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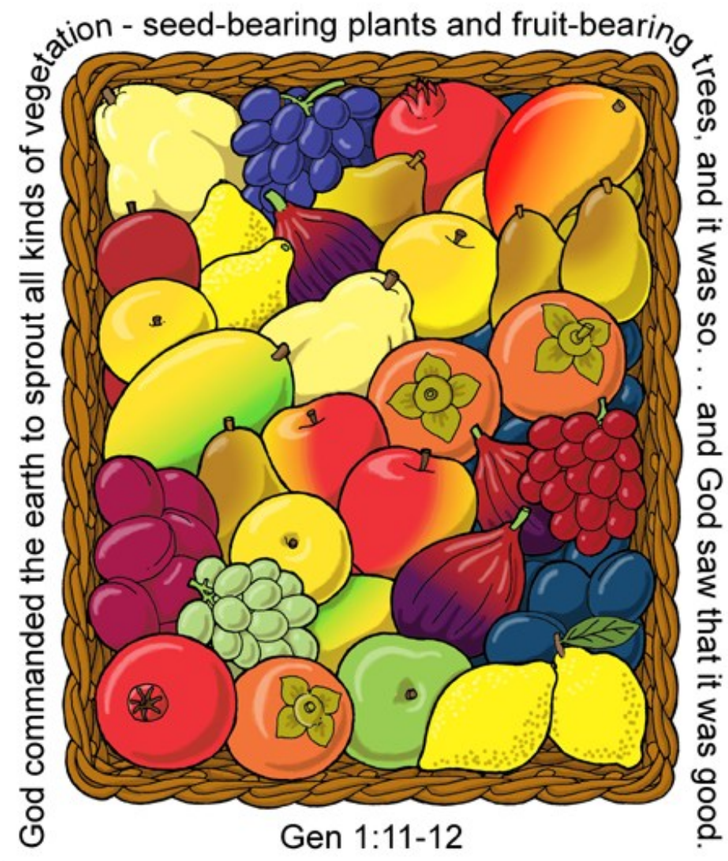

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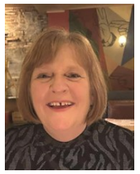
Church Council
Wednesday 14 October,
7pm in the Church

THE MINISTER'S LETTER



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The elephant in the room – well not literally.

Dear friends,
The following devotional from Our Daily Bread grabbed my attention as I read it yesterday:

Manny, an experienced safari guide, was looking intently at the male elephant standing a mere fifty metres ahead of him in the Zambian bush. He had spotted that the grey giant's temporal glands were gushing fluids, a sign that the animal's testosterone levels were high, increasing the chances of aggression. Behind Manny, a hushed group of schoolboys also looked on. Nobody moved.

Suddenly, the elephant began charging at them. Before the boys had time to react, Manny strode ahead towards the elephant, shouting, "No! Get back!" and using his voice and body commandingly. Incredibly, the huge mammal stopped in its tracks, turned aside and wandered off.

Whilst the schoolboys were in awe of their guide's apparent authority over nature, Manny himself knew how dangerous that situation was. As a Christian, he also knew that only one human has ever truly had command over the natural world: Jesus.

The disciples, many of whom were fishermen, recognised the danger of a stormy sea and were appropriately terrified. Their plea to Jesus, "Don't you care if we drown?" (Mark 4:38) was probably a request to help them in their human efforts. Instead, Jesus scolded the sea itself: "Quiet! Be still!" (v. 39), and it became calm.

I remember, some 25 years ago, my mother was very poorly in hospital, and I was at a point of despair. One morning, as I was out walking our dog, I felt God say to me that I had reached a point of "passive resignation" – what will be, will be. If this were OK, then what would be the point of praying about it!

I wonder if we are Christians who expect things to change or if we just accept our situations for what they are. If Manny had done this the poor boys would never have survived the elephant's attack.

What is the elephant in your room and are you ready to pray with authority in the name of Jesus for things to change and the impossible to be made possible?

In case you are wondering, after my encounter with God that morning, my mum was shortly discharged following a 3 month stay in hospital and enjoyed a few more years before going to be with Jesus at the age of 65.

With love from
Joy – your friend and minister

October
2026

BaptismReaffirment with water

On the afternoon of Sunday 13th September, several of us were privileged to witness a significant event for three of our church congregation at Kirby Muxloe Free Church. Alex and Chris were baptised by full immersion, and Becca reaffirmed her faith with water. The service was led by Rev'd. Joy Langford and included hymns chosen by the 3 participants. After reading Isaiah ch. 61 Rev'd. Joy gave us the message entitled "Changing your clothes" *with three points* :-

- *Garment of praise instead of spirit of despair (verse 3)*
- *Garments of Salvation (verse 10)*
- *Robe of righteousness (verse 10)*

This was followed by words of testimony from Chris, Rebecca and Alex.

It was now time for the baptism/reaffirment — rather than a description we have pictures of each being immersed.

Chris

Alex

Rebecca

Joy Clarke
As Joy's funeral was not until September 25th a tribute to her is delayed and will be in November's Newsletter.

Sunday Club
Sunday Club has continued to meet during the summer, but with a more relaxed approach, centering more on crafts. We have had fun – but there was always a Christian message. As the summer holidays have drawn to an end we have begun to look at the life of Moses. Recapping on how the Jews had ended up in Egypt. The order to kill baby boys, the story of Moses' mother and sister then making woven baskets and putting a jelly baby in to represent the baby Moses. The next part of our story of Moses was after he had grown up, fled Egypt, and was in the desert when he saw a burning bush. There God told him to take off his shoes because he was standing on Holy ground. We shared about times when we take off our shoes and spoke about new beginnings; starting in new classes or schools. We drew round our feet to help us remember that we go with God and to say yes to His call – as Moses was about to discover! A quick review of the plagues of Egypt led us up to the Passover meal. We made and baked unleavened bread *(we didn't think much to it. Was better with a bit of butter and jam. But the Jews ate it with boiled lamb. We were not sure what we would think about that.)* We learnt that we need to be ready for God and to go with Him. The crossing of the Red Sea was exciting and the game played helped us all to remember God is always present and we go with God.
We sadly but proudly said goodbye to Annalie, who has been a constant reliable leader in Sunday Club – having being a member since she was three! We were able to send her off with

the church's prayers and blessings, card and gift. We pray that the University of Bournemouth proves to be an exciting and productive time.
Two weeks later we said goodbye to Grace as she now moves on to the next part of her education at Warwick University. We pray that she will settle into her new surroundings and quickly feel at home.
Along with our church congregation we always look forward to seeing our young people during their term breaks.

Friday Club
Friday club is due to meet on the 18th of September. Most of our older group will now be back at University but we are hoping that we will enjoy time together with those who haven't left yet and those who are still at home. Our group is open to young people who go to church or church groups and are in secondary school. We allow our Friday Club members to bring a friend.

Jams and Pickles
Thank you everyone for your continued support, purchasing jams and pickles. Once again a reminder – if there is something you would like but cannot see it on the table – please ask. Christmas is coming and if there is a special chutney/pickle you would like please let me know. Most pickles need at least four weeks to mature!

Gifts
This year Sunday Club have given out gifts for Mothering Sunday and Father's day, We do hope that you have enjoyed them. The father's day pens were specially chosen because they were made from bamboo and had encouraging/inspiring

messages on them. I wonder what message everyone got and if they still read it as they use the pen? Someone, and I won't name names, got a pen with the message '*Enthusiasm MOVES THE WORLD*.' However, when reading it out loud read 'euthanasia moves the world!' I'm so glad that I'm not the only dyslexic person about. Been encouraged? Look out for those moments that make you laugh and uplift you and others.
Celia

Saturday 17th October ……...Ghana Evening: (see page 19)

Saturday 14th November at 6pm ……Murder Mystery

Saturday 28th November ……..Christmas Market

Sunday 29th November at 10.15am ……Gift Service

Sunday 20th December 10:15am ……..Sunday Club Nativity

Sunday 20th December 6pm ……Annual Carol Service

Monday 21st December 10am to 12noon…Light A Candle 2026

Sunday 25th December 10:15am ….Christmas Day Celebration

Crochet & Stitches

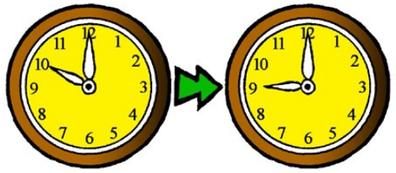
Every 2nd and 4th Tuesday

7pm to 8.30 pm

Glenfield Methodist Church Lounge

◆ 13 Oct 2026 ◆ 27 Oct 2026

Bring a stitch project and enjoy a cuppa together!



Sunday 25th October

Our next Crafternoon sessions will be on Thursdays between 2pm to 3:30pm

22nd October:

In the church hall & lounge for the annual Shoebox Appeal sorting and packing boxes.

19th November:

Christmas Market preparation.

gbm girls' brigade ministries

The 1st Glenfield Girls Brigade Company turns 40!

Please join us for a service of celebration on Sunday 4th October at 10.15am when Linda York will be leading our service.

Medicine blister packs:

David Mouland kindly collects the packs put into the box in the Concourse to recycle. However, recently, there have been packs that were not empty. This is a safety issue (we can't have medicine left around in the church) and if the packs had not been checked, the tablets would have ruined the recycling that had been collected. Please remember that only empty blister packs are to be donated.

News From St. Peter's

Muse from the pews

A group of us have just started studying the book of Revelation. Many of us were shocked at how Jesus showed himself in the first vision. So dramatic that John passes out. Jesus appears as the deathless, all-powerful guardian of God's people.

When we think of John's situation, it makes a lot of sense. When the church was just setting out, his older brother, James, was executed. Then emperor Caligula had forced the believers to scatter. When in his 50's, he had heard of the deaths of Paul and Peter in the time of Nero. These were followed by the Jewish rebellion and the destruction of the temple in Jerusalem and so the Jews and Christians were now hated throughout the roman empire.

John is now exiled to a small island after many more peaceful years in Ephesus during the early part of Domitian's reign. He would wonder if God had abandoned his people and whether the church would be extinguished. But Christ appears in a way that shows his power and love for his followers.

Having an experience of the presence of Jesus with us, whether alone or with other believers, will take the form most needed in our situation. Perhaps we are looking for assurance of his forgiveness; or maybe the certainty of his love or guidance. He comes to us quietly or more dramatically according to our need.

For our part, we are to be willing to let him speak to us and to spend time in quietness, so that we may hear him. Let us give time so that we may be "in the Spirit" and so give opportunity for him to make himself known to us again. Perhaps, in this busy world of acquisition and information bombardment, we need to "Be Still." more often.

Geoff Stokes, Reader at St Peters, Glenfield.

Preparations are well underway for this year's Christmas Market on November 28th. Many of last year's stall holders and helpers have already offered or been approached to help again this year, so if you would also like to be involved in any way please let Liz know.

In particular, we urgently need help to clear the church and set up tables on Thursday evening, 26th November and Friday morning, 27th November. This year there is a Memorial Service in church at 6pm on 26th November, so we cannot start to clear and set up until afterwards. We will urgently need help then, so are you available to help rearrange the church from 7.30pm on Thursday, 26th November? There will also be plenty to do on Friday 27th, if you can spare some time then too. Please let Geoff or Liz know as soon as you can for the Thursday or Friday, or both!

Finally, this will be our final year as 'organisers' for the Market so is there anyone, preferably any two, who would be willing to shadow us this year with a view to taking over next? We do hope so and we can then all look forward to another joyful, pre-Christmas community fundraising event at our church, next year and into the future.

Geoff & Liz

Central Coop Funeral Glenfield

Belrose Manor and Glenfield Methodist Church.

We would like to welcome you to a Christmas Memorial Service on Thursday 26th November 2026, at Glenfield Methodist Church Station Road

6.00pm until 8.00pm.
The service will be taken by the Reverend Joy Langford and Celebrant Richard Lockwood.

Afterwards we invite you to join us for refreshments in the church lounge.

This would be an opportunity for those of us who have lost someone, very dear to them, this past year, to remember them and support each other.

Everyone is welcome to join us.

If you wish to attend, please use the contact details below.

For more information contact
Glenfield Co-op funeral care on 0116 2322373 or email glenfield.funeral@centralcoop.co.uk

Glenfield Methodist Church

MEMORY CAFÉ

For people with dementia and their carers

1st Thursday in the month

2pm-3.30pm

A chance to meet others

over a cup of tea/coffee and chat,

with activities, games and quizzes etc.

Each session will start with a short time of Christian worship

To book a place, please contact Justin on 07888 642820
Email *justin@leicesterwestmethodist.org.uk*

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CAN I HELP?

Hello,
I'm Tom and I have a job at church. I am responsible for helping people to grow in their faith, to grow to be like Jesus, to become true disciples of the Lord Jesus.
It may sound grand but it comes down to some ordinary things that I do in church:

- Preaching about discipleship issues when I lead worship.
- Operating a take-it-if-you-like-it library of Christian books.
- Keep up with new ideas about discipleship and explain the four parts:
  Worship. Caring/learning. Prayer. Witness/evangelism.
- Help the minister with membership matters and milestone-moments on the Discipleship Pathway: Christening/Baptism and Confirmation.
- Leading Bible-study and fellowship groups.
- Encouraging individuals in daily Bible-reading and prayer by the use of notes.
- Teaching about the Fruit of the Spirit and the Gifts of the Spirit.
- Lead the church's mission policy
- Contribute an article to the Newsletter magazine each month.

Please let me know if I can help you in your Christian life. My offer is to meet with anyone, one-to-one, at a time and place of their choosing, to discuss these things as they apply to their lives and to pray with them.

Please get in touch if you think I can help you with any of these things. Might you even be called to help me?
Perhaps you could pray for me then, on Colossians 1:28…
"He is the one we proclaim, admonishing and teaching everyone in all wisdom,so that we may present everyone mature in Christ."
So…can I help?

Tom Limb

Discipleship Leader
Email: peter.t.limb@gmail.com

News from

September 2026

New Parks foodbank and Community Pantry

We were saddened to hear of the closure of New Parks Church at the end of the year. It has been a blessing to operate this community mission from one of our own circuit churches. The food bank will need to have vacated the building by the end of November and so we are ardently looking for a new premises to rent within the New Parks area. I will keep you informed of our progress.
We continue to buy food each week from supermarkets to support the families that rely on the foodbank and so require continued donations and grants to allow the food bank to keep going.
We are intending to once again have our big Christmas toy and

toiletry give away and will find a base in New Parks for an afternoon to allow this to happen. More news about this in the November magazine.

General Items needed for donation
Egg boxes and large carrier bags (Iceland bags are particularly useful)

Food items needed
We currently have a large supply of rice and dried spaghetti and so do not need these items.
Items needed include cereal, packet mashed potato, pasta sauce, sugar, tinned soup, tinned tuna or meats, biscuits, rice pudding, tinned fruit, crackers, coffee, tea. We also take nappies, wet wipes and general toiletries.

If you would like to donate any of the above products, please place any items in the labelled box in the foyer at church. There is also a box at the front of my house, where you can leave items. Please contact me on the number below if you need my address.

If you would like to donate financially, you can give me cash or make a cheque payable to 'New Parks Community Panel'
Once more, many thanks for all your support and prayers for this worthwhile concern.

Alison Blane (07806635354)

Glenfield Methodist Church

Ghana Evening

On Saturday 17th October 2026
at 6:30 p.m.

The film of Geoff and Wally's visit to Akuse in May 2006 followed by chat & questions

Traditional West African snacks and follow up video of the completed Kindergarden project in Akuse (Rev'd. Joy Langford's sabbatical will include some time in Ghana)

A sign-up sheet will be available in September at the back of the church

No charge, but donations will be gratefully received

Where we work

We work with some of the world's most vulnerable communities in 29 countries in Africa, Asia, the Middle East and Latin America and the Caribbean.
When emergencies strike in these countries, we are there before, during and after to save lives and support people in the long term.
We also work in other countries and regions through the ACT Alliance and our other partners, particularly around humanitarian emergencies such as the refugee crisis.

Did you know...

Our work in **Africa** includes strengthening peace-building in South Sudan, promoting resilient farming in Kenya and challenging inequality in Sierra Leone. We are also working with women to increase their access to green and sustainable energy in Burkina Faso, Ethiopia and Malawi.

In **Asia**, our programmes include promoting women's rights in Afghanistan, justice and peacebuilding in Myanmar and ensuring people can access the services they need in Bangladesh.

In **Latin America** and the **Caribbean**, we help promote gender justice in the Dominican Republic, El Salvador and Guatemala, peace-building in Colombia, and and support marginalised communities to adapt their livelihoods to climate change in Honduras, Nicaragua and Haiti.

Our work in the **Middle East** includes defending people's rights in Israel and the occupied Palestinian territory, protecting women at risk of violence in Iraq and providing humanitarian assistance to refugees in Lebanon.

It's Shoebox Time!

Operation Christmas Child serves alongside local churches to share gift-filled shoeboxes and the message of Jesus in some of the hardest to reach locations in the world!

Each shoebox gift reminds a child that they are known and loved and gives them the opportunity to hear the Good News of the Gospel.

Would you consider packing a shoebox gift this season, or making a financial donation to support the appeal?

If you would like to fill a shoebox now is a good time to start collecting items. Here are some suggestions :-

TOYS AND SPECIAL ITEMS

- Football with pump
- Dolls & cuddly toys
- Toy cars
- Skipping ropes, yo-yos & tennis balls
- Toys that light up and make noise (with extra batteries)

SCHOOL SUPPLIES, PERSONAL CARE ITEMS, AND MORE!

- Toothbrushes
- Socks
- Combs and hairbrushes
- Pens, pencils, Sharpeners, crayons and markers
- Notebooks
- Colouring and picture books
- Solar calculators
- Sunglasses
- Torches (wind-up or with extra batteries)

Bar soap is no longer allowed in shoeboxes due to complications it causes in customs in some countries.

The Shoebox Appeal will be the Charity of the month and will be launched in October and will run until 8th November. On Thursday 22nd October there will be an afternoon workshop where everyone is invited to drop in at Glenfield Methodist Church, at 7 Station Road between 2pm and 4pm to help with the sorting of donated items and packing of boxes. You are welcome to bring your completed shoebox or donated items or simply come and enjoy a chat over a cuppa and some cake.

Linda & Wally

September Report for Glenfield WI

Glenfield WI enjoyed a 'crafty' afternoon when Carolyn Boulter joined us to give instruction on how to make a Christmas Tree Bell decoration! Carolyn has visited us on two previous occasions so members knew that they would spend an enjoyable afternoon with lots of support for those whose talents do not lie in crafting. There was an atmosphere of quiet endeavour as we each did our best to reproduce the pretty fabric bell that Carolyn had shown us. However, I'm happy to report that with laughter, determination and occasional help from Carolyn, or a friend, everyone achieved the desired result.

There won't be a speaker in October as it's the occasion of our Annual Meeting. However, in November we welcome Dave Moylan who will be speaking on 'Funny Turns.' Apparently, this will be a celebration of the entertainment and entertainers of days gone by. There's bound to be plenty of reminiscing about the good old days of comedy, so definitely something to look forward to.

Glenfield WI meet every second Wednesday in the month at St.

Peter's Church Centre, 2-4pm. Visitors are always very welcome and although there is a small visitors fee of £4, this includes refreshments. There's also a good selection of pre-loved books and jigsaws available to buy.

Church Charity Donations

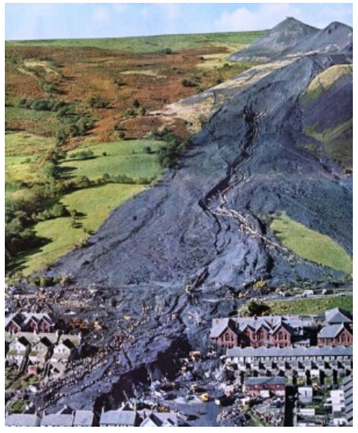
Charity Donations from the church, the congregations, groups and individuals for the year ending 31st August 2026 was £9,388 as follows:

i) Samaritans Purse (Operation Christmas Child) - £1,645
ii) Charity Reserve fund - £2,000
iii) Connexional Funds (Property, Auxiliary & Ministries) - £1,000
iv) LOROS (Charity of the year 2025/6) - £800
v) Christian Aid - £625
vi) Methodist World Missions fund - £410
vii) Crisis at Christmas - £310
viii) Compassion (Child sponsorship) - £308
ix) Glenfield Girl's Brigade - £280
x) New Parks Food Bank - £280
xi) Parkinsons UK - £275
xii) All we Can - £260
xiii) NCH Action for Children - £260
xiv) Menphys - £255
xv) Methodist Homes (MHA) - £250
xvi) Mission in Britain – £230
xvii) Afghan earthquake appeal - £100
xviii) Hurricane Melissa appeal - £100

These donations represent about 9% of our disposable income. You may also be interested to know that about 60% of the above donations were for the Charity of the Month scheme, so well done and thank you to everyone who contributes to this through the charity envelopes, standing orders and bank transfers.

Geoff Clarke

Aberfan - 60 years on



On 21st October 1966 the Aberfan disaster took place in South Wales. A colliery slag heap collapsed, releasing a torrent of slurry onto the village. It engulfed a number of houses and Pantglas Junior School, killing 116 children and 28 adults. It was a disaster that shocked the nation. As we reflect on it today, we are left asking the question, *'where was God when this happened?'*

At the time there was a mixture of strong emotions: grief and sadness over the loss of those who had died, and anger against the Coal Board in allowing the disaster. However, people gave their energy to support each another. A local Baptist Minister, Revd Kenneth Hayes, who lost his eldest son at the school, responded in this way: *'For 36 hours he was working non-stop either at the school, or going around comforting bereaved and stricken families and kept open house for many who*

came seeking news and comfort.'

How should we respond to such an incident? *'Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword?'* (Romans 8:35). Paul reminds us that even in our darkest times of loss, God is with us to bring comfort. *'Christ Jesus who died – more than that, who was raised to life – is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us.'* (34). Paul also tells us that Jesus understands our suffering and is praying for us. *'If God is for us, who can be against us?'* (31). We can let go of bitterness and blame, because God is a God of justice.

King Charles III (then Prince of Wales) on the 50th anniversary summed up the community's response: *'darkest sorrow, but also the most shining selflessness.'*

Things you don't want/need

Thank you to those who donated to me things that could be worth selling. From things gathered in the last two months £440 has been raised and given to church funds. A fantastic way of giving to the work of Glenfield Methodist Church without opening your purse, wallet or going into your savings. Still collecting; gold, silver, cameras, watches. jewellery, medals, silver plate, binoculars, old toys, coins, fountain pens, clocks, brass, pewter, video games, consoles & accessories. Just give them to me – if in doubt ask. Celia

September Memory Café Meeting

Harvest Fun

Although only a few members attended September's Memory Cafe, we all had a great time.
We looked at the meaning of Harvest, that it's not just about provision but also generosity and thankfulness.
Some of us spent time sharing memories of Harvest Festivals gone by, with much pleasure.
Singing some fun songs and finding new skills in dry flower arranging, rounded off the afternoon.
Thanks to those contributing and to Viv who stepped in to run the powerpoint for us.
Memory Café Harvest Fun

'When You Go Home, Tell Them Of Us And Say, For Your Tomorrow, We Gave Our Today.'

The Festival of Remembrance will be held at St. Peter's Church on Sunday November 8th, arrangements for which are detailed elsewhere.

There will also be a short service outside by the cenotaph in the church grounds to mark the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month, when the armistice came into effect.

Members and former members of the uniformed services are invited to wear uniforms and medals.
Most communities have some form of war memorial, many in the 1920s. They took many forms, but less common were cenotaphs, which, in the true meaning of the word, are monuments to someone buried elsewhere, normally commemorating people who died in a war.
They serve as a symbolic tomb.

The Glenfield World War I Memorial Cenotaph was one of the earliest of those created after the World War, and was unveiled on the 5th March 1921, funded by public subscription. The national cenotaph in Whitehall, London, was erected later that year.

We hope you can join us that Wednesday

Doreen Denney, Church Warden

Why it is easy to break the law in your own garden

You would be forgiven for thinking that tidying up your own garden is about the most harmless thing you can do. But – beware – there are a few things which may bite back!

Pruning trees is a necessary job. But any tree with a TPO (Tree Preservation Order) on it can be downright scary: legally, you need permission from your local council to carry out *any* work on one, or you may face fines up to £20,000.

Then there is the tree that grows in your neighbour's garden, but which has branches jutting into your garden. What do you do with it? What *can* you do it? The law says you are not allowed to cross into their garden to take any action. But if their overhanging branches are causing an issue in your garden, you are allowed to cut them back to the point at which they cross your boundary line. But – wait for it – the branches that you have cut off *are not yours* – they must be given to the neighbour, if they want them. Otherwise, it is your responsibility to dispose

of them.

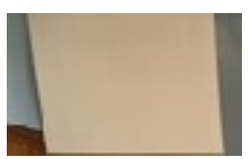
As for any fallen fruit from the overhanging branches from the tree in your neighbour's garden? The law says that it is still *their* fruit, and you must offer to bring it around to them if they want it. But bizarrely, you cannot simply throw it over the fence, or they could 'do' *you* for littering or even fly-tipping! And without their permission, you must not eat the fruit of their tree, because it is a criminal offence under the Theft Act 1968, Sections 1-6.

As for your hedge? Be careful of it between March and August, as the RSPB (Royal Society for the Protection of Birds) warns that "It is an offence under Section 1 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act of 1981 to intentionally take, damage or destroy the nest of any wild bird while it is in use or being built, or to intentionally kill, injure or take chicks or adults, or intentionally take or destroy any eggs."

After all that, you may decide it is safest to sit in the shade with a drink and a good book...

PUZZLE PICTURE

The picture below is taken from somewhere in this Newsletter — Can you find where it's taken from?



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Treasurer's Report for August 2026

August 31 marks the end of the Methodist year and September starts the new Methodist year. This year for the first time in the time that I have lived in Glenfield it also marks a significant change in the treasurership of the Glenfield Methodist Church. Whilst this is not the first time that I have been the treasurer of an organization, it is the first time that I have been the treasurer of a church. I am pleased to say that I have been able to work alongside Geoff Clarke for a long lead up period and although I have learnt much, I dare say there is a lot more to learn. I am therefore also pleased that for the first year at least, Geoff is only a phone call away from me for guidance.

Weekly and monthly offerings in August amounted to £3910. Thank you for all who have continued to make your offering by whatever means – standing order, bank transfer, the envelope scheme, cheque or cash.

The charity of the month for August has been our own Girls Brigade at GMC. £280 was received from our monthly charity scheme, envelopes in church and bank transfers. Thank you for your generous support to our charity giving.

During September our Harvest Charity is All We Can and the charity of the month for October will be Samaritan's Purse (also known as Operation Christmas Child or the Christmas Shoebox Appeal).

If you would like to donate to any of our charities of the month, please put your cash or cheque (payable to 'Glenfield Methodist Church') in the charity envelopes provided at church. Alterna-

tively, use an envelope marked '(month) charity' (with your name and address on if you can gift-aid it). Then either leave your envelope in the collection plate at church, or post/bring it to me at 5 Tredington Road, Glenfield, LE3 8EP. Alternatively, why not contact me for the church bank details to make a single donation, or even a standing order for each charity of the month.

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GMC Treasurer
0116 3320029 (This is the best number if you want to leave a message)
07775740971 (More likely to get a quicker response from a WhatsApp message)

Christmas Orders

Once again, we will be taking advance orders for Christmas cakes and hampers.

If ordered in advance any size Christmas Cake will be available. The cost has not yet been determined, but we will advise you nearer the time.

Hampers can be ordered - sweet, savoury or mixed - with or without a Christmas Cake.

All of the above plus many more items will be available at the Christmas Market.

Looking forward to seeing you there,

Celia and Linda.

ROTAS

Readers/Music/Coffee Rota October 2026

Date	Reader	Music	Coffee
04-10-2026	Sheilagh & Wally	Vivienne	Chris & Kathy
11-10-2026	Irene & Liz	Vivienne	Lynda & Mike W.
18-10-2026	Anne & Mike C.		Donna & Andy
25-10-2026	Wally & Sheilagh	Alison	Janet & David
01-11-2026	Jane & Peter	Vivienne	Jane & Peter

GMC - Welcome Stewards, & Church Stewards rota
October 2026

Date	Steward 1	Steward 2	Welcome
04-10-2026	Alison	Mary	Sheilagh & Anne
11-10-2026	Mary	Elizabeth	Glenda & Mike C.
18-10-2026	Iris	Liz	Mike W. & Sheilagh
25-10-2026	Mary	Iris	Mike C.
01-11-2026	Elizabeth	Alison	Sheilagh & Anne

Coffee & Chat Rota October 2026

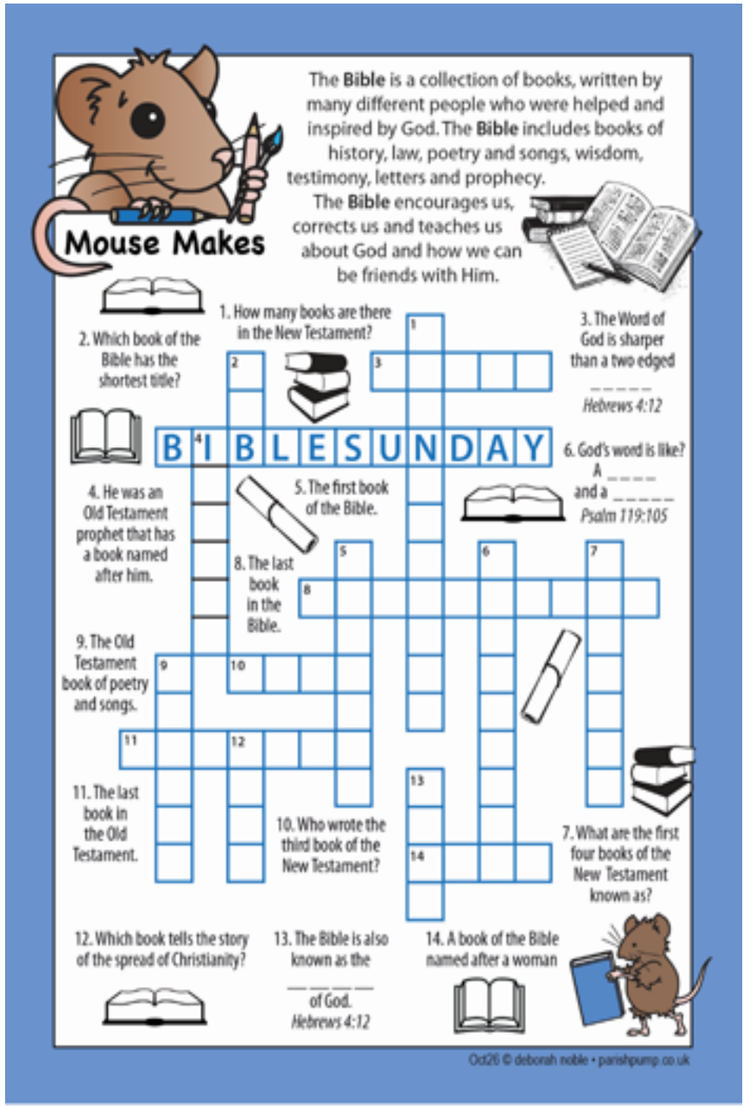
Date	Kitchen	Lounge	Door	Key holders
05-10-2026	Jane	Oliver & Siew Hoon	Peter	J & P
12-10-2026	Jane & Peter	Elizabeth & Janet	David	J & P
19-10-2026	Geoff & Liz	Alison & Jane	Peter	J & P
26-10-2026	Irene	Jane & Peter	Justin	J & P

AV Rota October 2026			
If unavailable please arrange a swap and inform No. 1 Steward			
Date	**Operator 1**	**Operator 2**	**PowerPoint**
04-10-2026	**Andy**	**Peter**	**Wally**
11-10-2026	**Theo**	**Geoff**	**Dave**
18-10-2026	**Theo**	**Peter**	**Oliver**
25-10-2026	**Peter**	**Pat**	**Dave**
01-11-2026	**Theo**	**Peter**	**Wally**

GMC Memory Café Rota — October & November 2026				
Date	**Kitchen**	**Lounge**	**Door**	**Keyholders**
01-10-2026	Celia	Linda leading Wally, Eileen & Anne	Shirley	L & W
05-11-2026	Janet	Linda leading Wally, Mary, Sheilagh	Brian	L & W

Yet another of the vicar's money-raising wheezes, I see

"Wait a moment, dear, this isn't a tourists'-attraction ratings guide, it's a Health and Safety warning!"



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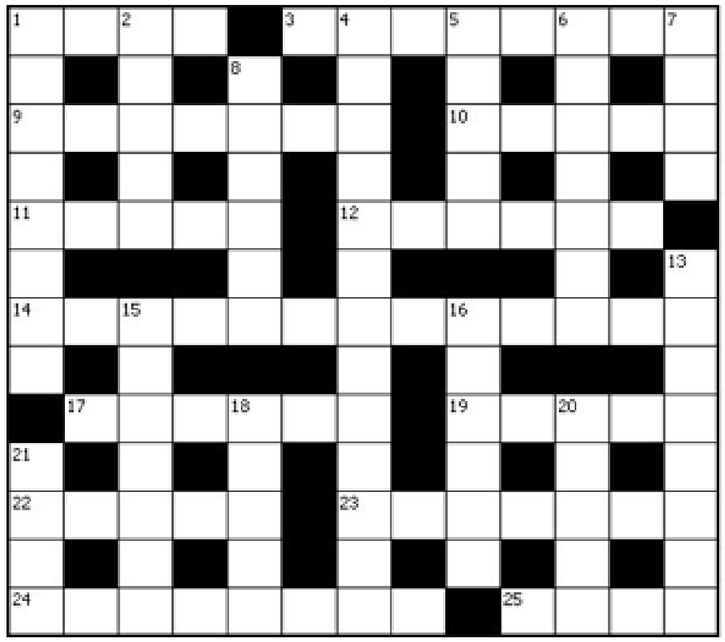

Across

1 'Those who were standing near Paul said, "You — to insult God's high priest?"' (Acts 23:4) (4)

3 They were assigned to guard the tree of life (Genesis 3:24) (8)

9 'Elkanah son of Jeroham, the son of Elihu, the — of — , the son of Zuph, an Ephraimite' (1 Samuel 1:1) (3,4)

10 Surrender (Joshua 24:23) (5)

11 Where American livestock can be reared (5)
12 Listen (anag.) (6)
14 Alternative name for Kiriath Jearim (2 Samuel 6:2) (6,2,5)
17 He founded Westminster Abbey, — the Confessor (6)
19 Hebrew word for the place of the dead (5)
22 Allies of Persia in the fifth century BC (Esther 1:3) (5)
23 Where John Wesley was forced to preach a lot (4,3)
24 Rebellion against God; abandonment of religious belief (8)
25 Note (anag.) (4)

Down

1 Give an account of (Mark 4:30) (8)
2 'I — — the path of your commands, for you have set my heart free' (Psalm 119:32) (3,2)
4 'He took the ephod, the other — — and the carved image' (Judges 18:20) (9,4)
5 'You are a chosen people, a — priesthood' (1 Peter 2:9) (5)
6 The meek, the merciful and the mourners are all this (Matthew 5:4–5, 7) (7)
7 Musical Instrument Digital Interface (1,1,1,1)
8 He was the son of Nun (Deuteronomy 34:9) (6)
13 'Let the little — come to me' (Matthew 19:14) (8)
15 'About three thousand were — — their number that day' (Acts 2:41) (5,2)
16 In John's vision, the wall of the new Jerusalem was made of this (Revelation 21:18) (6)
18 'Our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly — a Saviour from there, the Lord Jesus Christ' (Philippians 3:20) (5)
20 'Glorify the Lord with me: let us — his name together' (Psalm 34:3) (5)
21 Young Men's Christian Association (1,1,1,1)

Answers on page 40

Wordsearch for October 2026.

To St Luke, whose feast-day is 18th October, we owe a beautifully written gospel as well as the Book of Acts. He was a Greek physician and faithful travelling companion to St Paul. Under house arrest near the end of his life Paul noted, 'only Luke is with me'. Luke's gospel focuses on the compassion of Christ, and offers us moving parables, such as the Good Samaritan and Prodigal Son. Women figure more prominently in Luke's gospel than in any other: look out for the extended story of the Virgin Birth, and stories of Mary, Elizabeth, and the woman who was a sinner. His gospel also features more poor people, more lepers, more 'sinners', who are all shown to be 'inside' the love of Christ. In Acts, Luke skilfully links sacred and profane history, as subsequent archaeology has shown. He tells of how the early Christians moved away from Jerusalem into the pagan world, and especially on to Rome.

Words to find :-

Luke, Feast, Day, Written, Gospel, Acts, Greek, Physician, Travelling, Faithful, Paul, Compassion, Parables, Prodigal, Son, Good, Samaritan, Women, Poor, Lepers, Sinners, Jerusalem, Pagan, Rome, Early, Christians

Answers on Page 40

L P F Y A A M P O P G I M Y
P P A R A B L E S O J A A I
N T I G T G O S P E L P N N
C C T S A E F R R L U E H I
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S A M A R I T A N N S H O R
E L C E T L A N E M O W D A

All answers on page 40

Easy Sudoku Grid

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4	8		7		9	5		6
6			3			9	2	
1					2	6	9	
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Intermediate Sudoku Grid

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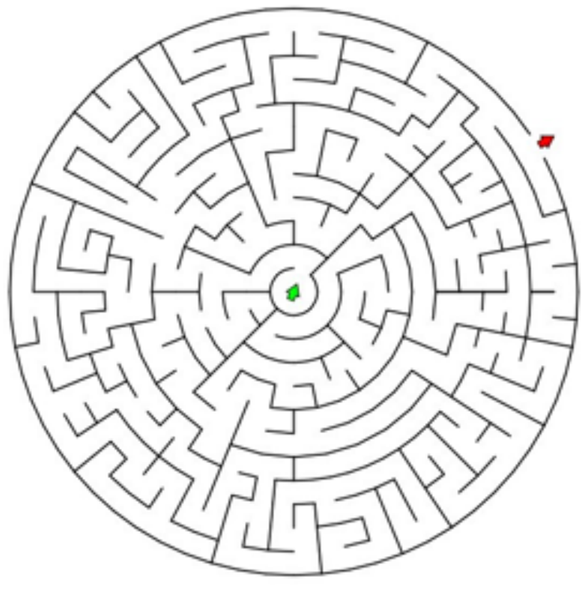

THE MAZE

Answers to the Sudokus on page 39

Easy

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1	7	4	5	8	2	6	9	3
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7	2	8	4	3	5	1	6	9
5	4	1	2	9	6	3	8	7
9	6	3	8	7	1	2	4	5

Intermediate

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6	2	9	7	4	1	3	8	5
1	4	3	5	8	2	6	7	9
8	5	7	9	6	3	4	2	1

Answers to the wordsearch on page 38

Answers to the crossword on page 36

Puzzle Picture: Taken from the picture on page 3 — the last picture at the baptism - it's the overhead projector screen

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GLENFIELD METHODIST CHURCH PREACHERS FOR :-

October 2026

	10.15 am		6pm
Oct. 04	Linda York	GB	Encounter @ Epworth
Oct. 11	Richard Keen		Taizé Markfield
Oct. 18	Rev'd. Joy Langford	**HC**	
Oct. 25	Andy Joblig		
Nov. 01	**LA**		

LA = Local Arrangement **CS** = Covenant Service

HF = Harvest Festival

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10.15am Morning Worship
10.15am Sunday Club — Linda York 231 4151

MONDAY
8.30am - 3pm Playgroup — Kathy Freeman 233 0100
glenfieldplaygroup@yahoo.co.uk
10.00am - 12noon Coffee & Chat — glenfieldmethodistchurch@gmail.com

TUESDAY
8.30am - 3:00pm Playgroup — Kathy Freeman 233 0100
6.00pm - 7:30pm Girls' Brigade — Donna Jobling 278 7152
1stglenfieldgb@gmail.com
7.00pm - 8:30pm Crochet & Stitches — Siew Hoon Brewin or Kathryn Devonport
2nd & 4th Tuesdays

WEDNESDAY
8.30am - 3 pm Playgroup — Kathy Freeman 233 0100

THURSDAY
8.30am - 3pm Playgroup — Kathy Freeman 233 0100
2pm - 3.30pm Crafternoon
(monthly - see notices/Newsletter for date) — Linda York 2314151
2pm - 3.30pm Memory Café (1st in the month) - Justin Moulder 07888642820
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FRIDAY
9:30am - 11:00am Toddler Group — Liz Clarke 2879183
7.00pm - 8:30pm (Monthly) Friday Club — Annabel Moulder
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SATURDAY
10.00am - Prayer Meeting — Margaret Almey 233 2610

Weekly House Fellowships
Thursday, details — Alison Blane 287 0454

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