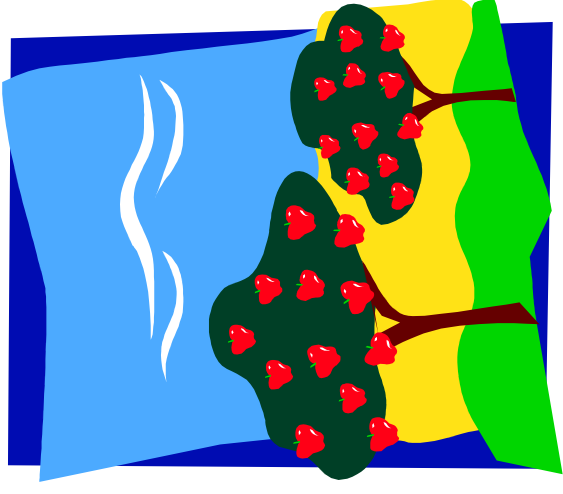




**Yesterday is history,  
Tomorrow is a mystery,  
But today is a gift.**



# **ALDERMANS GREEN FREE METHODIST CHURCH NEWSLETTER**

**August - September 2010**

Jude and Gloria would like to thank everyone for their support during the production of the Newsletter and would welcome any comments, ideas and feedback

## Alpha Course



**What is the point of life?**

**Why do people suffer?**

**What happens when we die?**

**Is forgiveness possible?**

For the opportunity to discuss these questions come to the Alpha

Course at:

Aldermans Green Free Methodist Church

Aldermans Green Road

**Dates starting 6<sup>th</sup> September finishing November 15<sup>th</sup>**

### Registration Form for the Alpha Course

First name ..... Surname .....

Address .....

Postcode .....

Daytime Tel No.....

Email.....

Dietary requirements.....

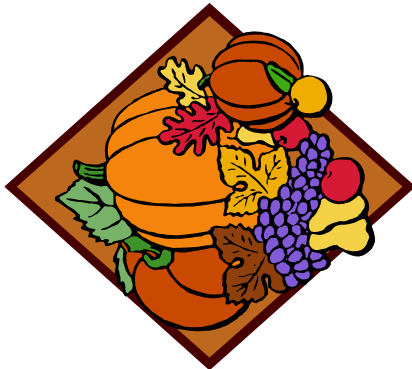
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**HARVEST  
FESTIVAL**

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> September




Darren Burgess

Services:  
11:00am  
6:00pm

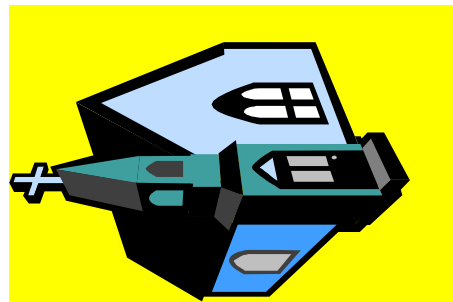


**‘BACK TO  
CHURCH SUNDAY’**

Sunday 26<sup>th</sup>  
September 2010

Services:  
11:00am  
6:00pm



# BackToChurchSunday

## Sunday September 26<sup>th</sup>

On Back to Church Sunday, churches across the country will be opening their doors and welcoming visitors to their church. How many people do you know who “used to go” to church, but just don’t anymore? Many of these people—maybe even you, might be willing to try church again, given the right opportunity. Back to Church Sunday is designed to be that opportunity, a time when those who have left the church are encouraged to return and give it another try.

Back to Church Sunday provides the perfect opportunity for people everywhere to rediscover church and for those in church to take the opportunity to invite them. The most important part of the day is to offer a warm and honest welcome to people.

So go on invite friends, family and neighbours back to church!!!

## PRESIDENTIAL VISIT SATURDAY OCT 2<sup>ND</sup> 7pm

We'll be welcoming the President of the Wesleyan Reform Union, Cliff Darby, here at Aldermans Green on Saturday, 2 October when the other Wesleyan Reform churches in the area will join us for an evening of song, word and refreshments. Put the date in your diary and come and be encouraged!

### CAMP 2010

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> Oct- Friday 29<sup>th</sup> Oct.

There are still places left

Approx £150.00 Please see Michelle

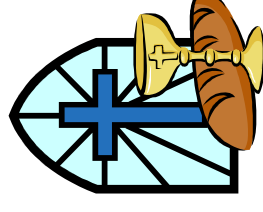
**Please checkout Youth Newswire  
for more information/dates on events being held via the  
Youth Club.**

## SERVICES



19<sup>th</sup> September AM + PM: Darren Burgess

All other services during August and September:  
Reverend Peter Norton



## COMMUNION

First Sunday of each month – Evening Service  
Third Sunday of each month – Morning Service

## **Dear Friends,**

Summer is upon us and it's been very warm, and I am sure that there will be more to come, even though one part of the country has imposed a hose pipe ban; it's just then that the rain starts.

As you will know Sue & I have been away on holiday to Crete. They don't discuss the weather as we do. I'm sure it's because it is consistently sunny and warm.

Our holiday coincided with the World Cup and we were able to watch some of the games and be as embarrassed with the England games as if we were at home. There was a Dutch lady in our holiday complex that was happy for most of the time; you learn a lot about people by their reactions.

Our whole opinion of other nations can be affected by a good or bad incident we have witnessed or are part of.

One thing that comes to mind was an argument there had been between two ladies at Heraklion Airport as we were waiting to clear pass port control. We Brit's were queuing as we do so well, whilst others were not so patient. As you can imagine a heated discussion started between these two ladies neither wanting to back off or back down; in the end officials came and sorted it out.

All I could think of was, what will their memories be of their trip to Crete? Would they remember warm lazy days, beautiful scenery, good food, new friendships, being with family, watching the football, (sorry that just slipped in), or the argument they had at the airport?

Even though they may have been on holiday for a fortnight and had the most wonderful time, the 10 minutes of heated discussion may have soured the whole experience.

## **Dates for the diary:**

### **ALPHA COURSE**

Dates starting 6<sup>th</sup> September finishing November 15<sup>th</sup>  
Please complete a registration form and hand in.  
Volunteers also needed to help with the course, please speak to Peter.

### **MEMBERS MEETING**

September 7th at 7:30pm  
Here in Jubilee Hall/Sunday School

### **TINNED FOOD**

We will be collecting tins and long life goods to donate to the Coventry City Mission for our Harvest Festival Celebration.

Please can you bring in your contribution on **Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> September** to allow the ladies decorating the church during the week for the Harvest Festival Service time to make up their display.

Again we are asking for a selection of tinned foods to make up a main meal for a person or family less fortunate than ourselves.

### **HARVEST FESTIVAL**

**Sunday Sept 19<sup>th</sup>**

The Offering will be given to 'Harvest for the Hungry' to buy food and support local self help projects in Eastern Europe.

### **CAR WASHING**

Saturday September 25<sup>th</sup>

The Youth Group will be raising funds towards the cost of camp. Please support us and bring along your friends.

### **YOUTH CLUB FUND RAISING**

The Youth group will be holding fund raising events throughout the summer to assist in their work in tidying up and creating an outside area at the back of the church or towards cost for Camp.



In August we will be attending the Centenary International Camp at Blackwell Court for a week. Approximately 2000 Guides, Brownies and Rainbows will be attending the week's camp. We will also have international Guides joining us from countries such as Malta, China, Japan and many more.

As you can see this year has been very busy for Girl Guiding everywhere in the World.

Please remember us in your prayers as we celebrate 100 years of Guiding.

Yours in Guiding  
Lynne Porter

There is the rush to be first on the plane yet it can only take off at the prescribed time, or you may want to be off first but you will have to wait with everyone else for your luggage to arrive.

Nothing changes, when Jesus was here with his disciples there may not have been airports but there were arguments about who would be most important or first. In the Gospel of Luke chapter 22 we read of how they argued over who was the greatest. Jesus put them in their place by saying something like this, "Let the senior among you become like the junior, let the leader act the part of the servant."

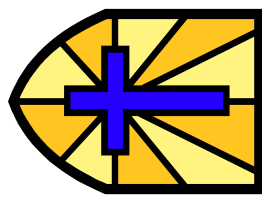
We had a great holiday, restful, talking and laughing, enjoying what God allowed us to see and experience.

It maybe that we are learning all the time about what is most important and what does not matter, as part of the song by Paul Oakley says,

It's all about you Jesus  
And all this is for you  
For your glory and Your fame  
It's not about me  
As if you should do things my way  
You alone are God and I surrender  
To your ways

God bless you,

Peter



## CHURCH BUILDING

A lot of effort has gone in to preparing and then redecorating the Church Hall over the last 2 months; many thanks to those who contributed.

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## OVERSEAS MISSIONS

Thanks to your generosity £500 was sent to the Disciples of Jesus Church, Albania, via Radstock Ministries. They will use this money to repair an outside wall and also the roof in the meeting room, which is leaking. Pictures can be seen on the overseas Missionary Board.

Thank you for your continued support, Helen F.

On the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month a retiring plate will be left at the back of the church for offerings to go towards our Overseas missionary work.

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## HOME GROUP

Join this lively group for Bible study and discussion, meeting on Wednesdays at 7.30pm

On

1, 15 and 29 September;

Venues announced in church

No meetings in August

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## SUMMER CRAFT FAYRE

A grand total of £820 was raised. Thank you to all who helped and supported the fayre.

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## CHOIR

Choir is always happy to welcome new members - you don't have to read music, just sing in tune! Contact Sue Over on 7666 3088 for more information.

the highest tower (Coventry Cathedral), make your promise in as many different places (currently we have made our promise about 30 times this year in 30 different places), sleep under the stars and cook on wood (we did this at survival camp 2010).



June saw us having a trip down to London where we went to visit Crystal Palace itself where I received my 20 year service brooch. I had no idea that I was going to be awarded this. I felt that this was a fitting place to receive my 20 year service as I am involved in both the Guiding and the Scouting movement. After making our promise on the steps of Crystal Palace we then walked across Battersea Park to the peace monument. Once we were all around the monument all of the Guides, Brownies and Rainbows from Coventry held hands and renewed our promise. Representatives of the 82<sup>nd</sup> Scouts also joined us on this walk.

### 33<sup>rd</sup> / 21<sup>st</sup> Guides – Centenary Year

This year is a special year for Guiding as the association is 100 years old this year. To celebrate we have done a variety of things throughout the year. To start off the Centenary year our unit attended a large launch party for all the Guides in Coventry and Warwickshire in September 2009. The launch was at the Butts Rugby Club and we were joined by our local Scout troop. The 82<sup>nd</sup> Scouts and our Guides re-enacted the very first meeting with Lord Baden Powell at Crystal Palace.



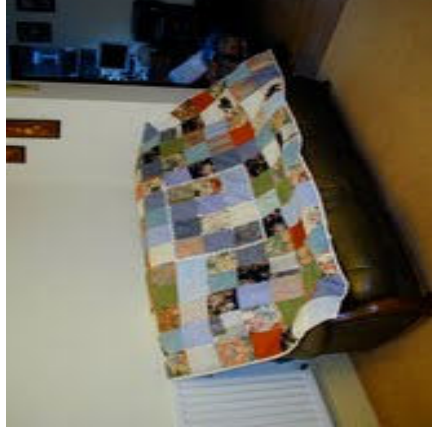
We have completed the centenary challenge badge which meant that the Guides will have to complete 100 challenges this year. Some of the challenges that the Guides have had to complete are as follows: climb

### Banner group



Hard at work

### Craft Group



A finished product

# SUMMER CRAFT FAYRE 2010



A great selection of products for sale.  
Well done ladies!

