

Please pray for our church family	
Mon	Susana Calle Martin & family
Tues	Daphne & Donald Carter
Wed	Joan Connor
Thurs	Laurane Cooper & Cliff
Fri	Janet Cove
Sat	Mike & Wendy Crosby
Sun	Rachel Crosby

Prayers

For the Light Party at the end of the month.

For opportunities to invite children and families along to it.

For Revd Jamie Reeves at RCBC (see page 2)

For Shelley Osborne who is mourning the loss of her step – father.

For Cathy Sheldrake who is out of hospital but far from well.

For all our children's leaders and for Heather Vandamme who leads the children's work.



Sunday October 9 2022 Trinity 17



Harvest Praise (and some lament)

Nine Things You Might Like to Note.

1. There will definitely be a **Christmas Choir** this year.
2. We have bought a new free standing oil filled **radiator** for when only one room needs to be heated in church.
3. There will be **coffee and cakes** after the service today.
4. **The seals** on the external doors will be replaced.
5. PCC will look at some long term **energy saving ideas**.
6. PCC agreed to replace **the cooker** in the kitchen.
7. **Bishop Lee** is coming to visit St John's on Sunday November 27.
8. We have made changes to the **heating settings**.
9. **Wrap up warm!**



Services for Next Sunday

Oct 16th	9am	Morning Prayer	Raymond Adams
Trinity 18	11am	Holy Communion	Raymond Adams

Time	Service	Sermon	Readings
9.00 am	Holy Communion 1662	Raymond Adams	Mark 4 26-34 Leviticus 23: 22 Deuteronomy 24: 19
11.00am	All Age Harvest		Exodus 23:16 Jeremiah 5: 24 Exodus 34: 21-22

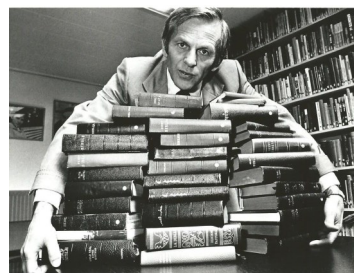
Brother Andrew: 1928 –2022

God's Smuggler is a true story about an angry and rebellious young man named Andrew van der Bijl. Fighting as a Dutch soldier, he was injured in the East Indies. Back home in Holland, he discovered God's hand in his life.

Andrew travelled to Poland in the 1950s where he saw how difficult it was to be a Christian in a Communist country. Communist governments behind the Iron Curtain were not allowing Bibles to be printed. Andrew decided to smuggle Bibles, hidden in his bright blue VW Beetle, into the former Soviet Union including Russia, Bulgaria, Rumania, and Czechoslovakia, risking a lengthy prison sentence.

Brother Andrew, as he became known, ultimately became the founder of the organisation we support as a church—**Open Doors**.

He once said, "Every door is open to go in and proclaim Christ, as long as you are willing to go and are not worried about coming back."



Smuggling Bibles behind the Iron Curtain

What is a Light Party?

(Reprinted From the Guardian Newspaper)

"In the face of the pagan onslaught that is now Hallowe'en, the humble parish church is staging a fightback.

Rather than ignoring the annual celebration of the macabre and the monstrous, an increasing number of churches view it as an opportunity.

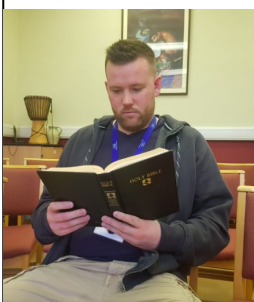
An increasing number are staging "light parties" at which games, fancy dress and party food are used to deliver an upbeat alternative to Halloween's horror-soaked narrative, and a reminder of the fundamental Christian message that there is always light to be found in the darkness."

I couldn't have put it better myself. The only thing they missed out was the puppets! You will hear more about the St John's *Light Party* this weekend at our Harvest Service. Lesley Mead will do her best to climb on to the dais and give us the full story.



New Beginning for Revd Jamie Reeves

Jamie was ordained into the Baptist Ministry last Saturday. He is the grandson of **Andrew Dean**, our own associate minister at St John's, and **Jean** his wife, and the son of **Rachel Bulley** (of *Jam Spread* fame), his deservedly proud mum.



Jamie has been leading Rodbourne Cheney Baptist Church while training for the ministry, so he has had his hands full. He looks forward to being able to focus on the church from now on, though he will continue to be involved in the community and with Nova Hreed.

While making his vows, Jamie left us in no doubt whatever as to his own belief in, and commitment to, the Scriptures. Let's keep Jamie in our prayers as he begins his life as an ordained minister and grows the church at RCBC.

Craft Club Shoebox Appeal

The Craft Club are currently busy knitting hats and mittens for children. They are also inviting church members to donate items to go into the shoe boxes that the Craft Club members will fill.

A donation box will be put out on Sunday morning. £5 per shoe box is what is recommended

We are only doing boxes for the 5 – 9 age group, both boys and girls. The list of what to put in—and what **not** to put in—came in an email from the parish office last Friday (30th Sept).



If you prefer to make up your own box, please bring it to church. **June Judge** will get it to where it needs to go. The last Sunday for donations to be received at St. John's will be 23rd October.