

MY NEWSLETTER

October 2024

MY CHURCH MEETINGS:

Sunday 6th October, 10:30 am
Guest Speaker: Andrew Leakey
Morning and Afternoon sessions
with shared lunch in the middle

Sunday 13th October, 10:30 am
Connect With Church

Sunday 20th October, 10:30 am
Guest Speaker: Geoff Feasey.
(Communion)

Sunday 27th October, 10:30 am
Encounters with Jesus:
The Paralysed man
Mark 2:1-12.

Saturday 2nd November, 9 am
United Men's Breakfast
See Page 3 for more details.

Sunday 3rd November, 3 pm
Forest Church in
Monks Yard Gardens.
See Page 3 for more details.

MY CHURCH ONLINE:

**MARION'S THOUGHT
FOR THE DAY:**

(YouTube)

monksyard.link/MTFTD



THE GLORY OF AUTUMN TREES

If ever there was a time to celebrate the glory of trees, it's got to be Autumn when the leaves begin to fall. They don't just fall though – watch them ... they twist and turn, drift and swirl as if they were doing one last dance. It's a very graceful way to make an exit, don't you think? Trees are giants upon our planet and this annual loss of their leaves is quite humbling, considering what the trees do for us.

God had an amazing plan in mind when He created the trees. They are the lungs of our planet and in great numbers, they can reduce climate change; they create homes within their branches for birds and squirrels and many other small creatures; their branches provide shelter and shade; they provide useful materials for our use – medicines, food and wood for us to create many things. What would we do in a world without trees?

The loss of their leaves heralds the turning of the year so go gather the windfalls and use their fruits in your kitchen, making delicious pies, jams and jellies. When you curl up in your cosy chair to read a book or take your pen and a new sheet of paper to write something, spare a thought for the tree that gave your paper its life. When you are walking in the park or in the woods, look more closely at the beautiful trees and think about what marvellous creations they are. Listen to the young folk of today who have a lot to say about caring for the planet and the wild places. Find your favourite tree and sit awhile beside it and say a grateful prayer of thanks to the Creator who made such wonderful things.

Marjorie

“Baby— basics” South Somerset

In September we sent out 16 starter packs to families within our community who needed support. We have received an abundance of referrals for the next few months and so it's going to be a busy time. Due to the surge in referrals and a drop in the number of donations we receive we are seeing gaps in our supplies. Items we are currently in need of are:

- First size baby socks
- Scratch mittens
- Muslins (stain free)
- Baby lotion
- Newborn girl clothing, babygrows and vests
- 3-6 girls clothing
- Shampoo and conditioner for mum.
- Small chocolate treat for mum (i.e. chocolate orange, Maltesers)
- Moses baskets



We'd be so grateful for any donations you're able to give. If you'd like to support us through our Amazon wishlist, the link is: monksyard.link/amazon. If you'd like to make an in person or monetary donation, please get in touch with us. Call us on 07541 336732 or send us an email at babybasicssouthsomerset@gmail.com.

Thank you to everyone for your continued support.

Lisa

MY CONNECT GROUPS:

MY WORD:

Tuesday 1st October, 10:30 am &
Tuesday 15th October, 10:30 am

MY SINGING FOR FUN:

Tuesday 1st October, 2:30 pm

MY CREATIVE CRAFTS:

Monday 9th October, 10.30 am.

MY PHOTOGRAPHY:

TBC

MY CONNECT WITH CHURCH:

Sunday 13th October, 10:30 am.

MY CARERS SUPPORT GROUP:

Thursday 17th October, 1 pm.

Please contact Alison on 07774231996 before coming for the first time.

MY SENIORS COFFEE MORNING:

Friday 25th October, 10:30 am

MY LETTER FRIENDS:

Friday 25th October, 2 pm.

MY WORKSHOP & GARDEN:

Thursdays between
10 am and 1pm.

REVOLUTIONARY LIONS MEN'S DAY SATURDAY 5TH OCT

'Father's preferred future for you'

10.30 - 16.30

MONKS YARD, ILMINSTER, TA19 9PY

A day of sharing and encouraging one another from our authentic experiences.

Cost for the day £24 - Refreshments, lunch and afternoon cake all included.

Enquiries and to book your place, please email: community@revlions.co.uk

Account Name: Revolutionary Lions

Lloyds Bank Account Number: 41967968

Sort Code: 30-99-51

Reference: MY24

An integral part of our community culture is that no brother should be prohibited in attending a gathering due to a lack of income. If you need assistance, then please email: finance@revlions.co.uk



MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING:

On 27th September - the official Macmillan Coffee Morning Day - and also our Seniors Coffee Connect morning, MY extended an open invitation to all the community to come along and enjoy some coffee and cakes, companionship and chat and drop a few coins into our Macmillan collection pot. A Bring and Buy table which was laden with all kinds of goods, was a star attraction and everyone had a good look to see what they could take home with them! The morning was great fun and the grand total of £180 was raised for this worthy charity.



FOREST CHURCH:

Okay, so there's not really a forest at Monks Yard but the gardens, trees, breezes, birdsong and Autumn skies here are beautiful. God created a wonderful world and gave us everything in it to use and enjoy so it's fitting that we should worship Him in the Great Outdoors. Come and look up in wonder; listen to the birds as they join us in worship; huddle round the firepit and keep warm as Jay makes bread and there's coffee and cake as well. Join us on Sunday November 3rd at 3pm in Monks Yard's 'forest' for church with a difference



UNITED MENS BREAKFAST:

The United Men's Breakfast for Chard, Ilminster and surrounding areas is taking place at Monks Yard Church on Saturday 2nd November at 9 am. Our guest at the breakfast is Allan Wilson. Allan who currently owns and runs his Barber Shop in Holyrood Street, Chard, with his wife Debby. Please can you email harryjacobson653@gmail.com if you and your friends are attending. The cost of the breakfast is £5 a head, but if cost is a hindrance to you coming, just come along anyway and speak to Harry.

SAY FAREWELL TO THE SUNFLOWERS FOR ANOTHER YEAR!

The year is on the wane and the Sunflowers all over our countryside are bowing their heads in farewell. Some folk will save the seeds to use another year and others will toss them on the compost heap. It's been another good year for these beautiful flowers whose faces turn to face the sun on its daily course through the heavens. Schools and nurseries, care homes and hospitals, cafes and galleries, churches and chapels have all grown them this year – some with great success, others not so much!

But the tallest ones have been found and prizes have been awarded; the youngest grower posed for her picture in the paper and the owner of the prize winning flower was interviewed on Radio Somerset in the hope that he might reveal some of his secrets! Care home residents were able to sit out in their gardens and admire the sunflower's beauty and schools created some amazing artwork which was on display in Monks Yard's Reception area. But best of all, around £250 was raised in donations which along with the £250 raised in the Waffle House at Axminster for sales of seeds, gave a grand total of £500 which was donated to Awaken Love for Africa to help with the cost of running and maintaining their orphanage and homes in Kenya.

NIGERIA: Pray for Rev Gideon whose wife and five children were killed in an attack last Christmas. He has forgiven those who did this but is walking a hard road. The Fulani militants have also attacked a Christian village at night in July killing eighteen and leaving many traumatised survivors. Many people have been displaced by jihadist attacks.

NORTH KOREA: Reading the Bible is severely punished in North Korea. Some read digital versions secretly. Pray also for those we support people in surrounding countries who have fled. They too can be thrown into prison.

PAKISTAN: Here there is persecution and discrimination. Many Christians have moved home and struggle to settle in a new place. Pray for those trying to highlight to the government the misuse of the blasphemy laws.

ERITREA: Pray for two pastors and their wives and children all of whom have been thrown into prison earlier this year. The youngest child is just two! There are hundreds of prisoners' families without a breadwinner who need support. Pray for financial resources to do this. There are 5 Christian men who have been behind bars for more than 20 years and two others in prison since 2005 and 2007, and their families.

If you want to pray regularly for persecuted Christians, you can get your free online copy of the Release International Magazine (July to September issue) by using the link: monksyard.link/Release.
Marion

**ANOTHER LOOK
AT PROPHECY
& PROPHETS**

Saturday 12th October

10.00-4.00 @ The Bible Christian
Centre, Haselbury Plucknett, TA18 7QX

£15 pp including refreshments
Please bring a packed lunch

for further details and to book
contact: beaminster@icloud.com

Hosted by Delta 43

STAYING CONNECTED:

Email: mycommunity@themonksyard.co.uk
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**If you need any help or support,
please contact any of the leaders:**

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1. You must pay an amount of income tax and / or capital gains tax at least equal to the tax that the charity reclaims on your donations in the tax year (currently 25p for each £1 donated).
2. If your declaration covers donations you may make in the future, please notify the charity if you change your name or address while the declaration is still in force.
3. You can cancel the declaration at any time by notifying the charity. It will then not apply to donations you make on, or after the date of cancellation or such later date as you specify.
4. If in the future your circumstances change and you no longer pay tax on your income and / or capital gains tax equal to the tax that the charity can reclaim, you can cancel your declaration.
5. If you pay tax at the higher rate, you can claim further tax relief in your Self Assessment tax return.
6. If you are unsure whether your donations qualify for Gift Aid Tax Relief, ask the charity, or your local tax office, or refer to leaflet IR65-Giving to charity by individuals, available on-line or through your local tax office.