



SPOTLIGHT

The magazine of Offington Park Methodist Church



November 2019

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Last Month's Cover Picture

We have been asked about the bridge that featured on the cover of October's Spotlight. This unique rope bridge is at Carrick-a-Rede in County Antrim, Northern Ireland. It was built in 1755 to link the mainland to Carrick-a-Rede island, where fishermen used to catch salmon. It's a wobbly 66ft-long walk as the bridge is just 18in wide! If you're in the area, you can cross the bridge (owned by the National Trust) for just £7:00 (children £3.50).



November's Cover Picture

Our cover picture is the poppy wave displayed during 2018 at Fort Nelson, a fully restored Victorian fort overlooking the Solent and comprising ramparts, outer fortifications, secret underground tunnels, and ammunition bunkers. The fort, at Portsdown Hill, has displays of many significant artillery and artillery-related artefacts through the ages. Admission is free, parking is £3:00.



Dear Friends,

What an amazing response to Har-fest!

Many different people engaged with providing clothes, food and necessary items to support the projects who work with the homeless. It was good to have our Mayor, Hazel Thorpe, here with us.



Whilst we were blessed with stunning church flowers, we were also reminded that we need to be better stewards of our creation. Our harvest supper was a time of celebration and enjoyment, which also resulted in raising some much-needed funds too. Thank you to all those who worked so hard to make this such a success.

Following closely on the heels of Har-fest came our week devoted to raising mental health awareness. Each year this Week grows and reaches so many people through education, training and offering a safe space to be. Carol, you are an inspiration and we are grateful for all the work you do throughout the year to make this possible.

In November we will once again hold our memorial service to remember all those who have died and to offer our love and support to those who remain. I will also have the huge privilege of leading the town's service of remembrance as the Mayor's Chaplain. I hope to be wearing a poppy specially made for me by the Scouts who meet regularly on our premises. I will wear it with pride and although I have been asked not to wear my white poppy this year, I will be emphasising in my reflection that, through remembering, we hope for peace.

Thank you for all the cards and good wishes for Geoff and I as we celebrate 40 years of marriage. We realise how blessed we are to reach this milestone.

Please read the Spotlight carefully as it gives all the details of the many and varied Christmas services and other activities going on in December. I do hope you will find at least one that suits your taste and will also encourage your friends and neighbours to come along and 'give us a try.'

Love and prayers *Dawn*

breakfast4men



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CHRISTMAS BAZAAR



at
Steining Methodist Church
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(opposite Springwells Hotel)

Saturday 9
November
10am – 2pm



Gift stalls, St Barnabas stall, cakes,
entertainment from 'Sing Out Sister',
refreshments, lunches

FREE ENTRY



Town Mouse and Country Mouse

After an exciting summer during which the Grumpies were out and about across Sussex, it's time for a relaxed meeting.



So, in November, we are meeting back at the church for the curiously titled "Town Mouse and Country Mouse".

The plan is for each person attending to tell the group about where they grew up - be it in a village, town or city - and what life was like for them in that environment. We hope to be able to plot how far people have moved and how much their current environment differs from their early childhood.

It should be an interesting conversation.

Join us if you are able on:

Tuesday 12 November
11:00am in the Quiet Room



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Friday 15 November 2019



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David White
OBE

9:15am-2:30pm

Cost:
£7.00

Your local contact: Gill Powell

A day of worship and teaching for ladies

ALL WELCOME



Shuffleboard Evening

(with raffle)

6:45pm

Proceeds to Church Funds

in the Main Hall

Saturday 16 November

Individual	£7.50
Children	£4.00
Family (2+2)	£20.00

Shuffleboard is a variation of shove-ha'penny.
It was much loved
by Royalty!

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CRAFT-MAKING SESSION

Friday
22 November



Yes - there really is such a thing as a free lunch!

Come and join us for a **FREE** lunch and early afternoon session of

'Christmas Craft-Making'

We will be showing you how to make various crafts that we can then sell at our Christmas fair. All materials and instructions will be provided - all we need is **YOU**, the volunteers!

12:00pm - 3:00pm in the Church

Please contact the Church Office (205722) if you plan to attend.



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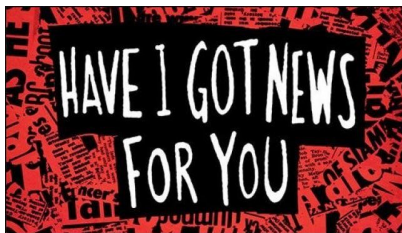
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When I heard a whisper that our Young People were going to conduct the Harvest Festival service I wondered what they would do. Would it be a hymn sandwich? Hardly. Would it be a conventional memory-lane job? No, too young for that. Would it be an easily-organised routine service? I couldn't imagine that after seeing their amazing Service at Advent last year. But what I didn't expect was what we actually got.



First of all it was to be the culmination of a fortnight's collection of items for various charities, organised by Dawn, and would be called a "Har-Fest". A strange title but obviously a combination of Harvest and Festival.

On arriving at Church for the 10.30 Service the first thing we noticed was blank windowsills. No flower arrangements, just coloured cloth representing the four elements – earth, water, fire and air. Looking towards the front of the Church, there was the puppet stage in place. Strange for Harvest I thought, but this could be fun.

Woody welcomed us, and whilst a huge handmade jigsaw was built by the young people, Ben read the creation story to us using the Rhyming Bible. Then it was found that a circular piece was missing from the jigsaw.



The Service continued with an *orangutan* (yes, really!) playing the drums - and then a whole ark full of animals appeared, with some human puppets singing 'Circle of Life' from The Lion King, bringing tears to many an eye. The song ended with the orangutan passing the final piece of the jigsaw to Myeisha. This was the **earth** and when that piece was put in place the jigsaw formed a lovely collage of many different aspects of life. Clever and beautiful.

We were all invited to bring the filled bags for the homeless to the front, where they were carefully arranged. Emma thanked everyone for their response to the Harvest appeal - so many came, responding to the request, so well done Offington for taking on the challenge.

The Mayor spoke about her work and her involvement in the homeless charities as our Mayor and as a Christian.

Turning Tides and the Soup Kitchen representatives also told their stories.

This thought-provoking and challenging Service continued on the theme of God's World and what we were doing to it.

Theo explained about recycling with Myeisha (my word, does Theo know his stuff!) Then the young people destroyed the jigsaw.



Steph told us about her recent amazing trip to Ghana and how she now values **clean water** far more than before her trip. Charlotte and Ashley debated the benefits and dangers of **fire** very heatedly (sorry, couldn't resist that). Ben told us a great deal about **wind**.

On the subject of **wind**, we were quite taken aback when Ben introduced "I'm a Christian, get me out of here" and challenged some unfortunate people to eat crickets and other unexpected bugs. They ate these insects with interesting facial grimaces.

Aaron led the Prayers. Towards the end of this uplifting and challenging Service we were all supposed to be given a small piece of jigsaw. But so many were there that we ran out! Praise His name! Whilst these tiny pieces were distributed the children re-built their jigsaw.

With young people like these growing into adulthood, I believe the future is bright. We must cherish these young people and support all they do at church and in the community. They are all brilliant and our grateful thanks must go to the devoted team of leaders.

Romy

WORTHING4REFUGEES UPDATE

A new Syrian family is being settled in Worthing next month, supported by WSCC and W4R volunteers.

Existing families are doing well. The adults are taking English lessons to ease their integration into the community and develop greater work opportunities. The children are finally all in the same school complex which helps with journeys to and from school.

Please pray for those Syrians caught up in the latest round of the conflict, especially those who have stayed to serve their neighbours, and if you'd like to volunteer for W4R please contact me.



John Carr



Christmas Craft Fair

SATURDAY, 23rd November
OPEN FROM 10:00AM - 4:00PM
*Offington Park Methodist Church
Hall, 271 South Farm Road,
Worthing, BN14 7TN*

COME & SHOP FOR

Children's knitted clothes & toys,
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cushions, dolls house items, dolls
clothes, parchment cards,
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for you to make, framed cross
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Christmas gifts and needlework
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Our own Knit 'n' Natter group are organising the refreshments for this Craft Fair, which is organised by an external agency and not the Church. Do please support this event by coming along and buying one of the delicious cakes in aid of Church funds!

The Smiles Foundation

A Christian Charity with projects in North West Romania. Working in Oradea and the surrounding Bihor County supporting families, children and the elderly and homeless who are in desperate need of a helping hand. Over 1,500 a day are helped through various projects, with over 100 Romanian staff, supported by Volunteers across the UK who **Pray, Give and Go** to help the work continue.



**The Smiles Foundation – Romania - Forum
with Founder and CEO, Kevin Hoy**

**Saturday 23rd November 7pm – Queen Street Church
Worthing, West Sussex BN14 7BJ**

The Smiles Forum will feature a short presentation on Smiles Projects in Romania, including the Dezna Summer Camps and the Official Opening in September.

Also featuring the Mission Trip programme for next year, including the Specials launched on the website. There will be a time for Q & A followed by refreshments and fellowship.

www.thesmilesfoundation.org

The Smiles Foundation, P O Box HK70, Leeds LS11 6YR Tel: 0113 276 5060 Charity No: 1087961

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ADVENT QUIET DAY

Friday 29 November 2019

10:00am to 3:30pm

'Anticipate and Celebrate'



Please bring a packed lunch - drinks will be provided

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or for as long as you are able

Suggested donation £5:00

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Southwick Methodist Church

warmly invites you to explore the inspiring subject:

'Meeting With God Through the Joy and the Power of Prayer'

Saturday 30 November
10:00am to 3:30pm

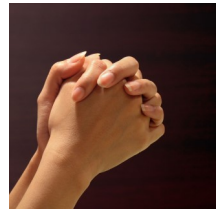
The day will be led by:

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Sat	2	3:30pm	Worthing String Quartet	Workshops. All welcome. Refreshments provided.
Sun	3	8:00am	Rev John Scrivens	Holy Communion
		10.30am	Rev Dawn Carn	Holy Communion
		3:30pm	Rev Dawn Carn	Memorial Service
		6:00pm	Rev Dawn Carn	Contemporary Worship
Mon	4	10:15am	Getaway Club	For Carers and Toddlers
		7:00pm	Offington Bells	
Tue	5	11:15am	Keep Fit	
		12:00pm	Tuesday Lunch & Social Club	Drivers: Adam Cook & Alison Wright
Wed	6	10:15am	Getaway Club	For Carers and Toddlers
Thu	7	9:45am	Paint With Me	Art Club
		11:00am	Bible Fellowship	Woman of God: Deborah in Battle
		2:00pm	Short Mat Bowls	
Fri	8	10:30am	Offington Cameo	Men's Challenge—Indoor Cricket
Sun	10	10:30am	Mrs Joy Barnes	Remembrance / Parade / All Age
		3:30pm	Rev Dawn Carn	Messy Church
Mon	11	10:15am	Getaway Club	For Carers and Toddlers
		7:00pm	Offington Bells	
Tue	12	11:00am	Grumpy Old Men	Town Mouse & Country Mouse
		11:15am	Keep Fit	
		12:00pm	Tuesday Lunch & Social Club	Drivers: Adam Cook & Meg Hopkins
Wed	13	10:15am	Getaway Club	For Carers and Toddlers
		2:00pm	Sainsbury's Shopper	Driver: Doug Sibley
Thu	14	9:45am	Paint with Me	Art Club
		11:00am	Bible Fellowship	Woman of God: Abigail's Rescue

DIARY FOR NOVEMBER 2019

Thu	14	1:30pm	Knit'n'Natter	
		2:00pm	Short Mat Bowls	
Fri	15	9:00am	CPAS Day	See poster on p7
Sat	16	6:45pm	Shuffleboard Evening	In aid of Church Funds
Sun	17	8:00am	Breakfast Church	
		10:30am	Rev Graham Locking	
		6:00pm	Rev Dawn Carn	Holy Communion
Mon	18	10:15am	Getaway Club	For Carers and Toddlers
		7:00pm	Offington Bells	
Tue	19	11:15am	Keep Fit	
		12:00pm	Tuesday Lunch & Social Club	Drivers: Liz and Chris Lance
Wed	20	10:15am	Getaway Club	For Carers and Toddlers
		11:00am	Mid-month Service of Holy Communion	
Thu	21	9:45am	Paint With Me	Art Club
		11:00am	Bible Fellowship	Ruth & Naomi's Redemption
		2:00pm	Short Mat Bowls	
Fri	22	10:30am	Offington Cameo	tba
		12:00pm	Craft Making for Christmas Fair	In the church
Sat	23	10:00am	Coffee Morning	In the AFH - for Church Funds
Sun	24	10:30am	Mrs Pam Frost	
		6:00pm	Rev Dawn Carn	Café
Mon	25	10:15am	Getaway Club	For Carers and Toddlers
		7:00pm	Offington Bells	
Tue	26	11:15am	Keep Fit	
		12:00pm	Tuesday Lunch & Social Club	Drivers: Doug Sibley & Frances Barrell

DIARY FOR NOVEMBER 2019

Wed	27	10:15am	Getaway Club	For Carers and Toddlers
Thu	28	9:45am	Paint with Me	Art Club
		11:00am	Bible Fellowship	Advent
		1:30pm	Knit'n'Natter	
		2:00pm	Short Mat Bowls	
Fri	29	10:00am	Advent Quiet Day	See poster on p14 for details

You have to take the good with the bad,
Smile when you're sad,
Love what you've got and
Remember what you've had....
Always forgive but never forget,
Learn from mistakes but never regret.....
People change, things go wrong.
Just remember, life goes on.





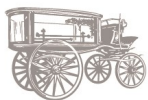
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JC's LITTLE NUGGETS

The Garden of Edom?

A team of Jordanian, Israel and American Archaeologists have found proven evidence that the single state of Edom did exist.



Remember, according to the Bible, the Edomites lived in a territory south and east of the dead sea. They were descended from Israel's Patriarch Isaac, and took their name from the Hebrew for 'red hair', in reference to their founding Father Esau.

Not only is this great news evidencing the content of the Bible, but isn't it also great to see an inter-faith group working together in close harmony?

If only it were so in other parts of the middle east.

John Carr



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We are looking to reach our fundraising target (shown left) by 31 August 2020

TARGET
£11,000

Please consider what you can do. Just select a date from the fundraising book in the church and get organising!! At the same time, check out the future events and put them in your diary so you don't forget. **WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT!**

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- WMHAW Coffee Morning £75.66
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Offington Park Methodist Church

CHRISTMAS FAIR

Saturday 7 December

10:00am - 2:00pm

Craft Workshops

(make your own Christmas Gift)

Christmas Hamper Raffle

Toys & Games

Books

DVDs

Coffee & Cakes

Lunches

...and many more stalls!

ADMISSION FREE

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT ABOUT OUR CHRISTMAS FAIR

We will be looking for your help again please in: setting up and decorating the church on the Friday (6 December), manning stalls on the day, serving food, washing up, making cakes (for delivery on Friday or Saturday) and tidying away..... we also need donations!! *Please see the poster opposite.*

We are looking for:

- Items for the Tombola
- Toys
- Toiletries
- Jigsaws
- DVDs/CDs
- Jewellery
- Books - only children's books, novels and autobiographies please
- New2U - please **NO** dinner services, singles glasses or single mugs

Please only donate good quality items that you would want to buy yourself, as we have to dispose of anything we don't sell at the end of the day. We say less is more - fewer high quality items will likely raise as much as lots of items of a lower quality. **Please speak to Sylvia Ross for more information.**

**Come to
our Craft Workshop
and create a
unique handmade item**



**SATURDAY 7 DECEMBER
10:00am – 12:00pm**

**We are running two workshops
alongside our Christmas Fair:**

Make a greetings card

Make a Christmas wreath

**There will be a small charge (payable in advance)
to cover materials. Full instructions given.**

**Please contact the Church Office (205722)
for more information or to book your place**

WMHAW Report by Carol Barber

Once again I write to thank my Offington Church Family for all the support it has given to Worthing Mental Health Awareness Week (WMHAW).



This really couldn't happen without your generous goodwill, prayers and practical support. The response to the various workshops, talks and activities which took place has been so positive. Nearly 650 people attended the more formal sessions, and hundreds more visited the Information Centre.

Sixty-one local groups and organisations were represented during the week, either by having a stall in the Information Centre or by leading a workshop or session. Eight of these groups were first time participants to the Week.

I'm often asked for the highlights of the Week, or the statistics surrounding it. There are the things that made this particular Week different...

This was the 7th WMHAW, but the first time a Minister at Offington was also Mayor's Chaplain. It was therefore an extra pleasure to see Dawn light the Peace Candle and lead us in prayer. It has been the WMHAW tradition that we hand the Week over to God before we invite the Mayor to declare it open!



The Samaritans, who are celebrating their 50th Anniversary of listening in Worthing, were in attendance all week ready to offer one-to-one support at Offington. There were several of these chats throughout the Week. A rail passenger, travelling from Brighton to Chichester, left the train at Worthing in order to talk to a Samaritan at Offington. How wonderful that we were able to offer tea and cake and the use of the Quiet Room!

Jackie Farrell, from the National Tremor Foundation, gave a candid talk about the impact of Essential Tremor on mental wellbeing. Currently there is no local support group for this condition, but it is hoped that one will soon form. Please would you pray for the continuing success and development of this critical service.

There was a focus on dementia on the very busy Tuesday afternoon, with four separate dementia events on the programme. For the first time we held a pop-up Dementia Cafe with afternoon tea.

Over 60 people attended - those living with dementia, carers, professionals, plus members of the public and people from our Tuesday Lunch Club too. Hazel played her harp, Ric led a sing-a-long and Abigail offered nail polishes. There was singing, dancing, laughter and lots of cake!

Worthing Dementia Action Alliance held an Open Meeting where the role of Admiral Nurses in supporting those living with dementia was discussed. The meeting heard that Horsham area had six Admiral Nurses, but there are none at all in the Worthing area.

On the Wednesday, 27 people received training in Adult Mental Health Awareness. This was a four hour accredited course. Grants, and kindness from others, allowed us to provide a lunch for attendees.



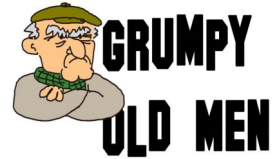
World Mental Health Day (10 October) had the theme of suicide prevention. Ann Feloy, a Worthing mum bereaved by suicide, spoke about the work of Olly's Future, a charity set up in memory of her son, Oliver, who died in Worthing in 2017. Much of the work of this charity has been in London and Horsham. By the end of the Week there were firm plans to support Ann who feels ready to expand her work into Worthing.

This year WMHAW received a support grant from Worthing Community Chest of up to £973. This is a significant sum, which although not all claimed, has certainly made a difference! The grant helped to provide a collection box in the foyer for donated goods to generate income for Worthing Community Chest. It will also fund training for Dawn and I so that we can develop our own skills, and learn more about other community groups and so develop networks as we sit on the panel which grants awards. We also had fabulous donations from local retailers which helped to feed everyone!

The new media system was wonderful. The ability to zoom in on a speaker, singer, or a bit of 'dad-dancing' was appreciated. Presenters and attendees alike found the side and back screens invaluable.

My gratitude goes to all involved throughout the Week, from supporting speakers, moving furniture, 'meeting and greeting', serving refreshments and lunches, or just sitting alongside those who needed information and a safe space. Not forgetting the wonderful Tech Team who were available at some long and unsociable hours! Thank you all.

Come into my parlour (said the Mayor to the Grumps)



Last month, the Grumpies had the privilege of visiting the parlour of the Mayor of Worthing, Councillor Hazel Thorpe.

As part of the visit, the Grumpies saw the newly-refurbished Council Chamber, were told about the Borough Coat of Arms which bears the motto 'Ex Terra Copiam E Mari Salutem' (translated as 'from the land fullness, from the sea health'). We also heard about how the Mayor is chosen and the nature of the role.

The carpet in the central well of the Council Chamber is the original from 1933. Interestingly, we were told that the architect, Charles Cowles-Voysey, had hoped for a plaque to be



erected outside the building to acknowledge his work. After the Councillors at the time rejected his request, Voysey had the letters of his name embroidered randomly into the carpet!



Light refreshments were served in the parlour, where we had the opportunity to view, hold and even try on some of the Mayoral Regalia including the robe, hat and chain which is worth several hundred thousand pounds! I think Chris looks very fetching as a temporary Mayor!

If you would like to join the Grumpies, please contact me.

Mike Powell

SPECIAL THANKS

for your support at the 7th Annual
Worthing Mental Health Awareness Week



Ayvel Bakery, The Broadwater pub, Jamedu, Mencap and Buddies, Superstar Arts, Indigo Restaurant, Georgina Strike, Waitrose.....and of course the brilliant 'Team Offington'!!



CHRISTMAS AT OFFINGTON PARK

WE WELCOME YOU TO ANY OR ALL OF OUR SERVICES!

Sunday 1 December

6:00pm Advent Carols

Sunday 8 December

6:00pm Contemporary Carols

Monday 9 December

6:00pm Mayor's Carol Service

Sunday 15 December

10:30am Service with Puppets and Sketches

6:00pm Reflective Service

Sunday 22 December

6:00pm Traditional Carols

Christmas Eve

3:30pm Christingle Service

5:00pm Christingle Service

11:30pm Midnight Communion

Christmas Day

10:00am Christmas Day All Age Worship

Economy of Life - A Roadmap



This month, we are considering part II of the **World Council of Churches** document entitled **‘Roadmap for Congregations, Communities, and Churches for an Economy of Life and Ecological Justice’**.

Please consider carefully and prayerfully the key messages in these articles and be prepared to take action where appropriate. Not everyone can build a community-run, small-scale hydroelectric dam, for example, but the small everyday changes we can make by thinking before we do something can have significant knock-on effects.

2. Renewable Energy and Climate Protection

Monitor energy consumption and move towards renewable energies

“We monitor our energy consumption at least once a year and strive for a complete change to renewable energy.”

The consumption of fossil fuel-based energy harms the climate, and is already leading to a vast destruction of livelihoods, the drowning of islands, conflict and war, and a growing group of climate refugees.



Communities such as ours, based in privileged countries, need to control the use of energy and to improve the energy efficiency of our buildings. Changing from conventional to eco-electricity (where possible) is an easy step, followed by installing solar panels.

As a worldwide communion in Christ, we could collaborate: ethical investments in one part of the world can provide access to renewables and improve living conditions in another.

Promote climate-friendly mobility

“We support climate-friendly and post fossil-fuel mobility.”

This is highly dependent on our own situation, but we can help by, say, posting timetables for public transport and promoting it's use.

We can also encourage bicycle use (perhaps by offering secure bike parking or bike-sharing) and promoting car-sharing and minibus use for meetings, trips etc. We could even install charging points for electric cars! It matters less what we could do - what is important is what we actually do! Maybe it's time to re-think how we live our daily life. As Ban Ki-moon (former Secretary-General of the United Nations) said: *"We are the last generation that can fight climate change. We have a duty to act."*



Deal with energy and materials consciously

"We deal with energy and materials with conscience and care."



Every time we consume something, we pay twice: for its cost and for the disposal of waste. The production of an item requires energy. Every waste of energy harms the environment and costs money that could be used for beneficial projects. Therefore, energy efficiency and the way we use things are important. Sometimes small changes like duplex printing on recycled paper, avoiding plastic and styrofoam cups, or installing switchable electrical outlets can have a remarkable effect.

Next month: 3. Just and sustainable consumption

LOVE IN A BOX



This is shoebox collecting month! Please take a leaflet from the church foyer (where there is a filled example of a shoebox) and return your boxes anytime between 3 -18 November. Don't forget the £4:00 towards transport costs.

If you can't fill a box, but would like to contribute something, leave any one-off items, preferably something that would be suitable for any age, in the church office and we can use it to make up a shoebox.

Thank you for your support .

Margaret Hallard

MONEY FOR NOTHING!

Sounds too good to be true doesn't it – money for nothing?

But this really is an easy way to raise money, at **absolutely no cost to you**, and support Offington's mission and service in the community.

Simply by registering and then using a slightly different path to access your on-line shopping sites, the companies involved will make a small percentage donation to Church funds for each transaction you complete. Meanwhile you get all the things you would normally buy and pay exactly what you would have paid had you gone through the normal route.

Please sign up to support "Offington Park Methodist Church" using the two links below. Thereafter, go to your online shopping sites via EasyFundraising (for most on-line retailers, including insurance and holidays) or Amazon Smile (for Amazon purchases) to get the retailers you use to donate to us.

If you have any queries or simply need reassurance, please contact me

Tim Cooper

Click on, or paste, these links into your Internet browser:

EasyFundraising: <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/>

Amazon Smile: <https://smile.amazon.co.uk/ch/1127681-0>

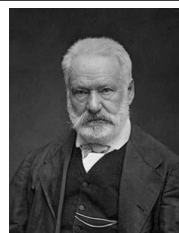


Welcome to
amazon smile

You shop. Amazon gives.

EXILED, BUT STILL VICTOR

Some 20 years after Napoleon III banished him from France, Victor Hugo exclaimed, "Why was I not exiled before!" Hugo had been France's most popular literary figure when the Emperor took exception to some of Hugo's political beliefs and exiled him. But during this period of 'adversity', Hugo really found himself. In his exile he wrote his most successful novels, including Les Miserables. He returned to France more famous than when he left.



If misfortune or seeming disaster strikes you and you have no choice but to start all over again - keep Victor Hugo in mind. You, too, might be saying some day, "Why didn't this happen to me sooner?!"

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS



Baptism

Cobie Rose
Daughter of Becki and Rob

*We welcome her into the family of God's church
May she grow in grace day by day*

Deaths

Jean P
Nita E



*We give thanks for their lives and pray for
their families and friends at this time of loss*

OFFERTORIES

22 September	£496.39	6 October	£495.45
29 September	£778.14	13 October	£359.93

Giving by standing order each month currently averages £3,300.

Thank you for all you give - both financially and with service

Please remember to Gift Aid if you are a taxpayer



Calling all Cooks!

Cameo are planning a new Offington Cookbook to raise Church funds. Please share your favourite recipes and hand them to either Heather Norris or the Church Office.

that's
Life

Last week I was asked to change my computer password.

So I chose the word 'fortnight'.

The computer said it was two week.

NEXT EDITION

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Publication Date

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Sunday 1 December

Please submit material for the next edition
to the Editors at:

offingtonspotlight@gmail.com

Bob left work one Friday evening. It was payday, so instead of going home, he stayed out for the entire weekend partying with his mates and spending his entire wages.

When he finally went home on Sunday night, he was confronted by his angry wife and was subjected for nearly two hours to a tirade befitting his actions. Finally his wife stopped the nagging and said to him, "How would you like it if you didn't see me for two or three days?"

He replied, "That would be fine with me."

Monday went by and he didn't see his wife.

Tuesday and Wednesday came and went with the same results.

But on Thursday, the swelling went down just enough for him to see her out of the corner of his left eye.



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