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Rev'd Daile writes -In the late 1300s, John Wycliffe oversaw the first translation of the entire Bible into English. Since then, countless translations and versions have been produced in many languages and formats, all with the aim of reaching more people with the message of the Bible. Paul, in his letter to Timothy, reminds us that all Scripture is God-breathed. It has the power to inspire, challenge, rebuke, and teach. It is sharper than any two-edged sword. Beyond Paul's words, Scripture is also a means of communication that crosses the boundaries of language.

A couple of weeks ago, at a Thursday morning service, June shared a reflection about Brother Andrew - often called "God's Smuggler." He devoted his life to taking Bibles into countries where they were forbidden, such as China and those behind the Iron Curtain. On one occasion, Brother Andrew found himself with Christians who didn't speak his language, and he couldn't speak theirs. At first, it seemed impossible to communicate. But what they shared was a love of God's Word. So, they opened their Bibles. One would point to a verse, and the other would look it up in their own translation and read it aloud. Back and forth they went, and through the Scriptures they were able to have a deep and meaningful conversation. The Bible became their common language.

God's Word inspires, teaches, challenges, and connects us. This year, Bible Sunday—a day set aside to celebrate the Bible—falls on 26th October, which is also when we have our next Café Church. It's an ideal opportunity to reflect on how the Bible has shaped our lives.

So, I want to ask you: What is your favourite Bible verse? Which story, psalm, parable, or passage has spoken to you? Perhaps it's Psalm 23, the nation's favourite. Maybe it's the courage of Esther, or one of the miracles of Jesus. Or perhaps it's a lesser-known verse that has inspired you personally.

Come along to one of our services on Sunday 26th October—either Café Church at 9:30am in Cleeve Village Hall, or Holy Communion at 11am at St Barnabas—ready to share not just the passage, but also why it matters to you. Because when we share how God's Word speaks to us, we lift one another up and inspire each other. As Brother Andrew discovered, Scripture has a way of building bridges and opening hearts.

So—what's your favourite verse? What inspires you?

Every Blessing, *Daile*.





October & November Services

in Holy Trinity, Cleeve & St Barnabas, Claverham

Sunday 5th October

10am Harvest Holy Communion
followed by a Harvest Lunch
in Holy Trinity

Sunday 12th October

10am Harvest Songs of Praise
in St Barnabas

Sunday 19th October

10am Holy Communion
 in Holy Trinity

Sunday 26th October

9.30am Cafe Church -
Exploring our favourite Bible
stories and verses
in Cleeve Village Hall

11am Holy Communion
 in St Barnabas

Thursdays in Holy Trinity

2nd & 16th - 930am Morning Prayer
 9th & 23th - 930am Holy Communion
 30th - 930am Holy Communion
 with prayer for healing and wholeness

All are welcome

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Sunday 2nd November

10am Holy Communion
 in Holy Trinity

Sunday 9th November

A Service for Remembrance

10.50am in St Barnabas
 10.50am in Holy Trinity

Sunday 16th November

10am Holy Communion
 in Holy Trinity

Sunday 23rd November

9.30am Cafe Church - Are you ready?
with Advent and Christmas themed
crafts and activities for children
in Cleeve Village Hall

11am Holy Communion
 in St Barnabas

Sunday 30th November

10am Group Service
Holy Communion in Holy Trinity

Thursdays in Holy Trinity

6th & 20th - 930am Morning Prayer
 13th & 27th - 930am Holy Communion



Over the next couple of months, we have a wonderful variety of services coming up — some new, some celebrating special events, and a few one-off occasions. I thought I'd share a little more about them with you, in case you're wondering whether to come along.

Holy Communion with Prayers for Healing

Every Thursday at 9.30am in Holy Trinity, we gather for a short service — alternating between Morning Worship, which includes a reflection and an opportunity to pray together, and Holy Communion.

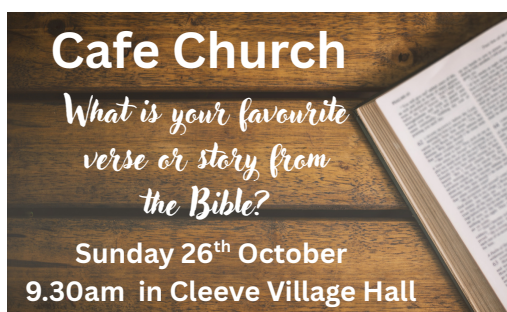
This October, we are blessed with five Thursdays, and so on Thursday 30th October, we will be holding a special service of Holy Communion. This service will include the anointing with oil and prayer for healing and wholeness. Everyone is warmly invited to come — either to receive prayer for yourself or to be anointed and prayed for on behalf of someone you are concerned about.

Café Church in October



If you've never been to a Café Church before, why not come along and try it out? You'll be in good company — this will be the very first Café Church I'll be leading! One of the joys of an informal service like Café Church is the opportunity to learn from one another.

As we arrive, coffee and bacon sandwiches will be served, and there will be time to share (only if you wish!) how God's Word has encouraged and inspired us in our lives.



Breakfast will be served from 9.15, so come early and beat the rush!

Taste and See

There is a verse in Psalm 34 that says, *"O taste and see that the Lord is good."* We can apply this to many things in life — even to church services. Can I encourage you, this month and in the months ahead, to 'taste and see'? Perhaps try a different type of service to the one you usually attend — and then try it again. Sometimes it takes more than one experience to really see the goodness within something.

As we try new things, let's also remember that we all worship in different ways, and that is a good thing. Worship is not always about what we personally like best, but about being open to meeting God in whatever form of worship is before us.

Every blessing, *Daile.*

We will remember them



This year, on **Sunday 9th November** there will be two Services for Remembrance, one in St Barnabas and one in Holy Trinity. Both services will start at 10.50am with an act of remembrance. I will be leading the service in St Barnabas, and we are delighted to welcome Fr Jeremy Hellier, Port Chaplain Mission to Seafarers to officiate at the service in Holy Trinity. As is our custom, the offertory on this day will be donated to the Royal British Legion.

Harvest Services at St Barnabas and Holy Trinity.

Any offerings, whether of goods or financial, will be sent to the Clevedon Foodbank, who are working so hard to help those in need of their services, many of whom live in our area.



At the Harvest Service at St Barnabas on **12th October** there will be a **Guest Speaker from Clevedon Foodbank.**

They are grateful for any donations but at this time are

especially looking for:

Tinned tomatoes, Tinned tuna, Tinned Vegetables, toothpaste and toilet rolls, long life milk, tea bags, pasta sauce, rice, tinned tuna, ham or salmon, biscuits. *Dave*

Court de Wyck Harvest Festival

On 2nd October, I had the privilege of leading my first Harvest Festival at Court de Wyck Primary School. The hall was filled with excitable children and just as many adults, as parents and staff joined the celebration. Children brought a generous range of food items, which were later collected by Clevedon Foodbank. Together, we sang some wonderful songs, including the children's favourite, "A Harvest Samba." We also played a lively game where we tried to think of a food beginning with each letter of the alphabet. It wasn't as easy as it sounds—especially with letters like X and Z—but with a little help from the teachers, we managed!



Daile

Holy Trinity Harvest Festival

Harvest Festival at Holy Trinity took place on the 5th October which was a bright and sunny Autumn day. Daile led the service in a church that had been beautifully decorated and we all enjoyed singing the Harvest hymns together during which the gifts for the Food Bank were taken to the front of the church. There was also a collection for the Food Bank. cont'd p. 5





Coffee was served in the church after the service while we waited for the call to migrate into the Church Room for the Harvest Lunch which had been prepared by Lin and her team - a hot meal followed by delicious apple pie and cream. Many thanks to helpers who decorated the church so beautifully, to Lin and her helpers who provided us with such a lovely meal, and of course to Daile who led us in our Harvest worship.

Could you help?

In the coming weeks I will be putting together the Jan-March rota for readers and intercessors across the two churches, but I need your help.

In St Barnabas there are very few people who read/lead the prayers, and I am hoping that some of the members of Holy Trinity would be willing to read/lead prayers in both churches. If you are willing to do this, please let me know.

Have you ever thought about volunteering to read in church? If yes, please get in touch. Moving forward I want to have two people reading, one to read the lesson and another to read the Gospel but we need more people.

Have you ever thought about leading the intercessions? In the New year I will be running a training session for people who would like the opportunity to serve in this way but would like some guidance on how to do this. If this is you, please get in touch .

Daile

Cleeve and Claverham Mothers' Union.

Cleeve and Claverham Mothers union met in September after the summer break when we welcomed the lovely Angela Frazier retired school chaplain for the Church of England. She told us of her journey to chaplaincy.

Growing up, Angela knew all she wanted to do in her adult life was to become a wife and mother. When she left school, she went to work in Lloyds Bank in Nailsea, eventually becoming head cashier. When she married and started her family, she left the bank and took many part time jobs so she could be with the children as much as possible. Through her church she worked with children which led her to become Youth development worker based in London, which meant a lot of travelling between London and Nailsea.

One memorable experience was going to Australia to the World Council Meeting where there gathered 16-24-year-old girls from all over the world. After 6 years the job ended and at a loss as what to do next, she put her future in God's hands and he answered by leading her to become Social Youth worker in Chew Valley Primary school, where she supported the staff and pupils throughout their school years helping with their transition to senior school.

In 2013 she was diagnosed with breast cancer and had to take time off to undergo treatment. By 2014 thankfully cancer clear, she returned to school and trained to become a School Chaplain in the Diocese of Bath and Wells.

As a school chaplain she loved the fact she could work with children and adults alike!

She and Doug eventually trained as readers- the only husband and wife readers in the Diocese! Unfortunately during Covid funding was cut from her job and all she was offered was 8 hours per week which she did for a couple years.

When Angela retired, she and Doug started volunteering in the school where she sometimes leads school assemblies and they go into class to help with reading, writing etc. also Doug likes to take his guitar in to sing with the children.

Angela believes in living along side people with different beliefs. A very bubbly and enthusiastic speaker who enthralled us with her story. We finished with lunch and a natter. The committee have been busy putting together next years programme hopefully it'll have something of interest to everyone.

Monthly Meetings from Oct 2025 – Jan 2026

2025

Tuesday October 21st - My Story – Revd Daile Wilshere – 12noon Holy Trinity Church Room

Tuesday 18th November – Your favourite hymns with Robert Rideout

12noon St Barnabas Church

Tuesday 9th December – Christmas Meal & Carols – 12noon at Bickley

2026

20th January 2026 – AGM with communion – 12noon Holy Trinity Church room.

All Meetings followed by a delicious homemade lunch.

Diary Date

Chris Mahony's Autumn Coffee Morning at Wells Museum - 16th October at 10.am before and after Cathedral Prayers at 11.30.

Christmas Boxes for Seafarers

We plan to fill a box with gifts, to be given to a seafarer who will be away from home over Christmas. We thought we would do this collectively and would like to encourage anyone who can to give just one thing, and together we will make several boxes to donate.



Christmas Boxes for Seafarers

This year, we would like to share some Christmas kindness with seafarers who will be away from their families over Christmas.

The following items are always gratefully received:

Toiletries: like soap & flannel, toothbrush & toothpaste, deodorant, disposable razors & shaving foam, shower gel, feminine hygiene products, nailbrushes, emery boards, and combs. Small gifts like fridge magnets, notebooks, pens, and other thoughtful souvenirs. Treats like individual packets of hot chocolate, small chocolate bars or biscuits.

There will be a box in both churches for your donations, which can be brought in up until the 23rd November.

FOCOS TEA AFTERNOON

The September wild winds and showers sadly caused this year's FOCOS event to be moved from Bickley to the Village Hall, but nonetheless over 60 guests enjoyed wonderful cakes with their teas and coffees plus great company throughout a convivial afternoon. Conversations flowed, friendships were reunited and newly made, and everyone went home in good heart.



Yatton Local History Society

Tuesday **November 4th**

Talk by Joe Rogers on Tithe Barns
7 30pm Yatton Methodist Church BS49 4DW.
Contact - yattonlocalhistorysoc@gmail.com



Claverham Village Hall events

Claverham Village market is **18th October** from 10am – 12noon. All the usual stalls with local crafts and refreshments.
Early warning – the **December** market will be **Saturday. 13th** a week earlier due to another booking so be prepared to come along then to buy your presents!

Last month the Ladies' Guild had a very good talk by Mike Amos on vegetables. On **November 8th** they will have a talk about 'Dressing a Christmas Table' so come and get inspiration! 2-4pm in the village hall. *Jean*

HOLY TRINITY WARM ROOM 2025/6

SOUPA THURSDAY

As autumn moves us all on to thoughts of chillier times, everyone Holy Trinity is pleased to announce that the Warm Room will be opening its doors, every Thursday, starting on **6th November**.

Soupa Thursdays are open to anyone in Cleeve or Claverham who would like to join us between midday and 4pm on every Thursday throughout the winter. Folks can turn up at any time, stay for as long as they wish, enjoy soup and a roll, cake, tea and coffee, plus great company, take part in an activity [your own or something in the room], or not; all together with our weekly-changing team of qualified helpers. Each winter since 2022, we have been pleased to have new folks joining us for a warm up and a chat, so if you haven't been along before – just drop in and give us a try!



STOP PRESS - Having been told by North Somerset Council that they are unable to financially support any of the Community Living Rooms [i.e. our Warm Room] for this



winter, we have successfully applied for a grant from Yatton United Charities.

Their generous support, plus a large donation from a member of the congregation means

that we are able to cover our costs to keep the Warm Room open for another winter. Chris, the charity's administrator, kindly brought the cheque and presented it to us last Thursday.

It is great fun, why not come along and join us? As ever everyone is welcome and if lifts are required, just let me know.

If you would like more details, please give me a ring on **838515**. *Lin*

Churchyard Maintenance Notice

Our new churchyard, in the area set aside for the burial of ashes, has reached a point where care and maintenance are urgently needed. The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is in the process of contacting the relatives of those buried there to request the removal of all memorial items, plants, and flowers—particularly those not in keeping with our churchyard regulations. This step is necessary to allow essential maintenance work to take place.

The ground around the existing memorial stones has already been levelled, weeded, and re-seeded with grass. To give the new grass the best chance to establish and grow into a manageable lawn, we kindly ask that only a small plant be placed directly on the memorial stone itself, and not on the grass around it.

We recognise that these regulations may at times seem strict, but they are in place to ensure that the churchyard remains tidy, cared for, and a sacred space for all who visit. As a church, we are also following the guidelines set by our diocese. In addition, our approach allows us to respect the ecological well-being of the area, keeping the space safe for wildlife while offering a peaceful environment for remembrance and prayer.

We would also like to remind all visitors that artificial flowers, plastic items of any kind, glass jars, stone vases, metal edging, pebbles, and additional memorial ornaments are not permitted. The only authorised items are a stone memorial measuring no more than 18 x 12 inches, together with a small planter placed directly to the head or on the stone.

We are sorry for any inconvenience this may cause. As a church community, we share the responsibility of caring for the churchyard and maintaining it as a welcoming and peaceful environment for everyone.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact one of our deputy wardens or our vicar, Daile.

October Music Concert at St Mary's Yatton.

Piano concert by Joss Wort **25th October.** A very welcome return from our own Yatton Protégé. Joss Wort, a former student from Backwell School has recently graduated from the Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama where he was awarded the John Roberts Memorial Award for his passion for the works of Beethoven. Joss played his debut concerto last year at St Mary's with the West Mendip Orchestra, and this concert will be his first full length recital with an audience since graduation.

His programme will include music by Haydn, Beethoven and Schubert.



Joss's concert starts at 7.30pm at St Mary's Church. Tickets price £15, YMS members and students £10, accompanied children under 16 free. Details of this concert are on the Yatton Music Society's website www.yms.org.uk

John has sent this letter from Marianne in Gaza.

Life in Gaza has become unbearable. We are currently living in a crowded room inside a church, along with twelve other people. There is no privacy, no proper space to sleep, and the noise and pressure never cease.

In the local area, the situation has become extremely dangerous and unstable. There are no truly safe places left. Each night, we go to sleep unsure of what tomorrow may bring.

My youngest son's health has severely declined due to malnutrition.

Despite it all, I try to remain strong for my children. I plant seeds of hope in their hearts and whisper that this nightmare will pass — that God will never leave us alone in this pain.

Every night, I silently pray for the return of a home, a roof, a small corner we can once again call "safety." There is no deeper pain for a mother than to watch her child wither before her eyes..

Still I believe that after every long night, there is a dawn — and that God's mercy never fades. I cling to hope, because amid all this destruction, it's the only thing we have left.

Please continue to pray for us, your prayers are like a breath of air in the middle of a storm.

Please keep praying for Marianne and the ever changing situation in Gaza.

Janet and John [Hope Christian Trust]

7th October 2025

HOLY TRINITY CHRISTMAS FAYRE 2025

To be held on **SATURDAY 15TH NOVEMBER**
at Cleeve Village Hall from
11am to 3pm



There will be all the usual fun-of-the-Fayre events, with numerous stalls providing super Hand-Made Gift Ideas for Christmas, together with lots of other stalls including preserves, jams, scrummy cakes, bottle stall, wood craft, Win a Hamper, tombola, pick a basket, bric-a-brac, and books.

In addition, there will be delicious piping hot lunches from midday, with tea, coffee & squash served throughout the day.

Come along and enjoy a really friendly and fun event, with super bargains and chances to win some wonderful prizes, especially in the super raffles, to be drawn at 2.30pm.

If you would like more details about the day, and/or are willing to help in any way –

e.g. bake a cake, bring bric-a-brac, books, etc., donate a raffle or hamper prize, help run a stall, help in the kitchen, etc, please ring Lin [838515] or Gill [832917]

FOCOS CHRISTMAS PARTY 2025 Cleeve Village Hall Saturday 6th December

The FOCOS Christmas Party is open to all Cleeve and Claverham residents aged 60+ and is a grand



night out; if you qualify to come, but have never joined us before, we can guarantee you will have a great time.

Invitations for Cleeve and Claverham's social event of the year will be distributed, mostly by telephone, between 10th and 16th

November. So, if you are a 'first-timer' or a 'regular' who hasn't received an invitation by 16th November, please ring the FOCOS Christmas Party hot-line on **838515**

[leave a message if the call centre staff are engaged on another calls] *cont'd page 10*

Holy Trinity Cleaning Rota

Sarah Cush Nick Cush	October 19th
Andrea Stoddart Lin Mortimer	November 2nd
Enid Pring Ron Pring	November 9th

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The menu has been agreed; the turkeys have been ordered; the pantomime continues to be rehearsed; the wine is being chilled and the transport is being arranged – so the only thing left is to notify our clientele that the FOCOS Christmas Party has been booked at **5.45pm for 6pm start** – lifts are available, just ask!

Not much room for funnies this month!

However -

Ron-The other evening wifey asked me if I could clear the dinner tableI had to get a running start but I made it!

Clive -I went to the zoo recently and saw a baguette in a cage.

The keeper said that it was bread in captivity! *Both truly terrible! Ed.*

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Websites	htcleeve.wixsite.com/cleeve-and-claverham		
	yattonchurches.org		
Facebook	facebook.com/Cleeve-and-Claverham-Messenger		

 Paul and Renate invite you to a 

Christmas Extravaganza

6th -23rd November 2025

11am - 4pm

Closed Mondays & Tuesdays

We are selling beautiful Christmas gifts made by us and other local crafts people, and you can also enjoy fresh, homemade cakes and refreshments.

3 Bishop's Mead, Cleeve BS49 4NH

Tel - 01934 835141
info@woodnthings-uk.com

All proceeds from refreshments and a percentage from all sales will go to Children's Hospice South West.

There is also a raffle for Cancer Research UK



Thank you for your contributions to this month's Messenger.

Anything that you would like me to include in the November edition should be with me by **Tuesday November 4th**.

They can be e mailed to carole.perrott@gmx.com, given to me at church or put through the door of 15 Chestnut Drive, Claverham.