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From the Revd Sally



Dear Friends

Welcome to October and the Autumn season. This month we are looking at stewardship and what that means to us. We will be focusing on Christian stewardship in our bible readings, prayers and hymns in the services of the weeks following our Harvest Festival on Sunday 4th. Please read the article that Robin has written on page 2 to find out more about what Christian stewardship looks like and ask us if you need more information or guidance on this subject.

I am looking forward to our Harvest Quiz on Saturday the 3rd, where we can get together, share food and knowledge (or lack of it!), whilst raising funds for our church centre facilities.



On Sunday the 18th we are Baptising Casper, who came to our church seeking calm and quiet during the week, eventually came to Connect Café and now is part of the Café team, gardening group and a Sunday worshipper. We give thanks to God for guiding Casper here and thanks to all our church members who make him feel seen, heard and welcomed.

This is such a wonderful, good news story and by no means the only one to have come from the welcome that we give to people who come through our doors. I encourage you all to continue to make our church a welcoming, non-judgemental, safe space for all.

Although this is the October edition of *in touch*, I need to draw your attention to our annual memorial service on Sunday 1st November at 4.00pm. This service of music and scripture creates a space to remember those we love but see no longer and is a lovely way to set some time aside to think about that loss and how our lives are affected by the space they no longer inhabit. Grief is an ongoing emotion that ebbs and flows, but does not fully disappear. We just learn to shape our lives differently. Acknowledging this helps us live with the loss rather than being overwhelmed by it.

We send out invitations to this service, to those people whose funerals we have conducted. However everyone is welcome to come to reflect on the losses in their life. There will be refreshments afterwards and members of the pastoral and ministry team to speak and pray with.

Blessings

Giving what's right and not what's left

There was a certain rector – it's probably best not to mention names! – who dreamt one night that a new shop had opened near her. She entered the shop and saw an angel standing behind the counter. Nervously she asked what the shop sold. "Everything your heart desires", replied the angel.

"Well, I'd like continued moves towards peace in the world and greater action on relieving climate change and a joyful response to the challenge of Christian giving among all Church people in Springfield, as we seek to minister to all those in our community."

"I'm afraid you've not quite understood" smiled the angel, "we don't sell the fruits here, only the seeds."

So how are we going to plant the seeds of generosity so that they can grow into fruit? Why should any of us ever give anything to God?

We need to give out of thanksgiving for all the things that have been given to us. We don't need to give so much out of what we think we "own" as we need to share, in thanksgiving, out of what we've been given. Our spiritual gifts allow us to serve one another better. They're for the common good of the body of Christ – to build up his Kingdom in the church and community.

When I used to work for the Church of England nationally, I went to many meetings. From time to time someone would stand up and say that the Church is in crisis. And then someone else would stand up and try to comfort us by saying

that the Church isn't in crisis – but I wish they wouldn't! The Church is always in crisis and its greatest danger is that it is only occasionally aware of it. The Church is always caught in the tension between what it's called to be and what it actually is. That's why the whole of our Christian journey is towards becoming what we know we're called to be in Christ.

As we give of the bounty and the gifts we have from God, as we make those seeds grow, we make ourselves more and more into the kind of people God wants us to be.

Our giving as Christians is:

- a part of our spiritual life – talking about money isn't something vulgar that we shouldn't be doing in church. Jesus talked about money and possessions a great deal. He knew they were a stumbling block to discipleship.
 - One in six of all his recorded sayings and
 - one in three of his parables referred to people's relationship with money, wealth and possessions.
- a part of being a follower of Christ – if we didn't need money to fund the church and its activities we would still be called to give because it's part of our discipleship.
- something that we need to review from time to time as we seek to ensure that we're heading in the right direction towards God.

And so another story.

A rich man wanted to do something good and so he found a poor builder who'd fallen on hard times. He gave the builder

the plans of a huge mansion and asked him to build it. The rich man asked the builder to spare no expense and use the finest materials. He said he was going away for a time and hoped that the house would be finished by the time he got back.

The builder saw his opportunity. Others would skimp on the materials and the craftsmanship, so why shouldn't he? That way he could make more profit for himself. So he used cheap materials, he employed inexperienced labour and he took every short cut he could think of! When the rich man returned, the house was finished and the builder handed over the keys.

"I'm glad it's finished," said the rich man as he handed the keys back to the builder. "Here are the keys. They're yours. I had you build that house for yourself. You and your family are to live in it."

And that's a parable of the Christian life. We're building the houses we live in for the rest of our lives. Our character, our habits, our interests, our generosity, these are involved day by day. And the way we use and give of all the things we have is, according to Jesus, a determining factor in how the house is to be finished. That makes my giving, then, a real privilege. It's by my giving that I'm able to make myself into the kind of person I'm called to be.

We give because that's one way we have of directly expressing our thanksgiving to God for his gifts. The motive for giving is to give because we've been given to. Giving is our thankful response to God who has given so much to us.

Let me give you another picture – a man was walking down the road and found a workman laying bricks. "What are you

doing?" he asked. "I'm building a wall," said the bricklayer.

The man continued on walking and found a second man laying bricks on the same wall. "What are you doing?" he asked. "I'm building a hospital."

The man carried on walking and found a third man laying bricks on the same wall. "What are you doing?" he asked. "I'm helping to make people better," said the third bricklayer, who really understood what it was all about.

Being a disciple involves much more than just going through the motions – much more than just laying the bricks. It involves us in recognising and believing in the wider picture.

We may ask people as they come out of church what have they been doing? Have they just "been to church" or might they say "we've been equipping ourselves for the Church's mission" or might they say "we've been building God's kingdom."

A former Archbishop of Canterbury summed it up like this: "The spirit of generosity calls us to give joyfully and sacrificially. The first question to ask is not 'What do I need to give?' But rather 'how can my giving reflect something of God's love for me?'"

This month we are directing our thoughts and providing an opportunity to reconsider our regular giving. Perhaps it's an opportunity to ask that question of ourselves – how can my giving reflect something of God's love for me?

May we, with God's grace, be able to let it be the motive for all our giving in the Lord's name.

Robin Stevens

‘The Big Plastic Count’ – Results

You shall not pollute the land in which you live. *Numbers 35:33a*

Did you join in this year’s *Big Plastic Count*? Back in March, thousands of people from schools, households, community groups and workplaces across the UK counted their plastic waste for one week as part of what’s described as ‘the UK’s biggest people-powered investigation into plastic waste’.

The environmental charity *Everyday Plastic*, which organised the count, has since published the results, and they make very interesting reading. (If you’d like to see the full report, which references all the evidence which was used to prepare it, you’ll find it on their website thebigplasticcount.com.)

Here are some of the key results.

- UK households throw away an estimated **82 billion pieces of plastic waste** every year.
- **More than 4 out of 5** pieces of household plastic waste come from **food and drink products**. Cleaning and toiletries account for 8%, and everything else 10%.
- The most common type of food and drink packaging is plastic from **fruit and veg** (13 billion pieces –16%).
- **Two thirds** of the fruit and veg packaging items are soft film plastic

which is almost impossible to recycle on a large scale in the UK.

So what happens to all this plastic waste?

- Only 16% is recycled and made into new products.
- 9% ends up in landfill sites.
- 16% is sent abroad, where its final fate is often unknown.
- **A large majority – 59% – of UK households’ plastic waste is burned in incinerators.**

This amount of incineration is worrying because burning plastic

- ⊖ emits large quantities of CO₂, directly worsening the climate crisis;
- ⊖ releases harmful air pollution which affects human health;
- ⊖ locks the UK into a system of waste disposal contracts that depends on a continuing supply of plastic waste in large volumes; and
- ⊖ disproportionately harms already disadvantaged communities because of where the incinerators are often located.

‘The answer to the problem of plastic waste is not better waste management. It’s about preventing waste in the first place.’

The Big Plastic Count report argues that it's very difficult for consumers to reduce their plastic waste while the big super-markets insist on putting unnecessary plastic packaging on so many of their food and drink products. Relying on voluntary initiatives by retailers hasn't worked because the retailers want a level playing field, which can only be achieved through legislation.

The report makes three policy recommendations to the government:

1. Legislate to remove plastic packaging from uncut fruit and vegetables by 2030.
2. Stop the construction of new waste

incinerators immediately, and focus on waste reduction and recycling instead.

3. Introduce a phased ban on plastic waste exports, so the UK takes responsibility for its own waste and doesn't expect poorer, less well equipped countries to deal with it.

The report concludes:

'Cutting plastic production has huge social, economic, and environmental benefits. *The Big Plastic Count* reveals the scale of the UK's big plastic problem. Now the government must act.'

Roger McFarland



To find out more or to share your ideas on Eco Church please go to the website www.allsaintsspringfield.org.uk/church-life/eco-church or speak to one of the Eco Church Group – Roger McFarland, Nicky Morecroft, Chris McFarland, Ian Poston, Dave Gauld, Beth Cornish, Ann Salmon, Shirley Duggan.

This month's eco suggestions

- **'How Green is our Lifestyle?'** – it's time for us to fill in All Saints' eco questionnaires for this year *[available on line]*
- **Adjust heating controls** if possible to save energy and money

Do the Bible and Science contradict each other?

This piece is written by Dr Ruth M Bancewicz, who is Church Engagement Director at The Faraday Institute for Science and Religion in Cambridge. Ruth writes on the positive relationship between Science and Christian faith.

For the Christian, the Bible is God's Word to us; it tells us about His character and creative purposes, how He has related to people in the past, and His promises for the future.

Science is a specific way of studying the world, exploring the physical properties of things – a wonderful way to explore God's creation.

So, the question to ask if the Bible and Science seem to be contradicting each other is, have we made a mistake in interpreting one or the other?

Science is very good at answering certain types of questions: 'What size is it?', 'How fast does it travel?', 'What is it made of?', and so on. Questions like 'What's it for?', 'What should I do with it?', and 'What's it worth?' can't be answered using scientific methods. Some of the misunderstanding in discussions of science and religion come from not recognising the limits of science.

It's also important to recognise what the Bible is, and what sorts of questions it can answer. The Bible was written well before people began to investigate the world in ways we would recognise as scientific. Of course, people in the Ancient Near East were studying the world around them, observing the movements of the stars, the processes of life and death that happened all around them, the seasons, the behaviour of physical objects, and so on. But they did not study the mechanisms underlying these things systematically



using the tools of science, and they did not see or describe the world in scientific terms – not because they weren't intelligent, but because science as we know it wasn't happening at that time.

Instead, the biblical writers used words that were commonly used in their own cultures to record events, share truth and wisdom, and tell stories that convey deep truth about God's character. If we want to understand God's intention in inspiring these words, we need to do some careful work to connect with those ancient writers and find out what they meant, before we can discover what those words mean to us today.

These principles can help us have far more fruitful conversations about science and Christian faith. If we allow any apparent conflict between Science and the Bible to fuel our search for understanding, not only will we learn as individuals, but we will be able to draw others into a conversation that is relevant to wider society today.



AUTUMN CONCERT

Saturday 10th October

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Calendar for OCTOBER

A recording of the Sunday 10.30am service will be available on YouTube, accessible from the church website, soon after the service.

Th	1	1.30pm	Faith and Food – bring your lunch and feed your soul
		2.00pm	All Saints' Connect Café – weekly social gathering
Fr	2	12 noon	Chelmsford Cathedral Lunchtime Concert – <i>Organ</i>
Sa	3	9.30am	An opportunity for churchyard gardening (to noon)
		6.30pm (for 7.00pm)	Harvest Supper and Quiz

Su 4 HARVEST FESTIVAL

8.00am Holy Communion

president & preacher: The Rector

10.30am Worship Together with the Boys' Brigade

leaders: The Rector & Charlotte Laurence

Mo 5 8.00pm Beer & Bible Hour at The Tulip – all welcome

Tu 6 10.00am 'Start the week' prayers in church

We 7 9.30am Children in Church

10.00am Holy Communion

president & preacher: The Rector

Th 8 1.30pm Faith and Food – bring your lunch and feed your soul

2.00pm All Saints' Connect Café – weekly social gathering

2.30pm Women's Fellowship – Harvest Tea

Fr 9 12 noon Chelmsford Cathedral Lunchtime Concert – *Choir*

Sa 10 9.30am Family (Prayer) Breakfast at Wetherspoons

7.30pm Caprice Autumn Concert at the Girls County High School in Broomfield Road

Su 11 NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

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10.30am Holy Communion

president & preacher: The Rector

10.30am The Sunday Special Service

leaders: Julian Mallett & Chalotte Laurence

Mo 12

Tu 13 10.00am 'Start the week' prayers in church

We 14 9.30am Children in Church

10.00am Holy Communion

president: The Rector *preacher:* Dave Gauld

Th 15 1.30pm Faith and Food – bring your lunch and feed your soul
 2.00pm All Saints' Connect Café – weekly social gathering
 Fr 16 12 noon Chelmsford Cathedral Lunchtime Concert – *Saxophone*
 Sa 17

Su 18 LUKE THE EVANGELIST

8.00am Holy Communion

president: The Rector *preacher:* The Revd Andy Mussell

10.30am Morning Prayer & Baptism

president & preacher: The Rector

10.30am Sunday Special Holy Communion

president: The Revd Andy Hudson with Charlotte Laurence

Mo 19

Tu 20 10.00am 'Start the week' prayers in church

We21 9.30am Children in Church

10.00am Holy Communion

president & preacher: The Rector

Th 22 1.30pm Faith and Food – bring your lunch and feed your soul

2.00pm All Saints' Connect Café – weekly social gathering

Fr 23 12 noon Chelmsford Cathedral Lunchtime Concert – *Piano*

Sa 24

Su 25 LAST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

2.00am *British Summer Time ends – clocks go back 1 hour*

10.30am Holy Communion

president: The Revd Andy Hudson *preacher:* Peter Balls

10.30am The Sunday Special Service

leader: Roger McFarland

Mo 26

Tu 27 10.00am 'Start the week' prayers in church

We28 SIMON AND JUDE, APOSTLES

9.30am Children in Church

10.00am Holy Communion

president & preacher: The Revd Canon Keith Anderson

Th 29 1.30pm Faith and Food – bring your lunch and feed your soul

2.00pm All Saints' Connect Café – weekly social gathering

Fr 30 12 noon Chelmsford Cathedral Lunchtime Concert – *Choir*

Sa 31

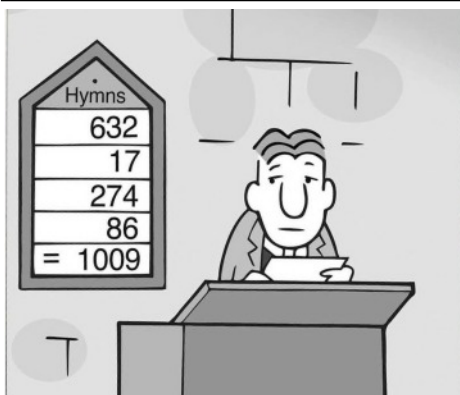
Churchyard

After some very welcome rain in the previous week, the gardeners had a lovely morning in the churchyard in September. We met the day before the open-air service. After a summer with very little mowing being needed, the mowing team had already been busy getting the grassed area ready for the service.

We gathered many barrowloads of fermenting crab apples, strimmed all around the lower drainage gutters, cut the wildflower meadow to spread the seeds, and tidied the rose and flower beds and courtyard planters.

The next dates for the diaries are 3 October, 7 November, and 5 December. We will move from collecting crab apples to fallen leaves! Come along and join us for any time you can spare between 9.30am and noon. All that both teams do to keep the churchyard in good order is so very much appreciated.

Many thanks
Barbara Garside



Derek realised it had been a mistake allowing the church treasurer to do the hymn numbers!

Women's Fellowship

Our meeting in September was due to include a talk by a representative from the Foodbank. So we were all disappointed when they failed to turn up. Some members had brought donations and some helpfully shared their knowledge of the Foodbank.

Shirley Duggan, who was with us, is our church organiser. Someone helps with our donations by taking them to her car on Sundays and she then takes them to the warehouse. A donation of £50 was made from WF funds.

Looking to our October meeting, there has been a change of plan. It is no longer a Beetle Drive. Instead there will be a Harvest Tea with French stick, cheese, pickles etc. followed by apple pie and cream! Mary Bartlam has been given 15 minutes to tell us about the longest "Daisy Chain" in the world!

Jane Britter provided us with some lovely cakes for her forthcoming birthday. Thank you, Jane. She is moving to Pinner to be nearer to her family and this may well have been her last meeting. We wish her all the best in her new home.

Janet Brand

John Betjeman on Harvest

From his poem "Diary of a church mouse"

But all the same it's strange to me
How very full the church can be
With people I don't see at all
Except at Harvest Festival.



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Shirley's Exploits

In 1969 Shirley Duggan completed an 18-month stint of teaching at an RAF school in Singapore. Her car, a Triumph Herald, had been shipped out to her and she decided to drive it back to London. The car had "SINGAPORE – LONDON" painted on the side. Shirley had a colleague, Bernie, as a co-driver.

Shirley has kindly shared the journal of her trip with me and it was an exciting read. There was clearly much paperwork for themselves and the car to attend to, which had to be right as they crossed borders. They also had to find somewhere to sleep, resorting to their tent at times.

On 20th April 1969 they loaded the car on a ship and sailed the eight-day journey from Singapore up the coast of Malaysia and across to Madras. Then their long car drive of six weeks overland began.

The journey involved driving 8,585 miles through India, Pakistan, the Khyber Pass, Afghanistan, Iran, Turkey, Greece, Yugoslavia, Italy, Austria, Germany, and France. The final leg was a ferry to Dover, with Westminster Bridge in London as their final destination on 2nd June.

Here are some extracts from her journal.

2nd May

In India: Lost time looking for "white" (high octane) petrol which we didn't find until we reached Poona. Having finally found some we filled the two jerry cans. The car gets very hot and tends to 'pink' badly in the heat of the day. Countryside very rich and neatly terraced ready for the rains next month. A really beautiful road



Shirley as we know her now



Shirley's photo in her documents

from Poona to Nasik across the hills – all very rural and scenic. Had difficulty finding a Travellers' Bungalow with a vacancy. Eventually we struck 4th time lucky.

11th May

Khyber at last! The sky was a really clear blue – ideal for taking photographs and the scenery was quite fantastic. All most refreshing after the dusty haze of the journey until now.

A child carrying chippings for the road menders ran into the road and, in his fright, dropped the entire basket load over the bonnet. Stones got under the bonnet and dented the radiator. The distressed road menders then stood on the bumper to remove the stones and succeeded in bending it. The poor bonnet is very scratched and pock-marked!

Very straight forward Pakistan customs, but the Afghans went over the car with a fine toothcomb and listed many items in our passports although they showed no interest in the carnet document.

12th May

Stopped for a fill of cheap petrol and couldn't start the car again. The starter motor had packed in. Got a colourful bunch of locals to give us a push start.

Ran into dust storms and the visibility was greatly reduced. Found a reasonable hotel which had numerous other 'overlanders' in – South African, German, French, Australian and British. The British chap proved very helpful over the starter motor trouble and lent all sorts of tools for Bernie to pick the car apart with. Found it to be clogged with dust etc and fortunately a sousing with petrol and

much toil and sweat from Bernie put it right again.

16th May

The previous day a fault appeared with the handbrake when it came up at an angle of 90 degrees when operated. Bernie clambered under the car. He soon found a pin had been shaken out of the right rear wheel part of the hand brake – probably from the vibration over the bumpy roads. A piece of wire proved a successful temporary remedy.

2nd June

On arriving at Dover it was long after midnight, so we decided it was too late to drive to London. We camped in the first empty lay-by we could find. Funnily enough it proved to be the warmest night since Yugoslavia. After a leisurely breakfast we made our way to London and Westminster Bridge to record for posterity the final proof of completing our journey.

Robin Stevens

Sunday School Days

Two of my favourite choruses I sang and still do,

"Into my heart, into my heart,
come into my heart Lord Jesus,
come in today, come in to stay,
come into my heart Lord Jesus"

and

"Turn your eyes upon Jesus
look full into his wonderful face,
and the things of earth will grow strangely
dim
in the light of his glory and grace".

Doreen Cox

Churches invited to pray for all affected by drought, heatwaves and wildfires

British churches have been using prayers written for times of extreme weather.

As five successive heatwaves hit the UK this summer, bringing drought, extreme heat and wildfires, local churches have been helping the people affected, both through practical support - and prayers.

The prayers they used are found in *A Time for Creation*, a newly expanded C of E service book (Church House Publishing).

There is a section headlined 'Prayers in times of extreme weather' and 'A prayer for the farming community in a time of crisis', as well as intercessions for those affected by extreme weather through drought, lack of clean water, storms, flood, wildfires and other events.

The Bishop of Lichfield, Dr Michael Ipgrave, Chair of the Church of England's Liturgical Commission, has encouraged

churches to draw from the prayers.

He said that this continues "a longstanding tradition going back to the 1662 Book of Common Prayer", which even includes a Prayer for Rain.

"For centuries, the people of England have turned to prayer in times of extreme weather of all sorts," he said. "The prayer book asks that we may receive 'in our necessity such moderate rain and showers' as we need. Our prayers invite us to ask, to wait and to know the glory and awesomeness of God when they are answered."

Meanwhile, the new Festival of Creation was launched last month (September) by the C of E. It sets out the Christian understanding of the environmental crises facing the world, rooting care for creation in the biblical story of creation, redemption and renewal.

10 Years of Eco Church

For 10 years, Eco Church has been helping churches across England and Wales put care for God's earth into action. They support churches to care for creation across every part of church life — from worship and teaching to buildings, land, community engagement and everyday lifestyle choices.

An anniversary report celebrates what has been achieved so far, learnings along the way, and looks ahead to identify improvements they can make to increase

its impact in the years ahead.

The report shows that Eco Church is helping churches take meaningful environmental action in many different contexts — from rural churches with large churchyards to urban congregations with limited space.

Churches are reducing energy use, caring for land and wildlife, encouraging lower-carbon lifestyles, praying and preaching about creation care, and engaging their wider communities.

Leaving a Legacy

For many people, leaving a gift in their will is a final opportunity to make a lasting gift to God.

A charitable legacy is a gift of money, property or an item left in a will. This type of giving to charity is commonly referred to as gifts in wills. Gifts in wills can be left to parish churches and are exempt from inheritance tax.

Over the years All Saints' has been pleased to receive gifts in Wills made by former members of the congregation. These have been used to maintain our beautiful church building and help us in God's mission to grow a faithful community.

Once you have made provision for your loved ones, a gift to the Church can be an expression of your gratitude and thanksgiving towards God, and can help keep All Saints' alive, and help transform its future.



Making a difference

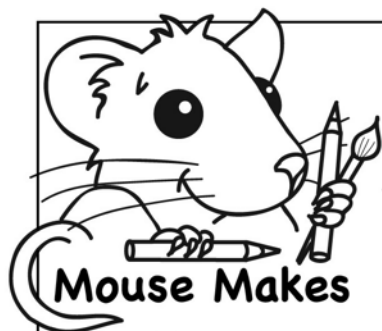
For many churches, regular giving is absorbed in 'keeping the show on the road'. This usually involves everyday activities such as paying the parish share, insuring and heating the building, repairing the roof etc.

A gift from your estate is different. We welcome all gifts in Wills, however large or small, and we promise to use your gift to make a difference in our parish by helping to fund significant development projects; whether buildings, equipment, mission or staff. It is helpful if the gift isn't restricted for a particular purpose, but please speak to our treasurer if you wish to give for a particular purpose.

**if I belong
to Christ
it is logical that
even
my money
belongs to him**

Do these
pithy
sayings
help you
as you
think
about
your
giving to
the
church
and its
ministry?

**giving
and discipleship
are as
inseparable
as the legs
of a pair of
trousers**



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2. Which book of the Bible has the shortest title?

1. How many books are there in the New Testament?

3. The Word of God is sharper than a two edged

Hebrews 4:12



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4. He was an Old Testament prophet that has a book named after him.

5. The first book of the Bible.

6. God's word is like?

A _____
and a _____
Psalm 119:105



8. The last book in the Bible.

9. The Old Testament book of poetry and songs.

11. The last book in the Old Testament.

10. Who wrote the third book of the New Testament?

7. What are the first four books of the New Testament known as?

12. Which book tells the story of the spread of Christianity?

13. The Bible is also known as the

14. A book of the Bible named after a woman

of God.
Hebrews 4:12





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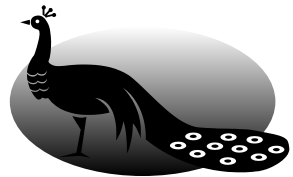
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The ordination of Andy Mussell

Andy was ordained deacon on Sunday 13th September in Chelmsford Cathedral by the Bishop of Chelmsford. The gospel reading was the story of Jesus washing the disciples' feet and the theme of the sermon was summed up in verses from a hymn:

Our call to serve, to wash each others' feet,
To bring Christ's healing touch to all we meet.

The pictures below show Andy after the service with our Rector, Canon Keith Anderson and the Revd Carolyn Tibbott, who was the Vicar of Broomfield where Andy was a reader. At the bottom of the page is a photo taken during the ordination service where the newly ordained deacons (seven at the service) were presented to the congregation and were greeted with applause! *[Andy is third from the left]*

