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LAST MONTH'S  
FIGURES

## CAPTAIN'S COLUMN

We are now officially in Autumn, the Harvest Season—I love the colours of Autumn but not the start of darker nights!! It's a time to give thanks to God for what we do have. Its often said that we should have 'an attitude of gratitude'. The attitude of gratitude takes a conscious effort to master. We are so often bombarded by negatives every day and sadly people who are only looking out for themselves, sometimes it can make it difficult for us to stay thankful. But, if the effort is made to always remain thankful no matter what the circumstances; the reward is one of peace in the midst of the storm, joy in the midst of despair and a willingness to share of all we have.

The next time God decides to "bless" you with an unexpected and unasked for blessing; offer a prayer of thanksgiving. We are constantly encouraged in the Bible to maintain the attitude of gratitude, when we do we bless God for His blessings to us. "Counting your blessings" should be a way of life for those of us who "have been blessed with every spiritual blessing..." Ephesians 1:3

In Luke 17 there is the story of ten lepers; nine from the house of Israel and one despised Samaritan. These men cried out to Jesus to have mercy on them. Jesus told them to go and show themselves to the priests. They all did as they were told and took off to find the priest. Immediately all ten were healed of their leprosy. Nine just kept on going, never pausing or even looking back let alone saying "thank you" to Jesus.

The Samaritan, when he realized he had been healed, turned back, and with a loud voice praised God. He then fell on his face at Jesus feet and gave thanks. Ten men were healed, but only one was willing to return and give thanks to Jesus. The other nine were too caught up in their excitement at being healed to bother taking the time to go back and thank Jesus for his unexpected gift. Only the "foreigner" or "alien" (as Samaritans were thought of) gave thanks. Jesus said to this man; "Get up and go; your faith has made you whole." Ten men were healed but only one was made whole. Ten were blessed beyond their wildest dreams, but only one was willing to publicly demonstrate his thanksgiving for the blessing.

This Harvest time let us pray to be counted in the 10% of those never too busy to be thankful. Let us pray not to be counted in the 90% who don't slow down long enough to thank God for His blessings in their lives. Let us pray to never forget where we came from, who we used to be and what God has delivered us from. Let us pray to always stay thankful for any and all of God's blessings to us.  
Happy Harvest!!

Every Blessing  
Captain Carol



### SUNDAY ATTENDANCE

Week 1	44
Week 2	60
Week 3	42
Week 4	50

**AVERAGE 49**

### OFFERINGS

Envelope giving	£ 1619.00
Collections	£ 207.10
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£ 1826.10</b>

### INCOME & OUTGOING

Income	£ 2947.95
Expenditure	£ 2732.54
<b>SURPLUS</b>	<b>£ 215.41</b>

### Be Thankful

Be thankful that you don't already have everything you desire, If you did, what would there be to look forward to?

Be thankful when you don't know something For it gives you the opportunity to learn.

Be thankful for the difficult times. During those times you grow.

Be thankful for your limitations Because they give you opportunities for improvement.

Be thankful for each new challenge Because it will build your strength and character.

Be thankful for your mistakes They will teach you valuable lessons.

Be thankful when you're tired and weary Because it means you've made a difference.

It is easy to be thankful for the good things.

A life of rich fulfillment comes to those who are also thankful for the setbacks.

Anon



**SUNDAY REFRESHMENTS**

**OCTOBER**

- 3 Colleen, Betty G, Betty H
- 10 Sally, Helen, Sheila S.
- 17 Shirley, Sheila A, Paul, Lisa
- 24 Karen, Adrian, Peter
- 31 Christina, Gael, Jackie

**November**

- 7 Colleen, Betty G, Betty H
- 14 Sally, Helen, Sheila S.
- 21 Shirley, Sheila A, Paul, Lisa
- 28 Karen, Adrian, Peter

**PRAYERS for Saffron Walden**

1. Please continue to pray for each other—those who are ill including Steph’s dad who is in hospital.
2. Also June Banks is still far from well.
3. We pray for Jean Sell recovering after a nasty fall.
4. We praise and Thank God for his blessing to us through our Annual Appeal collecting. We pray that the money collected will help turn lives around and people will see the love of our Saviour Jesus through this.
5. We pray that God would continue to bless and bind us together as His family in our church. Strengthen and deepen our faith in Him.
6. Pray for our young people, for new growth and for God’s presence to be felt in their difficulties—each known and special to God.



**PRAYERS for others**

1. For the miners still trapped in Peru.
2. For our servicemen and women fighting in Afghanistan.

**UNITED CHURCH PRAYERS**

For the month of **October**  
 We are invited to pray for **Ashdon Baptist Church**  
 We pray for leaders and members of the Baptist Church.

**Annual Appeal**

Thank you so much for all your hard work and effort for the Annual Appeal this year. To all those who have helped in any way—Well done!  
 Your effort is very much appreciated

I think we can give ourselves a pat on the back for achieving a total of **£3814.18** an increase of 1.96% on last year which is amazing considering the economic climate.

*Autumn is a second spring when every leaf is a flower.*

Albert Camus



**Christmas Fayre**

**Saturday 6th November  
 10 am – 2pm**

Thank you to those who have offered help. Further offers of help to man stalls would be appreciated.

More offers of cakes are also needed so that we can have a stall and also have a supply to sell with Coffees/Teas.

We will be setting up from 8am on the Saturday morning.

**Please pray for a happy and successful day!**



**DATES FOR THE DIARY**

**OCTOBER**

- Sat 2nd Harvest Quiz night with Fish/Chip Supper
- Sun 3rd Harvest Family Service 10am
- Mon 4th Building Maintenance Meeting 7.30pm
- Sat 9th Coffee Morning
- Tue 12th Home & Family Rally Norwich (Cameo Trip—No Cameo)
- Wed 13th– Wed 20th Carol Furlough
- Mon 25th Joint Management Group Meeting 7.30pm
- Tue 26th Cameo ‘About Time’

**NOVEMBER**

- Fri 5th Harvest Festival URC Hall with Katherine Semar Juniors 1.30pm
- Sat 6th Christmas Fayre SA
- Sat 13th URC Christmas Fayre

**Congratulations**

To Kathryne Gill for completing her 10K run. Well Done!



**Coffee Morning**

Saturday October 9th

9.30am-12noon



**May the road rise up to meet you.  
 May the wind always be at your back.  
 May the sun shine warm upon your face,  
 and rains fall soft upon your fields.  
 And until we meet again,  
 May God hold you in the palm of His hand.**

