



Rivertown Voice

Sunday 1st October 2023



Bible Readings.

Ezekiel 18.1-4,25-32; Psalm 25.1-9;
Philippians 2.1-13; Matthew 21.23-32

 **HARVEST** Celebration day
11am Sun-

Communion Service

Revd. Johnny O'Hanlon

Followed by Harvest lunch

Next Sunday Worship

Revd. Johnny O'Hanlon

Elder: **Linsey** Greeter: **Glenis**

Tea & Coffee— **Pat & Irene**

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WORLD HOMELESS DAY

World Homeless Day falls on Sunday 8th October, and will be recognised in our worship. There will be a retiring collection for Crisis, which is the national charity for people experiencing homelessness (a growing problem).

October Synod Meeting

Our Autumn Synod Meeting will take place on Saturday 14 October, from 11am – 3.30pm, with arrivals and refreshments from 10.30am. We will be meeting at The Priory Centre, Abergavenny, which has good public transport links from across the Synod.

www.stmarys-priory.org/priorycentre/index.php .

If you are planning to go in person,

please have a word with Johnny or Chris, who are both going. The meeting will be hybrid, with the option to join on Zoom. The Zoom link will be circulated when I have it. **SK**

Christmas Fair at Rivertown, 11th November,

Following the success of the spring fair, Rivertown are having on a tombola stall and would be grateful for any suitable prizes, it is not a bottle tombola, but bottles, chocolate small gifts etc will be gratefully received, also has anyone got a tombola machine, if not we can invent something. We are also looking for someone to man the tombola stall or to man my stall, where everything is 50p so the adding up is easy. If you need any more information please have a word with me. Many thanks, **Linsey**

Maintenance team. I am looking for one or two people to form a maintenance team to cover the church building and Manse.

We will be setting up a maintenance book that will be filled in by members to report any issues with the buildings, such as a trip hazard, loose door handle, mouse damage etc. We will also gather a list of trusted traders, (electricians, roofers, plumbers) who we can contact if the job is beyond the skills of the maintenance team. The team members would take pressure off me by being around to open up if a tradesman is on site, or carry out small jobs such as changing a lightbulb. We would work together to keep the properties in a good working condition but most importantly safe for our fellowship. Contact me if you can help out. **Steve.**

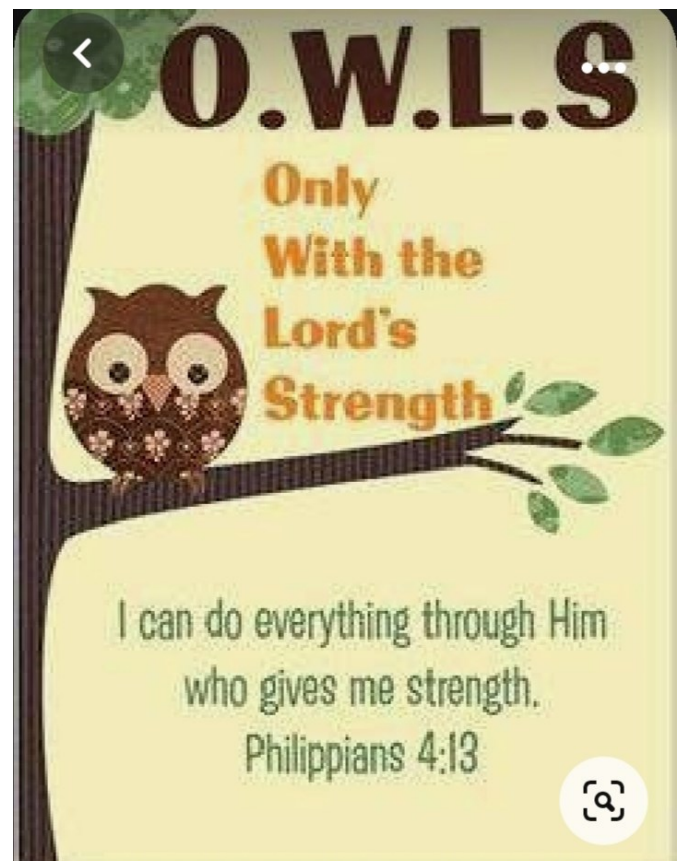
Knitters I have sorted June's crochet hooks and paired lots of knitting needles of various sizes. I am gifting them to the craft group but if anyone would like to take some beforehand please do. They are in a long pink needle bag in cupboard behind the lectern.
Chris

Safety first. Some of you may have noticed that we are in the process of installing some sharps disposal containers or needle boxes in the toilets and might have wondered about them. We all know that Jesus welcomed and welcomes all people and as his disciples we take our inspiration from him. It is our ongoing aspiration to make our building a space of radical welcome for everyone, both when we come together as a congregation in our moments of formal worship and during the activities of the rest of the week, which are, arguably, types of worship too. Because we welcome everyone, we need to continually assess and safeguard against any risks that might arise. One such risk is the potential for a visitor who uses a hypodermic needle not being able to dispose of it correctly. For those who are old enough to remember we once hosted a needle exchange scheme to ensure that needles were disposed of safely. The guidance from the Health and Safety Executive is that we can minimise this risk by having a needle box, particularly in toilets. This is why we are installing the needle boxes and there will be posters going up too. We are also in the process of reviewing our refuse disposal as an extra measure. Our constant ambition is to make this building a safe environment for everyone that crosses over the threshold and if you have noticed any other areas for improvement or indeed potential risks then please do bring it to the attention of Johnny or one of the elders **Rev. Johnny**



Worship Group

Friends, since I've started as your minister I think it's fair to say that our worship lives have been going through a bit of a transition and I know that prior to my arrival many other people were involved and took part in leading elements of our worship together. With this in mind I would like to invite everyone who has a heart for being involved with leading any aspects of worship to come together for a bit of a chat. If you have been involved before or feel like you'd like to get involved in the future then please do come along. I'm proposing we meet Thursday the 12th of October and we have a choice of times – either 11.00am or 5.00pm. If you are interested then please send me an email with your preferred time and I'll let you know next week which one is the more popular. Thank you. **Rev. Johnny**
rivertownrev@gmail.co



Picture suggested by Den.