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**AT A CALVARY NEAR ANCRE**  
Wilfred Owen (1917)

One ever hangs where shelled roads part.  
In this war He too lost a limb,  
But His disciples hide apart;  
And now the Soldiers bear with Him.

Near Golgotha strolls many a priest,  
And in their faces there is pride  
That they were flesh-marked by the Beast  
By whom the gentle Christ's denied.

The scribes on all the people shove  
And bawl allegiance to the state,  
But they who love the greater love  
Lay down their life; they do not hate.

### Trusting God by:

Walking the way of Jesus  
Putting faith into practice  
Valuing all people equally

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# Reflections on Difficult Times

These are difficult times for those who are concerned with democracy (as we have understood it in the West), the rule of law, and inclusive politics. It can be hard to work out what the Church may say in such times.



Kani Alavi, a German-Iranian painter, created his work 'Es Geschah im November' ('It Happened in November') in 1990. It shows the night the Wall fell, with thousands of faces streaming through from East to West Berlin. A range of different emotions can be seen, including joy, confusion and anger.

When the Berlin Wall fell and the Soviet Union dissolved there were some who saw this as a triumph of Western values - one thinker even wrote, rather arrogantly, it was the end of history. Meaning, I think, that he saw human history as finding its summit in the liberal values of the West. Yet in the years that followed we've endured a lot of painful history. Ethnic conflicts in the former Yugoslavia and Rwanda shocked the world. Hopes for a new Western style democratic order in Russia have proved unfounded, and even in the United States, which sees itself as the champion of the democratic order, the previous president tried to cheat the voters and cling on to power and, even now, refuses to admit he lost. If Mr Trump wins in November he has promised to be a dictator from day one. The liberal reforms in Hungary following its transition to democracy have now morphed into something rather different with the Reformed Christian Viktor Orbán dominating political life there. Trigger issues seem to include fears about migration in both the US and Europe, a sense of people being left behind by elites who are the ruling classes, and a realisation that wealth generated by the super rich doesn't trickle down to the rest of us. Add into this stretched public finances where people demand Scandinavian levels of public services with American levels of taxation and we end up with politicians forever urging us to understand their difficult choices. Riots in England and Northern Ireland in the Summer, the surge in support of Reform and the attraction of some figures on the far right here all add to a sense of gloom about the way things are. There's a profound lack of trust in our institutions and in the outlets where we get our news from.

Sometimes this is all set in the context of a rise in Nationalism in both Europe and the US and, in some countries the growth of something called Christian Nationalism. Nationalism itself can be a tricky term to define - it is basically the idea that the state should be the same as the nation and that no other state should rule over a different nation. The nation or state can be defined by borders (civic nationalism) or by racial and ethnic groups (blood and soil nationalism). In a UK context we are often suspicious of nationalism overseas but three of the constituent nations of the UK have strong nationalist movements arising from the idea the country next door shouldn't run them (the country next door might point out that it too was subsumed into the Union). This nationalistic idea also appealed to many who voted Leave in the Brexit referendum believing that the UK itself, not the EU, should be the ultimate decider of our laws. (The EU might have pointed out that sovereignty pooled made everyone stronger.)

Christian Nationalism adds the particular power of the Church into the mix. In Russia, Orthodoxy, which was nearly extinguished in the early Soviet era, has grown in wealth and prestige and Patriarch Kirill has supported Mr Putin's war in Ukraine.



☞ In Hungary Orbán has used his new found Reformed faith to forge alliances with the churches who then often support his political agenda. Many, but by no means all, evangelicals in America see the serial adulterer, and non Church-going, Mr Trump as divinely ordained to bring many of their political agendas to fruition - most notably a ban on abortion. This view ignores the fact that each of Mr Trump's opponents have been more regular attenders at church than him! When the Church is close to the state there is potential for the state to use the Church to push its own agendas.

The Worship, Faith, and Order Committee is looking at these ideas and, in due course, we hope a paper will be issued exploring what a Christian response might be to these troubled times. Over the next two weeks I will explore some Biblical passages which might offer hope and resources to respond to the state we're in.

The above article was written by Rev'd Andy Braunston, the URC's Minister for Digital Worship and a member of the Peedie Kirk URC in Orkney. It comes from the URC's Daily Devotions which can be accessed online or received as an email each day. To sign up go to <https://devotions.urc.org.uk/> Over the two weeks from 7th October, Rev'd Andy Braunston explored some Biblical passages which might offer hope, and resources to respond to the state we are in.

There is another article from Daily Devotions later in this edition of Church Record, written by Allen Creedy, a member of Jesmond URC who is living with Motor Neuron Disease.

## From a new member ...

**A**s many of you know, I am a refugee from the Anglican church. For many years that church was important to me: I was brought up by a wonderful, simple-faith Christian, my mother, a committed Anglican. Following my new understanding of the Christian faith gained while I was at University, I completed my baptism with confirmation, much later training to be a licensed Reader (lay minister) in the Church of England.



But I have always had connections with the Free Church. My father was born into a Primitive Methodist family and attended chapel three times each Sunday as well as during the week. He was four when his father died. His mother and he had a hard time until she re-married when he was ten, to a churchwarden in the Church of England. She subsequently converted, attending the same confirmation class as my 17-year-old mother! Dad lost interest in religion – he missed the chapel singing and ethos. His knowledge of the Bible was greater than my mother's.

At university I joined the Christian Union and mixed with different denominations. Ministers both Anglican and Baptist helped me understand my new faith. A boyfriend, Chris, was a Congregationalist, and, like Tony Alderman, preached inspiringly from age 18.

Coming to St John's was a revelation. Introduced by friends Val and Andrew, I met a much more democratic congregation: good, loving people who pray and read the Bible knowledgeably, kind and caring and helpful in times of trouble. I have come home.

Barbara Campbell

*Jeanette Thomson was also welcomed as a new member on Sunday 20th October.*



## Charities supported by St John's from regular giving

EVERY YEAR, the Elders bring a recommendation to the November Church Meeting indicating the four charities to which 5% of the regular giving at St John's, should be donated. To give you an idea, this amounted to about £365 for each charity last year. Recently, this has been shared between the following charities, two 'Home' from the UK and two 'Away' from abroad:

- Homeless Action in Barnet
- North London Hospice
- Good Samaritan School for the Deaf, Uganda
- Commitment for Life (URC's link to Christian Aid partners).

### HOMELESS ACTION IN BARNET (HAB)

HAB is the only centre in Barnet dedicated to supporting people experiencing homelessness and those at risk of losing their homes. HAB helps them to plan to make real and fundamental changes. HAB has always worked closely with the Together in Barnet Night Shelter who operated the borough's Winter Shelter from 2003. On 18 April 2024, the Charity Commission approved the integration of the two charities. The Night Shelter is now a project of HAB. More information can be found on their website: <https://www.habcentre.org/>.



### NORTH LONDON HOSPICE (NLH)



North London Hospice is a registered charity that has been caring for local people since 1984. NLH are committed to empowering patients with life-limiting illnesses, supporting them to achieve the best quality of life possible. People from all faiths and communities are welcomed from within the boroughs of Barnet, Enfield and Haringey. Physical, emotional and spiritual care is provided to patients and families, friends and carers. More information can be found on their website:

<https://northlondonhospice.org/>.

### GOOD SAMARITAN SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF (GSSD) in Uganda

The Good Samaritan School aims to create a safe, supportive and nurturing environment to equip their students with the necessary skill, knowledge and confidence to take on the ever-challenging world. The GSSD was founded to provide local deaf children with a place that is conducive to their learning and healthy development, so that they can achieve their optimal potential. Their motto 'Obulema si Butesobola' can be literally translated as 'Disability is not Inability'. More information can be found on their website:

<https://goodsamaritanschoolforthe deaf.com/>.



### COMMITMENT FOR LIFE (CforL) – URC's link to Christian Aid partners

Commitment for Life is the United Reformed Church's global justice programme which supports Christian Aid partner organisations in three territories together with campaigns promoted by Global Justice Now to bring about a more just and equal world. St John's has had a particular focus on Israel and the Occupied Palestinian Territories, where one of the local partner organisations, the Palestinian Agricultural Relief Committee (PARC), has recently been actively involved in the relief efforts in Gaza.

See the latest edition of Moving Stories:

[Moving Stories: Israel and the occupied Palestinian territory – November to December 2024](#).



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Your ongoing support for all these charities continues to be greatly appreciated.

Alison Bond

## What does the Chipping Barnet Food Bank do?

**C**hipping Barnet Food Bank is a charitable organisation that provides emergency food assistance and comprehensive support to individuals and families facing poverty in the London Borough of Barnet. It is affiliated to the Trussell Trust, across the UK the Trussell Trust distributed food parcels from 1,699 locations in 2023/24 and there are at least 1,172 additional independent food banks. London was the region with the highest distribution of Trussell Trust food parcels in 2023/24, followed by the North West of England.

From Sept 2023 to Aug 2024 the Chipping Barnet Food Bank fed 7,421 people, a 19% increase from the previous year. This equates to about 70 tonnes of food. Since the closure of the Barnet Food Hub, fresh food comes primarily from the Felix Project and is delivered by Volunteers on Wheels, the food bank also pick surplus food from Costco and Aldi once a week. Further contributions come from local churches and faith groups, schools, and individual donations. During the summer fresh produce is obtained from allotments. Surplus baked goods are donated from retailers like Gail's and Marks & Spencer.

In addition, the Chipping Barnet Food Bank provides financial support in the form of supermarket vouchers, fuel vouchers (Gas & Electricity) and school uniform vouchers. Last year they provided £19,000 worth of supermarket vouchers to support local individuals and families in need, enabling them to reach an additional 950 people.

The food bank offers a range of support services to its clients, including benefits advice, debt support, housing and employment advice, a digital inclusion service and client signposting to other local resources. They have partnerships with Citizens Advice Barnet, Christians Against Poverty, BOOST Barnet, Shaw Trust, and numerous other local organisations. They collaborate with these community partners and engage in advocacy efforts to address the root causes of food insecurity. Through a combination of direct aid, community outreach and policy engagement, the Chipping Barnet Food Bank works towards a vision of alleviating poverty and creating a society where food banks are no longer necessary.

So you see the Chipping Barnet Food Bank does much more than just give out food, but we can all make a small contribution here at St John's by putting goods in the church food bank boxes. Please remember those in our community who are in real need and make a donation.

David Paul



Click on this link: [Donate food | Chipping Barnet Foodbank](#)

for up-to-date advice on items most needed, although most non-perishable food items (tinned food, pasta, rice, tea, coffee etc.) and basic toiletries (shampoo, shower gel, toothpaste, toothbrushes etc.) are always welcome.



## Would Jesus carry Superglue?

— positive responses to the climate crisis.

This is the topic for the Green Christian event on November 16th. It will feature Ruth Jarman, a leader of the National Green Christian organisation. Ruth has a national reputation for her clear presentations and insights. So she is a very special speaker for this, our last session for the year.

You are very welcome even if you have never been before!

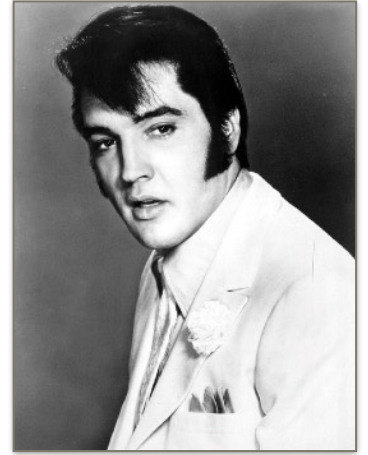
Tony Shepherd

## Fellowship:

# The Life of Elvis Presley

In September Mike Noronha gave an entertaining and lively talk on the life of Elvis Presley. Mike kindly sent this short summary of his talk for our Church Record.

'Elvis Aaron Presley, one of the most famous people of the 20th century - from humble beginnings in a small town in the Southern United States to a worldwide superstar. This was the true expression of the 'American Dream'. He brought together the musical traditions of black and white artists of country, blues, gospel, and pop. He had millions of adoring fans and imitators around the world; he influenced the most prominent of musicians and became an icon of fashion and style. His life ended at the relatively early age of 42. He had critics of his music and his lifestyle but of any harm he ever did, he did to himself never others. His music, his memory and his reputation live on.'



## Dinosaurs

In October, Fellowship welcomed Tony Hurford (Emeritus Professor of Geology at UCL) who gave a fascinating talk on dinosaurs. He led us through the diversity of dinosaurs, underlining that all dinosaurs are extinct and the only evidence we have comes from fossils – the hard parts (usually skeletons) preserved in rocks.

'Dinosaurs lived from about 251 to 66 million years ago (mya) and evolved from the Ruling Reptiles which resembled large lizards about 3 feet in length. Crocodiles also evolved from these reptiles and survive to the present day because they are relatively undemanding, feeding only occasionally and living in sheltered areas of shallow water with few predators. Archaeopteryx is a flying reptile – not a dinosaur – which similarly evolved from the Ruling Reptiles but are now extinct. Tony showed pictures of a variety of dinosaurs of differing size and age, some walked on four legs others on two legs, some were vegetarian, others were carnivores. The rhino-sized Stegosaurus has plates along its back, probably to control body temperature, whilst the Triceratops had a massive head shield with three horns, probably for defence or for fighting like stags do today. The mighty Tyrannosaurus Rex skeleton, with fearsome teeth, towered over present-day human visitors to the Chicago Museum. 🖱️



👉 We heard about marine reptiles and the 19th century lady, Mary Anning, who supported her family by collecting fossils in Lyme Regis and was the first person to find and describe a six feet long Ichthyosaur. Mary has recently been honoured as one of the top ten British Women in Science.

All dinosaurs, and 75% of all animal and plant life, disappeared 66 million years ago. This is believed to be because the Earth was struck by an asteroid about 6 miles wide at great speed, forming a crater on the Yucatan peninsula in Mexico. The impact caused massive earthquakes and tidal waves (like the one on Boxing Day 2004) whilst dust and heat created massive fire storms, and changed the atmosphere and weather across the globe. It is noted that this was the fifth episode of extinction which can be recognised in the geological (rock) record, each bringing with it the elimination of certain life forms and providing the opportunity for other creatures or plants to thrive in the empty environmental niches. The talk ended with a discussion about how much human activity bringing about climate change may be contributing to a future extinction, and what we can and should be doing about it.'

Contributed by Jean Davies  
with summaries from Mike Noronha (Elvis) and Tony Hurford (Dinosaurs)

## Safeguarding Service

St John's will be holding our first Safeguarding Service on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2024, something encouraged by the URC. It will be led by Helen Snider, and by me as St John's safeguarding coordinator. The vestry elder that morning will be David Paul who is the deputy safeguarding coordinator. There will be a contribution from Fiona Summers, a professional in safeguarding.

The URC says: *"Safeguarding is part of the URC's mission ... Churches and places of worship reflect society, with children and adults sharing together in the activities taking place in and around them. We journey alongside those who have been abused and those who have abused, and we all go forward together as one body. The challenge for the URC is to foster a community of care where everyone – children, adults and, especially, those in greater need – finds in the Church a place where they feel safe and respected and can seek pastoral care and support when needed".*

During the service safeguarding will be set in the biblical context. We will be drawing on material produced by the independent Christian charity **thirtyone:eight**. They describe themselves as *"Independent and thought-leading, we equip organisations, churches, other faith groups, individuals and government with the safeguarding tools they need to protect vulnerable people"*. They say *"As the people of God, we are called to follow in the way of Christ, to walk humbly and love mercy, and to speak up about injustice so that the church may be a place of safety and refuge for all."*



In acknowledging the role we all have in making our church a safer place, there will be an act of commitment, using thirtyone:eight's pledge, where we will all be asked to join together in our commitment to safeguarding before almighty God.

We would ask members of the congregation to look after themselves as this can be, for some, a painful subject. We will be available, if need be, to talk privately after the service.

Andrew Summers (St John's Safeguarding Coordinator)



# Suffering Agenda

"Therefore, brothers and sisters, we have an obligation—but it is not to the flesh, to live according to it. For if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live. For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God. The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And by him we cry, "Abba, Father." The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children. Now if we are children, then we are heirs—heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory."

Romans 8: 12-17

## Reflection

Paul is clear that, for Christians, with suffering comes glory. But with so much suffering around us, it is difficult to always remember this and not to be overwhelmed by it. Jesus suffered for us, and we should remember that God shares our suffering, and as we hurt, he is also hurting. You do not suffer alone. Equally no matter how much you suffer, it does not stop you from praying for others who suffer, perhaps more than you. Despair is the worst form of self centeredness, and as Christians we are called to carry our Cross and always to focus on the needs of others. So at the end of our look this week on suffering, a call to action through some questions to ask yourself.

Can I:

**A**sk God to heal others;  
**B**ear my suffering knowing that God loves me;  
**C**are more for others suffering than for my own;  
**D**isciple myself every day;  
**E**nter into prayer every day;  
**F**ocus on loving everybody I meet;  
**G**enerously give my time to others;  
**H**eal sufferers through my prayer;  
**I**nsist my taxes alleviate suffering;  
**J**ustify to my God how I spend my time and money;  
**K**iss the hand that forgives me;  
**L**ove my neighbour as myself;

**M**ove mountains with my prayer;  
**N**ever forget those suffering;  
**O**pen up to be led by the Holy Spirit;  
**P**rioritise others needs over mine;  
**Q**uestion those whose actions lead to suffering;  
**R**estore a sufferer's faith;  
**S**ilently spend time with God;  
**T**hank God for my many blessings;  
**U**nderstand how God suffers when we suffer;  
**V**alue every day as a blessing;  
**W**itness through my suffering;  
**eX**cite in others a love for Jesus;  
**Z**eal for the Holy Spirits' guidance.

## Prayer

Lord Jesus,  
 You suffered for me so I can be forgiven  
 and be always with you.  
 As I and others suffer,  
 equip us with your Holy Spirit,  
 so we will forgive, and witness  
 to your redeeming grace  
 and everlasting love.  
 Amen



Allen Creedy is a member of Jesmond URC living with Motor Neuron Disease.





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## Our Chrismons Tree

You may be familiar with the fabric Christmas tree, which hangs on the front of the pulpit during the Christmas season. Do you know why it is there? Do you know who made it for St John's? Do you know what the decorations on it represent?



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Our tree was lovingly sewn by our late Church Secretary, Grace Orr, a member of St John's for many years. Chrismons are a collection of signs and symbols that tell the story of Jesus – the word Chrismon comes from the words Christ and monogram. Many of the symbols are those used by early Christians, when many believers were illiterate and we are familiar from some in religious artwork and decoration in churches. These Chrismons were first developed in a Lutheran church in the US in 1957, and decorated a church Christmas tree. Ours is a fabric tree, with the symbols stitched by hand.



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### Christmas Quiz

Can you match the symbols with their meanings?



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If you want to be really clever see if you can identify the symbols without the help of the list!

Answers on page 11



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|---------------------------------|------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. <b>Prince of Peace</b>       | Isaiah 9:6       | 13. <b>Lamb of God</b>           | John 1: 29          |
| 2. <b>Light</b>                 | John 8:12        | 14. <b>Trinity</b>               | John 10: 9          |
| 3. <b>Living Water</b>          | John 4:4         | 15. <b>Saviour</b>               | Luke 2: 11          |
| 4. <b>Vine</b>                  | John 15:5        | 16. <b>Way</b>                   | John 14: 6          |
| 5. <b>Morning Star</b>          | Revelation 22:16 | 17. <b>Word</b>                  | John 1: 1           |
| 6. <b>Bread of Life</b>         | John 6:35        | 18. <b>Door</b>                  | John 10: 9          |
| 7. <b>Good Shepherd</b>         | John 10:11       | 19. <b>High Priest</b>           | Hebrews 7: 19-21    |
| 8. <b>Anchor</b>                | Hebrews 6:19     | 20. <b>Resurrection and Life</b> | John 11: 25         |
| 9. <b>Love</b>                  | 1 John 4:8       | 21. <b>Lily</b>                  | Song of Solomon 2:1 |
| 10. <b>King of Kings</b>        | 1 Timothy 6: 15  | 22. <b>Judge</b>                 | Isaiah 33: 22       |
| 11. <b>Alpha and Omega</b>      | Revelation 1:8   | 23. <b>Bridegroom</b>            | Matthew 25: 6       |
| 12. <b>Sun of Righteousness</b> | Malachi 4:2      | 24. <b>Rabbi - Teacher</b>       | John 3: 2           |
|                                 |                  | 25. <b>Jesus</b>                 | Matthew 1: 21       |



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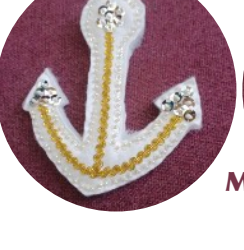
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# Calendar of Events

## NOVEMBER

Sunday 3	11:00am	<b>Memorial Sunday</b> Worship with the Lord's Supper led by Rev'd Derek Lindfield (Please bring finger food to share after the service)
Thursday 7	9:30am	Mainly Music
	3:00 - 4:30pm	Autumn Short Course on the writings of Dietrich Bonhoeffer ( <i>in the sanctuary</i> )
Saturday 9	10:00am	Community Garden
Sunday 10	<b>10:45am</b>	<b>Remembrance Sunday</b> Worship led by Rev'd Roger Orme
Tuesday 12	7:30pm	Elders' Meeting
Thursday 14	9:30am	Mainly Music
	3:00 - 4:30pm	Autumn Short Course on the writings of Dietrich Bonhoeffer ( <i>in the sanctuary</i> )
Saturday 16	from 10:30am	Green Christian Barnet in sanctuary. Speaker: Ruth Jarman. See p.5
Sunday 17	11:00am	Worship led by Tony Alderman, followed by a Church Meeting
Tuesday 19	from 7:30pm	Men's Group at <i>The Railway Bell</i>
Wednesday 20	8:00pm	Fellowship: Marie Curie Charity. Speaker: Tracy Annunziato. (In sanctuary/via Zoom)
Thursday 21	9:30am	Mainly Music
Saturday 23	10:00am	Community Garden
Sunday 24	11:00am	Worship led by Andrew Summers & Helen Snider: <b>Safeguarding Sunday</b>
Wednesday 27	12:30 for 1pm	Christmas Lunch at the <i>Red Lion</i> . See p.12
Thursday 28	9:30am	Mainly Music
	3:00 - 4:30pm	Autumn Short Course on the writings of Dietrich Bonhoeffer ( <i>in the sanctuary</i> )

## DECEMBER

Sunday 1	11:00am	<b>Advent Sunday</b> Worship with the Lord's Supper led by Valerie & Andrew Mills
Wednesday 4	from 7:30pm	Men's Group at <i>Ye Olde Mitre Inne</i>
Thursday 5	9:30am	Mainly Music
Saturday 7	7:00pm	Fellowship Concert: Art Deco Orchestra - Dances of the 1920s & 30s. See p.12
Sunday 8	11:00am	Worship led by Roz Douglas
Monday 9	2:30pm	Carol Singing at <i>Cedars Care Home</i> . See p.12
Tuesday 10	7:30pm	Elders' Meeting
Thursday 12	9:30am	Mainly Music
Sunday 15	11:00am	<b>Gift Service:</b> Worship led by Tony Alderman

## DECEMBER contd.

Sunday 22	11:00am	Worship led by Jean Davies, with the URC sermon video
	6:00pm	<b>Carol Service</b> by candlelight
Wednesday 25	10:30am	<b>Christmas Day</b> Service led by Alison Bond
Sunday 29	11:00am	Worship led by the Elders
Monday 30	11:00am	Women's Group at Whetstone Café (formerly Agust Café) followed at 12 noon by lunch at Oak Caffè, Whetstone

## JANUARY 2025

Sunday 5	11:00am	Worship with the Lord's Supper led by Tony Alderman
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Copy for the January/February edition of Church Record to be with the editors  
by Friday 27<sup>th</sup> December.

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**Thanks for Sunday flower arrangements:**

1 September – Dorothy and Michael Peryer

8 September – Lesley Calder

29 September – HARVEST:

Flower committee with Marjorie O'Connor and Lesley Calder

20 October Marion Hopwood

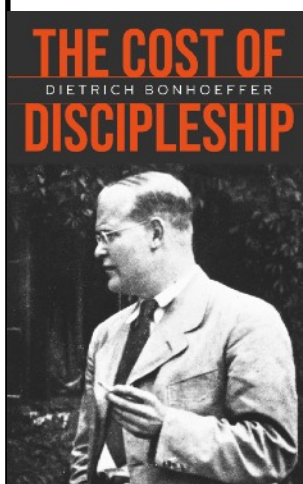


HARVEST ARRANGEMENT

## Autumn Short Course

— on the writings of Dietrich Bonhoeffer

In response to the discussion at our last church meeting, we are going to offer three sessions as an opportunity to look at and discuss the recent URC Daily Devotions reflections on the writings of Dietrich Bonhoeffer, written by Revd John Matthews.



These will be on Thursdays from 3 - 4:30pm

7 November:

Led to Death / Gratitude

14 November:

The Ministry of Holding One's Tongue / Wisdom

28 November:

The Imitation of Christ / Serving Others

### Key to Christmas Quiz

1. Prince of Peace = G
2. Light = F
3. Living Water = E
4. Vine = C
5. Morning Star = A
6. Bread of Life = D
7. Good Shepherd = B
8. Anchor = L
9. Love = I
10. Alpha and Omega = H
11. Sun of Righteousness = J
12. Lamb of God = Q
13. King of Kings = P
14. Trinity = K
15. Saviour = M
16. Way = N
17. Word = R
18. Door = T
19. High Priest = S
20. Resurrection and Life = O
21. Lily = X
22. Judge = W
23. Bridegroom = Y
24. Rabbi - Teacher = V
25. Jesus = U



