



A very clever poster made by our Sunday School children under the supervision of the wonderful Carolyn.

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**NEW JERUSALEM CHURCH,
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THE FAITH OF THE NEW JERUSALEM CHURCH

There is one God, who has the Divine Trinity in him, and He is the Lord Jesus Christ.

The faith that saves is to believe in Him.

Avoid evils because they are the devil's and come from the devil.

Do good things because they are God's and come from God.

These good things should be done on a person's own initiative as if they come from him, but he should believe that they come to him and through him from the Lord."

WELCOME TO OUR CHURCH

We believe that religion is about how we live and the religious way is to do good..

**SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE AND SUNDAY SCHOOL
BEGIN AT ELEVEN O'CLOCK.**

WORSHIP LEADERS

October 2026

Sunday 4th October	Mr Chris Chambers
Sunday 11th October	Revd Brian Talbot
Sunday 18th October	Revd Brian Talbot
Sunday 25th October	Revd David Gaffney

November 2026

Sunday 1st November	Revd Brian Talbot (Family Holy Supper Service)
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ACTIVITIES

Mondays	Whist Drive	1.30 pm
Thursday 1st October	Circle Dancing	2 pm
Thursday 29th October	Circle Dancing	2 pm

Ministers' Message: "The LORD is in his Holy Temple"

"But the LORD is in his holy temple; let all the earth keep silence before him!" (Habakkuk 2:20 [New Revised Standard Version updated edition])

"But Yahweh is in his holy Temple,

let the whole earth be silent before him.” (Habakkuk 2:20 [New Jerusalem Bible])

From the age of 5 this Biblical quotation was on the front wall of the church in Sydney. We need verses from the Bible to remind us of our loving LORD’s presence with us, and his blessings. Yahweh is in his holy Temple but he has a throne in heaven. (Psalm 11:4; 102:19; Isaiah 6:1; 66:1; Deuteronomy 26:15) His Temple in Jerusalem wasn’t expected to contain him, nor the heavens, nor the highest heavens. (1 Kings 8:27; 2 Chronicles 2:6) There were times when the LORD was seen in a vision on a throne, (1 Kings 22:19; Ezekiel 1:26-28; Revelation 4:2-3) And yet the LORD is near to the penitent: “The Lord is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth.” (Psalm 145:18) We can find the LORD if we seek him “with all our heart”. (Jeremiah 29:13)

One of my favourite verses in Isaiah’s prophecy is:

“For thus says the high and lofty one who inhabits eternity,
 whose name is Holy:
 I dwell in the high and holy place
 and also with those who are contrite and humble in spirit,
 to revive the spirit of the humble
 and to revive the heart of the contrite.” (Isaiah 57:15)

As a Swedenborgian, I believe that our LORD Jesus dwells or lives deep inside each one of us. When we are humble and our hearts are open to him, we can sense his presence with us and the blessings which come from him. He is able to relate to us through his “Divine Human”, or his ability to share Divine attributes adapted to our level. (*Apocalypse Explained* 220:6)

The Hebrew as Swedenborg reminds us of another possible translation, which is “the temple of his holiness”. (*Secrets of Heaven* 643:2; *Apocalypse Explained* 587:8)

Church News

Iranian success: it was lovely to hear that Sohrab has passed

his UK driving test, thanks to Amin, the driving instructor. (Aren't these Iranians multi-talented!) Congratulations also to Parisa on gaining her Master of Science degree. Well done, both of you!

Scarecrow festival: Carolyn Kennion has excelled herself yet again with her figures from the story of Moses in the bullrushes. (Exodus 2:1-7) Thanks to the children in the Sunday School for contributing their talents, and the helpers who helped her on the Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Well done to all concerned!

I conducted a Memorial Service for Lara's Mum on Saturday 19th September. Godwin and Lara had a lovely group of relatives and friends attend. A lovely lunch of Nigerian food followed the service. The Erapu family had brilliant, beautiful, purple outfits. I particularly liked the hats worn by Godwin, Isaac, and occasionally Paul! They also introduced me to a non-alcoholic, carbonated, malt drink called Malta, which is made by Guinness. It is apparently a Nigerian delicacy. (See page 11)

The Scarecrow Festival

After several weeks of painting, gluing and sewing in Sunday School our scarecrows depicting the story of Moses in the bullrushes were complete in time for the local scarecrow festival 19th and 20th September. Unfortunately, as soon as our display was put out on the mini roundabout the rain and wind arrived. However, by midday the weather picked up and visitors started to arrive. Sunday was a lovely sunny day so there were more visitors and we received lots of compliments on our display. Children enjoyed the mini scarecrow hunt in the church and some simple games outside. Visitors were given leaflets containing a retelling of the Bible story of baby Moses and also information about church services and other activities. There was also a sales stall. Thank you to everyone who helped over the weekend. (See pages 1 and 12.)

Carolyn

Harvest Gifts

Thank you to everyone for their harvest gifts. Carolyn took them to The Well foodbank and community cafe at Farnworth Baptist Church where they were gratefully received.

September Quiz Answers

1. Blackpool tower
2. Southend
3. The Corrs
4. Wish you were here
5. True
6. 21st June
7. Julius Caesar
8. Strictly come dancing!
9. September
10. Iceland
11. Summer loving had me a blast
12. Saint Swithin's
13. Ronald Reagan
14. Donna Summer
15. Homer Simpson
16. Bleak House
17. Sirius
18. Indian Summer
19. Sonnet 18
20. Norman
21. December
22. Mungo Jerry
23. Summer Bay
24. Robin Goodfellow
25. Calvin Harris
26. David Morrissey

- 27.** The Pope's
- 28.** (a) Helsinki, (b) Rome, (c) Munich, and (d) Seoul
- 29.** Estate

The Great British October Nature Quiz

The Questions

1. Which native British tree produces bright red autumn berries and is also called the Mountain Ash?
2. What is the traditional name for the autumn mating season when stags clash antlers and roar?
3. Which iconic, orange-breasted garden bird continues to sing its unique song all through the winter?
4. From which British tree do we collect conkers for the traditional autumn game?
5. Which prickly British mammal fiercely overeats in October to prepare for winter hibernation?
6. What is the name for the spectacular, swirling clouds formed by thousands of starlings in the autumn sky?
7. Which English Romantic poet wrote the famous 1819 poem "To Autumn", opening with "Season of mists and mellow fruitfulness"?
8. What traditional name was historically given to Halloween night because families gathered to crack open harvested woodland treats?
9. What green biological pigment breaks down in leaves during autumn, allowing reds and yellows to show?
10. Which live BBC nature series, hosted by Chris Packham, returns to screens every autumn?

11. What is the common name for the toxic, white-spotted, red-capped mushroom that trends on UK social media every autumn?
12. Which large marine mammals haul out onto beaches like Donna Nook in autumn to give birth to fluffy white pups?
13. Sir David Attenborough's award-winning 2020 Netflix documentary is titled "A Life on Our..." what?
14. Which winged mammals are highly active in October for mating season before entering winter torpor?
15. October is the peak UK season for foraging what underground-networked organisms, like Cep or Chanterelle?
16. What popular smartphone app do British citizen-scientists use to instantly identify and map autumn wildlife?
17. Which blockbuster David Attenborough BBC documentary series premiered its landmark third instalment in late 2023?
18. Which introduced, invasive mammal species is seen frantically burying acorns in British parks during October?
19. Before large pumpkins were imported, what hard root vegetable did Scottish and Irish families traditionally carve for Halloween?
20. What aviation-inspired nickname do British children give to the spinning, winged seeds of Sycamore and Maple trees?

October in the garden

October is a vital transition month in the British garden, harvesting remaining crops and protecting tender plants from early frosts.

Top Jobs for October

- Plant spring bulbs before month end.

- Harvest and store apples, pears and root vegetables now. Clean greenhouse glass inside and out to maximise winter light.

October Folk & Weatherlore.

- A warm October predicts a cold February, while a frosty and windy October forecasts mild weather in January and February.
- **Precipitation Predictors:** "Much rain in October, much wind in December" is one of the most enduring traditional farming proverbs.
- **The Frost Rule:** If the full moon in October arrives without a frost, expect no frost until the full moon in November.

Animal and Nature Signs

- **Wildlife:** When birds, badgers, and rabbits are particularly plump in October, a hard and cold winter is expected.
 - **Grey Coats:** Deer growing heavy, grey coats in October signal severe winter weather ahead.
- Withered Leaves:** If autumn leaves wither and hang onto the boughs rather than dropping cleanly, it predicts a frosty winter with heavy snow.

The UK is set for wetter and warmer-than-normal weather this autumn, driven by a strengthening El Niño, according to the latest forecasts from the Met Office.

The climate phenomenon - forecast to be the strongest in living memory - will influence a change to stormier conditions later this season.

Potential wetter weather will put areas of the UK gripped by drought on the road to recovery, but it could also bring an increased chance of flooding as a result.

An already warming climate, paired with unusually high sea temperatures around the UK, will also contribute to above-average temperatures.

Notable Saint Days and Markers

- **St. Denis (October 9):** A fine, sunny day historically warned of a hard winter to come.
 - **St. Calixtus (October 14):** Dry and windy weather on this day foretells a wet winter, while a rainy and still day promises a good harvest.
 - **St. Gall (October 16):** Clear weather on St. Gall's Day suggests fine conditions will hold all the way to Christmas.
- St. Luke's Day (October 18):** Traditionally marks the beginning of "St. Luke's Little Summer," a brief stretch of warm, calm weather.

The Memorial of the Holy Guardian Angels is a feast day, celebrated annually in some churches on October 2nd to honour the celestial beings assigned by God to protect and guide each human being.

The most popular traditional prayer recited on this day and throughout the year is: *The Angel of God*

"Angel of God, my guardian dear,
To whom God's love commits me here,
Ever this day [or night], be at my side,
To light, to guard, to rule, and guide.
Amen."

Fall, Leaves, Fall

Emily Brontë

Fall, leaves, fall; die, flowers, away;
Lengthen night and shorten day;
Every leaf speaks bliss to me
Fluttering from the autumn tree.
I shall smile when wreaths of snow
Blossom where the rose should grow;
I shall sing when night's decay
Ushers in a drearier day.



Godwin, the Minister and Lara.

Right: Carolyn and Lara



Sunday	Deacons	Refreshments
Sunday 4th October	Ray and Sam Ken-nion	Roy and Pauline Partington
Sunday 11th October	John Ford	Lesley, Marzi and Parisa
Sunday 18th October	Roy Partington	Jean Ford
Sunday 25th October	Maryam	Alison Presland



Verity, Mirian (Moses' sister), the Egyptian Princess, her maidservant and Isaac, on the grass strip in front of our church.

