

Roundabout



**The Cotteridge Church
Witnessing at the Heart of the Community**

November 2025

Minister's Letter

Friends,

I hope this finds you well, or as well as can be expected. I do realise that some of us struggle with winter and the shorter but darker days. But Advent is round the corner, pregnant with promise, renewal and reorientation. I find the dark evenings quite claustrophobic and disorienting, but as I look out my window and see the various shades of brown, orange, yellow, and everything else in the between, my heart dances. Change isn't bad after all, and especially change of season, it offers those who care to notice, a chance to experience the world from a new perspective. This gift of noticing becomes a new tool of witnessing to the transformative power of God's Spirit.



So my friends, let's embrace the coming season, with hope and patience - yes patience - patience to wait for God's surprises. Be patient, and always remain faithful, for the Lord is coming (James 5:7).

Below is a poem I wrote many years ago to help myself to hope for a better tomorrow and a better world. I hope you can draw a word or phrase that may offer you something for your picnic basket, as we sit in the valleys of this broken world, waiting for the One who comes to dwell among us.

"Someone hopes I flourish..." - an excerpt (by Farai Mapamula Nov 2012)

*"The leaves flutter in utter randomness
The branches sway and dance in utter wantonness
As the blossoms appear in utter beauty
A trunk which once displayed an eerie grotesqueness last winter,
Is transformed by its inner Spirit,
A Spirit of abstracts and concretes,
A Spirit of love and grace and beauty,
The trunk is risen from the dead,
And begins to flourish, to blossom.
Ruach!! Powerful yet tender,
Make me flourish too.
Ruach makes sense of human absurdities and frailties
Wishing and willing and urging all humanity to flourish
I hope humanity dances with me
In a dance of love and grace and transformation
Someone hopes I flourish,
I hope you flourish too."*

With good wishes,

Revd Farai Mapamula

Friends & Family.

Alwyn Hodge has died. Sheila Coward, sadly, has lost her son.

Jean Dewey has died. Her funeral was held on 22 Sept at Lodge Hill.

Jenifer Moore has also died. A service was held in her memory at Church on 9th October.

We send our prayers and condolences and best wishes to all their families and friends.

There are tributes to Jenifer and Jean later in the magazine.

Congratulations to Sheila Coward on becoming a great grandmother!

Our Christmas Fair will take place on Sat 6th Dec 10.00 a.m.-1.00 p.m.

Tuesday Fellowship is a group which is open to all. We meet on the 2nd and the 4th Tuesday of each month at 2.00 pm in the Cotswold Room and below is a list of dates with the speakers /activities. Please feel free to come and join us.

Thank you.

Linda Mann

TUESDAY FELLOWSHIP DATES -November 2025

DATE	TOPIC	<u>OPENER</u>
November 11th	Desert Island Discs (Favourite music)	L.W.
25th	Helping us to make Cards- Pat	H.P.
December 9th	Carols and Mince Pies	L.M.

Thank you all for your support over the year. I hope you all have a Happy Christmas. Our next meeting will be the A.G.M. on January 13th 2026. As usual, the meeting will be in the Cotswold Room, starting at 2p.m. I'm looking forward to seeing you all then.

Services for November and December

	2nd November	9th November	16th November	23rd November	30th November Advent 1
10:30 am	Revd Farai Mapamula Morning Worship	Revd Tariro Mukoja HC Remembrance	Revd Mindy Bell	Revd Roger Collins HC	Heather Rose
	7th December Advent 2	14th December Advent 3	21st December Advent 4	25th December Christmas Day	28th December
10:30 am	Revd Barbara Calvert All Age, Parade	Revd Tariro Mukoja HC	Revd Roger Collins Carol service	Revd Roger Collins HC	Revd Farai Mapamula HC

Service types: HC - Holy Communion: P - Parade.

Carol Service in the Church - Cotteridge School Choir. Thursday 11th December 11.00 am

Carols on the Green, Bournville. Wednesday 24th December at 6.00 p.m.

Communion Services are normally held each week at 10.00 am on Tuesdays.

Revd Mindy Bell is a Methodist Chaplain at St Francis Hall, Birmingham University

Heather Rose is a local methodist preacher.

Christmas Leaflet: Collect a copy to tell you about all the events here at Christmas.

Greenbelt Festival 2025



Once again, over the August Bank Holiday weekend, I found myself at the Greenbelt Festival in the grounds of Boughton House, near Kettering. The theme this year was 'Hope in the Making'.

I camped on site for the weekend but you can also come from off-site as and

when suits you. A shuttle bus is available from Kettering to the festival site.

This year I saw various musical acts, including Kate Rusby, and heard various speakers such as Bishop Rose Hudson-Wilkin and Jeremy Corbyn. In the



performing arts area I saw dance, theatre, poetry and comedy.

There is also a plethora of food outlets from fish and chips to Tibetan Momo (dumplings). There was also a URC Kitchen Tent serving delicious meals all made from food which would otherwise have gone to waste.

A particular favourite activity for me was Beer and Hymns – you will rarely hear hymns sung with such gusto at 11am on a Saturday

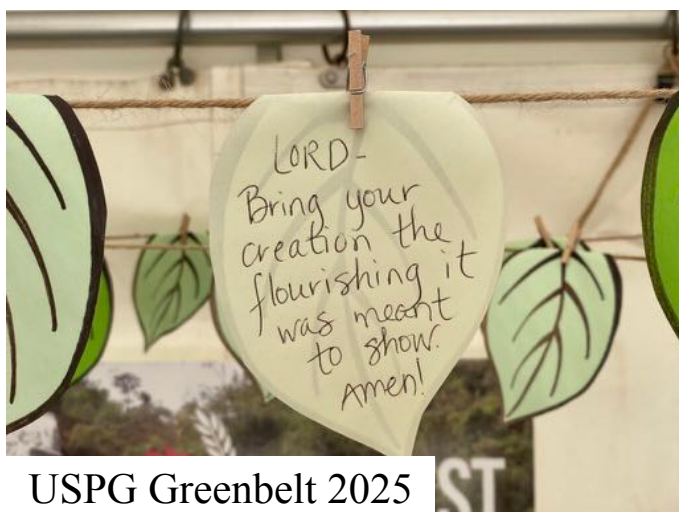


morning in August, including 'O come all ye faithful' complete with descant!!

On the Sunday morning, communion was celebrated at a mass gathering in the open air. With hymns from old to new, and led by a very diverse and inclusive array of people, it was based on the theme of 'Hope in our Hands'. Part of the service involved us making chains of ribbons and then joining all these together.

I enjoyed it so much that I've already booked my ticket for next year!!

For more information about the Greenbelt Festival go to greenbelt.org.uk



USPG Greenbelt 2025

Tim Sprackling

Jenifer Moore 1934 - 2025

Jenifer was born on 23rd April 1934 to Norman & Beatrice Carlyle. On registering her birth, Norman, much to his wife's annoyance spelt Jenifer incorrectly with only one 'n,' so Jenifer was stuck with the spelling for life which became a bit of a talking point wherever she went.

Jenifer was 5 when the war started and like many children, was evacuated to the countryside. But she became very homesick and her parents decided it would be better to bring her back home so they could all be together. Her father was too old to fight, so joined the



fire service instead to help fight fires across the city of Birmingham. Jenifer used to tell stories of running down the road to greet him, in the morning after a night of fighting fires and he would be covered in soot from head to toe and of nights spent either under the dining table, or in the air raid shelter at the bottom of the garden.

At the age of 11 she started attending King's Norton Methodist church and was part of the congregation for most of her life. The church and her faith, was very important to her, and she and her mother were founder members of the fellowship group at the church. At 11 she also started at King's Norton Grammar school for girls and used to cycle backwards and forwards to school everyday in all weathers.

Although an only child, Jenifer was very close to her cousins, including Patricia, June and Jo and these friendships continued throughout their lives

She left school at 16 after taking the school leaving certificate and started her first job, working as an insurance clerk in the city centre.

Jenifer met John at the youth club and they subsequently got married and moved to a flat in Moseley. Unfortunately, John had a serious motorbike accident, in his mid 20s which left him paralysed down one side of his body and Jenifer cared for him for the rest of his life until she was widowed at the age of 51. Jenifer and John moved to Ashbrook road in Stirchley after his accident and had one son Peter in 1965.

When Jenifer went back to work after having Peter, she worked for Aston University, as an administrator in their post graduate team, where she worked until retirement.

Jenifer loved spending time with her family when she could and as grandparents do, allowed her granddaughters Amy & Rachel to do all the things her parents didn't, like using their paints in the house! She was very proud of the career paths they followed, teaching and nursing respectively & was over the moon to have become a great grandma to Charlie in August.

Jenifer found love again when she met Kenneth Moore at church and in 2015 they got married. They had 6 years together until Ken's untimely death in 2021 to covid. She loved her holidays and spending time in the sun. She spoke fondly of her trips abroad, especially to Canada & America where she went with her friends, and also to the bulb fields in Holland where she went with Ken.

In 2021 after she lost Ken, Jenifer moved to Bridgewater Court in Selly Oak. Because she found it difficult to get to Cotteridge Church as it was called by then, she started going to St Mary's in Selly Oak on a Sunday when she could, and mid week for tea and toast. In 2023, Jenifer moved up to a care home in Saddleworth, to be closer to her family and managed to spend her last years seeing more of them.

Roger Collins

Jean Dewey

Stan & Jean were members of the URC, when our three churches came together, and were active members of the choir here for many years, and helped with numerous other social activities.

Jean was born in Franklin Road, in the mid 1930s. Her early life was spent in London, but her family moved back to the Midlands at the beginning of WWII to a house just 4 doors from that of the Revd W Awdry, creator of Thomas the Tank Engine.

In 2019 she was interviewed by David Ash. The text below is taken from that interview. Jean's home was close to Kings Norton Park, and she remembered going there during the extremely cold winter of 1947. The family attended the Congregational Church on the corner of Woodfall Avenue & Watford Road - later to become the URC, which now forms part of The Cotteridge Church- where her father was captain of the Boys' Brigade.

A large barrage balloon was tethered close to their home, when a Nazi plane flew very low and dropped a bomb on the houses behind. Later another bomb was aimed at Cadbury's, but it fell in the canal and caused a flood.

She and her friends used to stand on the railway tracks close to Kings Norton station, and put halfpennies on the tracks for the trains to squash. Later American soldiers passing through by train would toss sweets to them.

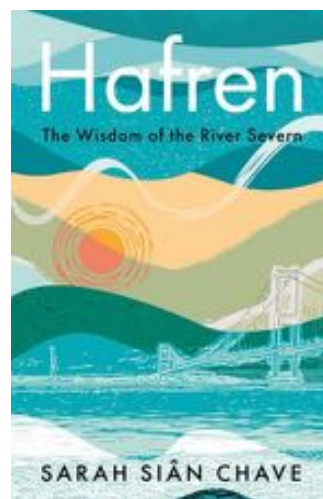
To mark the end of the war, a huge street party was held on the corner of Meadow Hill Road & Wychall Lane. The bonfire lit on the road melted the tarmac.

Jean left Greenmore College at 15 and worked at Kalamazoo where she stayed until she married Stan in 1957. Later she worked at St. Thomas Aquinas School as a physics lab technician, where she stayed until Stan's retirement, after which she volunteered at Selly Oak hospital. In 2018 she joined St Nicholas' Church Kings Norton, very close to where she lived.

Some Good News

I had an email from Peter Chave recently [He was our URC minister when our three churches united]. He was delighted to tell me that his wife Sarah has just had a book published. It tells the story of the River Severn, from source to sea, and is illustrated by her sister. I have bought a copy and am enjoying reading it.

"Afon Hafren, the Severn, is a mighty Welsh river, which shaped many histories and is part of many stories. In Celtic traditions, water is a source of wisdom. In a time of ecological crisis, how can we listen to the wisdom of Hafren? Sarah Siân Chave takes us on a journey from Hafren's source to the sea, following Hafren's route from Pumlumon in Wales and meandering through England, before she finds her way back home to Wales and to the sea. The journey weaves together Celtic myths, historical and personal narratives as well as Welsh words and ideas. *Hafren* not only speaks to the wisdom of this river, but of all rivers, encouraging readers to understand better their place as part of nature. This book will appeal to those interested in nature, sustainability and ecology, and also to those interested in Celtic and Welsh traditions, histories and myths, and is evocatively illustrated by Sarah's sister, Rachel Collis". Published by Calon on 21st August 2025, £16.99



C.L.



The Commando Monument at Spean Bridge

It is here in the area around Spean Bridge where thousands of allied troops came to train for warfare during World War II. This is a special place!

The Commando Monument just north of Spean Bridge is a large three-figure bronze statue commemorating the service and sacrifice given by thousands of Allied troops during the Second World War. Each year on Armistice Sunday a memorial service is held around the monument attended by veterans and their families, together with respectful locals and visitors. The Commando Memorial stands some 17ft or 5.2m high, and comprises a group of three bronze commandos dressed in typical World War Two uniforms and equipment including cap comforters, ammunition pouches and weapons. They are looking south towards Ben Nevis. A large inscription on the plinth just beneath their feet reads "United We Conquer", while the plaque on the front of the plinth reads: "In



memory of the officers and men of the commandos who died in the Second World War 1939–1945. This country was their training ground."

The commandos were established on the instructions of Prime Minister Winston Churchill immediately after the Dunkirk evacuation in June 1940, as a means of striking back against the German armies occupying Europe. They formed an elite force capable of conducting irregular warfare in a range of different environments and went on to serve with distinction across the globe. During the war 1,700 commandos lost their lives, while many others were seriously wounded: and eight men serving with the commandos were awarded the Victoria Cross.

Celia Lester

Telemachus' Lesson

Telemachus, a 4th century monk, felt God saying to him "Go to Rome". He put his possessions in a sack and set off. Arriving in the city, people were thronging the streets as the gladiators were preparing to fight in the Colosseum, he heard them shouting, "Hail to Caesar, we die for Caesar";



He thought "Four centuries after Christ and they are still killing each other, for enjoyment, this is not right." He jumped over the railing and went out into the middle of the field, got between two gladiators, held up his hands and said "In the name of Christ, forbear!"

The crowd protested and began to shout, "Run him through, Run him through!" A gladiator came over and hit the monk in the stomach with the back of his sword. It sent him sprawling in the sand.

He got up and ran back and again said "In the name of Christ, forbear!"

The crowd continued to chant "Run him through!" One gladiator came over and plunged his sword through the little monk's stomach and he fell into the sand, which began to turn crimson with his blood. One last time he gasped out, "In the name of Christ forbear."

A hush came over the 80,000 people in the arena. Soon a man stood and left, then another and more, and within minutes all 80,000 had departed. It was the last known gladiatorial contest in the history of Rome.

Today, 2020 years later we don't appear to have learnt the lesson, think of the world picture: Russia and Ukraine and the slaughter in the Middle East.

Phan Thi Kim Phuc and her family were residents of the village of Trang Bang, South Vietnam. On June 8, 1972, South Vietnamese planes dropped a napalm bomb on Trang Bang, which had been attacked and occupied by North Vietnamese forces. Kim Phuc joined a group of civilians and South Vietnamese soldiers who were fleeing from the Temple to the safety of South Vietnamese-held positions. A South Vietnamese Air Force pilot mistook the group for enemy soldiers and diverted to attack. The bombing killed two of Kim Phuc's cousins and two other villagers. Kim Phuc was badly burned and tore off her burning clothes. Nick (from Associated Press) photographed Kim running naked amid other fleeing villagers, South Vietnamese soldiers and press photographers, it became one of the most haunting images of the Vietnam War.

In an interview many years later, she recalled she was yelling, "Nóng quá, nóng quá" (too hot, too hot) in the picture. A cropped version of the photo was featured on the front page of the New York Times the next day. It later earned a Pulitzer Prize and was chosen as the World Press Photo of the Year for 1972.

We must carefully note what the beatitudes say: The blessing is on the peace-makers, not necessarily on the peace-lovers. It very often happens that if a person loves peace in the wrong way, they succeed in making trouble and not peace. We may, for instance, allow a threatening and dangerous situation to develop, and our defence is that for peace's sake we do not want to take any action.



There is many a person who thinks that they love peace, when in fact they are piling up trouble for the future, because they refuse to face the situation and take the action which the situation demands. The peace which the Bible calls blessed does not come from the evasion of issues; it comes from facing them, dealing with them, and conquering them. What this beatitude demands is not the passive acceptance of things because we are afraid of the trouble of doing anything about them, but the active facing of things, and the making of peace, even when the way to peace is difficult.

Roger Collins

Boys' Brigade

The Revd Tariro Mukoja, our company chaplain, and Mike Meadows, company president officiated at our enrolment service when everybody was presented with their new membership cards. The best boy trophies for the last session were also awarded to James [Juniors], Alex [Company section], Tommy [Seniors] and Orla was awarded the Ron Clarke shield.



In September Sue from the Birmingham Hospice came along with a large sized cheque with the amount we raised for the Hospice through our Quiz. So we had to have a photo taken with this cheque.



Some of the company section helped Rita and Barbara by taking part in the sketch at the Harvest church parade service.

Bob Hotchkiss



Harvest Festival

Barbara made a special cake for us to share after her Harvest Festival service on 5th October. She gave us a list of the ingredients, and the countries from which they came. Her cake was appropriately named The World Cake. She stressed how important it is that the Fair Trade organisation has opened our eyes to the importance of paying food producers fairly, and that we, the buyers can now make sure we are doing this by choosing foods bearing Fair trade logo.



How fortunate we are that we have access to all these different foods from so many countries.

I was born just before the end of WWII, and the first thing my mother said to my father when he first saw me was “Go and get her registered, and get the ration book”. Food was very scarce. I must have been at least two years old when I saw her making a sponge cake with mustard yellow dried egg powder.

We did not reach the “norm” for food imports for many years, though I must say that as our population has diversified, the variety of different foods has increased enormously. When I was little the only pasta we had was tinned spaghetti [Heinz]. I remember going in to Safeways in Harborne after I was married, and bought a green pepper as an experiment. I didn’t know whether to peel it or not!!

Whilst I was teaching at KE Handsworth, Richard used to send me to the shops along the Soho Road to buy as many types of yam, or gourd etc. as I could, so he could show the diversity to his M.Sc students

[Richard could name any wild plant on the planet, so it was always a challenge to try to find one he didn’t know. I only managed it once - a purchase from a corner shop by the Bear in Bearwood, which supplied foods to lots of restaurants of different nationalities. It took him about five minutes to identify it. Have you any ideas? Each one is smaller than a peanut,



and they have tiny white hairs coming from the joints. [see end of magazine] C.L.

Community and Fundraising Events

In July a few successful events to raise money for our church and to boost the sale of meals for Catering Service.

A Bake Sale raised £118 thanks to support of our cake bakers and Dorothy’s help. People were asking when the next one will be! An added bonus is that it helped to boost Coffee Bar Sales with the remaining cakes.

The Pennine Way Meal went well with 19 people combination of the Tuesday Fellowship members, and the visitors to the Pennine Way.

It was a very sociable occasion and it was nice that Tariro joined us.

Sonia helped serving, and Natalie did the food preparation, and a lovely hot two course meal was provided, and well received. It was a great achievement, with the staff shortage in kitchen at this time.

The Sale Room is continuing to raise funds. A big thank you goes to Tina (Pennine Way Customer) Max, Rohan, and help from 2 church members - Carol and Janet. All are helping to keep the Sale and Book Room tidy.

These 2 rooms are invaluable to help fund the services we can give to the people who come through our doors each day.

On Tuesday 16th October, the Pennine way hosted a meal for members of the Fellowship group, and customers of the pennine way. The meal was a Lamb roast, or vegetarian option of Leek and potato pie, followed by a lovely apple crumble. Our two ministers joined us, and it was a lovely social event. We had some very positive comments, and the food was lovely and hot, and well presented.

Linda Woodhouse

News from Peru

A massive fire less than 500m from Jesús el Nazareno, which became VERY spectacular when it reached one of the shacks which was in fact a clandestine firework production centre, miraculously killed no one and resulted in only a handful of superficial injuries. On the positive side also, an amazingly effective response from



authorities meant that within a few hours affected families had nearly all been given tents, mattresses and blankets in 2 nearby concrete pitches. About 40 family shacks were destroyed, and the families need to be re-homed. The Anglican Church has a fund, which we will use as needed, probably to provide a little extra for the communal kitchens in the same as some of you have been helping with for over 5

years for some of these kitchens nearest the Church.

Flames have also been part of the teaching recently in JEN whilst studying the letters to Timothy and the need to “fan into flame the gift of God” given to us. One group showing a “flame” is that of the 11-12 year olds in JEN who have just finished a weekly study of the **gospel of Mark**; over 25 weeks we have simply read Mark and filled in sheets – no games, crafts etc. Even better, they are thrilled that we will continue - Acts will be next. These pre- teens are also part of the teenagers group started in August, and we pray that not only they but also their families will put roots in the Lord; the mothers of 2 HAVE now started attending Church.



Cake also featured in the April celebration of 40 years of **God's faithfulness** to Penny since she came to Peru. It was a wonderful celebration, held in Jesús el Salvador where we had the privilege of seeing the current building erected, with many present from different churches in Lima

All this against a background of political instability – last week President Dina Boluarte was voted out of office (her support was 2.5%) so we have another **new President**

José Jerí – the 7th president in 9 years. The terrible situation with extortions and murders was the main reason; please pray for effective measures, as corruption in the police/ judiciary makes progress even more difficult.

And finally, **family news**. We will be in UK mid April to July.

May our faithful God bless you and keep you secure in Him

Juan Carlos & Penny

Advent Appeal

Our Lent appeal raised money enough to pay for 83 meals for users of the Foodbank. This was a great response and the ease of making donations at the coffee bar helped. Church members and people coming into the café were able to donate in this way.

Christmas is a time when children are very much in our minds and so the Community Services Committee are proposing an Advent appeal for Action for Children.



Action for Children (formerly **National Children's Home**) was founded in 1869 by Methodist minister Thomas Bowman Stephenson. He was moved by the plight of children living on the street in London. Nowadays it is the largest children's charity in the UK helping vulnerable children and young people and their families.

“Driven by love, we take action so children don't miss out on a safe and happy childhood. We have thousands of people on the ground, giving children and young people the protection and practical help they urgently need. And we campaign for lasting change.”

From Advent Sunday 30th November you are invited to make donations at the coffee bar till.

Here are some ideas of virtual gifts for vulnerable children. actionforchildren.org.uk

Be a Secret Santa for a vulnerable child

A teddy bear for a child £5
could buy a teddy to comfort a child



Books and toys £10
could pay for books and toys
to help a child learn



Meals and snacks £40
could provide a child with meals and snacks
for a week



Warm winter clothes and bedding £65
could provide a child with warm winter clothes and
bedding

Barbara Calvert

Homonyms

I have thought of a few more homonyms which have some connection with churches. Here they are - answers at the end of the magazine.

1. Large gun / clerical dignity.
2. Eaten at communion / animals or plants reared selectively for particular features.
3. Drunk at Communion / high pitched, complaining cry.
4. Sacred / entirely or fully.
5. Christmas song / cubicle with a desk for students in a library.

C.L.

Communion in the Cotteridge Church

When our three congregations started to worship together in Cotteridge School all the denominations patterns for communion were considered & from that the following pattern was proposed & accepted by the JCC:

Every Sunday: 9am Anglican communion using wafers and the Common Cup

2nd Sunday: Anglican communion using wafers and the Common Cup

4th Sunday:

Month 1 - Methodist style: small glasses of non-alcoholic wine & bread

Month 2 - URC style: congregation in their seats,
small glasses of non-alcoholic wine & bread.

This pattern remained until 2020 when Covid restrictions were imposed. Gradually as these restrictions were eased communion was re-introduced and we moved towards our previous pattern. Canon Law readjusted to directing churches to return to using the Common Cup which has now been re-introduced in Cotteridge.

Anglican churches are required to follow Canon Law, but both URC & Methodist congregations have evolved their own patterns largely as a result of the traditions followed by the denominations at the time their buildings were established, for Cotteridge this was Congregational and Wesleyan Methodist.

Jane Stephens

Church Garden

Our Church garden is still a delight, thanks mainly to the Garden gang + Mandy's students!

There is a beautiful edition; we have purchased a small Bird Bath in memory of Andrea, our gentle, generous friend who died earlier in the year.

She loved flowers, trees & birds, so think of her when you see it.

Garden Gang meets on Mondays & Thursdays 10am -1pm.

There is always something to do, even just sit with a cuppa & breathe!

Chris P.

[Can you see the Church spire?]



Making a difference.

Firstly, thank you to everyone who contributed to our wonderful Harvest celebration. Chris and I were thrilled to gather together our Harvest display, including the knitted vegetables, pears from the garden, the harvest sheaf made by Lin Brown many years ago but still going strong, and of course plenty of pumpkins and sunflowers. The donations to the FOOD BANK were displayed and altogether there was so much to be thankful for as the Harvest was gathered in.

We all made a difference that day in being thankful and this years HARVEST has been bountiful especially tomatoes and apples. Using them in so many ways is all about making a difference as we eat seasonal food and therefore reduce any air miles. The news tells us of the need for changes to be made to the environment but the reality is far from that!

As you know every year countries gather together for the COP - the United Nations Climate Change Conference for countries focusing on environmental issues. This year is COP30, and it is to be held in BELEM, BRAZIL, from the 10th-21st November. This region is the home of the AMAZON RAINFOREST - one of the world's vital ecosystems, which absorbs billions of tonnes of carbon and is home to thousands of indigenous communities and species.

The country's president is happy the conference is being held there and says it will be an historic summit because..it's a COP in the AMAZON and not about um "AMAZON"!

The rainforest continues to face massive deforestation something Brazil's president has promised to address, but others are upset as the President has approved measures for the conference which they say will damage the rainforest.

One example is a new four lane highway to ease traffic during the conference which means cutting through thousands of acres of protected Rainforest to build it. We will wait with hope the outcomes of the discussions and decisions made at the COP. Please pray for the positive outcomes and those making key decisions.

As we approach Christmas please be thinking of ways you could make a small difference in your preparations. We all have the opportunity to make choices and think of the impact of those choices on the environment. Now more than ever is the time for us to really try to do all we can.

Together we can make a difference - however small.
Thank you and - dare I say it - HAPPY CHRISTMAS





COTTERIDGE CHRISTMAS TREE FAYRE

At The Cotteridge Church
10.30a.m. - 1.00 p.m. Saturday 6th December 2025

There will be stalls selling cakes, jams, books, and craft goods etc.,
and you can feast on seasonal treats in the church café.

This is a community celebration,
and we welcome you
all to come and
enjoy it.



Pennine Way Trips

It's almost time for our early Christmas shop and meal. As usual we shall spend some time in Melbicks near Coleshill, a huge store, beautifully decorated with lots to look at even if you don't buy anything.



Then a slight change. This year The Lake at Barston is putting on a 3 course Christmas meal (lots of choice with vegetarian and vegan options). This will be followed by a singer to entertain.



There are two dates: November 26th or December 3rd. The cost is £39. Information is on the board by the front door in the Pennine Way. Menu choice forms are available from Rita Sutton or Sarah Canning. Seats are going quickly so book early to avoid disappointment.

Rita Sutton

Harvest Festival: It is a Chinese artichoke *Stachys affinis*

Homonyms:

1. Cannon/Canon 2. Bread/bred 3. Wine/whine 4. Holy/wholly 5. Carol/carrel.



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