

St Columba's

United Reformed Church, Oxford

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Lord of all being,
May you so live within us
and among us,
That in our relationships
you become our love,
In our decision making
you become our wisdom,
In our words you become
our integrity,

In our actions you become our
justice,
In our darkness you become our
light,
In our suffering you become our
hope,
In our dying you become our life.
Amen, let it be so.

Sandra Pickard, Vision4Life



MINISTER'S LETTER

'For everything there is a season...' Ecclesiastes 3

The Elders have been reading Parker Palmer's 'Let your life speak: listening for the voice of vocation' for the past year. It is a moving book that speaks personally and powerfully about paying attention to one's life: how 'way' opens and closes, and true self is revealed. A chapter about his struggle with serious depression testifies to the wonder of simply being present to one another in pain. His conviction that we lead from within offers encouragement for the inner journey, overcoming fear and freeing possibility.

The last chapter offers the metaphor of the cycle of seasons to look at selfhood and vocation. It is a helpful metaphor as we consider our life together.

Is St Columba's in the autumn of her life? I confess to being partial to autumn. I love the blaze of colour on trees, the crisp breeze that reddens my cheeks and the pleasant warmth of a cup of tea on a cold day. In the autumn, nature scatters the seeds that will bring new growth in the spring. Among the rustle of dying leaves, the potential for new life is burrowing into the earth. In the midst of decline and decay, myriad possibilities are being planted to bear fruit in some season yet to come. What seeds are we scattering? Are we free and exuberant like nature and God, the generous sower? Or does fear and anxiety make us

clutch and count the cost, holding our seed-filled hands in our pockets? Autumn, I think, is about bold risk – taking chances and courting opportunity.

Or are we in the spring? Spring is a song that lifts our spirits with electric-new green, buds and blossoms everywhere. Spring teaches us to look for the green stems of possibility as they emerge. We know that the Spirit comes and goes whither she will. Watching for where energy arises is how we know God is about, stirring the pot and fanning the flame. What are the green shoots of possibility among us? What shall we be nurturing in our life together? Spring is about paying attention and investing intention where opportunities arise.

'May we cycle with the seasons faithfully & fruitfully, seeking first and always the kingdom of God...'

Could we be in our winter? This thought crosses my mind as I review worship attendance and membership figures. We, like many churches in the UK, have seen a slow and steady decline for decades now. A dreary thought; life-sapping and discouraging. But Palmer (102) finds something precious in this season. *'Winter clears the landscape'*, he writes, *'giving us a chance to see ourselves and each other more clearly, to see the very ground of our being'*. His insight affirms my intuition that what we need in winter is to reach down into the good earth of our tradition – wrestling with the Word, listening in prayer and conversation, and being willing to engage in courageous dissent. This has been our way for generations, and will be our way to the future.

Or is summer here and we haven't noticed? Summer is the time of abundance. Palmer writes (107-8) about our tendency to assume scarcity and by that assumption create the very scarcities we fear. He writes: *'In the human world, abundance does not happen automatically. It is created when we have the sense to choose community, to come together to celebrate and*

share our common store. Whether the scarce resource is money or love or power or words, the true law of life is that we generate more of whatever seems scarce by trusting its supply and passing it around'. We have tasted abundance in the last twelve months as we considered our future and committed to raising the money to install an adequate heating plant. Our initial discussions over a year ago focused on scarcity. But as we faced each other and the future, abundance appeared: abundant commitment, abundant resources, and abundant community. Perhaps we are in summer after all.

For which we thank God. We know, though, that the lessons of the other seasons remain meaningful. The cycle of seasons goes on and on. There are seeds to scatter, green shoots to tend, vision to clarify, abundance to applaud. May we cycle with the seasons faithfully and fruitfully, seeking first and always the kingdom of God and trusting the way will open for us – the way of new and renewed life.

Your grateful companion on the Way,

Carla

NEWS OF ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

Finance & Property Committee

As you read this, the heating project should almost be complete, barring a few elements. It has been fantastic to see it all taking shape over the past couple of months following the church's long discussions and a strong push to get the necessary finances in time for installation this year prior to winter. To put this into perspective, the decision was made mid-January, over £100,000 raised and the new system in place by October. That is some achievement! Furthermore, it illustrates the potential of the faith, generosity, energy & effort of St Columba's members and friends.

In the background to the high profile heating project, normal finance and property matters continue. The building has been quieter from a hiring perspective but attention has been turned towards preparation for the forthcoming 2012 budget. As part of this, there has been evaluation and prioritisation of required property projects. These are smaller projects regarding ongoing maintenance, as well as improvements to the building, to ensure the church building is fit for purpose and facilitates the mission of St Columba's. The full budget will be proposed at the next church meeting, where more detail will be provided.

If you are responsible for an area of the church budget, you will have recently been notified of the need for a justified budget request to be returned at the beginning of October. This is required so there are realistic figures for planning and prioritising church resources accordingly. Your response is therefore very important and most appreciated.

The Committee is still in need of new members. You do not have to be a trained accountant or facilities manager; it is just asked that you commit approximately 24 hours - out of 8,760 - per year. Furthermore, it is your opportunity to help discern where church resources should be invested and is your chance to make a difference. If you would like to learn more or come along for one meeting as a trial then please contact me.

Tim Llewelyn

Manse Discussion Group

After four rewarding sessions spent reading and discussing T.S. Eliot's Four Quartets the group has decided to continue concentrating for a time on different types of poetry. The September meeting consisted mostly of members reading and introducing poems from Seamus Heaney's Human Chain, an exercise that served as a mirror for mutual reflection and a sounding board for recollected emotions. On Thursday 27th October we hope to hear and share thoughts on Book 1 of Milton's Paradise Lost. The subject of the meeting on Thursday 17th

November will be chosen and introduced by another member of the group. Meetings start at 7.30pm at the manse and if you are prompted by interest or curiosity to hear and see what goes on you will be very welcome.

Donald Schofield

Cumnor URC

We had to apologise to late applicants for whom we couldn't provide a ticket for our sell-out concert 'A Musical Rendezvous' on 3rd September, but we were right up to our safe capacity. The event was even more successful than we had hoped and provided a great evening's entertainment thanks to our very talented artists.

We shall start October with a Quiet Morning, centred on our new Quiet Space / Prayer Garden and led by Terry Hinks. Details from Diana on 01865 862 084.



We started a new season of Fourth Friday meetings for supper, speaker and discussion on 23rd September and on 28th October our session will be led by Revd Elizabeth Nash. Her provocative title is: Is the battle for equality over? Who won? [Please see details below.] We are glad to welcome anyone who would like to join us from 7:15pm.

Alex Cobham, the Chief Policy Adviser for Christian Aid, will be visiting us on 16th October. Within our morning service, which starts

at 10:30am, he will give an illustrated talk that will focus on the topic of Christian Aid's Tax Campaign in which they are lobbying governments to bring in new rules to prevent tax avoidance by big multi-national companies who make huge profits from the poorest countries. Christian Aid estimates that tax dodging costs poor countries \$160 billion a year - money that should be spent on building schools and hospitals. There will be an opportunity to also speak with Alex informally in our coffee session, which follows the service. We invite all those interested in tackling poverty and struggling for justice in economic relations at the macro level to join us for this opportunity to engage with an authority in this field.

An advance notice that we shall again be providing Winter Lunches on Saturdays in November, starting on the 5th. Do join us if you can.

Also on that first weekend in November we shall be displaying the Bible Triptych produced by members and friends of Summertown URC. The display will be augmented by a display of Family and personal Bibles belonging to members of the congregation with their 'stories' attached.

Nigel Appleton

UPCOMING EVENTS

Rejoice & Sing has been with us for 20 years!

On Sunday 2nd October, we'll celebrate the 20th anniversary of Rejoice & Sing and the 39th anniversary of the formation of the United Reformed Church. The Revd Brenda Stephenson, one of the group who assembled the hymnal, will be with us as we sing some favourites. As part of the service, you will be invited to nominate your Rejoice & Sing favourites for inclusion in future worship services. We thank Gordon Woods, Rebecca Bullard, Donald Schofield and Paul Page for planning this worship service.

Sunday Night Dinner and Discussion Resumes

Following the success of our term-time Sunday evening dinner and discussion series last year, we will be exploring another Living the Questions resource – *First Light: Jesus and the Kingdom of God*. First Light presents the culmination of John Dominic Crossan's thinking of half a century about Jesus and includes reflections by Marcus Borg. There will be four sessions a term [details later in the newsletter].

Aphinya Thaler will again be cooking a lovely dinner for us. Dinner is at 7:00pm; the DVD and discussion begins at 7:45pm. We end by 9:00pm. Reserve your place and receive the First Light Reader by contacting Sue Pearce via the following details: administrator@saintcolumbas.org (07880 601 109).

Summertown Bible Triptych

We will be hosting the Summertown Bible Triptych, which you can view and read more about at the following website: http://summertownurc.org/?page_id=1565. Created by members and friends of Summertown United Reformed Church as part of their Vision4Life emphasis on the Bible, the triptych is a moving testimony to the love of scripture. The triptych will be with us from 18th October to 2nd November. For Sunday 22nd October, you are invited to bring a Bible that is significant to you along with a card explaining its significance for a display in the church alongside the triptych.

Cumnor's Fourth Friday - Is the Battle for Equality over? Who won?

On 28th October Revd Elizabeth Nash, former Chair of the Ecumenical Relations Committee of the United Reformed Church, who asks '*Is the battle for equality over? Who won?*' will be at Cumnor and answers from a feminist perspective. She writes: '*The Equality Act 2010 has laid down the rules for equality for women, black minority ethnic people, lesbian and gay*

people and people with disabilities. So we might hope that equality really has been established. So why are only 12.5% of FTSE board members, 19% of judges and 20% MPs, women? Why are only 0.7% of state school head teachers black and 19% of them male? Why do churches deny equality for lesbian and gay people? Why are women told to avoid dressing as sluts if they don't want to be harassed and why do boys in schools regularly call girls slut, sket and slag? Since girls between 16 and 19 are now the group most at risk of domestic violence, followed by 20 - 24 year olds, why do young men abuse young women? Why is it so hard to achieve equality? What can we do about it?'

To reserve your place, call Glenda Appleton, 01865 883 515. Dinner is at 7:15pm; the evening ends by 9:00pm.

Reformation Sunday: Celebrating the 400th Anniversary of the KJV

As part of our celebration of this much loved translation of the Bible, our Sunday worship on Reformation Sunday, 30th October, will include a sermon by the Canon Dr Judith Maltby, chaplain and fellow of Corpus Christi College, reader in church history at the University of Oxford, and a member of the General Synod of the Church of England. Dr Maltby is a contributor to the Guardian's Face to Faith series that can be found via the link: www.guardian.co.uk/commentisfree/belief/2011/.

Young Adult-led Service & Planning Event

Each term the young adults of the congregation lead worship on a Sunday morning. This term worship is set for 20th November, with a Manse dinner for preparation scheduled for Friday, 11th November 6:00pm. The dinners have been wonderful opportunities to get to know one another and to wrestle deep theological issues. The dates are flexible depending on people's availability. If you are interested but unavailable, please let Carla know (minister@saintcolumbas.org; 01865 554 358).

Summertown Thinking Ahead – Funeral Planning

Our minister and Revd Nigel Appleton will lead a session on Saturday morning, 19th November at Cumnor URC that will enable you to think about what kind of funeral or memorial service you might want to have, providing resources and the space to reflect. 10:00am - 12:30pm. RSVP 01865 883 515.

Cumnor's Fourth Friday - Professor Moore Speaks

On 25th November the learned and beloved Prof Adrian Moore will speak on some of the paradoxes of the infinite and the mysteries of the mathematics that surrounds it at Cumnor URC.

To reserve your place, call Glenda Appleton, 01865 883 515. Dinner is at 7:15pm; the evening ends by 9:00pm.

First Light: Jesus and the Kingdom of God

9 th Oct	The Matrix of Jesus
23 rd Oct	The Advent of the Messiah
13 th Nov	God's Great Cleanup
27 th Nov	Collaborative Eschaton
29 th Jan	The Lake as the World
12 th Feb	Parables as Lures
26 th Feb	Jesus as Lord
11 th Mar	Substitutionary Atonement?
29 th Apr	Demonstrations in Jerusalem
13 th May	The Crowd & the Crucifixion
27 th May	Resurrection as Resistance
10 th June	America as the New Rome

Dinner is followed by a DVD and discussion session.

Sunday Evenings, 7:00 - 9:00 pm

INFORMATION

Students at St Columba's

We are pleased to welcome back students after the summer holiday period.

We are also thrilled to welcome all new students into our life and worship, and wish them well in their first foray into life in Oxford.

Please keep your eyes and ears out for upcoming activities and events during the academic year.



Note to others: If you see a student who you have not already met then please introduce yourself to them and find out more about their move to Oxford.

NEWS ABOUT PEOPLE

Congratulations

Congratulations go to [Kesang Ball](#) following her exam results. We wish her all the best for the next chapter of her life.

In Memoriam

Longer-standing members will have been saddened by the death of Morris Moodie. Morris was born on 13th April 1923 and attended Paisley Grammar School and Harris Academy, Dundee before taking an MA at St Andrews University. His course was interrupted by three years' service as a lieutenant in the Durham Light Infantry during WWII. At St Andrews he was known as 'Bish' Moodie due to his theological bent. More importantly, he met there Phyllis (née Moulton) whom he married. He went on to take a course in colonial administration as a member of Merton College, and served in Nigeria as a district commissioner from 1947 until 1958. He regarded his work there as a kind of secular mission - certainly as a vocation in some sense. After a spell in industry he became Bursar of Worcester College, a post he held from 1973 until retirement around 1987. During his time there, according to the Worcester Record of 1987 he 'kept a sharp Scots eye on the college finances' and he oversaw a College appeal and also the erection of the Wolfson and Sainsbury Buildings. Also during his time there, he worked with another of our members, Jean Harker, on the large annual Oxford-Berkeley summer school. At St Andrews he had captained the Boxing team and gained a Blue, and at Merton he gained a war-time Blue, boxing at light heavyweight. He later became Senior Treasurer of the Oxford University Boxing Club, and was elected a senior member of Vincent's Club. He was a key member of our Property & Finance Committee, particularly when dry rot was discovered in the church. Later he acted as fund-raising Treasurer for Sulgrave Manor, near Banbury, home to George Washington's ancestors.

Morris and Phyllis had two daughters, Kathleen and Catriona, who will very much miss his company and his sense of humour. When ill-health necessitated it Morris and Phyllis moved to Kent to live in a Nursing Home there, close to Catriona. I'm told that Morris didn't suffer fools gladly, but in the words of his late mother-in-law he was 'one in a million' and in the words of our former

minister, Revd Dr Susan Durber, he was 'very impressive'. Morris passed away peacefully in his sleep in the early hours of 13th July. May perpetual light shine upon him and Phyllis.

Wilson Sunderland

THOUGHTS AND OPINIONS

A New Chapter

Dear All,

Megan and I would like to say an enormous 'thank you' to everyone for the wonderful send-off we were given before our move to Cambridge.

We were both very moved by the whole day and were amazed at how you sent us off in such style and with such good numbers. I wasn't expecting to see so many of people especially considering that it was the summer holidays. Your good wishes and messages are all treasured deeply. I am only sorry that I didn't have enough time to thank everyone individually.

'...thank you once again for all that you have given both of us throughout our years at St Columba's.'

Thank you also for all the wonderful gifts we received, with a special thank you to Freya and Robbie for their beautiful pictures. I am using my new pen on a regular basis and am currently using it to help me learn my Greek alphabet ready for the start of my studies a week on Monday! Megan is keeping hers in its box at present because it is such a treasured possession. We have not yet decided what to spend the money on yet but Megan has come up with a few very choice suggestions which really made me smile.

The move to Cambridge went very smoothly and we were making our first cups of tea and unpacking boxes by 4:00pm. The house is now thoroughly cleaned and all but one box is unpacked so I think we are doing very well. We are very lucky to have such a wonderful house to live in and with so much space. Our 3rd bedroom is now our study so we can both do our homework without distractions. We also have a lovely and private back garden that is a haven of tranquillity and we get lots of small birds visiting and I am enjoying watching them.

Megan is in her second week at senior school and is really enjoying herself. She has already earned 4 good behaviour awards from different teachers and this has given her a huge boost in confidence. She is also taking responsibility for getting herself ready each morning and doesn't need too much nagging.

We have met a couple of our neighbours and they are very nice. The close is very quiet and is only a 10 minute cycle ride from the city centre so I am hoping to be able to give up car driving as much as possible in the very near future.

We hope to be able to visit Oxford during the Christmas holidays so hope to see many of you again then. In the meantime, thank you once again for all that you have given both of us throughout our years at St Columba's.

Love and best wishes xxx

Ruth & Megan Wilson

REPORTS

Africa day at St Columba's

After much planning and organising, Africa Day was held on 18 September. The church was beautifully decorated in an African theme, and African clothing and other items were on sale. Other

URC churches in the region joined us for morning worship and communion. The music was provided by Georgina (singer) and her father John Fensom of Collinwood Rd URC (guitar), accompanied by Jackson, an African drummer.



After the service we gathered for an African lunch of various meat dishes, mashed yams and fried plantain, all very ably prepared and cooked by African experts in the St Columba's kitchen. Francis Boua recounted his story of how he came upon the idea of holding Africa Day in aid of the Hope and Faith Christian Community School in Zambia. He also shared with us in a moving way, how as a young boy in the Cote d'Ivoire he did not have the opportunity of attending school, until his father moved the family to France. Francis now has a

degree in business and runs his own cleaning company in Oxford. Malcolm Townsend, an Elder at Cumnor church, gave a presentation on the Hope and Faith School and the remarkable woman, Rose Mumbi, whose inspiration it is. From humble beginnings, the school is growing remarkably and producing admirable results.

After lunch we had the opportunity to participate in workshops on drumming, African dancing, and kora playing. Even if one felt slow to join in at first, the spirit of Africa soon took hold and we amazed ourselves at how we could learn the words of a folksong and the hip-swinging and chanting of an African dancer. Our speakers, Lonah Hebditch and Firoze Manji, illuminated us on the status of women in Africa and the political awakening of Africa.

We would like to record our thanks to Pegasus Theatre who handled ticket sales and provided information on their website, advice and support, all at no charge, as a service to the community. We will be able to report on the amount of funds

raised in the next newsletter. At this stage, we would like to thank everyone in the community who joined in, bought tickets, or made other donations. We came together in the spirit of helping children to pursue the valuable life-long asset of education, for which we know they will always be grateful.

**Carla Grosch-Miller, Malcolm Townsend, Francis Boua & Jill Fresen
Organising Group**

A Financial Update...

Overview

Heating Fund:

Movement	Detail	Amount
Income	<i>Grants</i>	£48,125
	<i>Donations: members & friends</i>	£46,405
	<i>Other (fundraising & ext. donations)</i>	£1,170
	<i>Interest-free loans: members & friends</i>	£9,500
	TOTAL	£105,210
To be spent	(including consultant fee)	£102,018
Already spent		£53,169

Most of the rest of the payment to the contractor (apart from a six-month 2.5% satisfaction fee), and to the consultant will be paid this month.

The figures largely speak for themselves. Once the decision was (finally) taken in January, a combination of donations, fundraising and grants has resulted in (by the time of publication) the completion of the project within the space of a mere eight months. It is to be hoped that, if the project comes within budget, there will be a surplus £3,000-£4,000, and it has been decided to apply this towards the decoration of the building.

	July - Sept 2011	Year To Date
Total Income	£19,753	£64,648
Expenditure	£21,603	£67,361
Balance	£46,091	£46,091
Trend	-4.2%	-6.3%

The negative trend reported for this period is disappointing, though as will be seen, there is the special factor in that for much of this time the building has not been available for hiring. Nonetheless, it is the second newsletter report in a row that such a trend has been reported.

Income

Top 5 areas of income (excluding Heating Fund):

1	Giving by Standing Order	£9,095
2	Hirings	£2,178
3	Special Collections	£1,377
4	Cash Collections	£733
5	Gift-aided Collections	£297

Direct giving through standing orders has, of course, remained almost constant. Income from hirings has, unsurprisingly, decreased because of the work on the Heating Project. Also, there is a 'summer effect', with smaller congregations over this period meaning smaller collections being taken during the services.

Expenditure

Top 5 areas of expenditure (excluding Heating Fund):

1	URC – Ministry & Mission	£8,690
2	Administrator & Expenses	£3,813
3	Utilities	£2,880
4	Special Collections	£2,287
5	Cleaning	£945

The first two of these items are more or less constant features. Utilities expenditure is dominated by the electricity bill, and it is to be hoped that this item will be significantly reduced in future thanks to our new heating system. It so happens that more went out for Special Collections fund than was collected over this period, but this is something which evens out over time. Note Cleaning: this too is usually a constant item, but the heating project work is going to necessitate a major clean of the building.

Current Balance & Trend

That part of the budget assigned to the heating project is at present being applied to the purpose for which the funds were raised. The non-heating fund balance has been in a state of slow decline for a number of months, which with the heating project almost complete, will be addressed in the next budget. Nonetheless, the current level of the balance is sufficiently healthy for there to be no immediate concerns.

Substantial Anticipated Expenditure

Most of the remaining Heating Fund, together with the grants received, will be going to the contractor and consultant in the next few weeks. Following this, there will be additional work on the building to bring it up to scratch: which includes cleaning and painting; for this, funds have already been allocated. Once the heating project is behind us, the Finance & Property Committee will be examining what should be the next work on the building to be prioritised: amongst others, there are a number of items arising out of the last Quinquennial Review, and recent electrical testing.

Andrew Baker and David North

EDITOR'S COMMENTS

So, Christianity is struggling to connect with a large part of British society and the same can be said of Christianity in numerous other countries around the world. What is the Church to do?

Below are some questions to ponder. Answer them instinctively and without deeper thought, perhaps even note your answers...

1. *Liturgy OR spontaneous worship?*
2. *Silent contemplation OR charismatic praise?*
3. *Suits and gowns OR jeans and t-shirts?*
4. *Service sheets and notices OR 'flashy' digital projectors?*
5. *Organs, choirs and traditional hymns OR electric guitars, worship groups and contemporary worship songs?*
6. *Organising committees OR community groups?*
7. *Theological debate OR Christian witness?*
8. *Social justice OR converting the masses?*
9. *Identity by denomination OR identity by faith?*
10. *Inter-faith co-operation OR Christian alliance?*
11. *Free to believe OR doctrinal basis?*
12. *Radical welcome OR exclusive club?*

Now consider your responses. What influenced these answers? Upbringing; family; friends; culture; general life experience... and probably more. So often, familiarity equates to preference and acceptance, whereas difference equates to fear and rejection. Does that mean your individual preferences and fears are correct? Does that mean they are right for the Church? Only God knows. Therefore we should pray to discern the will of God and try to engage with society in a relevant and effective manner in order to share God's unconditional love with all.

Tim

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Events

October

2nd *Rejoice & Sing Anniversary. Church. 10:45am.*

First Sunday. Church. 7:15pm.

9th *First Light: Jesus & the Kingdom of God. Church. 7:00pm.*

23rd *First Light: Jesus & the Kingdom of God. Church. 7:00pm.*

27th *Manse Discussion Group. The Manse. 7:30pm.*

28th *Fourth Friday. Cumnor URC. 7:15pm.*

30th *KJV 400th Anniversary Service. Church. 10:45pm.*

November

6th *First Sunday. Church. 7:15pm.*

11th *Young Adult-led Service - Planning. The Manse. 6:00pm.*

13th *First Light: Jesus & the Kingdom of God. Church. 7:00pm.*

17th *Manse Discussion Group. The Manse. 7:30pm.*

19th *Funeral Planning Event. Cumnor URC. 10:00am.*

20th *Young Adult-led Service. Church. 10:45pm.*

25th *Fourth Friday. Cumnor URC. 7:15pm.*

27th *First Light: Jesus & the Kingdom of God. Church. 7:00pm.*

Meetings

October

9th *Church Meeting. Church. After Worship.*

11th *Finance & Property Committee. Church. 7:30pm.*

November

3rd *Elders' Roll Meeting. Church. 7:30pm.*

10th *Finance & Property Committee. Church. 7:30pm.*

LECTIONARY

October

2nd Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20; Psalm 19; Philippians 3:4b-14; Matthew 21:33-46.

9th Exodus 32:1-14; Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23; Philippians 4:1-9; Matthew 22:1-14.

16th Exodus 33:12-23; Psalm 99; 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10; Matthew 22:15-22.

23rd Deuteronomy 34:1-12; Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17; 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8; Matthew 22:34-46.

30th Joshua 3:7-17; Psalm 107:1-7, 33-37; 1 Thessalonians 2:9-13; Matthew 23:1-12.

November

6th Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25; Psalm 78:1-7; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Matthew 25:1-13.

13th Judges 4:1-7; Psalm 123; 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11; Matthew 25:14-30.

20th Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24; Psalm 100; Ephesians 1:15-23; Matthew 25:31-46.

27th Isaiah 64:1-9; Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19; 1 Corinthians 1:3-9; Mark 13:24-37.

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St Columba's URC, Oxford

Sunday Worship: 10:45am

ALL are welcome.

*Be thou a bright flame before me,
be thou a guiding star above me,
be thou a smooth path below me,
be thou a kindly shepherd behind me,
today, tonight and forever.*

St Columba's Prayer

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