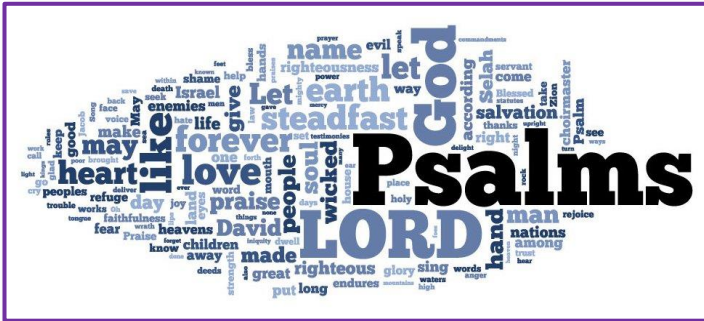


WORD Cloud of the Week revisited

Here’s an interesting “at-a-glance” way of looking at a Bible book. In the diagram, the larger the words the more often they appear. Look out for them as you read some of the much-loved Psalms that can be found in the middle of the Bible. Give it a try!

Source:
BlueLetter Bible /
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Love Divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of Heaven, to earth come down;
Fix in us Your humble dwelling,
All Your faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, You are all compassion;
Pure, unbounded love You are.
Visit us with Your salvation,
Enter every trembling heart.

Charles Wesley (1707-1788)



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Parish of The Lye and Stambermill

CARNIVAL EDITION

Carni- val

The idea of carnival may go back 800 years and the word has roots in Latin and early folk society. It is made up of two words – **carn** meaning flesh (*meat*) and **vale** meaning farewell. It was used while getting ready for Lent by preparing to say a temporary ‘goodbye’ to meat. So the period before Lent became known as ‘Carnival’ when *feasting* would go ahead of the season of *fasting*.

If ‘Carnival’ is getting ready for Lent, then Lent is preparing for Easter, when the death and resurrection of Jesus is remembered. This was when God’s great love for all of us was shown as His only Son paid the perfect price for our failings and opened the way back into God’s Kingdom – now and beyond the end of time.

Feasts and Fasts

The idea of fasting, feasting and celebration is a common theme in the Bible. Jesus performed his first miracle at a wedding feast (*see the Gospel of John, chapter 2*); he also spoke parables about feasts to warn about favouritism, failing to accept God’s invitation or being ready for his returning again.

A well-known reference in the Bible is Psalm 23 – *The Lord is my Shepherd* – which describes being seated by God at a table he prepares for us (*verse 5*) and living in God’s presence forever (*v6*).

Carnival For Ever

So we are all invited to celebrate what the God of love offers, not just for the future but the here and now. Say ‘Yes’ to his invitation now!



PREVIEWS, POINTERS & PRAYER

Previews

WELCOME to you if you are visiting Christ Church today during the Lye Carnival. We hope you find a warm welcome and enjoy the various activities on offer in different areas of our building, including the Quiet Area in church and refreshments in the hall.

Our regular activities include:

SUNDAYS: 10.30am Morning Worship or Communion
1.00pm Zimbabwean & Romanian Churches
(as arranged)

6.30pm Evening Fellowship (with videos)

WEDNESDAYS: 10.00am Lion Club for toddlers and parents

FRIDAYS: 11.00am-1.00pm Open Door coffee 'drop-in'

12.00pm-12.30pm Midday Worship

Pointers

WELCOME LEAFLET: Pick up our church leaflet from the Foyer for contact details, leaders and more about us and our activities.

LIBRARY CLICK & COLLECT: This temporary facility will operate from Christ Church during Lye Library's closure for refurbishment.

COMMUNITY LITTER-PICK: Next Sunday (22nd)

Start from Christ Church at 12.45pm. *No experience necessary!*



Prayer

INVITATION: If you would like prayer for yourself or someone else, you are welcome to approach one of our leaders in person or by using the contact details in our Welcome Leaflet.

VICAR: Please pray for us as we look for a new vicar, following the retirement of Rev Simon Falshaw after over 20 years of service.

Today 15 th September	10.30am -11am Morning Worship 11.00 Lye Carnival 6.30pm Evening Fellowship 6.30pm Youth Group Pray for newcomers and visitors to church
Monday	7.00pm Online Prayer Group 8.00pm PCC Meeting Pray for members of the PCC
Tuesday	Pray for our Administrator and volunteers
Wednesday	10.00am Lion Club Pray for leaders and our church groups
Thursday	Pray for external Groups using the Church
Friday	11.00am Open Door 12.00pm Midday Worship Pray for staff of CPAS and Diocese
Saturday	Pray for prospective vicar applicants
Next Sunday 22 nd September	10.30am Holy Communion 12.45pm Community Litter Pick 6.30pm Evening Worship 6.30pm Youth Group Bible Reading: Romans 9: 1-5

Sunday 29th

10.30am

ADVANCE NOTICE

Harvest Festival Service: All welcome!

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