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Greetings

Psalm 107 :27 They reel to and fro, and stagger like a drunken man, and are at their wits' end. (KJV)

When I was at work (seems a long time ago now) on my office wall was the sign "When you come to the end of your tether tie a knot and hang on". How often have you felt that you are at the end of your tether or at your wits' end? It is probably something we have said, or thought, at one time or another when things have become overwhelming. Being at one's wits' end is defined in the Cambridge Dictionary as "being so worried, confused or annoyed that you don't know what to do next" – no humour/ shrewdness/ cleverness left.

Before the school holidays there were teachers at their wits' end waiting, following marking overload, for the holidays to come so they could recharge their batteries ready for a new year. For the youngsters during those 6 weeks off from school being at home may have led to some being bored and not knowing what to do with themselves. As we come to the last few days of the holidays many parents may be at their wits' end as to what to do with their offspring having used up all their ideas.

With dwindling numbers and an ageing congregation in many of our churches and chapels we may be at our wits' end trying to find a way to get our message across in the hope that people will return to our congregations and fill up those empty seats.

Psalm 107 gives a very quick resume of the history of Israel where time and time again they turned away from God and tried to do things their own way only to find themselves at their wits' end not knowing what to do or which way to turn. Each time when they finally turned to God, he pointed them in the right direction.

Sometimes, in our own lives, we can be so overcome by our situation or the way our life is going that we don't know what to do. There are even times when we put ourselves in situations that we can't, by ourselves, get out of. When we are at our wits' end can be the place where we find God waiting for us. A time to tie a knot in our tether and listen to the word of God. And often God will come to us in the form of a friend who picks you up when you are down or who listens to you and helps you to move on.

May you know the peace of God this September.

Anne Scarff (Stowmarket Group of Churches Secretary).

News of the family

It seems to have been a typical British summer, thus far, with some sunshine, some rain and lots of wind! Dan and I have recently returned from a wonderful holiday with all the family, on the other side of the world, where the weather each day was the same --- hot! Our garden suffered in our absence from the rabbits, intense heat shrivelling many plants and the wind bringing no end of debris down from the trees, as well as walnuts and horse chestnuts. So, plenty of work to be done in the weeks ahead.



Don Gilliland is in hospital where they are hoping to help with his mobility because his legs are so weak. Fiona Scarff is in hospital being treated and hopes to be out soon. Pam Ryan was transferred to Baylham Care Home to build up her strength after various operations in Ad-denbrookes. After a prolonged stay in Bury hospital, Janice Treanor is at home being cared for by Phil and is slowly recovering from her major surgery.

Pat Prince had a stay in hospital but is out and about again. Mary Clark has returned to Stowupland after her stroke. She was transferred by ambulance from hospital in Dorset to Felixstowe Community hospital when deemed fit to travel. Mary is at home now with various care people and Ann keeping an eye on her. Ena Steed is at home but not wanting to venture out. Christine Mason ventured out to watch the carnival and was taken off to hospital because she was unwell but returned home late the next day. Jenny Ward has seen the nerve specialist who found nothing untoward wrong with the nerves in her feet, so Jenny awaits to hear from her doctor what happens next with treatment.

September approaches and several Church friends are hoping to hear about hospital treatment to replace hips and knees. Others are waiting for tests or results. Please remember all these people who are unwell in your prayers and any others that you know of who need our thoughts and prayers.

Congratulations and special occasions

Congratulations to family members who have received "A" level results and will soon be heading for university and to those receiving G.C.S.E. results to enable them to go into sixth form or onto college.

Special Birthdays

Congratulations and best wishes to Sylvia Arbon who will be 90 on September 11th. Enjoy your celebrations, Sylvia.

Congratulations and very best wishes to Ivy Baker (Melvyn's Mum) who will be 100 on September 25th. We hope you will enjoy celebrations with the family and at Chilton Court.

Special Anniversaries

Belated congratulations and best wishes to Richard and Ann Edwards who celebrated their Golden Wedding on August 30th. We hope you enjoyed celebrations with family and friends!

Colin and Susan Stapleton celebrate their Golden Wedding on 13th September. We think of Susan at this time as she is very poorly in hospital.

New Homes

Shirley Bonner has moved to 12, Old School Mews and has kept her old phone number 774056.

Peter and Jill Platt have moved.

We hope you will all be happy in your new abodes.

News from Debenham

Thursday morning coffee – 10am until 11.30am Open Church.

Join us for tea, coffee and a chat. This will be followed by a short Prayer meeting.

Harvest celebrations replace this months sing along.

Thursday Afternoon Friends and Neighbour Meetings:

Thursday 12th September 2.15pm Brenda Stannard

Thursday 26th September 2.15pm Mrs Veda Berriman

News from Mendlesham

Please note that there will be no afternoon service on the 1st September.

Afternoon Fellowship recommences after the summer break with the Annual Meeting on Wednesday 18th September at 2.30pm and will be conducted by Mr John Webb.

The Knit & Natter group meets on Monday the 9th and 23rd September at 2.00pm.

The monthly MURCies Coffee Morning will be on Friday 13th from 10.00am, and in the evening, a fundraising Quiz will be held in the chapel at 7.30pm with Quiz Master Ken Abbott.

September is a month of celebrations in Mendlesham. Ruth Ager has a special birthday and will be 80 on 16th September. Chris and Derek Webb celebrate their Golden Wedding Anniversary on the 27th. We send you our love and best wishes and hope you enjoy your celebrations..



Margaret Jackson

News from Stowupland

The Coffee morning on 27 September is in aid of **Macmillan Cancer Support**. There will be a draw and cake stall at this event. Please come and support this very worthwhile cause. Permission has been given to park on The Green on this occasion.

On 1st September we will be joining Stowmarket for their morning service, so there will be no service at Stowupland. We unite with Holy Trinity Church for their Harvest Festival on 22 September at 9.30am and the Church unites with the Chapel on 6 October at 10.30am. We look forward to both of these services.

Once again, the Chapel will be open on 14 September 9am to 5pm for the Suffolk Churches Ride and Stride to raise money for Suffolk Historic Churches Trust. If anyone is interested in taking part in the cycle ride, sponsorship forms are available from Joyce Gardiner (01449 676149)

Our Whist Drives have been very successful and enjoyable.

We are very pleased that Mary Clark is now home after suffering a stroke while she was on holiday. She is coping very well with the help of carers and we hope to see her back in Chapel very soon. We remember all the friends of the Chapel who are poorly and wish them well.

Afternoon Fellowship

We recommence our meetings on 7 October. Everyone is welcome to join with us at 2.30pm.

Mary Clark

Church Meeting

The next Church Meeting is :

Monday September 23rd at 7pm in the Main Hall of the Church.

Pause for Prayer

A twenty-five minute act of worship takes place every Thursday morning at 9.30am. It is held in the Fison Hall.

See the list of speakers on the back pages of NTV. All are welcome.

Stowmarket Afternoon Fellowship

We meet on the 2nd and 4th Sunday each month at 4pm.

September 8th at 20 Kiln Cottages (The Community Room).

September 22nd at Home at 12 Uvedale, Needham Market.

Join us for a short time of worship followed by fellowship over a cup of tea.

Stowmarket U3A

U3A meets on the third Wednesday of each month at 2.30pm.
18th September – “AGM and Showcasing”.

ALSO....A special coffee morning is planned for the U3A on Wed 4th September from 10.30am until 12.30pm. Refreshments and social and a chance to re-new membership of U3A for the coming year. New members welcome. Information and description of groups will be available.

Mens' Breakfast Club

Join in a full English and put the world to rights.

Pay by donation and help with the washing up.

If you haven't tried us come on Saturday **September 14th**.

Safeguarding

There is safeguarding training for those within the church who work with children or vulnerable adults on Monday 14th October at 7.30pm until 9.30pm.

Monday Community Brew

Come along and join us for a cup of coffee/tea and join in with a game or just sit and chat. Every Monday from 10.30am until 12.30pm in the URC Church Hall.

This is a joint venture between Stowmarket URC and Jam Community Pot.

Come and try us.

Encountering God In Unexpected Places or Ways



The Tuesday morning Bible Study Group will be looking at Paul's letter to the Romans through the Autumn and Winter.

Our first two meetings at the Church are on the 3rd and 17th September, meeting at 10am for prayer and 10.30am for Bible Study.

Anyone who is interested is welcome to join us.

Richard Edwards

Benevolent Fund - September

The Benevolent Fund for September is for Commitment for Life.

Commitment for Life is the United Reformed Church's global justice programme.

Commitment for Life is a powerful means by which local congregations like ours are enabled to participate in actions for justice around the world. Congregations and fellowships like ours sign up to become Commitment for Life congregations. They choose a region of the world. Now they are encouraged to pray, advocate, take action for justice and give generously.

Our partners are Christian Aid and Global Justice Now.

Our four partner regions are Bangladesh, Zimbabwe, Israel and the Occupied Palestinian Territories and Central America, (Honduras, El Salvador, Nicaragua and Guatemala.)

Please give if you are able to enable this vital work to continue.

As always there will be an offering plate after our communion service on first Sunday of the month and of course the church is always happy to take your donation in the permanent Benevolent box in the foyer of the church. .every little helps.

St Luke chapter 6 verse 38

“Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.”

URC Wednesday Club

At our July meeting we enjoyed a talk and demonstration on Flower arranging by Lyn Tinkler who used all sorts of containers to show us how to make interesting gifts and table arrangements. Each of our members had been given a draw ticket as they arrived and some of our lucky ladies went home with a lovely arrangement to enjoy.

Our August meeting was a very lively affair as Mr Bryan Thurlow told us more tales of the Music Hall, this time he concentrated on the performers and sang us many of their songs, we also enjoyed a sing along to lots of them surprised at how many we could remember.

At our meeting on September 4th we look forward to hearing from Mr Andrew Stringer on the John Peel centre

We meet on the 1st Wednesday of the month at 2.30pm.

Camp Centenary - Stowmarket Boys' Brigade

Stowmarket Boys Brigade Celebrate 100 years of Camping

2019 marks 100 years since the first Stowmarket Boys Brigade camp at Southwold as recorded in this extract from 'A History of Boys' Brigade in Stowmarket' by Steve Williams :

'In 1919, with World War One over, the Stowmarket Company with staff returning from the forces, took up the challenge of organising a camp. The site chosen was the common at Southwold. For the next twenty years the Company made Southwold its camping home when war brought it to an end. The equipment from Battisford was loaded onto a farm wagon and pulled by farm horses. They left on a Thursday for Southwold. The village of Dennington was reached for an overnight stop, a rest for the men and horses, before reaching Southwold on Friday afternoon. The boys left on Saturday morning. They gathered in full uniform at the Congregational Church and proceeded to the railway station headed by the drum and fife band.'

Over the weekend of 28-30 June they recreated the full experience (excluding the horse!) starting with a parade from Stowmarket United Reformed Church to the station on Friday evening. They took the train as far as Darsham and Buckland Coaches provided an extra surprise by bringing a vintage 1960's coach for the final leg of the journey to Southwold Common. They were joined by around 30 extra guests for the day on Saturday from 1st and 2nd Mid Suffolk Boys Brigade and Girls Association and members of Stowmarket URC.



Current Captain of 1st Mid Suffolk Boys Brigade and Girls Association, Martin Gray, said "It was an exciting opportunity to celebrate 100 years of camping and keep the tradition going. Boys Brigade was the first organisation to take young people camping and even today they love the freedom and excitement of being outdoors. We have had great support from Southwold Town Council and Southwold Common Trust and the sunny weather helped to make it a fantastic weekend with games, paddling in the sea, fish and chips, ice cream and a campfire."

Martin added 'In September there will be vacancies for young people from age 5 upwards to join Boys Brigade and Girls Association in Stowmarket. You can add your child to the list by emailing bb1stmidsuffolk@yahoo.co.uk or contact us via the BB website boys-brigade.org.uk (click on 'Find a company near you' and enter your postcode)."

Martin Gray

Carnival Day

The day dawned iffy but by 11am, at the Coffee Morning where tea, coffee and cakes were being served, the sun was shining. Later a wonderful 'Ploughman's Lunch' followed by more tea, coffee and cakes. By this time crowds were gathering, some on the forecourt, to watch the Carnival Parade. Cheers were raised for the various floats and the BB band. The floats this year were very colourful—a lot of hard work went into the preparation. More tea, coffee and cakes!! Thank you to Michael, Ann, Colleen, Joan, Jenny, Leonie, Lois and Pam and the unseen furniture moving brigade for their hard work and colourful preparations, which like the floats had taken hours and days. Definitely "Come and see at the URC" - We came, we saw and had a wonderful time.

Thank you.

Messy Church

Our term ended with a most enjoyable session learning Circus Skills. Everyone had a go and no one wanted to stop to go home

The sum of £130 was raised for Christian Aid by our sponsored Laps and Silence.

Thank you to all who supported this

We held our annual family picnic at Bacton Scout Hut and Field on the 29th of July. It was a lovely warm day and the games were enjoyed by all, as usual we finished up with a sing song which I am sure could be heard for a few miles

We look forward to starting our new term on Monday September 16th at 5pm.

German Visit 2020

We are now able to confirm that the visit from our friends in Pirmasens, Germany will be between April 30th and May 4th 2020. The church needs host families for this week-end and would love to hear of suggestions as to a programmer for this visit. If you are interested in any way please speak to John Webb as soon as possible. Further details will be given in a later issue of N.T.V. We are also seeking a new coordinator for this visit and return visits to Germany.

"I hereby command you: Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go."

Joshua 1:9 New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

Suffolk Historic Churches Trust

SPONSORED BICYCLE RIDE 2019

If you would like to cycle on Saturday, September 14th this year or are interested in welcoming cyclists into our Church, please see Dan Gurney or Rick Durrant. If you would like to sponsor Jane and Dan Gurney and possibly other cyclists from our Church, please see Jane. Half the money raised will go to our Church and the other half to the Suffolk Historic Churches Trust.



Local organiser : Dan Gurney

CONNECTION

A Joyful 'toon by Mike Waters



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I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.
- JOHN 15:5 NIV



COMMUNION FLOWERS

Sep 1	Mrs T Tester
8	Mrs J Rooks
15	Mrs H Freeman Mrs R Moore
22	Mrs R Lewis
29	Harvest Flowers

Upcoming Events

SATURDAY COFFEE MORNING

At United Reformed Church Stowmarket

Saturday 14th September 2019

10.30am to 12.30pm

Wonderful Cakes, Coffee and Tea

A Warm Welcome Awaits You - All welcome

Proceeds to Commitment for Life & Church Funds



Mendlesham URC Chapel

FRIDAY 13TH SEPTEMBER AT 7.30PM

JOIN US AT THE CHAPEL FOR A FUN EVENING

WITH QUIZMASTER KEN ABBOTT

TEAMS OF UP TO FOUR £3.50 PER HEAD
TO INCLUDE LIGHT REFRESHMENTS

Join us to be part of the
World's Biggest Coffee Morning
raising money for Macmillan Cancer Support

at Stowupland Chapel
Friday 27th September 10am - 12noon

Coffee/Tea, Cakes and a Draw

Children and Youth Activities

Messy Church

A meeting for school age children
with varied activities and games
Meets in the Main Hall
from 5.00 to 6.45pm
on the 1st & 3rd Monday each
month



Boys' Brigade and Girls' Association

1st Mid Suffolk Company

Anchor Section (age 5 to 8 years) meet

Wednesday 6.15 to 7.15pm

Junior Section (age 8 to 11 years) meet

Wednesday 6.15 to 7.30pm

Company Section (age 11 to 18 years) meet Wednesday
7.00 to 8.45pm

ALSO...Band practice evening Thursdays at 7pm

Held in the Boys' Brigade Hall at Combs Ford,
next to Solar

Contact: Mr M Gray

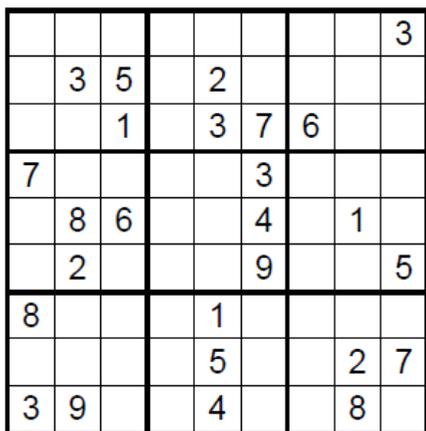
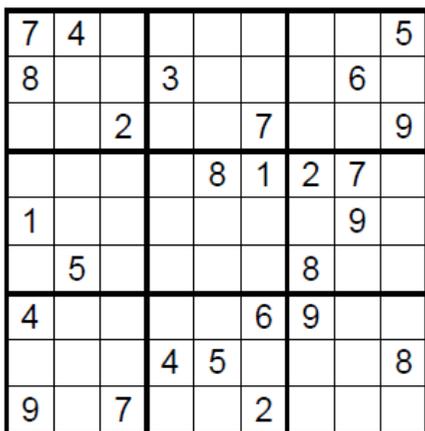
Puzzle

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ELECT	BELIEVE
GIVING	CARCASS
GLORY	DARKENED
GOOD	DESERT
KEEP	DISTRESS
LEARN	FATHER
MOON	FAITHFUL
NOAH	GNASHING
POWER	GRINDING
STARS	HEAVEN
TEETH	LIGHTNING
TIME	MARRIAGE
TREE	MASTER
TRUTH	SERVANT
TWIGS	SHAKEN
VISIBLE	SUMMER
WATCH	TENDER
WISE	TRUMPET

Sudoku H.6 - 7 and 8



Services September 2019

STOWMARKET			
Sept 2019	Time	Services	Preacher
Sun 1st	10.25am	Family Worship with Holy Communion	TBA
Thu 5th	9.30am	Pause for Prayer in Fison Hall	New Life
Sun 8th	10.25am	Family Worship—Commitment for Life	Discipleship Group
Thu 12th	9.30am	Pause for Prayer in Fison Hall	Mr Michael Martin
Sun 15th	10.25am	Family Worship	Mr Ron Wade
Thu 19th	9.30am	Pause for Prayer in Fison Hall	Mr Clive Herrod
Sun 22nd	10.25am	Family Worship	Mr Francis Carr
Thu 26th	9.30am	Pause for Prayer in Fison Hall	Mrs Ann Edwards
Sun 29th	10.25am	Family Worship—Harvest	Mr William Glasse

SOUTH SUFFOLK AREA PARTNERSHIP (Local Events)

Pastoral Advocate: Vacancy

Coffee Events:

Stowmarket - Coffee Morning every Thursday morning 10am -12 noon. Cakes stall on the 4th Thursday. Also Saturday Coffee Morning on the second Saturday of the month.

Debenham - Each Thursday 10am to 11.30am. Coffee Morning plus open church. Tea, Coffee, Chat .

Great Meeting Hadleigh - Coffee Morning every Tuesday morning 10 am – 11.30am

Christchurch Needham Market - Coffee Morning from 10am – 12 noon on second Saturday.

Mendlesham - MURCies Coffee Bar. 10am – 12 noon, second Friday of the month.
Knit & Natter 2nd & 4th Monday 2-4pm.

Stowupland - Coffee Morning- last Friday in the month - 10am-12noon.

Sept 2019	Time	Services	Preacher
DEBENHAM			
1st	10.45am	Family Worship with HC	Dr Richard Jurd
	5 pm	Extra Family Worship	
8th	10.45am	Family Worship	Mr Clive Herrod
15th	10.45am	Family Worship	Mr Kevin Catto
22nd	10.45am	Family Worship	Mr John Knights
29th	10.45am	Harvest Celebrations	The Revd Norman Tharby
	6.30pm	Harvest Songs of Praise	Mr J Sullivan
HAUGHLEY			
15th	11.00 am	Family Worship	Mrs Irene Martin
MENDLESHAM			
1st	4pm	Afternoon Worship	Mrs Veda Berriman
8th	10.45am	Family Worship	Mrs Alison Fenning
22nd	10.45am	Family Worship	Mrs Mary Durrant
STOWUPLAND			
1st		Worshipping at Stowmarket	
8th	10.30am	Family Worship	Ms Jane Paterson
15th	10.30am	Family Worship	Mr Keith Scarff
22nd	9.30am	Harvest At Parish Church	At Parish Church
29th	10.30am	Family Worship	Mr Clive Herrod



**NTV
Reminder**

Copy for October 2019
To be in by Sunday 22nd September 2019
E-mail to: ntv.stowmarket@gmail.com

Hard copy to Anne Scarff. By 16th September.

A number of people are now receiving their copy of NTV by e-mail.
If you would like to take advantage of this please let Anne Scarff know.



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