

Meeting Point

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'Imagination is more important than knowledge'
Albert Einstein

From the Editor

As the colour of the leaves change, October brings a range of events: Oxjam in Olveston, The Annual Harvest Supper, a chance to see Jesus Christ Superstar in Thornbury, and much more.

Our congratulations to Old Down for winning Best Kept Small Village in South Gloucestershire.

Our cover this month is by Kate Hickman and is a celebratory cover, marking 35 years of Meeting Point.

Meeting Point Founded in 1976 by the Anglican and Methodist churches in Olveston, near Bristol

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Community Website: www.olvestonandaust.com**

October Oxjam in Olveston

On **Monday October 3rd** at **8pm** at **The White Hart, Olveston** there will be a special version of the regular FREE open mic session.

As part of the nationwide month-long Oxjam festival, in aid of Oxfam, we will be hosting a special guest set from renowned Bristol country-blues artist Steve Page. Steve has just launched his new album "The Age of Plenty" and will be playing songs from that as well as material from his widely-acclaimed back catalogue.

Venue Magazine says... "Steve Page, with acoustic guitar and harmonica, plies crisply picked country-blues, singing tales of whisky and women... "Once I loved a woman for the kindness in her eyes" he recalls tenderly". See more about him at www.steve-page.co.uk

Supporting Steve will be other local musicians and some new performers that you die-hards won't have seen. As always, new performers are very welcome. It will be a packed session, so we're starting promptly at 8pm. *A warning for the audience...* it's going to be busy, so get there early, get your beer and grab a seat while there are still some left. Admission is free, but a donation to help Oxfam in their ongoing global fight against poverty will be very much appreciated.

If you want to know more, contact Noel on 01454 614099

"Sounds of a Summer Evening" Concert

Joanne Sawyer

I would like to say a huge thank you to all who came and supported my "Sounds of a Summer Evening Concert" on Saturday 3rd September.

It was a great evening, with a great turn out and the feedback has been very humbling to hear.

All the performers gave great performances to a lively audience, and it was enjoyed by all ages.

I managed to raise just under £1000 towards funding my place at GSA (Drama School) at the end of September and am so grateful for all the lovely cards, donations and support I have received to help me on my way. I really appreciate it all.

A really big thank you to everyone!

Parish Hall Community Events

Harvest Supper

Arrangements for the annual harvest supper on Saturday 15th October are under way, when we get together to celebrate all that's good in the Parish. The evening's festivities will commence at 7.30pm with a complimentary drink on arrival, followed by good food and local entertainment. All for £10.00. We look forward to your support.

Tickets from June Robbins 617491 or The Crusty Loaf.

Zumba Fitness Class

Being held at Olveston Parish Hall on Sunday 2nd October 6 - 7 pm.

Thank You

Katie Towle and family would like to thank everyone for their support during John's illness and for the many cards and messages of condolence received. Also thank you to the many people who attended the funeral. It has all been much appreciated.

Olveston and Tockington W.I.

Our Autumn programme continues as follows:

11th October: **Thornbury in Bloom** by Sue Aitken of Thornbury Garden Shop

8th November: **A.G.M.** followed by **Skin and Facial Care Demonstration** by Jane Moffat of Vicarage Farm Holistic Therapy Centre

13th December: **Members' American Supper**

Visitors and new members are always welcome. Just come along and join us at the Parish Hall, 7.30pm, on the second Tuesday of the month. For further information, ring Rita on 612790.

Olveston Scouts, Cubs and Beavers Open Day Invitation

1st Olveston Scout Group invites you to their OPEN DAY on Sunday 2nd October 2011, between 2pm and 5pm at the Scout Hut, Old Down Hill.

Come and have a look around the hut that the village helped to raise funds to build. The boys and girls will be demonstrating what they have got up to over the last year and would very much like to show Mums, Dads, Grannies and Grandpa's. We will also be holding our Annual General Meeting where again we are asking for volunteers to join our committee.

Action Medical Research

There will be a **Charity Bridge Drive** on **Thursday, 27 October**, at Almondsbury Old School Hall **starting at 7.30pm prompt**.

Tickets are £7.50, including refreshments, and are available from Richard Harrop, Hazel House, Old Down, BS32 4PL, Tel: 01454 416927, e-mail: harropshazelhouse@gmail.com.

Please come along and support this excellent charity.

Olveston Parish Historical Society

Our new season of monthly meetings (first Wed. of each month, Oct 2011 to April 2012) will start, as usual, with the Society's AGM on **Wed. 5th October**, to be followed by the showing of a DVD, including evocative archive film and stunning period photos, about the 1950s rebuilding of central Bristol after bombing by the Luftwaffe.

The programme for 2011-12 will be available at the meeting. All newcomers welcome. £5 for whole season, £2 single meeting.

Methodist Hall, The Street, Olveston BS35 4DR at 7.30 pm.

Ministry Of Entertainment present

Doodlebugs & Bogeymen

By Joe Hobbs

After the sell out performance in June, acclaimed theatre company Ministry Of Entertainment return to Olveston with this 'good old-fashioned comedy' set in Wartime Britain.

Doodlebugs & Bogeymen is based on true stories and takes a light-hearted look at the lives of two children, aged eleven and thirteen, who are evacuated from London to the West Country during the War and of the community that received them. This is the only performance before their Christmas season at the Tobacco Factory.

Performed by Kate McNab and Ross Harvey, musical director Kit Morgan.

OLVESTON PARISH HALL
SATURDAY 19th NOVEMBER
ALL TICKETS £9
INFORMATION AND TICKETS
Julie Harvey 01454 614662

Almondsbury Surgery 'Seasonal Flu' Clinic

SATURDAY 8TH OCTOBER 2011
IN THE OLD SCHOOL HALL, ALMONSBURY FROM 9AM – 12PM

THIS CLINIC IS ONLY FOR PATIENTS REGISTERED WITH
ALMONDSBURY SURGERY AND WHO ARE ENTITLED TO FREE
VACCINATION BECAUSE THEY FALL INTO A CLINICAL RISK GROUP

PLEASE NOTE: ONCE AGAIN THIS YEAR'S SEASONAL FLU VACCINE
WILL ALSO GIVE PROTECTION AGAINST SWINE FLU

If you are unsure of your entitlement please ring or ask at the surgery from mid-September, when staff will be able to advise you.

For general information check our website at
www.almondsburysurgery.nhs.uk

Patients not entitled to free vaccination who would like to be vaccinated should contact GPCARE who can direct them to their nearest clinic. For more information, or to book an appointment, please call GPCARE on 0117 970 8983 or alternatively email them at info@gpcare.org.uk and they will contact you.

Marlwood School

A LEVEL RESULTS - SUMMER 2011



Marlwood students achieved a good set of A Level results, with many individuals celebrating impressive performances and 26% of entries gaining the top A* or A grades.

Outstanding individual performances included twelve students who achieved 3 or more A*/A grades. Among these, Jack Buckingham and Jenni Reid gained the grades they needed to secure their places at Cambridge University to study Mathematics and Theology/Religious Studies respectively, whilst others achieved the grades required to take up places on highly competitive courses such as Medicine.

The overall pass rate was 97% with 48% of entries achieving A or B grades and over three quarters A-C grades. Overall, boys and girls performed equally well, though boys gained a greater share of A*-B grades.

Keith Geary, Headteacher, said:

We are delighted to see our students do well and we're proud of them. Their results reflect the hard work of both students and their teachers. We're an inclusive Sixth Form and it's great to see students achieve their potential whether they're high flyers or youngsters who started A Level courses with quite modest GCSE results.

Sevenside Ramblers

Come and join us on a walk - especially during *Walk in the Woods Week* which is part of the Ramblers Campaign to save our woodland walks. We are a friendly crowd. Non-members are always very welcome.



For more information about walks in October log on to www.sevenside-ramblers.org.uk, or pick up a programme at your local library. A contact name and telephone number is given for each walk.

We meet at Aldi car park, Bradley Stoke, BS32 9DA and share lifts to the start of each walk.

Thank You

The family of Alison Clare would like to thank everyone who attended Alison's Celebration of Life service in May and for your generosity in Charity donations. £732 was collected and has been passed on to Ward 206 at Frenchay Hospital where Alison received such wonderful care. The family would also like to thank everyone who sent cards and messages of sympathy which have been a huge comfort.

St. Mary's Events

St. Mary's Harvest Festival is on October 2nd and the main service will be at 11am. Both the church and school choirs are featured in the service and Tim Nicholson from the Loaves & Fishes Project will be our preacher.

Do please bring lots of tins and non-perishables to feed the homeless in Bristol - Tim will take it all back with him. The service is followed by a magician and then lunch. Tickets for that are still only £2/£1 - pork roll and crumble. There'll be a bar too.

The Stones are staging yet another concert at St. Mary's - Dave & Margaret that is! It's on October 22nd and will feature the usual suspects singing, performing and doing comedy. This year it's entitled 'Those were the Days'. It's a brilliant evening and tickets are only £5. Don't miss it! There'll be a bar, of course.

Thank You

Thank you very much to the very generous people of Olveston who bought cakes made and sold by Jade Cragg and Charlotte Bancroft aged 11 years, on Wednesday 3rd August 2011.

The total amount raised was £20 which has been forwarded to CLIC Sargent. Well done girls!

Windy Strings

The Journey Continues.....

Concert at St Mary's Church Olveston
Saturday 3rd December, 7.30 pm

This December marks the return of local father and son duo 'Windy Strings' (Andy & Jacob Warn) to St Mary's Church Olveston, where they gave their debut concert in June 2009.



Since then this talented recorder and guitar duo have gone from strength to strength, augmented by Jacob winning the Rotary Young Musician of the Year title for Bristol in 2010. They have been in great demand playing at festivals, for charities and for a variety of events as well as giving concerts including Aust Church, Cossham Hall, Bristol Cathedral and the Colston Hall. Jacob's also performed concertos with the New Bristol Sinfonia and Reading Symphony Orchestra at the Victoria Rooms and at Englefield House respectively.

Abandon that distant memory of recorder playing at primary school! 17-year-old Jacob will dazzle you with his playing on a variety of recorders, complete with unusual effects, accompanied by his dad on the guitar. A thoroughly entertaining evening is promised, with their latest exciting programme, varied as ever, including baroque, classical, contemporary music as well as a 'World Premiere' jazz work by David Moses. To find out more about Windy Strings visit their website: www.windystrings.co.uk



Tickets are £8 full and £6 concessions, available either from June Robbins (01454 617491), the local shop or directly from Andy Warn (07916 253267).

Jesus Christ Superstar

The Armstrong Hall, Thornbury will soon see another opening of another show as Thornbury Musical Theatre Group brings the iconic “Jesus Christ Superstar” to town.

There is a buzz of excitement in the air as opening night approaches and every department gears up to make sure this is going to be a show to remember. The excitement has been added to by the fact that the group has received two nominations for the Evening Post Rose Bowl awards.

Chris Dixon-Lewis has been nominated for the Aardman Animations award as Best Actor (musical) for Dr. Henry Jekyll and Mr. Edward Hyde in ‘Jekyll and Hyde’. Those who saw Chris will agree it was a great performance and he will be appearing again for TMTG as Pilate in “Jesus Christ Superstar”. The second nomination is for the Coup de Théâtre Award (a special moment in theatre) for the very clever filming and projection of the orchestra under the stage after the final curtain in ‘Jekyll and Hyde’. This was the work of the very talented technical team and Director David Wrench who is also directing “Superstar”. The results will be known on Sunday 16th October.

So if you haven't booked your tickets don't hesitate; the production will run from Tuesday 18th to Saturday 22nd October with performances at 7.30 nightly except Saturday when it will be at 6pm. Ring Karen and reserve your tickets on 01454 853947 or go via the website www.tmtg.org.uk/boxoffice. Tickets are £10/£8.50 with 3 for the price of 2 on Tuesday 18th and buy 10 get 1 free on all other performances.

Free door to door transport is available for Diamond Card holders via Four Towns & Vale Link Transport. For scheme membership details (free) and transport requirement please ring 01454 868529.

Mike Bulley

After Mike passing away last month, Judy, Melissa, Duncan, Stuart and families would like to thank everyone for their kind words, cards and donations to MacMillian Nurses. Mike will be sorely missed by all.

Parish Players

Following the huge success of Carousel, The Parish Players are delighted to announce that the next Production is to be the popular BRITISH Musical –“Me and My Girl”. The date for the show is to be the week of 19th March 2012 at the Village Hall as usual. The dates are a little earlier next year because Easter is early compared with 2011.

Our first meeting this autumn will be at the Village Hall at 7.30 sharp on Thursday September the 22nd, when we will start looking at the music, with further meetings on Monday the 26th September and Thursday 6th October. Auditions will be held on Thursday 13th October. Once the Show is cast, there will be a rehearsal on Thursday October 20th and then we will revert to traditional Monday evenings from 24th October. The schedule will then be determined by Linda – we are likely to move to Monday and Thursday rehearsals towards mid-November.

We hope that all our existing members will be keen to join us again, and that new members will also come to see what enjoyment we get from working together to produce the high standard of performance that is now so expected from The Parish Players.

Please ring Phil Savage on 01454 413009 for further details.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU.

“Now we are 40”

Octopus Drama Group is celebrating its 40th birthday this year, and as part of the festivities will be performing “Now we are 40!”, a song and sketch show based on the music and comedy of the last four decades.

All profits from the show will be donated to two charities: the Meningitis Research Foundation, which is based in Thornbury, and the Winston’s Wish charity for bereaved families.

The show will run from 5th to the 8th of October at Christ the King church hall on Castle Street Thornbury, with tickets being available from 14th September from RA Bennett on The Plain, from Karen Gill on 413783 or can be ordered via www.octopus-thornbury.co.uk.

Please come along to enjoy an evening of fabulous entertainment and support two very worthwhile charities.

Update on Mosquito Net Appeal

Those who contributed to the Mosquito Net Appeal last winter may like to know that we actually exceeded our £10,000 target and made £11,500. All the nets are now with Mercy Ships in Sierra Leone and are being distributed. Two volunteers, Barry and Cheryl, who were at the appeal launch in December, are now working in Freetown and have sent us this email.

“For the past few weeks we have been giving nets out at our centre when patients have been discharged. One of our health educators has been coming to the centre to give training to all on malaria. She has also been training those in outlying areas of Freetown working with pastors and giving out nets. We have been with her to help and it is lovely to think that we were there when the fund raising event took place last December. There are pictures and reports on the Mercy Ships web site. Once again thanks to all those involved in raising the amount of money and every time we hand out one of these nets we receive big smiles and grateful thanks from all those who will benefit from them.”



More photos and a report are also on a notice board in St Mary's Church.

Men and Women Running Treadmill

Local men and women from the Ship Inn of Alveston will be running for 10 hours in relay on the treadmill to raise funds for Help for Heroes. Staff will be running at the Ship Inn on October 14th to raise at least £1000, along with a shooting range and Call of Duty tournament.

There will also be a Help for Heroes quiz night and raffle on Tuesday 11th October.

The event is being held for Help for Heroes because they do not seek to criticise or be political; they simply want to help, as do we. Once the money is raised, Help for Heroes go to the experts in the Army, Royal Navy and Royal Air Force for guidance as to how best to spend it.

Help for Heroes was founded by Bryn and Emma Parry in October 2007 out of a desire to help the wounded Servicemen and women returning from Afghanistan and Iraq and provides direct, practical support to those injured in the current conflicts.

Please contact Lauren on 07879 764 190 or Jonathan at jonathanbaker01@hotmail.com for further information. Tickets do not have to be purchased, just turn up!

For more information please contact Lauren on 07879 764 190 or lesmith11@hotmail.co.uk, or Jonathan Baker at jonathanbaker01@hotmail.com.

Litter Picking

There will be a Litter Pick on Saturday 1st October.

Please meet at the Parish Hall car park at 1pm.

New pickers always very welcome. Equipment provided.

Rod Williams, 612850

CPRE Village of the Year

Old Down has been awarded 1st place in the **2011 South Gloucestershire Small Village of the Year** competition. Having been entered by the Neighbourhood Watch committee, this award is the latest of many successes in this competition. Neighbourhood Watch committee chairman, Roger Hindle, will receive the formal award during September.

Congratulations are due to all residents for contributing to this success.

Old Down Cricket Club

150 Club Winners September:

£50 Jean Panes

£15 Simon Walker

£5 Roger Rowen

Latest £25 Bonus Ball Winners:

13th August Malcolm Grosvenor

3rd September Barbara Binns

Diary Date: 2011 Race Day at Cheltenham Friday 11th November.

Tickets £65 Including Breakfast, Entrance to Racecourse, Food/Drink & Betting Vouchers, Evening Buffet, Live Music & Return Coach Travel.

Tickets Now Available. Please come & join us on a fantastic day out!!

Up The Down!!

Tony Gardner 07889 727729

Likwenu Primary School, Malawi

My granddaughter Lucy and her school friend, also a Lucy, spent three months of their gap year in Africa teaching at the above school – on arrival they found a class of 80 children had only two pencils between them and very little paper! We at home hurriedly gathered and sent some supplies.

When the opportunity came to run the Great Welsh Marathon at Llanelli in April, Lucy and friend Rhys decided to do it for the 'Likwenu Foundation' – and had a great day.

They wish me to thank all the friends who sponsored them, raising £316.00, which helped towards their grand total of £1,947.40 – wonderful!

So many, many thanks.

Peggy James



Stepping Stones Open Day

Stepping Stones would like to thank everyone who supported their Open Day on September 10th. It was a huge success with a good turnout of parents and villagers. The weather stayed fine and children and adults alike seemed to enjoy themselves. To top it all, we made a profit of £315 which is going towards improvements to the hall.

Many thanks to all who contributed to make the day a success.

Thornbury Choral Society

Thornbury Choral Society will be hosting a talk on Mozart's glorious Requiem by musicologist and conductor Philip Robinson. The society will be performing the Requiem as one half of their concert on Saturday 26th November, together with Schubert's Mass No. 3 in B flat at The Castle School in Thornbury at 7.30pm. The presentation looks at Mozart, his character, family and relationships. We hear of his travels throughout Europe and his search for permanent employment. We will gain a feel for his highly productive period in Vienna and then his decline ending with the Requiem.

How much of the Requiem did he actually write? What happened to it after his death?

This will all be covered through a multimedia presentation. We will hear music from different parts of his life, watch scenes from his operas, hear excerpts from his letters and see clips from a variety of performances of the Requiem. Philip gave an excellent talk on Handel's Messiah a couple of years ago, also under the auspices of Thornbury Choral Society. The meeting is open to all comers.

The talk will be held at Alveston Methodist Church, Greenhill Road, Alveston at 7.30pm on Wednesday 19th October.

Tickets cost £6 including tea/coffee/juice and biscuits and are available from Jos Gregson (01454-411652) or by email jos@josgregson.plus.com

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Sincere apologies to you all, for cancelling TL in September. The decision to cancel was made on Thursday when the forecast was extreme wind and rain, unfortunately the stormy weather took longer to hit us and consequently I spent all day Saturday kicking myself. So it is with renewed energy that we put in the date of 1st October come rain or shine!!!

We are going to pull forward some new stalls with ideas for gifts, so that you may like to spread out your shopping for Christmas. It is with pride that Hannah, Sue and I will set up a stall replicating the one we had at Gatcombe this year. Although feeling like complete novices amongst such lovely stalls, we won the Best Small Stand 2011 and have a wonderful glass trophy that was presented to us by Captain Mark Philips.



Of course we continue with all our harvest crops, fresh bread and cakes too. I am hoping that we will be adding boxes of freshly picked vegetables.

See you on 1st October...

Jane Sunnucks, Old Down, 01454 419931

Summer Camp

By Tom Cogram

Biblins Youth Camp

July 24th- 29th 2011

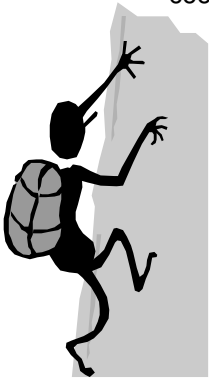


We all arrived at Biblins one by one but the people who arrived last got lucky because they hardly had to help to put the tents up.

Over the week's camp we did loads of activities. The first one was cycling and we all had to meet at an area for lunch at 12.30. The first two groups arrived on time but by 1.30 there was no sign of group three so we all set off on our way back without them. When we got back, we all had an ice cream and waited for a further 30 minutes for the other group. They still didn't arrive so everyone else went back to the camp and left myself, Jacques and Stuart (Leader) to wait for them. Another half an hour passed and finally they arrived telling us that they had got lost and went off the map!

After that first 'eventful activity', we all managed to get up the next morning to go canoeing. We all paired up (Lucky me! I was with Jacques!) and headed for the water. After peacefully (well, for some of us) rowing down the river with our leader, Steve, we got to the rapids. After nearly everyone had gone down the rapids, we were told to go back up them and that's when the trouble began! – I'm pretty sure that everyone capsized and Jacques made us capsize twice (thanks!).

On the camp we had to cook for our selves, this went to plan until we had to cook mashed potato! Let's just say it was more potato flavoured water than mashed potato because we forgot to drain it out!



Day 3 of the camp was rock climbing. Half of us climbed in the morning and the other half in the afternoon. When it wasn't your turn to climb, you got to chill out! John (nature man and the one who got lost on the cycle ride) took us for this activity which was really good fun and we had a lot of laughs. In the afternoon, Theo, one of the younger scouts got stuck up the top of the rock and completely froze so John went up to rescue him. After this exciting activity we had our sandwiches and we all loved them, but not as much as Stuart (Leader) who loved his the most. In one his contained frosties and mayo and in the other there was a mixture of peanut butter, jam, chocolate spread, cucumber and a hint of beans from breakfast!

Later, Stuart (scout) a.k.a Poker man taught the majority of the Scouts how to play Poker so parents, if your children keep going on about starting a Poker school, blame him!

On the 4th and final day of the camp we went to Go Ape. This was my favourite activity because everyone just had so much fun. Congratulations to Tom M-W for completing it and well done Birdy for not crying (because we all know you were scared!). Overall the camp was amazing and I can't wait for next year, thank you so much to all the leaders for giving up your free time and making it a week to remember!

Movies at St Mary's: October

Trevor Anderson



MONDAY MOVIES, for adults and older children: Next show is on **Mon 3rd October**. It's a bright, breezy and immensely likeable tongue-in-cheek musical dance comedy from Australia.

MONDAY MOVIES EXTRA: This is a new programme in response to requests to show interesting films not usually available in mainstream cinemas. We start on **Mon 17th October** with what is said to be "*the world's most popular foreign language film ever.*"

For both the above, doors open at 7.00 and shows start at **7.30**. Licensed bar and soft drinks.

CHILDREN'S MOVIE CLUB, for children of all ages: Next show is **Mon 24th October** and is about a visit to a mysterious chocolate factory. Doors open 9.30 and show starts at **10.00**. Popcorn and soft drinks.

For film titles, see posters and leaflets in church or join the mailing list (contact trevoranderson@btinternet.com or 613279). Free admission to all shows, but donations welcome.

Any films you would like us to show? Send us your requests.

***THE SILVER
SCREEN***

Friends of St. Mary's

The prize winners in July's draw, held on 28th July 2011 at the Friends' Committee Meeting were:-

<u>Amount</u>	<u>Number</u>	<i>Name</i>
£150	180	Mrs. I. Anderson, Olveston
£75	237	Mr. G. Hargreaves, Alveston
£25	371	Dr. M. Wright, Tockington
£25	471	Mrs. J. M. Panes, Olveston
£25	190	Mrs. J. Williams, Pilning
£20	159	Mrs. S. Fairhead, Oldbury-on-Severn
£10	446	Mr. B. Amos, Olveston
£10	197	Mr. R. Cockerton, Olveston

The prize winners in August's draw, held on 17th August 2011 at the Friends' Committee Meeting were:-

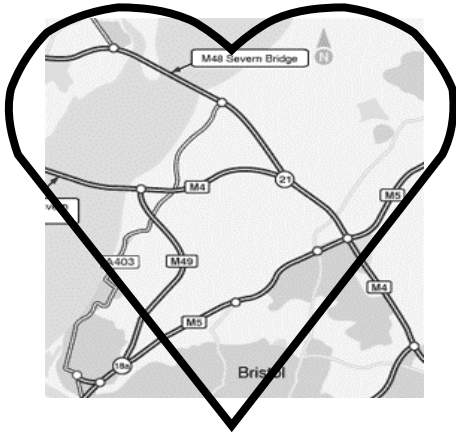
<u>Amount</u>	<u>Number</u>	<i>Name</i>
£150	265	Mr. I. Hughes, Olveston
£75	305	Mr. B. Amos, Olveston
£25	208	Mrs. C. Black, Thornbury
£25	202	Mrs. R. Jackson, Olveston
£25	368	Mrs. J. Bendall, Tockington
£20	499	Revd. D. H. Bone, Tockington
£10	459	Mrs. F. M. Riley, Bitton
£10	256	Mrs. C. Healey, Olveston

From the Registers of St. Mary's

Baptism on 14th August 2011 Isabella Clara Bultitude, daughter of Mark and Zoe Evans.

Burial of Ashes on 24th August 2011 of Ethel Verona Marti

Worship & Prayer for Severnside



Aust Evangelical Church has a vision to see hundreds of Churches spread throughout Severnside. The Churches are to be a beacon of light to the area and to spread the good news of Jesus and his return.

God gave us his vision to see a Church open in every village in Severnside in 1980 and we are faithfully praying and meeting together to see his presence come in power in this area and for the vision to be fulfilled.

If you are interested in coming to these worship meetings to support this vision, or purely just out of curiosity then please feel free.

2011

Sunday Oct 9 th	Aust Evangelical Church	6.30pm
Sunday Nov 13 th	Berkeley Evangelical Church	6.30pm
Sunday Dec 11 th	Wickwar Congregational	6pm

2012

Sunday Jan 15 th	Thornbury Parish Church	4pm
Sunday Feb 12 th	Kingswood Congregational	6pm
Sunday Mar 11 th	Olveston Parish Church	6pm
Sunday April 8 th	Littleton Evangelical Church	6.30pm
Sunday May 13 th	Alveston Parish Church	6pm
Sunday Jun 10 th	Lower Almondsbury Parish	6pm

For more details please contact Michael or Danny:

Michael Spratt 01454 413247
Danny Bamfield 01454 419324

Alternatively, email a_lotty@hotmail.com

Yours Faithfully

Ann Roberts

I recently read these words in a Christian book: "Freedom is popular, yet true freedom is hard to find. We can give people as many choices as possible, but they always conflict, leading to squabbling, crime, and even war." During the past year the upsurge of demonstrations and protests in Egypt, Libya and Syria has hardly left our news bulletins and has left many wondering which Middle Eastern country will be the next to feel the force of 'people power.' As one group after another seeks to achieve political freedom, I wonder whether any of them will see real change or more importantly attain the real freedom which Jesus offers to each one of us.

In April I was able to fulfil a long-held dream by visiting Israel and Jordan, the Holy Land in Jesus' time. The two countries are full of contrasts: Israel appears to be economically thriving, strongly multi-cultural but always with an edge of insecurity, as the presence of young soldiers with their automatic machine guns reminded us. Jordan seemed more relaxed, poorer and keen to encourage tourists to visit their amazing sights, like the ancient city of Petra.

A ten-day tour left me with a store of wonderful memories which will take many months to digest, but I carry some impressions which lead me back to the question of freedom. I remember the coach driver, putting out his prayer mat in the middle of the car park and praying to Mecca in the midday sun. A day later an orthodox Jewish man, walking along the street, reading his Bible and hurrying to the synagogue for the third time that day.

To me, each one was caught in a type of bondage, oppressed by a requirement to pray a certain number of times a day.

Is this what Jesus meant when He said "If the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed" (John 8 v 36)? Absolutely not. He told His followers that the laws and requirements of the Old Testament were over and He gave them a new commandment to worship God with all their heart and soul, and to love their neighbours as themselves.

This is the freedom which Christ offers every individual and He longs to see men and women, children and young people who give Him spontaneous worship from the heart and love others, as He did.

Church News

ST MARY THE VIRGIN, OLVESTON

Oct 2	8am	Holy Communion	Rev Philip Rowe
	11am	Harvest Festival with Choir	Rev. Philip Rowe & Tim Nicholson
	6pm	Evensong	Rev Roly Bain
Oct 9	8am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Rev Ruan Crew
	10am	Morning Worship with Choir	Mrs Ann Lloyd
	10am	Breakfast Club	Breakfast Club Team
	6pm	Holy Communion	Rev R Bain & Rev P Rowe
Oct 16	8am	Holy Communion	Rev Helen Webb
	10am	Holy Communion with Choir	Rev P Rowe & Mrs J McBride
	10am	Breakfast Club	Breakfast Club Team
	6pm	Evensong	Rev Roly Bain
Oct 23	8am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Rev Roly Bain
	10am	Celtic Communion	Rev R Bain & Mr D Jones
	10am	Breakfast Club	Breakfast Club Team
	6pm	Evensong (BCP) with Choir	Rev D Bone
Oct 30	8am	Holy Communion	Rev David Bone
	10am	Breakfast Club in Church & Baptism	Rev Helen Webb
	6pm	Memorial Service	Rev Philip Rowe

Information on services correct at time of going to press.

Contacts:

Rev Philip Rowe, 01454 613223; email: office@stmaryssevernside.org.uk

Rev Roly Bain for Baptisms, Marriages & Funerals, 01454 616593.

Verger: Mrs. June Robbins, 01454 617491

www.stmarysolveston.org.uk/index.html

PRAYER GROUP: Mondays, 2.45pm in the Church

WEDNESDAY HOLY COMMUNION: At 9.00am led by the Rev. Roly Bain

CHAPELRY OF ST JOHN, AUST

Oct 9	10am	Holy Communion	tba
Oct 23	10am	Morning Prayer	Rev David Bone

Hon. Curate: Rev David Bone, 01454 614601

Church Wardens: Janet Ford, 01454 633300 Terry McLeavy 633680

ST MARY DE MALMESBURY, LITTLETON-ON-SEVERN

Oct 2	9am	Holy Communion	Rev David Pole
Oct 16	9am	Matins	Rev David Pole

Contact: Rev. David Pole 01454 414810; www.sthelensalveston.org

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, ELBERTON

Oct 9	9am	Matins	Tracey Black
Oct 23	9am	Holy Communion	Rev David Pole

Contact: Rev. David Pole 01454 414810; www.sthelensalveston.org

OLVESTON AND TOCKINGTON METHODIST CHURCH

Oct 2	10am 6pm	Tock. Ch Tock. Ch.	Morning Worship led by Mr Gary Best Evening Worship led by Mr Glyn Varney joined by friends from St Andrews
Oct 9	10am	Olv.Sch	We join Breakfast Club at the School
Oct 16	10am	Tock. Ch.	Morning Worship with Holy Communion led by Rev. Sandy Williams
Oct 23	10am	Tock..Ch.	Morning Worship led by Mr Glyn Varney
Oct 30	10am	Tock Ch.	Morning Worship led by Rev. Sandy Williams

NORTHWICK LUNCHEON GROUP: This meets at 12.30pm on Wednesday 12th October. To book your lunch please ring 416528

TOCKINGTON LUNCHEON GROUP meets at 12.15 in the Swan Tockington on Thurs 20th October To book please ring 613241,or 612112

COFFEE MORNINGS: Sats 10.30 - 12 noon in the Olveston Methodist Hall.

**CONTACT: Rev Sandy Williams tel 07841 752 941,
Sandy.williams48@btinternet.com**

THE VINE, AWKLEY

The Vine, Pilning Street, Awkley

We meet in a relaxed, informal manner for worship, prayer and conversational Bible studies incorporating Communion, on Sundays at 10.30am and Mondays and Wednesdays at 7.30pm We also visit other Churches and events so please check our Notice Board or contact .

Mike and Barbara Matthews, tel. 07512 917229 or email:
thevine_awkley@hotmail.com

THE OASIS CHURCH, OLD DOWN

Oct 2	6.30pm	Martin Taylor
Oct 9	6.30pm	David Godfrey
Oct 16	6.30pm	Paul Ashford
Oct 23	6.30pm	Ceri Morgan-Davies
Oct 30	6.30pm	Rev Jim Dick

Prayer Time every Thurs 7.30

For further information please contact **Ceri Morgan-Davies** 413043
Paul Ashford, 07774 110814 or email: **Paul@CalebGroup.net**

AUST EVANGELICAL CHURCH Family Worship 11.00am Evening Worship 6.30pm. For more details, please phone 632564.

BRISTOL CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP -Our Sunday morning meetings are held at The Grange School in Warmley at 11 am,
Contact 01454 613305 www.bcfnet.com

RC CHURCH OF CHRIST THE KING, Thornbury -
Sat Vigil Mass 18.00 Sun 8.30am Mass 11.00 Family Mass
Tel 01454 412223 www.ctk-thornbury.org.uk

SOCIETY OF FRIENDS (QUAKERS), Thornbury
Meeting for Worship Sundays 10.30-11.30: The Hanover Room, The Chantry, Castle St. Wheelchair accessible. Children welcome with prior notice.
Local contact: Ben & Candia Barman 01454 412603
National: www.quaker.org.uk Bristol area: www.bristolquakers.org.uk

Diary Dates for October 2011

The information given below is believed to be correct as we go to press.

1 st Sat	Totally Locally Market Tock. Green Coffee Morning	9.30-12.00 10.30-12.00	MH
2 nd Sun			
3 rd Mon	Monday Movie Severn Vale Flower Club Fun, Flowers & Music with Sally Taylor & Harpist Open Mic. at the White Hart -for Oxfam	7.30pm 7pm 8.30pm	StM AH
4 th Tue	Tockington Toddlers Royal British Legion Women-A.G.M	9.30-11.30 7.30pm	WR DGCL
5 th Wed	O.P.H.S. - First meeting of 2011-12	7.30pm	MH
6 th Thu	Thornbury Farmer's Market Coffee Shop Olveston Toddlers	9.00-1.30 9.00-12.00 2.00-4.30	OS+ MH
7 th Fri			
8 th Sat	Flu Clinic in Old Sch. Hall Alm. Coffee Morning Coffee Morning	9.00-12.00 10.30-12.00 10.30-12.00	MH AVH
9 th Sun			
10 th Mon	Craft Group Tel 07747 562264 for venue	7.30pm	
11 th Tue	Tockington Toddlers Aust Parish Council Women's Institute	9.30-11.30 7.30pm 7.30pm	WR EVH PH
12 th Wed	Severn Vale Flower Club Royal British Legion Men	2.00pm 7.30pm	AH DGCL
13 th Thu	Coffee Shop Olveston Toddlers	9.00-12.00 2.00-4.30	OS+ MH
14 th Fri			
15 th Sat	Coffee Morning Parish Harvest Supper Quiz Night at Littleton Village Hall	10.30-12.00 7.30pm 7.30pm	MH PH
16 th Sun			
17 th Mon	Monday Movie	7.30pm	StM
18 th Tue	Tockington Toddlers Jesus Christ Superstar to 22 nd Royal British Legion Women-Bingo	9.30-11.30- 7.30pm 7.30pm	WR AH DGCL
19 th Wed	Jazz at the White Hart Olveston	8.30pm	

20 th Thu	Thornbury Farmer's Market Coffee Shop Olveston Toddlers	9.00-1.30 9.00-12.00 2.00-4.30	OS+ MH
21 st Fri			
22 nd Sat	Coffee Morning Stone's Concert - 'Those Were The Days'	10.30-12.00 7.30pm	MH StM
23 rd Sun			
24 th Mon	Children's Movie Club	10.00	StM
25 th Tue	Tockington Toddlers Olveston Parish Council Meeting	9.30-11.30 7.30pm	WR AP
26 th Wed	Severn Valley Quilters 417559 for details		
27 th Thu	Coffee Shop Olveston Toddler's	9.00-12.00 2.00-4.30	OS+ MH
28 th Fri			
29 th Sat	Coffee Morning Car Boot Sale Marlwood School	10.30 -12.00 1.30-3.30	MH
30 th Sun			
31 st Mon			

Looking ahead to November

19th	Doodlebugs and Bogeymen	7.30pm	PH
25th	'Seven Ages' one man show	7.45	PH

KEY: **AC** Aust Church; **ACR** – Almondsbury Church Rooms; **AH** – Armstrong Hall; **AMC** – Olveston Methodist Church; **AMH**- Olveston Methodist Hall; **AP** – Alexandra Pavilion; **AVH** – Aust Village Hall; **CCCP** – Castle Court Car Park; **CH** – Cossham Hall; **Chy** – Chantry; **DGCL** – Daldry Gardens Community Lounge; **EVH** – Elberton Village Hall; **MH** – Olveston Methodist Hall; OMC Olv Meth Ch **OS** – Olveston School; **OST** – Olveston Stores; **OV** – Olveston Vicarage; **PH** – Olveston Parish Hall; **StM** – St Mary's Church, Olv.; **StMA** Almondsbury Church; **TBCh** - Thornbury Baptist Church; **TMH** – Thorn. Methodist Hall; **URC** - Thornbury United Reform Church; **WR** – Wesley Rooms.

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