraltar with financial' and expert support in matters he was expert with. He knew he could improve the local television production. He established the Peninsular Production Company. This company wanted to take over the Theatre Royal to transform it into a Television Studio Theatre. Arthur attempted to realize this project several times for many years but to no avail.

While attempting the introduction of the Peninsular Productions Arthur was also assisting me establish a Christian Radio and Television station In South Barracks House where BFBS served the Forces. I had succeeded in purchasing the complete BFBS equipment to start broadcasting immediately. Arthur had, furthermore, taken the trouble to bring over and donate to the Church a complete television equipment to be installed there. Unfortunately, while the equipment for radio and television were available, the building was not. Nor was the air frequency available. Arthur was generous with his time and efforts he made to help me. The Church is very grateful to him for the time and effort he made to assist us, especially with his expert knowledge on technical matters. He often used his skill to fix electrical faults or raise funds for the Church of Scotland's fete. A great friend.

He accompanied Kate when she came to Mass on Sundays. He was most appreciative of the talks delivered in those services, especially of the little miracles that occur every day. A person of his calibre could not but be realistic about life. He was a pragmatic person and called a spade a spade. He was aware of his predicament. He knew that his days were counted. So two years ago, without anyone pressing him or talking him into it, he asked me to receive him into the Church. He considered that when the moment came it was important to be like his wife, Kate.

So on the feast of the Immaculate Conception, the 8th December 2007, Arthur was received into the Church and received Holy Communion.

How many times he heard the words of Jesus repeated: "He who receives my Body and drinks my Blood will have eternal life', 'Whoever eats this bread will live forever.' I have no doubt that Arthur has already received the promise Jesus made to us. He is enjoying eternal life.



TAIZÉ PRAYER and PRAISE AUTUMN 2009

Dear friends,

We have had a number of absentees on and off for all sorts of different reasons but mostly due to illness or another important meeting to attend; all of us – fewer than once-upon-a-time- but 8 remain consistent core members and still available for monthly meetings to continue on the third Monday of the month as requested for this year.

As usual Christine and Tom were our super hosts for the last meeting of the summer for the ‘Shared meal’ and despite not all being able to attend, the meal was a delicious ‘sitting’! I am sure Christine will have enjoyed the rest of her birthday cake the following Saturday!.

These are the dates and venue for the next four months. Note that the Advent meeting in candle light followed by a ‘shared meal’ in readiness for Christmas will be on the 2nd Monday in December.

DATE	VENUE	LEADER
21 st September	St John Fisher (in small Chapel)	Christine
19 th October	St John Fisher (in small Chapel)	Cathie
16 th November	St John Fisher (in small Chapel)	Tom
14 th December	‘Shared meal’ @ home of Christine & Tom 22 Aylward Road (Tel No: 9287 0176)	

May everyone have a Happy Holiday. Looking forward to seeing you in September. May the Peace of our Lord be always with you and those close to your heart.

In His Love

Jean Mann

Taizé Contact for Dates and also apologies. (Tel No: 8542 5929)



Martin Way Methodist Church

is celebrating it's 75th anniversary with a

Flower Festival

on
Saturday 12th September
at
2pm-5pm

Come and join us for an afternoon of entertainment and fun for all ages, including flowers, children's activities, cakes & refreshments, an exhibition of art work and a flower arranging demonstration.

We look forward to seeing you!

OŚWIĘCIM

Oświęcim, a small town about 45km from Cracow in South-West Poland. The name doesn't mean much to many people, but give it its German name, Auschwitz, and all that changes.

I have recently been reading a book about this infamous camp by Laurence Rees, based on interviews from those who worked in the camps and the survivors. Last month I was able to visit the camp in person. I say camp; Auschwitz was in fact at the centre of a number of other camps that had many people, mainly Jews, deported to from all over Europe during the war years of 1940-45. It was to become the largest of Nazi Germany's concentration, slave labour and extermination camps operating during World War II.

Originally a Polish Army barracks, the camp was turned into a concentration and work camp housing 10,000 prisoners by the Nazis in 14 June 1940 after they had conquered Poland 9 months previously. The first inmates were Polish intellectuals and resistant movement members, Soviet Prisoners of War and German "anti-social elements". By 1942 it had been turned into one of Hitler's Death Camps for the Jews and other undesirables, but it was small in comparison to Birkenau, a camp that was built only 3km away.

Auschwitz is a collection of brick buildings which has now been turned into a UNESCO World Heritage Site. It has been preserved and now turned into a museum and memorial to the thousands who died there.

It was a beautiful day when we visited the camp, an almost peaceful, so very different from those years the camp was operating. We entered through the main gate over which the cynical inscription, 'Arbeit macht frei' (work makes you free), still stands. Once in the compound I was struck at how small the place was, at no time could you



forget you were in a detention area, as the double barbed (originally electrified) wire fences and guard towers were always in sight.



In one of the buildings were the possessions of the inmates and those sent to other camps that were discovered during the liberation in 1945. One room is full of shoes, another of artificial limbs and another of suitcases each with a name scrawled on them, waiting for their murdered owners to collect them. It was these sights that made you realise how many people passed through those gates to their deaths. Another thing were the stone stairs to the upper stories, all had been worn away by the many feet that used them each day.

In other rooms were some of the camp records showing the reason why individuals were sent to the camp. Such as being a priest, a thief, reading banned literature, but mainly for being a Jew or Gypsy. There were records indicating that the camp was also ready to receive 33,000 Jews from England once the country was defeated. As it was, 3 Jewish women living in Guernsey were transported there in 1942. Also on display were records showing the amounts of money and other valuable possessions that were taken from the prisoners to be sent back to Germany to help with the war effort.

After Auschwitz we were taken to Birkenau (Brzezinka). This was created in 1941, originally intended to house 100,000 Soviet prisoners of war, but it soon became a place of execution of Jews and many others, with four purpose built gas chambers able to hold hundreds of people at a time. This was in accordance to Himmler's plan called 'The Final Solution of the Jewish Question', which called for the systematic extermination of all European Jews.



The first thing that struck me was the massive size of the place; two railway tracks run the length of the camp and divide the men's camp from the women's. All those who arrived in the camp from all over Europe were brought by train in cattle trucks, some travelling for many days at a time. Once arrived, they were unloaded on a sorting platform between the tracks, many hundred metres in length. From here 80% of the new arrivals were sent directly to their deaths in the gas chambers. The remaining hundreds were sent into the camps. There to live on a diet of cup of coffee for breakfast, bowl of turnip or cabbage soup for lunch and a slice of bread for supper, while working at least 12 hours a day doing heavy labour. The wooden huts where the prisoners lived were based on the design for SS stables, and as many as 800 prisoners were sometimes crowded into a space designed for 52 horses.

In Birkenau the remaining chimneys of the hundreds of huts point accusingly towards the heavens, as if asking God 'Where were you?' But even in this manmade hell God was there. Many of the inmates helped those less fortunate than themselves. One, a Franciscan priest, Maksymilian Kolbe, volunteered to take the place of a fellow inmate who was one of those chosen to be punished of death by starvation after another inmates escape.



Today, over a million people visit the camps each year, the difference is that all of these leave after their time there, unlike the 1.5 million who met their deaths there.

In our group was a Welsh Sister who had recently discovered that she had Jewish ancestry. While there, she was trying to write down her feelings as she was shown around the camps, in the end she gave up as she said it was impossible to put her feelings into mere words. Seeing both camps is very much like that, something very personal and impossible to explain to those who have never been there....

Andrew Fox

NEWS FROM CHURCHES TOGETHER IN MERTON PARK

Since our last CTMP report last year we have welcomed Hilary Yates (St Mary's) and Dennis Clark (Martin Way) as new members to the committee and have continued to meet every two months. Rev. Tom Kavanagh agreed to be Chairman for the coming year and Anne Fleming appointed as secretary. It was good to welcome to our meetings the Rev. John Hayward who was inducted Vicar of St Mary's the Virgin in April 2008 and also Rev. Paul Timmis new Minister of Martin Way since September 2008.

At the beginning of the year the committee had a review of where to go as Churches together as there was a sense of staleness and so, new ideas was needed. As a result the Secretary of Churches together in South London the Rev. John Richardson was invited and provided a list of ideas for churches together groups which we could further reflect on prior to his presentation in May. There was a wide ranging discussion following his presentation about how we engender enthusiasm amongst ourselves and the local area. Are we presenting the gospel to a needy world? John re-assured us that other groups feel this way and suggested that we try and identify one achievable thing. Some of our existing activities were re-affirmed and new ideas were suggested:

- The Raynes Park Taize group meet monthly
- A prayer link between the churches
- Opening the churches as a night shelter
- Invite Pastors from local churches to join i.e. Pastor Kim from the Korean Church
- Plan a day to promote ecumenism- John offered to preach
- Prayer for each church within the CTMP each month
- Poster with pictures and description of each church to be placed on notice boards and in local library.

Future plans and Dates for your diaries

- **Induction Service** for the Rev Jonathan Easton-Crouch new priest at St James of Merton Church on **Sunday 6th September at 3.30pm.**

- **Healing and Reconciliation Services** to be held on a regular basis between the churches.
- **Christmas leaflets.** The CTMP group would welcome any comments on the Christmas leaflet and the street list distribution for this year.
- The next annual **Church Unity Service** will be held at **St James of Merton Church** on the 3rd Sunday in January during which members of the CTMP group will be commissioned. As in previous years it will include a Service in each of the Churches during the week 18th -25th January 2010
- **Proposed Prayer Walk** suggested for **Pentecost Sunday 23rd May 2010** Members of the committee met to plan a Prayer Walk as a visible sign of the faith we share and an opportunity to get to know each other as we walk, and share together in worship at each other's churches.

**The next meeting will be on Friday 18th September
at 8.00pm at 104 Grand Drive SW20**

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VIDA GRACE BROWN
2nd August 1912 - 30th June 2009



Vida Grace Brown was born to Joshua and Daisy Brown on 2nd August 1912 in Wimbledon. As younger sister to Eveline, she had a happy childhood and grew up during the First World War and post war years as a member of the Methodist Church at South Wimbledon. Her chief interests were music, cricket and tennis. She and her friends would

love to walk to matches and see the great WG Grace in action. Vida made a great fuss of little children and would push her younger cousins Edie, Fred and Alan in their prams by the railway line and around the local country lanes. Later she would go on memorable holidays with Edie and friends to the Isle of Wight.

The family moved to 36 Stratton Road, Merton Park in 1930, where Vida remained until 2008. She treasured her garden, and looked after her parents for many years. Having survived the war years and entertained audiences with her singing, Vida took up secretarial work at Wimbledon Police Station where she made many good friends like George Lyle who now lives in Arran and has kept in regular contact with her. She loved to phone her friends and relations as far afield as America and Australia.

Her main interest in music developed when she became choir mistress at Martin Way Methodist Church at the outbreak of the Second World War. For forty years Vida was the focus of an astounding growth of sacred and secular music in the church. She built up the Junior Choir to win local, circuit and national competitions. With the help of Mrs John, her Senior Choir of thirty or more regular members was able to mount regular concerts (her favourites being 'Elijah' and 'Merrie England'), and help lead morning and evening services throughout the year, for forty years. Vida will be remembered for her splendid voice and unique personality. She sang with the Choir and also with Happy Wanderers under Jean Butland's leadership and gave pleasure to so many.

Vida had an unforgettable personality. She enjoyed many holidays with us in Dorset and Cornwall and was looked after very well at home by all her carers. After her 95th birthday, Vida's health declined and she decided to move into Rosemary Lodge. Here she has received first class care for over a year, still to be heard singing her favourite hymns and songs and remembering all the words too!

In her latter years, Vida often wondered how she would be remembered. She need not have worried. Her tendency to say her mind, mixed with an innocent visual sense of humour was brought home to us soon after we moved in, opposite 36 Stratton. She realised that she could see right into our bedroom from her guest room and pronounced 'goody, goody, its lovely I can see right in!!' From this, a system of coded messages developed from window to window when she was unwell. Unfortunately, her OK card was often put upside down, leading to roars of laughter and a phone call to tell her she was obviously KO today! Communication became even more challenging

when Mabel was included, since she was very deaf. Vida had energy. She was no mean driver. Following her was a challenge as she disappeared swiftly round local comers in her VW Golf.

Famed for her wonderful voice, unforgettable conducting, and shapely legs, we came to enjoy singing with Vida in a variety of guises, sharing her sense of fun in entertaining. We learned how to sing top notes, laughed at her 'wicked witch' impressions in Hansel and Gretel, and watched audiences laugh as she sang and handed out ripe strawberries, cherries and smelly herrings in concerts. At 80 she was still undertaking 30 concerts a year with us, playing comic duets as a Japanese girl, a west country lass, a musical cat, and even a spider. Her sense of fun even extended to serious numbers giggling at 'whispering feet' mentioned in a duet with Graham. She led and encouraged us all and even took Elijah to bed with her (before a classical concert you understand)!

Her chats with those bringing morning tea into her room on holiday, her ability to climb through hotel windows, sail in rough weather on the sea in her 80's, tell bus drivers where to go in Truro, get established chefs to make junket, present funny faces, all made life unpredictable. Plane trips were not admissible since she did not know what kept them up. Car journeys were her forte, though in her excitement to take music on holiday in August, we found ourselves listening to Christmas carols. We still sang merrily as we drove down the lanes together.

In her latter years at home, Vida once forgot how to start her buggy at the hairdressers and thought nothing of calling out Wimbledon police to rescue her with a black maria. Her pet hate was alcohol, but she also got extremely annoyed with squirrels, the latest changes to Songs of Praise and modern music. In the last year, Rosemary Lodge, where she was made so comfortable, has resounded with her powerful voice saying 'Cricketers' and 'the staff are angels without wings'. She retained an interest in all we did and delighted in letters from Alan and George amongst many, even when we had to shout in her ear. Many, whose lives she touched, loved her dearly. Above all we will remember Vida as our adopted mum and passion flower.

Valerie & Graham Currie

Logo Design Competition

We are running a competition to design a logo for MCW Rafiki Trust

The winning logo will be used on our website and in our newsletter and will help to promote awareness of the Trust's work

The winning designer will receive a handcrafted gift from Kenya as a prize. Don't worry if you're not a brilliant artist - just have a go!

How to enter:

- ❖ We're happy to accept hand-drawn or electronic designs
- ❖ Entries should be given to one of the Trustees (Valerie Ashcroft, Dawn Downes, Anthony Ellis, Rachel Ellis, Tony Loft, Rev John Nyota) or emailed to **RafikiTrust@googlemail.com**
- ❖ Make sure you include your name and a contact telephone number with your design
- ❖ The closing date for entries is **Saturday 5th September** which is also the Circuit Fun Day, so feel free to hand your entry to a trustee on the day
- ❖ The winner will be announced within 3 weeks of the closing date
- ❖ If you would like any more information about the competition, contact one of the trustees or email **RafikiTrust@googlemail.com**

Don't forget when creating your design that:

MCW Rafiki Trust is a charity which financially assists the education of poor and orphaned children and the further education of adolescents and adults in Kenya. To find out more about the work of the Trust, read our newsletter (available in the circuit churches) or visit our website **www.rafitrust.org.uk**

*Please remember that the logo design must be all your own work
and must not use any copyrighted content*

CHURCH DIARY

SEPTEMBER



Tue	1	10.30am-noon	Coffee and Chat
		8.00 pm	Time for Prayer
Fri	4	12.30 pm	Luncheon Club
Sat	5		Circuit Fun Day at Martin Way
Sun	6	10.30 am	All Age Worship led by Valerie Ashcroft
		6.30 pm	Communion Service led by Rev Paul Timmis
Tue	8	10.30am-noon	Coffee and Chat
		8.00 pm	Time for Prayer
		8.00 pm	Preachers' Meeting at Martin Way
Weds	9	7.45 pm	Midways Group - Members Evening and Bring & Buy Stall
Sat	12	2.00 pm	Flower Festival
		6.30 pm	Barn Dance & Ploughman's
Sun	13	10.30 am	Church 75th Anniversary Service with Communion led by Rev Paul Timmis
Mon	14	8.00 pm	Finance & Property Committee Meeting
Tue	15	10.30am-noon	Coffee and Chat
		7.30 pm	Men's Supper Club - <i>Railways</i> - John Barrett
		8.00 pm	Time for Prayer
Thurs	17	8.00 pm	Church Council Meeting - Finance
Fri	18	12.30 pm	Luncheon Club
Sun	20	10.30 am	Morning Service led by Rev Margaret Adams
Tue	22	10.30am-noon	Coffee and Chat
		8.00 pm	Time for Prayer
		8.00 pm	Preachers' Meeting at Stoneleigh
Weds	23	7.00 pm	Circuit Meeting at Stoneleigh
		7.45 pm	Midways Group - <i>Tick Tock</i> - Anne Conquest

Sun 27 10.30 am
6.30 pm

Morning Service led by Rev Stuart Thomas
Holy Communion led by Rev Paul Timmis

Please refer to the Website (www.martinway.org.uk) or Weekly Notice Sheet for any additional information

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We wish all of those who celebrate a birthday this month a very

Happy Birthday

and especially to:

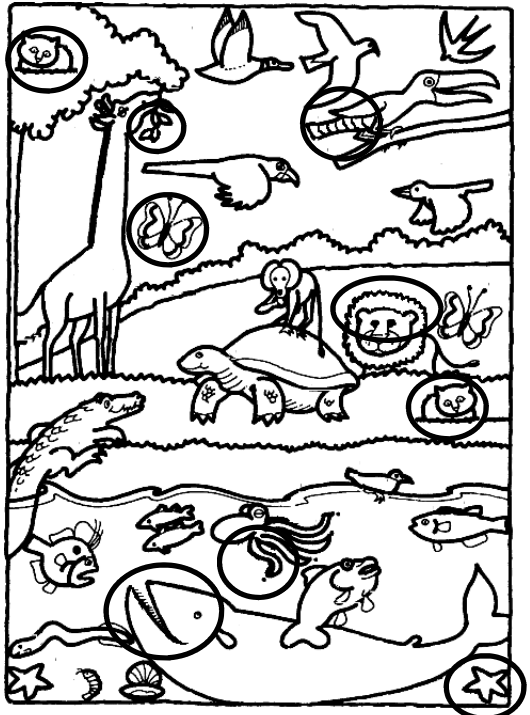
Abigail Fuwa on 15th September

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PUZZLE CORNER ANSWER

Picture Differences Answers from the July/August Newsletter

1. Cat in Tree
2. Giraffe missing spots
3. More leaves on branch
giraffe is eating
4. Larger mane on lion
5. Cat looking other way
6. Octopus missing arms
7. Whale is smiling
8. Bird has striped tail
9. Extra Starfish in the corner
10. Butterfly near the giraffe



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

You are invited to dance your cares away in the evening of Saturday 12th September at 6.30pm at Martin Way 75th Anniversary Barn Dance and Ploughman's Supper.

Tickets available from Anne Conquest at £6 and £4 for those in full time education.



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WIMBLEDON CIRCUIT NEW YEAR FUN DAY



Saturday 5th September at Martin Way Church
10.30am - 4.30pm

Please come and support this Circuit event. Many activities including:

Bouncy Castle

Music

Lunch

Pizza Making

Puppets

DANCE AND ART WORKSHOPS

You are welcome to stay all day or to come for part of it. It is good for us to have fellowship and get to know one another better. I'm really looking forward to seeing you there.

Thanks to all who have arranged the day and to those who have agreed to take part in a special way.

*Margaret Adams
Superintendent Minister*

Items for the **October Newsletter** should be with Andrew Fox,
(email: roife@hotmail.co.uk) by **Sunday 20th September** at the latest