



# FOCUS

October 2026



Matthew 9: 37-38

***Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest."***

**London Street United Reformed Church**  
**Basingstoke, Hants, RG21 7NU**

**Tadley (Old Meeting) United Reformed Church**  
**Malthouse Ln, Hants, RG26 3NY**

## The Noticeboard

Information, tips, updates, and more...



**Happy Birthday** to the following members of our church family:

**Kenita Moavu**

**Ian McCloy**

**Isaac Dumbleton**

If you know someone who is 80+ that would like their birthday added to the list in Focus, please let Jenny McCloy or the Editor know.

### Church Flowers

The Flower Committee would like to thank Beryl Wootton for donating the Church Flowers. Liz Lindsay will do the arrangement.

If you wish to celebrate an important occasion by donating the Church flowers, please contact Liz Lindsay.

### Church Decoration

The Church will be open on Sat. 3 Oct'26 10.30am - 12 noon for people to decorate a windowsill.  
Please sign the form on the Notice Board.

Can you help to make sure that no one in our local community goes hungry?



Items **urgently** needed: Tinned Meat (e.g. Chilli, Stewing Steak, Ham), Crisps/Savoury Snacks, Fruit Juice, UHT Milk, Hair Conditioner.

Items needed: Tinned Fruit, Cooking Sauce, Tinned Veg, Tinned Pasta, Tinned Tomatoes, Hot/Cold Desserts (e.g. Jelly, Sponge Pudding, Angel Delight), Rice Pudding, Custard, Nappies (Size 5-8), Deodorant, Loo Roll, Shampoo, Squash, Peanut Butter, Marmite, Shower Gel, Coffee, Crackers, Powdered Milk, Household Cleaning Products & Washing Up Liquid, Jam, Tuna, Tampons.

Please **do not** give Tinned Potatoes, Soap, Baby Food, Hot/Cold Cereal, Nappies (Size 0-4), Non-Dairy Milk, Pasta, Pulses, Rice, Sanitary Pads, or Tinned Beans, as these are already in surplus.

Donations can be left at London Street URC in the container provided.

For up-to-date lists, or to find other donation points, go to:

<https://basingstoke.foodbank.org.uk/givehelp/food/>

Or download the BankTheFood app from the Apple App/Google Play store and select Basingstoke Foodbank.



The latest Foodbytes magazine can be found by following this link:

<https://cms.trussell.org.uk/sites/default/files/2026-05/Summer%2026%20Foodbytes.pdf>

## Eco Tip

God's Gift -- Our World

The Environment -- Our Responsibility

To clean your electric kettle, just mix half a cup of lemon juice (or white vinegar) with a cup of water, put it into the kettle and bring to the boil. Leave overnight and then rinse out.



Don't forget, you can recycle the following items at London Street: Empty Printer Cartridges, Aluminium Containers and Foil, and Batteries.

RESOURCES TOOLKIT RESOURCES

# FAITH PICTURES

HELPING CHRISTIANS  
TALK ABOUT THEIR OWN  
STORY OF FAITH  
WITH CONFIDENCE.

## “FAITH PICTURES”

6 MONDAY EVENINGS  
FROM OCT 19TH TO NOV 23RD  
STARTING 7:15 FOR 7:30PM

*EVERYONE WELCOME*

**CHURCH  
ARMY**  
ORG

AT TADLEY URC IMMANUEL CENTRE,  
MAIN ROAD, RG26 3NY

 [tadleyurc@gmail.com](mailto:tadleyurc@gmail.com)  
 07849 546894

 **CHURCHES  
TOGETHER  
AROUND  
TADLEY**



## **Remembrance Service Sunday November 8th, 2026**

As part of our Remembrance Sunday service, we would like to create a special display to remember and honour those who served and those who lost their lives in times of war.

If you have any items that you would be willing to lend for the display, we would be very grateful. These might include:

- Photographs of family members who served
- Medals or service decorations
- Uniforms, hats or badges
- Letters, diaries or documents
- War- time memorabilia
- Personal stories or memories
- Other items connected with military service

These will be collected prior to our service to display and will be handled with care and returned afterwards.

If you have something you would like to contribute, please speak to Gill, Alison, or Jenny.

Thank you for helping us create a meaningful display of remembrance.

## Events in Tadley (Posters Pages 8 & 9)

### Tadley Arts Festival

Come and support us at Tadley URC as we contribute towards an amazing community event that has taken place in Tadley over the last few years.... the incredible Tadley Arts Festival 17th and 18th October which showcases local art and music from around the area! The art exhibition runs most of the weekend (see poster for times and location) and is FREE to attend. Throughout there will be various musicians playing background music! At 4:00pm at St Paul's Tadley there will be popular Christian worship music being performed by "Move to Grace" concluding with a performance of "The Blessing" at 4:30pm - with guest band members from your own Tadley URC! Do come and support us!

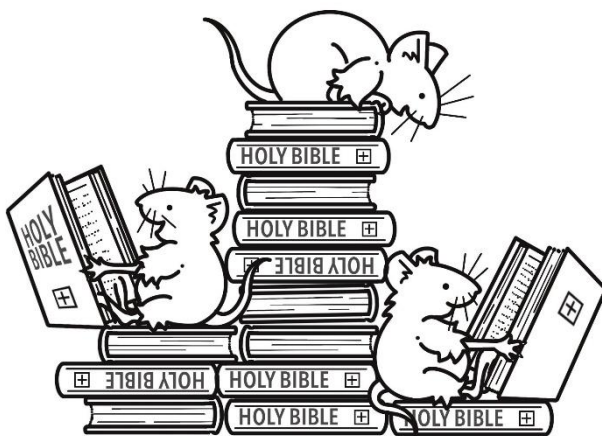
### Musical Showcase

The Musical Showcase has been organised by Tadley URC and takes place there. This is raising funds for Adonai in Uganda (their Pastor came to speak at London Street a while back... it's a great charity). Buy tickets online using the QR code or link (or ask a more computer savvy person to do this for you!).

<https://www.zeffy.com/en-GB/ticketing/musical-showcase-event>

Hope to see you all there!

-Mark Ward



# MUSICAL SHOWCASE

*Evening*  
of MUSIC



**SATURDAY  
17TH OCTOBER**



**DOORS OPEN  
7:00PM**  
FOR 7:30PM



**TADLEY URC,  
IMMANUEL CENTRE,  
MAIN ROAD, TADLEY  
RG26 3NY**



**TICKETS  
£7.50  
PER TICKET**

**CHILDREN (UNDER 16)  
£5.00**



*Bring your own drinks  
and nibbles*



**SCAN THE QR CODE  
TO BOOK YOUR TICKET**



**PART OF THE 2026** *Tadley Arts Festival*

**RAISING FUNDS FOR**  
**ADONAI UK**   
**SUPPORTING SCHOOLS WORK IN UGANDA**

# TADLEY AUTUMN ARTS FESTIVAL

## EVENTS RUNDOWN

...showcasing art and music  
from around Tadley



**ST. PAUL'S  
THE GREEN  
RG26 3PB**



**17<sup>TH</sup> - 18<sup>TH</sup>  
OCTOBER  
2026**



**SAT 10AM - 5PM  
SUN 11AM - 5PM**

**17 / 18**

Sat / Sun

**ARTS EXHIBITION | LIVE MUSIC  
ARTISTS AT WORK AND ARTS CAFE**

St. Paul's: Sat 10am - 5pm Sun 11 - 5pm

**17/18**

Sat / Sun

**COMMUNITY ART PROJECT**

St. Paul's: 11am - 4pm - A chance to get  
involved!

**17**

Sat

**COMMUNITY OF MUSICIANS  
PERFORM THE BLESSING**

St. Paul's: 4:30pm

**17**

Sat

**MUSICAL SHOWCASE EVENING**

Tadley URC: 7:30pm

**18**

Sun

**ARTS FESTIVAL SERVICE & VIP  
VIEWING**

St. Paul's: 10am



[HTTPS://CTAT.ORG.UK/](https://ctat.org.uk/)



@TADLEYCHURCHESTOGETHER

# Scam Awareness

Emails and social media messaging are the main form of communication in this day and age however they are open to misuse by hackers. One of our friends has had a terrible experience recently...

'I received an email from a company asking me to pay to have my apps cleaned. I'd been having problems getting my apps to open so I assumed the cleaning suggestion was a response to that. It only asked for £1.99 which seemed good. From this simple mistake I was scammed! It left all our bank details open to abuse. I received a follow-up email which told me I'd been hacked with a link in it (I didn't respond to it or click the link).

We spent the first morning of our mini break in the local branch of our bank. The guy there was extremely helpful and we are assured that all is now well. But this wasn't before a sleepless night contemplating what we would do if we had lost everything. Please learn from my mistake. **DON'T** pay for anything online that you haven't requested. Don't give out any details on the phone or online. Your bank will never request personal details online or over the phone. For us, all's well that ends well. This isn't always the case.'

**ALWAYS STOP AND THINK!**

Action fraud advocates the term "Take 5". Walk away, think it over and check the originator before responding to a message.

Stay Protected

## **The Prayer Circle**



**Please remember the following people in your prayers...**

**Gill Craft & family, mourning the death of Shirley Craft**

**The Scott family, especially their daughter, Charlotte**

**Barbara Banbury and David Corfield**

**The Patterson family, especially Tony**

**Dick & Anne Davey**

**Owen Collins**

**Jenny McCloy**

**Members of Memory Tree currently struggling with health problems**

**Louise & David Waller**

**Peter & Ruth Bentall**

**Christine & Eric Clucas**

**Bev Harris and Dom**

**Hyacinth Ridguard**

**Stan & Sandra Marut**

**Karen Bell**

**Doina Rasnita**

**Jean Young**

**Hamed & family**

**Joyce Cook**

**Joan Mussellwhite**

**Jason Dudley**

**Sheila Munro**

**Claire Macro**

**Laura, John's daughter**

**Seb in Uganda**

**Mark Ward's brother and family**

**The young people from the Hub Church on their Brazilian adventure,  
and safe return in the Autumn (to tell us all about it!)**

## Daily Bible Readings



This month's assigned readings.

|      | Psalm                | New Testament             |      | Psalm      | New Testament     |
|------|----------------------|---------------------------|------|------------|-------------------|
| 1st  | 109: 6-15,<br>30-31  | Ephesians 4               | 17th | 118: 1-7   | 1 Thessalonians 5 |
| 2nd  | 109: 16-20,<br>30-31 | Ephesians 5: 1-20         | 18th | 118: 8-21  | 2 Thessalonians 1 |
| 3rd  | 109: 21-25           | Ephesians 5: 21 –<br>6: 9 | 19th | 118: 22-29 | 2 Thessalonians 2 |
| 4th  | 109: 26-31           | Ephesians 6:<br>10-24     | 20th | 23         | 2 Thessalonians 3 |
| 5th  | 110                  | Philippians 1             | 21st | 119: 1-8   | 1 Timothy 1       |
| 6th  | 111: 1-5             | Philippians 2             | 22nd | 119: 9-16  | 1 Timothy 2       |
| 7th  | 111: 6-10            | Philippians 3             | 23rd | 119: 17-24 | 1 Timothy 3       |
| 8th  | 112: 1-5             | Philippians 4             | 24th | 119: 25-32 | 1 Timothy 4       |
| 9th  | 112: 6-10            | Colossians 1              | 25th | 119: 33-40 | 1 Timothy 5       |
| 10th | 113                  | Colossians 2              | 26th | 119: 41-48 | 1 Timothy 6       |
| 11th | 114                  | Colossians 3: 1 –<br>4: 1 | 27th | 119: 49-56 | 2 Timothy 1       |
| 12th | 115: 1-8             | Colossians 4: 2-18        | 28th | 119: 57-64 | 2 Timothy 2       |
| 13th | 115: 9-18            | 1 Thessalonians 1         | 29th | 119: 65-72 | 2 Timothy 3       |
| 14th | 116: 1-9             | 1 Thessalonians 2         | 30th | 119: 73-80 | 2 Timothy 4       |
| 15th | 116: 10-19           | 1 Thessalonians 3         | 31st | 119: 81-88 | Titus 1           |
| 16th | 117                  | 1 Thessalonians 4         |      |            |                   |

## Event Diaries



What's on this month at London Street & Old Meeting URCs.

At London Street URC (unless otherwise stated):

### Regular Events

| Sunday Worship 10:30am |             |                              |                                                                                                             |
|------------------------|-------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Mondays</b>         | 10am        | <b>Craft Group</b>           | <b>In the Hook Room.</b>                                                                                    |
| <b>Tuesdays</b>        | 5:45-6:45pm | <b>Squirrels</b>             | <b>In Term Time.<br/>All in the Den except<br/>Scouts and Beavers,<br/>who meet in the<br/>Wessex Hall.</b> |
|                        |             | <b>Beavers</b>               |                                                                                                             |
|                        | 7-8:30pm    | <b>Cubs</b>                  |                                                                                                             |
|                        | 7-9pm       | <b>Scouts</b>                |                                                                                                             |
| <b>Wednesdays</b>      | 10:30am     | <b>Memory Tree</b>           |                                                                                                             |
|                        | 12:15pm     | <b>Lunchtime<br/>Prayers</b> |                                                                                                             |
| <b>Thursdays</b>       | 7:15-9:15pm | <b>Explorers</b>             | <b>In Term Time.<br/>In the Den.</b>                                                                        |

### October Worship Diary

|             |                                                                                              |
|-------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>4th</b>  | <b>Harvest Festival Service<br/>Led by Junior Church; Musician: Mark Best.</b>               |
| <b>11th</b> | <b>Led by Nicola Hamilton; Musician: Mark Best.</b>                                          |
| <b>18th</b> | <b>Led by Alan Goldring; Musician: Mark Best.</b>                                            |
| <b>25th</b> | <b>Service includes Holy Communion<br/>Led by Revd. Julian Macro; Musician: Peter Dixon.</b> |

**Duty Elder for the month: Ravi Biyyani.**

**Next Church Meeting:**

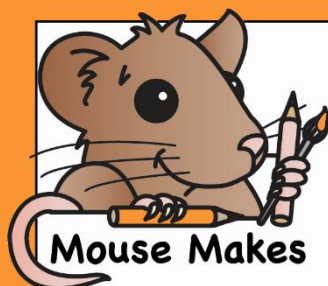
**November 22nd (Sunday) at 1:30pm (in the Hook Room)**

**At Tadley (Old Meeting) URC (unless otherwise stated):**

| <b>Sunday Worship 10:30am</b> |                                         |                                                            |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Monday Afternoons</b>      | <b>Ladies' Cell Group</b>               | <b>Contact Penny O'Bee.</b>                                |
| <b>Monday Evenings</b>        | <b>Cell Group</b>                       | <b>Contact Mark Ward or Paul Gross.</b>                    |
| <b>Tuesday Evenings</b>       | <b>Joint Prayer Time with St Paul's</b> | <b>Contact Penny O'Bee.</b>                                |
| <b>Wednesday Evenings</b>     | <b>Prayer via Zoom</b>                  | <b>Contact Mark Ward.</b>                                  |
| <b>Friday Afternoons</b>      | <b>Men's Shed</b>                       | <b>2pm. Contact Paul Gross.</b>                            |
| <b>Saturday Mornings</b>      | <b>Ladies' Breakfast &amp; Talk</b>     | <b>10am, 2nd Saturday of each month. Everyone welcome.</b> |
|                               | <b>Men's Breakfast &amp; Talk</b>       | <b>10am, 4th Saturday of each month. Everyone welcome.</b> |

### **October Worship Diary**

|             |                                                         |
|-------------|---------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>4th</b>  | <b>Led by Philip Jones.</b>                             |
| <b>11th</b> | <b>Led by Mel Euerby.</b>                               |
| <b>18th</b> | <b>Tadley Arts Festival Service, 10am at St. Paul's</b> |
| <b>25th</b> | <b>Led by Philip Jones.</b>                             |



The **Bible** is a collection of books, written by many different people who were helped and inspired by God. The **Bible** includes books of history, law, poetry and songs, wisdom, testimony, letters and prophecy.

The **Bible** encourages us, corrects us and teaches us about God and how we can be friends with Him.



2. Which book of the Bible has the shortest title?

1. How many books are there in the New Testament?

2



3

3. The Word of God is sharper than a two edged

Hebrews 4:12



4. He was an Old Testament prophet that has a book named after him.

**B I B L E S U N D A Y**

5. The first book of the Bible.



6. God's word is like?

A \_\_\_\_\_  
and a \_\_\_\_\_  
Psalm 119:105

8. The last book in the Bible.

5

6

7

9. The Old Testament book of poetry and songs.

9

10

11

12

11. The last book in the Old Testament.

10. Who wrote the third book of the New Testament?

13

14

7. What are the first four books of the New Testament known as?



12. Which book tells the story of the spread of Christianity?



13. The Bible is also known as the

\_\_\_\_\_ of God.  
Hebrews 4:12

14. A book of the Bible named after a woman





*Next Issue...*

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to this edition of Focus magazine. If you would like to contribute to the November magazine, please contact the editor by 18th of October.

# London Street

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