

POETRY

Our September Poetry Please will be on Friday 5th September at 10.30am, when our theme will be

'Poems to save the world'.

As always, bringing along a favourite poem on another subject is fine.

Tea, coffee and biscuits will be available and a warm welcome guaranteed!



PLEASE



Remco & Elly have been with us for 10 years. Our celebration takes place on Saturday 13th September from 4-7pm in the Christian Centre. There will be some home-grown entertainment followed by a meal.

To help with catering, please sign up soon. The cost will be £5 payable on the evening. Please bring cash.

We were saddened to hear of the death of Joy Mills. A funeral service will be on Wednesday 17th September at 2.30 at the Chiltern Crematorium in Amersham.

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PEACE AND HARVEST

As September begins, we are already aware of the harvest being brought in by the farming community and in our own gardens and allotments. Without the harvest in our own country and elsewhere, we could not survive. That is why we set aside a Sunday at the end of September

to give thanks to God for the provision we receive.

During August we have been giving money to 'Embrace the Middle East' for their work in Gaza. Since we began this appeal, the situation there has only got worse and

now many are facing severe hardship.

It's a reminder that in areas affected by war, there can be no harvest.

While we give thanks for the plenty that we have,

it's right that we continue to pray for those who have so little.

Surely God intends that

everyone should have enough. Jesus said, 'Blessed are the peacemakers for they will be called the children of God.'

May peace bring a harvest of justice and plenty.



What's on in September?

(In the Christian Centre unless otherwise stated)

Thurs 4th 2.30-4.30pm **Flower Arranging Group**

Friday 5th: 10.30am **Poetry Please**

Weds 10th & 24th 10am-12 noon **Craft Group**

Thurs 11th, & 25th 2-4pm **Board Game Café**

Sat 13th 4-7pm **10th Anniversary Celebration**

Sun 14th 3.30-5.30pm **Messy Church**

Sat 20th 10.30-11.30am **Book Club**

Sun 21st 10.45am **Messy Morning**

Tues 23rd 12.30pm **Lunch** 2pm **Crafternoon**

Sun 28th 10.45am **Harvest Thanksgiving: Church Meeting with shared lunch**

Every Sunday 10.45am **Morning Worship**

Every Monday 5pm **Centring Prayer** at 26 Manor Rd

Every Tuesday 10-12 noon **Coffee Drop-in**

Every Wednesday 7.15pm **Home Group**, 21 Manor Rd

Every Friday 7.30pm **Table Tennis**

HARVEST DONATIONS

Financial gifts will go to Tearfund this year. There are many stories on the Tearfund website which illustrate how the charity works to improve harvests in disadvantaged countries if you wish to find out more.

Also, Sandra Smith is, once again, asking for your generosity in supplying **food donations** to Aylesbury Women's Aid. Any non-perishable food will be gratefully received, of course, though she will let you know (via our weekly Notices e-mail or letter) if there are any items Aylesbury Women's Aid specifically request.

Please bring your donations to church by 28 September latest. Thank you.

PRAYER FOR TEARFUND



Located in Mahuwe, Zimbabwe, the Mbire Garden isn't just any garden. It is a response to both the urgent needs of the local community and a desire to demonstrate how practical solutions to climate change and food insecurity can work.

With help from Tearfund training on movement building, advocacy and media engagement, and with support from Tearfund's Zimbabwe office to help design activities with the greatest impact, the team chose an organic approach, focusing on environmentally friendly practices to improve the soil and provide people with nutritious food. And they were also determined to create a model that was sustainable and cost-effective, using what was already available to them.

They incorporated locally available resources – like unused land and empty plastic bags for construction – and they leveraged the valuable time and skills of community

members who contributed their labour.

They combined organic techniques like composting and cow-dung tea with traditional farming practices and local knowledge. The goal was a contextually relevant and sustainable model.

The Mbire Garden project is now a hub for training on conservation agriculture, disaster risk reduction and resource mobilisation. And here's where the future is being actively shaped: more than 245 young people have been trained through this initiative.

These young people are not just learning; they are taking action, with some already starting their own gardening projects. They are becoming agents of change and resilience in their own right.

Pray:

Pray for young people everywhere to be inspired to look around them and find solutions to the issues facing their communities and our world. Pray that they will be infused with hopes, dreams and creativity, rather than discouraged by the difficulties they encounter.

Ask God to raise up leaders from the emerging generations who will hear his voice and be filled with his wisdom to bring long-term solutions that allow their communities to thrive.