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“Autumn is a second spring
when every leaf is a flower.”

Albert Camus.

Come along to Poetry Please on
Friday 3rd October at 10.30am.

If possible, bring a poem on the theme:
‘Autumn’.

Drinks, biscuits and a warm welcome
await you!

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Our August appeal for ‘Embrace the Middle East’ and
their work in Gaza raised £584 which, with the
addition of Gift Aid amounts to £691.50.

Thanks to all who generously gave to the appeal.

Update from ‘Embrace’:

“Food supplies in Gaza
are extremely limited,
but our partners were
able to source flour by
using a number of
different local
suppliers through



their local connections. With support from Embrace
and other donors, they were able to procure over
5,000kg of flour. Fuel for cooking is currently
available in the area, so supplying dry, non-perishable
items such as flour (rather than preprepared meals) is
the best way to get the vital sources of food in bulk to
those who need it. Over 550 families each received a
supply of flour.”

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THE DIVINE EQUATION

On the first day of my degree
course, my mathematics lecturer
opened with a line I have never
forgotten: ‘Mathematics is a game.
The pieces are the numbers, and the
rules are the rules of algebra.’

At the time, it felt like a
clever way to make
something daunting feel
approachable. But 30 years
later those words came
back to me with a new and
deeper resonance.
Because life, in many ways,
is a kind of game, too. The
‘pieces’ are our choices, our
relationships, our work, our regrets.
And there are rules—some imposed
by society, others written on our
hearts. But above all, there is a
greater framework: the pattern &
order God has revealed in Christ.
Just like in mathematics, the rules
are not there to trip us up—they
help us see the bigger picture, to
understand the relationships
between things. They lead us into
clarity.

But what about when we break the
rules - when the equation does not
balance—when a life seems too far
gone, too messed up, too deeply
marked by wrong turns?

That’s where the Good News speaks
most powerfully. In God’s
mathematics, the answer to
sin is not disqualification,
but redemption. The cross
does not ignore the broken
rules; it absorbs their full
consequence, and then,
miraculously, offers a clean
slate. God takes the

equation of our lives, full of
wrong answers and unfinished sums
and, through grace, makes it whole.
There is a God who knows every
part of our lives and still offers a
way forward. A God who restores. A
God who rewrites the script. No
matter how messy the board looks,
the game is not over. In God’s
hands, the pieces can come
together again.

Andy Prescott, Head of Fundraising and
Communications, Prison Fellowship

What's on in October?

(In the Christian Centre unless otherwise stated)

Thurs 2nd 2.30-4.30pm **Flower Arranging Group**

Friday 3rd 10.30am **Poetry Please**

Weds 8th & 22nd 10am-12 noon **Craft Group**

Thurs 9th, & 23rd 2-4pm **Board Game Café**

Sun 12th 3.30-5.30pm **Messy Church**

Sat 18th 10.30-11.30am **Book Club**

Sun 19th 10.45am **Messy Morning**

Sun 26th 10.45am **Shared Lunch after Coffee**

Tues 28th 11-3pm **Lunch & Crafts**

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**

MISSION SUPPER

Put the date in your diary for our Mission Supper 2025!

Friday 21st November 6.45 for 7pm.

After a seasonal meal we will hear from a speaker from 'A Rocha', a Christian charity working to protect and restore the natural world and committed to equipping Christians and churches in the UK to care for the environment.

A sign-up sheet will be available soon!



MISSION PRAYERS FOR OCTOBER

The Council for World Mission is a worldwide partnership of Christian churches, including the United Reformed Church. The 36 members are committed to sharing their resources of money, people, skills and insights globally to carry out God's mission locally.

Dr Joan Reid, Mico University College, Kingston, Jamaica writes about education as learning and growing through knowledge in Christ.

"We are being taught to listen to instructions, as instructions bring life. Everything that we need to know, must be learnt. Whatever is

right should add to our knowledge and therefore must be kept securely. Life depends on knowing the truth of how to live life more abundantly.

"One must always grasp with understanding, never letting go. Letting go could prove detrimental. Why do parents, pastors, and other teachers use so much repetition? It is often necessary as most hearers are lazy, stubborn, and easily distracted. Sometimes hearers do not appreciate instructions, and therefore they do not make the

effort necessary to follow them.

Note that the instruction of wisdom will save you from the dilemmas and dangers of life. If you were drowning at sea, would you obey the words from the sailor in a rescue boat? You would, for the consequences of not obeying would be certain death.

"Following wise instructions will help you survive the storms of life.

The instruction of wisdom is what

will save us from dilemmas and dangers of life. Don't let it go or sell it for any price.

Knowledge is acquired through experience or education. One must be

engaged wholeheartedly in acquiring these through active hearts and minds and be committed to learning and growing in knowledge and wisdom through Christ."

Prayer *Dear Lord, we stand in awe of your majestic power. As your children we pray for wisdom and understanding. Please illuminate our paths and guide us according to your perfect will. Help us to acknowledge you in all we do, so that you can direct our paths. In Jesus' name, Amen.*

