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The cow and the Bible

A religious farmer lost his Bible out in the field. A few days later he went to answer a noise at his door. Standing there was a cow, with his Bible in its mouth. The farmer raised his eyes to heaven and thanked the Lord for this miracle. "It's not really," said the cow. "Your name was written inside."

Letter from the Vicarage

October 26

Hi Everyone,

How are we all doing?



Recently, in a conversation over dinner, James told us that, that day in school his class had been looking at a poem called 'Autumn' or some such title. As he tried to describe the poem to us, it had me reaching for my book of poems by John Keats that I had used when I was studying for my 'O - Level English Literature exam. Of the half dozen or so poems of Keats that we studied I remember nothing of them except maybe their titles: 'Ode to a Grecian Urn' was one, 'Ode to a Nightingale' a second and 'On the Eve of St. Agnes' a third. The poem that had sprung to mind on this occasion though, I do remember. It's the 'Ode to Autumn'.

Season of mists and mellow fruitfulness

Given our British obsession with the weather, I often find myself considering the different seasons, find that each of the seasons offers its own joys and delights. Springtime is just full of potential and new life, the lengthening days, budding flowers and tree blossom; Summer (even a British one!) has the comforting warmth and the hours of sunshine. Even winter, with its long nights and often cold, dark, dank and dreary days can offer up the delights of beautiful mornings with weak sunshine picking out the frost, and maybe the beauty of a fresh fall of virgin snow.

Autumns delights though are to be found, as Keats reminds us, in their fruitfulness. The warm colours in the trees as the leaves turn, memories of Conkers, of Pumpkins and the fruits of the harvest.

Each of the seasons, I believe show us some of the glory and majesty of God and his creation, and of his beneficence in giving us such wonderful gifts.

Continued...

In our services, we sometimes use some of the words, taken from the book of Deuteronomy in the bible, which remind us that everything on Earth, is first and foremost a gift to us from God:

Yours Lord, is the greatness, the glory the splendour and the majesty, for everything in Heaven and on earth is yours, all things come from you and of your own do we give you.

This month, we celebrate God's bountiful goodness to us, when we have our Harvest thanksgiving services, on the 11th October, and we will I trust, in time honoured tradition bring some of our Harvest 'produce' to those services - acknowledging that all things come from God and of God's own do we give back to Him.

God, is a generous and gracious God, may we always respond in kind.

Autumn is also the time for conferences, particularly of the political party variety.

Some of you will be aware that I have just returned from a few days away at our Diocesan Clergy Conference, this year held in Derbyshire.

During what you might call his Keynote Address to the conference, our new Bishop, Bishop Hugh outlined something of his own vision for the future of the Diocese and has extended a welcome to a number of events where folk, who haven't met him yet (and I'm sure, even those who have) can hear more of that vision. The nearest one to us will take place at Claine's Church on Mon 9th Nov, but there are others not too far away.

Why not check out, *Join the Story*, on the Diocesan website for further information, and go along if you can.

God bless

Andy



LIVE ON-LINE VIDEO SERVICES

For all churches in the South East Team

Churches in the Team are open for public worship but we are continuing to meet for worship during the week using the zoom app downloadable from the zoom.us website. To join one of the services please email the host who will send you a link:

Morning Prayer: Monday to Friday at 8.30 a.m. *hosted by Mike Bunclark (mbunclark@tiscali.co.uk)*

Compline: Monday to Friday at 8.30 p.m. *hosted by Mike Bunclark*

Monday Prayer Meeting: 4.00 p.m. *hosted by Joan Hazzard (joanhazz@gmail.com)*

Virtual 'Yew Brew' Coffee Morning: Saturday at 11.00 a.m. *hosted by Andy Stand (andy.stand@sky.com)*

Prayers for Peace and Justice: Saturday at 12 noon *hosted by Joan Hazzard*

For enquiries about Whittington please email the Vicar

andy.stand@sky.com

Whittington bid a sad farewell to David and Phillipa Hewett who have been living at Church Farm and are moving to deepest Herefordshire.



October
2026

What's on at Whittington October & November 2026

Saturday 3rd October

10.30-12 noon Yew Brew in the Elizabethan Room
11.00am -12 noon Teddy Bears 'Praise Party' in Church

Sunday 4th October

11.00am Parish Communion
1.00pm Baptism
3.30pm Forest Church

Trinity 18

Sunday 11th October

11.00am Family Service

Harvest Festival

Tuesday 13th October

6.30pm PCC Meeting

Saturday 17th October

10.30 – 12 noon Yew Brew in the Elizabethan Room

Sunday 18th October

11.00am Parish Communion

Trinity 20

Sunday 25th October

11.00am Family Communion

Bible Sunday

Sunday 1st November

11.00am Parish Communion
3.30pm Forest Church

All Saints Day

Saturday 7th November

10.30 – 12noon 'Droughts, Disasters & Destruction'
Talk in Church followed by refreshments

Sunday 8th November

10.55am Family Service

Remembrance Sunday



**St Philip and St James,
Whittington**

Harvest Festival

**11.00 am
Sunday 11 October**

***Please bring any non-perishable gifts -
packets of food, tins etc - to the service and
place them in the containers provided for
distribution to Maggs Day Centre***

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***Collection for Christian
Aid during the service***

***Remembering also the situation in South Sudan
suffering as a result of the ongoing civil war***



FOREST CHURCH

SUNDAY 4 OCTOBER

3.30pm - 4.30pm
Whittington Churchyard

This month, Forest Church is apple themed.
We will be exploring Harvest by thinking
about God's goodness. There'll be apple taste
tests, apple art, acorn and conker games and
dry apple 'bobbing'! Join us for outdoor
worship, activities and refreshments.

Contact: revrichwood@gmail.com



From the Parish Register at Whittington

Baptisms

13th September 2026

Callie Ann Rose Hyatt

Daughter of Matthew Hyatt &

Mia Jones



Rest, refresh and reset

An article from Bishop Martin



As I was writing this article in August, the fields and parks and lawns were burnt and brown, trees were already losing their leaves and the birds seemed lethargic and lost. Although some fields are thick with wheat and barley, I'm not sure how good the grain will be with the ground baked hard. Livestock are already being fed winter feed and farmers must fear for what is to come. It feels as though the climate and the land on which we all depend needs a chance to step back from the brink, and to rest, refresh and reset.

I was able to take a sabbatical break after Easter. After many years in ministry, I was ready for a break. My aim was a simple one. To rest, to refresh, and to reset myself for the next stage of life and ministry here. It was wonderful to turn the alarm clock off and enjoy a diary empty of meetings and obligations. It was wonderful to have time to be with Katharine my wife, and to have an adventure, travelling across China together. It was so good to have time too with my adult children and young grandchildren, with a family week away together. It was an absolute blessing to have time to walk, to pray, to go on retreat, to study, and to finish the time with two weeks of peace and quiet in the beautiful Isles of Scilly. I returned rested and refreshed in body, mind and spirit, and ready and reset for whatever lies ahead.

Giving our precious planet the chance to rest, refresh and reset is not something I can do on my own. Solutions to the climate crisis are not simple or pain free. They involve commitments at every level from us all, as individuals, churches and communities, and at national and international level. During my sabbatical I discovered that when I slow down and do less, then God has a chance to do more within me and through me. Perhaps as a church and society we need to slow down the pace of relentless change, to let go and let God be God, within us and all around us. To let our loving God lead us to streams of living water, to rest, refresh and reset.

Bishop Martin

Whittington CE Primary School Introducing Our CREW Team at Whittington CE Primary School

Jesus said, 'I chose you and appointed you to bear much fruit, fruit that will last' John 15:16

We are delighted to celebrate this year's new CREW team at Whittington CE Primary School – a group of children who will play an important part in the life of our school, our church and our wider community.

(CREW Stands for Collective Worship with RE in the centre!)



CREW is all about **children having a voice** and being active participants in our school and church-school partnership. Our CREW members work alongside staff and church members, sharing the thoughts, ideas and experiences of their fellow pupils and helping us to make our community an even better place to **live well together**.

Our school vision is:
To love, to learn, to flourish – together.

Our CREW team will help us to live this vision every day. They will be encouraged to be positive role models for others, demonstrating kindness, respect, responsibility and a willingness to serve those around them. The children will have opportunities to contribute to and lead collective worship, support worship leaders, gather feedback from their classmates and share children's views about what makes worship meaningful and engaging. They will also have a voice in **Religious Education**, church workshops and other aspects of our church-school partnership.

Continued....

As a church school, we are particularly excited about the opportunities for CREW to work alongside our church family. Together, we hope they will help us to strengthen the connections between school, church, families and the wider community, making sure that everyone feels welcomed, valued and included.

CREW will help us to ensure that children's voices are heard when we plan and develop our community activities, such as our Annual Community Celebration Day, Christian Aid events and church services.

This reflects our belief that children are not simply the future of our community – they are an important part of our community now.

The words of Jesus in John 15:16 provide a wonderful inspiration for our CREW team:

“I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit – fruit that will last.”

We look forward to seeing the difference our CREW children will make as they use their voices, share their ideas and help our whole community to **love, learn and flourish together.**

We are incredibly proud of them and excited to see the wonderful things they will achieve!



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Teddy Bears Praise Party

Saturday 3 October
11:00-12:00

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Now the scheme has been extended to in-store shopping at Tesco and John Lewis including Waitrose by linking a credit or debit card to the scheme. Even purchases of store gift cards can be included. Online shopping turns into free cashback for us with over 8000 retailers including John Lewis & Partners, eBay, Argos, M&S, Amazon, Tesco and many more donating – at no extra cost to you. Once you've reached your first £5 easyfundraising will double it. Whether you shop on your phone, laptop or tablet you can earn free cashback donations for our church. Using easyfundraising does not add any cost to your online shopping. The retailer covers the cost of the donation, meaning it's 100% free to use. Most give between 1% and 4% of your purchase price. It doesn't matter whether you shop online regularly or only occasionally - every little helps our church finances. Your personal data is private – only you can see it. Using easyfundraising does not impact loyalty points for most major providers.

To get started download the app from Apple or Google Play stores and choose St Philip and St James Whittington as your cause. If you add the browser extension you will get a pop up whenever a retailer is offering a donation –just click to activate. This is entirely optional. The donations will be paid to the church once a quarter when we reach a £15 threshold. Please consider joining those of us who have already signed up, especially as we approach Christmas. The website has a video explaining how it all works, and do have a word with me if you would like further information. I shopped in store at Waitrose the other day and by the time I got home there was an email from Easyfundraising saying the purchase had been tracked and 50p donated to our church fund. That may not sound much, but if more of us signed up it would soon add up!

www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/st-philip-and-st-james-whittington

Janet Pearson

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Droughts, Disaster and Destruction

Extreme weather events in England's past



Illustrated talk by Dr Richard Churchley

10.30am

Saturday 7 November

Followed by Refreshments

In this talk Richard discusses various extreme weather events in Britain, from medieval times to the present day. Some are well known, others, particularly local examples, are less well known.

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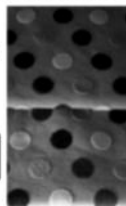
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Contact: aimeeford@yahoo.co.uk

5.30pm. The Star Project Children's Theatre (Term time only)

with Jo Payne. Contact: director@thestarproject.info

TUESDAY.

4.00pm to 6.30pm. Dance (for 3 year olds and above) with Elizabeth Gibbs

Contact: lizdance@icloud.com

6.30pm - 9.30pm Gong Bath + Sound Meditation with Angela Latham.

Contact: evenstartbabe@msm.com

(varying monthly dates available)

6.30pm - 9.30pm 5Rhythms Dance also varies: Contact Miranda for dates at whiteheartyoga@iCloud.com

WEDNESDAY.

4.30pm to 5.30pm Yoga with Natalie Houlding.

Contact: natalie@zafyoga.com

6.30pm to 7.30pm. Pilates with Rebecca Hadlington.

Contact: fitness-worcester.com

Also: Tiddletown with Nicola Contact: tiddletownplay@gmail.com to book

THURSDAY.

10.00am (for 10.15am start) to 11.00am Zumba with Denise Wrafter

11.00am to 12.00noon Yoga with Denise Wrafter.

Contact: denisewrafter@outlook.com

7.15pm - 9.15pm T'ai Chi with Dr Marc.

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FRIDAY.

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Remembering St Francis of Assisi

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He died at the age of about 44 of severe illness, including eye disease, malaria and exhaustion, possibly following a 40-day fast. He was declared a saint by Pope Gregory IX two years later.

Francis' father was a wealthy silk merchant, Pietro di Bernardone dei Moriconi, and his mother a noblewoman from Provence. He was one of seven children – called Francesco by his father, who was an enthusiast for France. At first, he behaved as a typical son of a wealthy merchant, but several things changed his attitude – one of which was his capture and imprisonment for nearly a year after fighting in a war against Perugia.

He also had visions and underwent a change in character leading him to a strong commitment to help the poor – an attitude which led to estrangement from his father, whom he eventually renounced.

He aligned himself strongly with the poor, on one occasion begging with them at St Peter's Basilica in Rome. He also spent times in lonely places, seeking divine illumination, and was said to have received the stigmata during an angelic vision.

Often pictured wearing a plain brown habit tied with a rope of three knots, symbolising poverty, chastity and obedience, St Francis is one of the most honoured people in Christianity. He is a joint patron saint of Italy with Catherine of Siena, and in 2013 Archbishop Bergoglio of Argentina chose the papal name of Francis in his honour, becoming Pope Francis.

Many pilgrimage routes lead to the tomb of St Francis in Assisi, and he is honoured by many churches, including Lutherans and Anglicans.



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100 years of Winnie-the-Pooh

One hundred years ago, on 14th October 1926, the children's book *Winnie-the-Pooh*, by A A Milne, was published.

It was set in the Hundred Acre Wood, an innocent world described as "largely Edenic" but based on Ashdown Forest in East Sussex, which the Milne family often explored from their home in nearby Hartfield. It came about through the encouragement of E H Shepard, Milne's colleague on the humorous magazine *Punch*, who provided the beguiling illustrations.

Alan Alexander Milne was firstly a playwright and occasional mystery story writer who, again with Shepard, wrote the book of children's verse *When We Were Very Young*, which contained the seeds of *Winnie-the-Pooh* and its sequel, *The House on Pooh Corner*, all of which proved extremely popular.

It was apparently during a family visit to London Zoo, where Christopher Robin encountered a tame bear called Winnipeg, that the book was conceived. Winnie's literary friends, such as Piglet and Eeyore, were originally toys of the real Christopher Robin.

Sadly, the book eventually had an adverse effect on the Milne family. The author said that he felt "amazement and disgust" at the fame his son had had thrust upon him: "I do not want C R Milne to ever wish that his name was Charles Robert." Nevertheless, the son did become estranged from his parents, especially following his marriage to his mother's niece.

The effect of the book on others has been happier. A plaque at Ashdown Forest declares that Milne and Shepard "captured the magic of Ashdown Forest and gave it to the world".

Despite creating a kind of Eden, Milne, who was a pacifist, said little about religion. But he did say on joining the Home Guard that "in fighting Hitler we are truly fighting the Devil, the Anti-Christ ... Hitler was a crusader against God."

The four Winnie-the-Pooh books went on to sell more than 50 million copies worldwide. The first book became the first-ever foreign-language book on the *New York Times* bestseller list.

The beginning of the M25

Forty years ago, on 29th October 1986, the M25 motorway around Greater London was opened.

An orbital motorway for London had been proposed in 1944, but by 1966 this idea had evolved into two ringways, to the north and south. By the time the first sections opened in 1975, however, it had been rethought again, and so joining them together to make a full orbital motorway was again the plan.

Just over ten years later, in 1986, the final section was opened by Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, and the new M25 was the longest ring road in Europe. The Dartford Crossing is technically not a motorway, but few would know the difference.

Environmental considerations became a factor, and almost 40 public inquiries took place, the most controversial area being in Kent over the North Downs. However, none of the public inquiries came out in favour of objectors.

At first the M25 was popular with the public. In the 1987 General Election, the Conservatives won everywhere the motorway passed through. But problems quickly surfaced, the obvious one being chronic congestion.

Part of this was due to apparently unanticipated office and retail development along its route, generating in-and-out slower-moving traffic. Also, it was soon clear that more lanes were needed in many places: in some areas three had become five or six. Some churches even objected because it created a kind of stone wall between those congregations within and those without.

A report in *The Economist* said it "had taken 70 years to plan, 12 to build it and just one to find it was inadequate".

The M25 is now well established and used in practice as an alternative boundary for Greater London, especially by haulage companies. If you ever get stuck in a traffic jam on the M25, it might help to remember that it was designed for a maximum of 88,000 vehicles a day, but instead carries at times up to 300,000 a day.

Light Parties – a happier alternative to Halloween

While many of us may buy Halloween-themed confectionary, pumpkins, decorations and even costumes this month, thousands of us have no intention of celebrating Halloween.

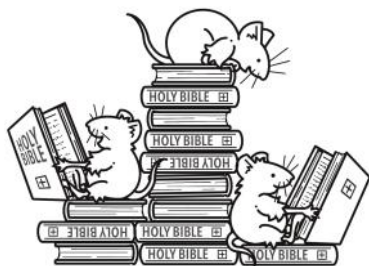
Instead, we will be attending Light Parties hosted by our local churches, and our children will enjoy a positive and upbeat alternative to traditional Halloween celebrations.

Scripture Union, the Christian charity that first pioneered Light Parties, reports that around 8,000 churches and youth organisations now request their Light Party Pack each year.

And churches of all the major denominations are in full and active support. The C of E often sets up localised search engines on its website, specifically to help families track down local 'light and bright parties' in their dioceses.

Meanwhile, Methodist, Baptist, and Elim Pentecostal churches also offer Light Parties, to which all are welcome.

Just for the record, a Light Party is a family-friendly Christian event held on 31st October. Instead of featuring ghosts, ghouls and darkness, it celebrates the themes of light and hope in Jesus Christ. Children dress up in bright, colourful outfits, enjoy games such as glow-in-the-dark, eat party snacks and enjoy themselves without any element of fear or oppression. The organisers usually close with a simple, positive message of faith and light.



...if you have been affected by any of the issues raised in this sermon...



St Mark in the Cherry Orchard Diocese of Worcester



News & Views from St Mark in the Cherry Orchard

THE FOLLOWING ANNOUNCEMENTS ARE VERY IMPORTANT

Firstly, the event planned for Tues, 3 November, in conjunction with Cuppa Club, has been moved to Tuesday, 1 Dec. This was put back for logistical reasons. It is a community craft afternoon to be held in the church, making 'rag' wreath decorations for the church and/or to keep. This will be a **free event** from 2 – 5.30pm BUT donations to church funds will be much appreciated. If you have oddments of material, ribbon, etc. or have any batting (padding) that you no longer want, please contact me, all gratefully received. Finally, I am 'winging' this event and it is likely that someone out there with some knowledge could be willing to help and/or give advice. Everyone is welcome, you can bring friends or neighbours but I will need to know numbers to ensure that we have enough materials and cake!!

Please book by contacting Jan 07565585726 / janvale810@gmail.com
no-one will be turned away.

Secondly, and following several attempts to book a quiz evening later this year, it has been decided to hold the church quiz night in January 2027 instead; I will let you know the date in the November edition of 'Orchard Leaves'. The change has been necessitated because our loyal quizzers could not all attend on any of the dates chosen so I gave up trying to hold it in November and, since December is always a busy month, we are moving the quiz to January 2027. My thanks to Alan & Sue Matthews for their patience because I tried three times to settle on a date!!

Chat & Cuppa Club is still being held in the church, the next one is on Tuesday, 6 October, from 2 – 3.30pm followed by 3 November (we meet 1st Tuesday of **every** month and it is **FREE!**).

PLEA – Does anyone have any wire coat hangers, please? I need a minimum of 8 for the church Christmas decorations. Please let me know if you are able to help me, whether you are able to drop them off or need me to pick them up from your home. Thanks

Now for something completely different, again!! Together with friends, we reserved a self catering break in Normanton, a hamlet in the Vale of Belvoir. When the self catering property was chosen we did not realise that it was a 20 minute walk to Bottesford, a lovely village that we had driven through to reach our destination and that is crowned by the stunning tower and spire of St Mary the Virgin's Church, often called 'The Lady of the Vale', which is visible for miles around because it is a total 210 feet high. Like many churches in the area, it has finials (I hope that I have the right word) from the base up to the top and we all wondered if they were to aid the steeple jacks. (Please see the photo if I have managed to send it to the editor) We wandered around the Grade I listed building, which is one of the largest village churches in England, for at least 45 minutes before we were joined by a lovely knowledgeable gentleman, John, who told us he was preparing notes for a group visiting in the near future; he asked if we would like to know more about the remarkable tombs, hatchments and beautiful stained glass, the response was, of course we would! The church stands imposingly by a ford over the River Devon, the churchyard being bordered on three sides by a loop in the river. The earliest part is the lower part of the chancel that dates from the Norman period but the rest took a further three hundred years to build which reflects changing styles. In total, we spent nearly 2 hours listening with great interest to historic stories of the people connected with the church and especially the inhabitants of Belvoir Castle who were originally buried in the church but moved to the mausoleum when it was built in 1828 up at the castle. The foregoing is only a précis of what was explained so well to us by John and my thanks are extended to whoever wrote the fascinating history on the church website because there was no way that I would have been able to remember what I was told; it is well worth reading. We wish that our stay had included a Sunday because we would have liked to attend a service there.



In conclusion, we and our friends split up on our last day; they went to Belvoir Castle and we travelled to Grantham on the bus where, yippee, I finally managed to purchase a wooden scrubbing brush so I bought two! As always, we visited the local church not far from Maggie Thatcher's parents' shop that was obviously sold on many years' ago. *Continued...*

We also went into the small Grantham Museum where, once again, we were approached by a knowledgeable older gentleman, Gordon Beech, a fountain of knowledge and a former painter and decorator who painted the Roberts' shop when it became a restaurant; it is now a hairdressers. Sir Isaac Newton, who was born at nearby Woolsthorpe Manor, attended The King's School and local resident, Edith Smith, was the first female police officer with arrest powers, so lots of interest if you are over that way.

Church Hall News

I recently met with a builder to discuss the recommended need to install a French drain to arrest the extraordinary damp that has plagued the hall for the best part of a century and resulted in joist wet rot under the floorboards. A French drain is a simple underground drainage system that uses a gravel filled trench and perforated pipes to redirect excess water such as rain away from the building that has no damp course.

For many years, the north wall was annually scraped back and repainted but, for various reasons, this has not been carried out since before Covid and, coupled with the need to re-varnish the floor, the room is looking decidedly shabby. I await a report and a large quote because the drain will encompass the whole perimeter of the hall; it is going to be a very big job that needs to be done before the hall floor can be taken up to see the full extent of the rotting floor joists.

If you look at the list of hall hirers on the back page of this magazine and see a group that you might like to attend, **please contact the organiser** for further details

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For more information, I endeavour to keep our web site up to date
www.stmarksworcester.wordpress.com

The poster features a light pink background with a subtle floral pattern. At the top and bottom corners, there are clusters of white cherry blossoms with pink centers. In the center, a large, stylized treble clef is depicted, with a black baton or conductor's stick passing through it diagonally. Several musical notes of various sizes are scattered around the treble clef. The text "CHERRY ORCHARD" is written in a large, bold, serif font, with "Community Singers" in a slightly smaller, similar font below it.

CHERRY ORCHARD Community Singers

LOVE TO SING ?? NEW MEMBERS ALWAYS WELCOME.

We meet at St Mark's Church, Cherry Orchard

1st and 3rd Saturdays of each month 1.30-3.30pm

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Helping the people of Ukraine on the front line



UKRAINE APPEAL

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UKRAINE FREEDOM COMPANY (WEST MIDLANDS)

Ukrainefreedomcompany.org

Patron: Maj Gen Arthur Denaro CBE, DL

COMFORT BOXES

Contributions are required to provide individual 'comfort' boxes for the men and women fighting at the front. These may contain some or all of the following items:

First Aid kit items: Bandages; Antiseptic cream; Lip sal; Wet wipes; Soap; Tissues

Female sanitary products; Toilet rolls; Toothpaste/brush; Small towels

Candles (including tea lights)

Sewing kits

Tea; Coffee; Sweets/chocolate

Thermal underwear; socks;

Tinned food (ideally with ring-pull top) - e.g. sardines; baked beans; soups; fruit;

or packets of dried foods – e.g. pasta; noodles; soups; 'instant' oats

Cooking utensils - army mess tins; enamel plates/mugs; cutlery; small pots/pans;

DO NOT INCLUDE ALCOHOL, DRUGS OR CIGARETTES AS THESE ARE LIKELY TO BE CONFISCATED BY CUSTOMS.

MEDICAL SUPPLIES

***** There is a desperate ongoing need for medical supplies and first aid kits – priority items required being tourniquets, wound dressings, bandages of all types, etc.

While many medical items in the UK are required to have a 'use-by' date, and often consequently get destroyed, UFC can often divert these for use in the Ukraine – please consider approaching contacts at local hospitals, nursing homes, pharmacies, doctors' surgeries, paramedics, etc. requesting that they give consideration to donating such supplies. In addition, there are many mobility aids retained by ex-patients who find it difficult to return them - we are happy to accept such items including wheelchairs, walking frames, crutches, walking sticks, limb splints etc.

*****We are now able to accept financial donations via our dedicated bank account – please consider a 'one off' donation, or a monthly standing order, details as follows:

Metro Bank Account: Ukraine Freedom Co (West Midlands)

Account No: 56781099 – Sort Code: 23 - 05 - 80

If able to assist, please contact your local UFC representative, who can also arrange collection throughout the area: Brian Watkins email: lovelacewatkins@uwclub.net mobile: 07771694000

HARVEST CRAFT EVENT



for all ages
at St Martin's Church

Everyone welcome!



Saturday 10 October 2-4 pm

Come and join us to make
harvest crafts &
decorations
for church and home



**Entry and refreshments
by donation**



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