

Trinity Voice

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SUNDAY SERVICES

Sunday Services for October are detailed below.

EVERYONE IS INVITED TO JOIN US FOR OUR SUNDAY WORSHIP. Coffee and tea are served after our 10am Sunday service. **IF YOU ARE NEW TO OUR CHURCH** please introduce yourself to Trudi Shaw or Philippa Walker, our Church Wardens.

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SERVICES AT HOLY TRINITY DURING SEPTEMBER

17th Sunday after Trinity - 1st October Harvest Festival

8 am Said Eucharist led by Revd Juliet Stephenson
10 am Sung Eucharist led by Revd Juliet Stephenson
6.30 pm Evensong led by Revd Juliet Stephenson

18th Sunday after Trinity - 8th October

8 am Said Eucharist led by Revd Juliet Stephenson
10 am Sung Eucharist led by Revd Juliet Stephenson

19th Sunday after Trinity - 15th October

8 am Said Eucharist led by Revd Juliet Stephenson
10 am Sung Eucharist led by Revd Juliet Stephenson

20th Sunday after Trinity - 22nd October

8 am Said Eucharist led by Revd Juliet Stephenson
10 am Sung Eucharist led by Revd Juliet Stephenson

21st Sunday after Trinity - 29th October

8 am Said Eucharist led by Revd Juliet Stephenson
10 am Sung Eucharist led by Revd Juliet Stephenson

Welcome to the October Edition of Trinity Voice.

A huge and warm welcome to Reverend Juliet Stephenson, who arrived with us on 28th September. Her licensing service will take place after this month's edition of Trinity Voice has gone to press, but it will be fully covered in our November edition. In the meantime, the October edition is full of interesting articles, including Ride and Stride which took place on 9th September, thanks from Peter and Ann on their 65th wedding anniversary, and to Father Ed Tildesley for his support since May 2022. We also focus on Marcia Pritchard - (what an interesting life she has led!) and hear from Connor, as he settles into his new life in Oxford. Thanks to all who contribute. I would love to have some feedback and ideas for the future.



News from Holy Trinity Church of England Primary School & Community Nursery

Our Learning, Our Journey, Our Future

Through our journey of life, we strive to follow the values of Faith, Respect, Harmony and Life-Long Learning; made possible through God's love. "God is Love" (1 John 4;16)

The start of a new academic year is always very exciting and it has been a joy to welcome all the new children and their families who have joined our school. We are also looking forward to welcoming Reverend Juliet Stevenson to our school community very soon!

Another new member of our school community is Charlie!

Charlie is our School Dog and is a young, collie/poodle puppy. He is learning all about school life and the difference between when he is at work and at play. It is proposed that Charlie will work with all children throughout the year. Working with Charlie will be conducted in small groups with a handler present at all times. Charlie will build upon the benefits of the human-animal bond by providing children positive experiences that can help them educationally, developmentally, emotionally and socially.



Charlie will also have an important role in helping the children learn to be safe around dogs. There are over eight million dogs in the UK, and sadly not all interactions with them are positive. In 2015, the NHS recorded over 7,000 incidences of dog bites and strikes, with children younger than 10 being most likely to be bitten. Learning how to approach, interact and understand dogs is, therefore, a vital life skill. The children are taught how to approach a dog, basic canine body language signals and how they must never approach an unknown dog.

It has been wonderful to see the delight visible on both adults and children's faces when they meet him and we are looking forward to seeing the impact of his presence in school.

This term, we have started a second Walking Bus! Our Chapelhay Walking Bus continues to operate successfully and starts its journey at the bottom of the steps by Holy Trinity Church. Our second new route operates from Wyke and starts at Doncaster Road. It has been great to get really positive feedback from parents of children who are either continuing to use or are new to joining our Walking Bus routes. This initiative is not only helping to reduce traffic in the roads surrounding the school and providing a healthy walk to school, but it is ensuring that the children arrive in good time for the start of the school day.

Thank you



Reverend Ed Tildesley

A special thank you to everyone at Holy Trinity from Father Ed Tildesley. Our church community is so grateful to Father Ed, who has helped and guided us since the departure of Father Andrew just after Easter in 2022. Ed has kept us on our toes throughout the year. We are not sure what we would have done without him. On 17th September we thanked him for everything and made a presentation.

Ed asked me to pass on his thanks to everyone at Holy Trinity and has said that he is truly bowled over by the gifts given so generously by the Holy Trinity family. He also thanked us all for the support received from all of us which has made his ministering a pleasure.



Ed stirring us up on Stir Up Sunday!



Thoughts & Prayers for October

Christine Buffrey

Lord of the loving heart, may mine be loving too;
Lord of the gentle hands, may mine be gentle too;
Lord of the willing feet, may mine be willing too,
So I may grow more like thee in all I say and do.

An African Prayer: O great Chief, light a candle within my heart
that I may see what is therein and sweep the rubbish from your
dwelling place.

I would like you to try to picture one of Hannah Dunnett's paintings
(like the posters in the organ transept) which is titled "God is good".
There are brightly coloured flowers and butterflies, a blue sky and
trees, and ploughed fields of yellows and greens and browns, full of
crops representing God's abundant provision and the beauty of his
creation. The texts woven throughout the picture are:
Give thanks to the Lord for he is good; His mercy endures forever.
The Lord upholds all those who fall and lifts up all who are bowed
down.
I remain confident that I will see the goodness of the Lord in the land
of the living.
I have come that they may have life and have it to the full.
We know that in all things God works for the good of those who love
him.
His compassions never fail, they are new every morning.
Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father.

Be thou my vision ... Be thou my best thought ... Be thou my
wisdom ... Be thou my true word ... Be thou ever with me ... Be
thou my great Father ... Be thou in me dwelling ... Still be my vision,
O ruler of all.

This is a paraphrase of part of Psalm 139: You have looked deep into my heart, Lord, and you know all about me. You know when I am resting or when I am working, and from heaven you discover my thoughts. You notice everything I do and everywhere I go. Before I even speak a word, you know what I will say, and with your powerful arm you protect me from every side. I can't understand this! Such knowledge is far above me.

Father, take all the broken bits of our lives; our broken promises; our broken friendships; our differences of opinion; our different backgrounds and shapes and sizes; arrange them together, fitting them into each other to make something beautiful like an artist makes a stained glass window. Make a design, your design, even when all we can see are broken bits. Amen

All things bright and beautiful, all things great and small, all things wise and wonderful, the Lord God made them all. Thanks be to God!



Focus on Marcia Pritchard



Marcia Pritchard

When Philippa asked me to write something about myself, I reflected that I feel like I've lived a number of different lives. For the first five years of my life, I lived in Cawsand a small fishing village on the Rame peninsula. I was an only child born to parents who were older, and therefore I suppose I was very cosseted, although my parents were strict and I got away with very little. Both had a strong work ethic and faith and I think that has been passed on to me. My father worked for the Admiralty and my mother, as many others of that generation, was a housewife. I have very vague recollections of going dressed up as Little Bo Peep on Coronation Day 1953 with one of my maternal grandparents' sheep! (They were farmers) One other not so pleasant recollection was being bored in church, wriggling and falling through the back of an open pew!! My godmother, when I was about 5 gave me a Bible which I have, and I never fail to think of her when I smell

marmalade cooking as her house always smelt of this.

In 1954 my father was appointed to Singapore where we lived for the next seven years with a short break of being in Weymouth. I have a lots of memories of seeing places and meeting lots of people from different cultures. I loved school and was fortunate in being quite academic. When we returned to Britain, I attended Saltash Grammar School and here I have fond recollections of singing hymns in assembly although for the life of me, I cannot remember any RE lessons! We moved to Portsmouth, where I took A levels. I went to the University of Liverpool where I obtained my 1st degree in history. Throughout this time, I was a fairly regular churchgoer with my parents. I remember going to services at the Anglican Liverpool Cathedral. At that time, most students at Liverpool were Roman Catholic and I remember being quite amazed that of my four particular girlfriends, three brothers who were catholic priests. In 1972, Richard Headon and I married. We had met at a church youth club and Richard had subsequently gone on to join the Royal Navy. We lived in Westbourne near Portsmouth, and I taught history in a local secondary school. In 1980 we moved to Plymouth and our son Noel was born in that year. Most unfortunately in 1983, Richard was killed in an accident on the way back from a deployment to the Falklands. My faith is sustained me during that period, but I also knew that I had to fight to bring up my son. My life took a very different turn and I returned to teaching full time. In 1990 I moved to become headteacher of the Royal Manor Secondary School on Portland and in 1997, became headteacher at Wey Valley School. I started to attend Holy Trinity in 1991. One day at work, I had to phone Weymouth and Portland Council offices about a licence for a tea dance, which was to be run by the Parents' Association. A very helpful man advised me I did not need a licence and the following Sunday he spoke to me at church and introduced himself. This was Geoff and in 1995 we were married at Holy Trinity. Geoff was wonderful with Noel, and he will tell you that he often acted as

arbitrator when Noel and I argued. Noel and I are very similar in temperament.! My parents had moved to Weymouth when I got the headship here, and Geoff supported me seeing them through declining health, as my mother eventually had to go into care as a result of Alzheimer's. During that time, Ray Weaver from Holy Trinity frequently visited my father, and I know Dad really appreciated his visits.

I loved being a headteacher, but in 2001, the opportunity arose for me to join Ofsted and the Inspectorate of schools, and for the last 10 years of my working life I was one of Her Majesty's inspectors eventually being responsible for all inspections in the South of England This was a huge privilege as I saw schools working really hard to educate young people from all walks of life. I am a passionate believer that education is the way forward for everyone, but that it has to be suited to the needs of all. During that time, we lived in Bristol (taking our cat Smokey with us to live in a flat - how he hated the journey!!) We attended church at Holy Trinity Westbury on Trym. The musical tradition there was wonderful, but Holy Trinity Weymouth always felt to me to be home. Since my retirement (which everyone considers to be a huge joke), I have continued to support schools by being a governor and I trained to inspect church schools. I really enjoy this work. I am also chair of Weymouth Museum Trust and I'm fighting hard to obtain a permanent home for the museum although at times, it seems an uphill struggle.

We are very fortunate in now having two grandchildren who bring us delight. Noel and his wife Cheryl now live in West Sussex, funnily enough not far from Westbourne, although both work in

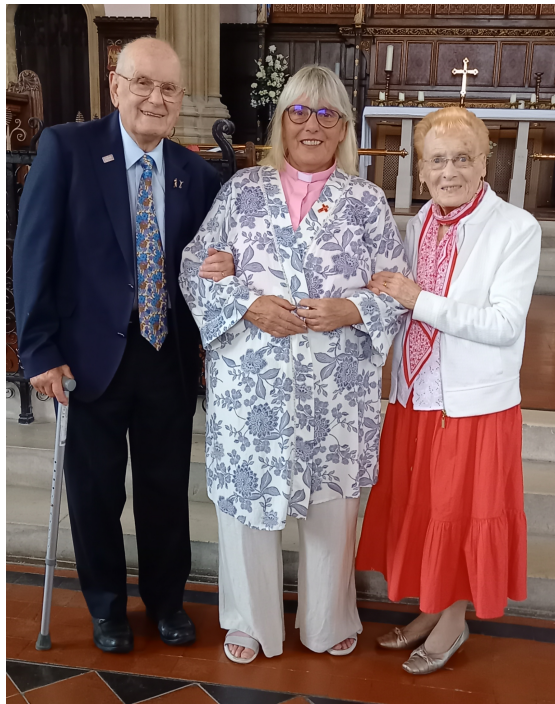
London. They are currently having huge renovations to their house and we through What's app photos seem to be living the agony of house building with them . However, they moved out of London in the Pandemic and do not regret it. Cheryl's parents did the same. They all have wonderful views over the South Downs. Cheryl tells me it makes her feel calm when she sees the views and I agree a real

sense of spirituality is to be found on the South Downs.

I have much to be grateful for. Loving parents and a happy home life.
I thank God for this and for my faith.

Marcia Pritchard

Thank you from Ann and Peter



Ann and Peter with Reverend Fiona Weaver

Ann and Peter wish to thank our Church Family for the love and kindness shown to us on our 65th wedding anniversary. Thank you for the lovely cards and very kind gifts. We are very fortunate to be blessed in so many ways. God bless you all.

Ride and Stride 2023

Philippa Walker

Saturday 9th September 2022, dawned with bright sunshine and turned into a very, very warm day ... but at least there was no rain. Rick Fursman, Barbara Williams and I filled our water bottles and set off to raise money for the Dorset Historic Churches Trust and Holy Trinity Weymouth - Rick on his bike, Barbara and I on foot. Also making up the Holy Trinity Team were Alyson Brinsley and Christine Buffrey who welcomed 14 Ride and Striders to our church and plied them with cake and squash, tea and coffee and manned the coffee shop!



Christine and Alyson

The walking team started at St Paul's on Abbotsbury Road, where we met up and signed in. Next stop was Holy Trinity, where we chatted so much we missed the bridge and had to wait for 15 minutes for seemingly, a whole fleet of yachts to pass through! Soon we were underway again and next called in to St Mary's where we were offered squash and support.



Barbara and Philippa

Our next stop was St John's, where we interrupted a musical rehearsal but were welcomed and encouraged never-the-less! Then the long walk up Dorchester Road towards St Aldhelms, stopping only briefly for a bit of shade and a sip of water. Onward and upward to St Ann's church in Radipole where we had a splendid welcome with squash, a show round the church and an opportunity to admire their newly refurbished bell!

From there we walked to St Nicholas Church in Broadwey, where we were entertained by a 'Spin Class'. The chairs had been moved aside and 5 or 6 stationary bicycles installed. It looked very hard work and Barbara and I were glad we were just walking the 8 miles!

A decision had to be made whether to continue to Upwey or catch the bus home ... the hot weather combined with an appointment in the early afternoon led us to take the bus!



Rick Fursman and bicycle

Rick did an amazing job on his bike, travelling far and wide. Rick started early and arrived at Wyke Methodist Church at 9.30 am. He then moved on to All Saints, Wyke and St Edmund's, Wyke. Thereafter Rick cycled to St Mary's Chickerell; St Paul's; St Aldhelm's; St Ann's and St Nicholas. Beating Barbara and I hands down he then visited St Lawrence, Upwey; St Francis of Assisi in Littlemore; St Andrew's in Preston and back to St John's.

Thank you all very much for your sponsorship. Together we raised just under £500, half of which will come back to Holy Trinity.

Law of Sin and Death

Irene Leader

We know God's view and opinion because it is given through Jesus.

God's motive is love, and through Jesus we understand how we are to walk in love towards others. Love is about value, so our motives should be that we do things because we value the other person. Our intention should be to keep ourselves in harmony with God. Life and love are found on the pathway of Righteousness, but only if we are following this path from the perspective of God's Commandments.

If God is Righteous then He cannot overlook sin – every sin, no matter what size. Sin is falling short of what God wants for us: anything that is less than what God has provided for us; not living life to its fullness (2 Pet 1:3,4). Anything less than perfection is sin. It is not just what we do but the standard by which we live.

Grace is the power, strength, capacity to live in Righteousness by keeping the Commandments, not legalistically, but holding them with value. Mercy means we get better than we deserve, and we do not have to pay for it.

When we discipline, correct, or confront it should be from a motive of value of that person – the intention is always to maintain harmony with God in the way we do it. This cannot be achieved by only knowing what Righteousness is, but by using the inherent power that comes with Righteousness. Before we came to Jesus it was easier for us to be self-centred, selfish, ego driven, but when we live in Righteousness following God's Commandments and walking in love towards people, it is harder to commit sin because we are no longer a slave to it (Rom 6): sin no longer sits well within our conscience.

However, our mind constantly asks us to compromise, but having Grace is never an excuse for thinking we can do anything because we are already forgiven. If we do fall short of the glory of God and Grace is reigning in me, I will always obtain mercy when I choose to go back to the path of Righteousness (Ps 37:24; Rom 5:20,21).

From Adam up to now we are living outside of the garden. We did not lose authority at the fall, what we lost was our internal identity and Jesus came to restore this. Adam had perfection but his sin led to the death of what he had in his identity with God.

So even though we are cleansed by Jesus and made Righteous, we still pick up dirt from this world and negative influences from what we see, hear, taught, partake. The bible tells us this vexed Lot's righteous soul (2 Pet 2:8). The washing the feet ceremony Jesus performed is more than serving others. He could have chosen any way to serve, so this way is meaningless to us unless it is from a heart that knows there is a need for continual cleansing (1 Jn 1:7-9).

It is all about guarding the heart (the seat of love) so we can have a relationship that is easy and light (Mt 11:30). Proverbs (9:10) describes this most important stewardship (maintaining and using wisely the gifts that God has bestowed), 'The fear of the lord is the beginning of wisdom.' Wisdom is practical application. This fear, which is awe and respect leads to love and worship. That is to hold God in such respect that we fear hurting Him by not loving and valuing Him.

1 John 1:9 tells us God has forgiven us, but are we experiencing this and allowing our consciences to be free of sin and internal disharmony? God always loves us, but do we live like we are in love with Him? The Hebrew letter Dalet is doorway, the portal to our heart, but do not ever step on His blood at the threshold!

Before Passover, leaven was cleared out of the house and everything that came into contact with leaven had to be burned. Leaven is what we put into our heart and is equal to wilful sin. Leaven is sin that works in our life because we choose it. So not putting leaven in our heart makes it unleavened? No. Once the ingredients for the bread were gathered, they had 18 mins to cook it before the natural yeast of the wheat might start to ferment it.

There is free leaven in our surroundings (which Adam brought), and this is free-forming, and if we allow sin to stay in us, then after a period of time this free leaven corrupts the mind working through our entire belief system to make us incapable of experiencing the life God wants us to have.

Jesus is the bread of life so we cannot mix our leaven with Jesus. He protects and cleanses us continually because Jesus deals with that which is beyond our consciousness if we remain in Him; if not, death occurs when we are out of harmony with God, even though we did not choose this. This is the law of sin and death.

In making unleavened bread, they knead it (beaten), slice the top (stripes), pierce it (like Jesus) to release gases that might cause fermentation. To get all sin out of us we must invite God (protector of your heart) across the threshold. He made a way we can deal with sin, even the things that come to us of which we are not conscious. (We have a legalistic concept if we think we only sin by choice).

Enter into fellowship with Him and enter into His death, burial, and resurrection, and into righteousness, then His blood cleanses us from ALL sin, known and unknown. We do not receive from God anything that we do not choose. The goal is to get into harmony with Him, to be one with Him.

Holy Trinity and our Choral Tradition

Philippa Walker

A Year in the life of Holy Trinity Church - Weymouth 1905

The organ fund continues to loom large over the year of 1905. There was a return of the collecting cards, and a Pleasure Fair which took place on 17th and 18th January raised £160-0-5½! It was reported that *'On the platform [at the Pleasure Fair] there appeared a huge, great, big, enormous, gigantic Christmas Cake which when cut revealed our old friend Father Christmas ensconced inside'*



A collection for the Choir Fund in February brought in £7-17-8½ and as the March issue of the parish magazine went to press Mr Watts informed the editor that there was no longer a debt on Holy Trinity organ.

However, as always, as soon as the organ debt was cleared a new request for donations was made to raise money for a new St.Martin's in Chickerell Road!



Old St Martin's Church, Chickerell Road

The choir continued to flourish with Major Wilton Seymour joining the men in March and eight new boys arriving in April. The choirboys went to Nettlecombe where Mr and Mrs Watts gave them tea 'and games', including croquet, skittles, a cricket match and some races!



Nettlecombe

By August the site for the new St Martin's church had been acquired for the sum of £400 and it was announced that £2,000 was needed to complete the project.

The choir boys had a second outing to Swanage and the men, as usual, to London.

On Friday 6th October, the funeral of Sir John Groves took place at Holy Trinity, with a full choir and three vicars present, Canon Sowter, Canon Baggallay and Canon Weldon.



Sir John Groves

On Christmas day 1905, there were four celebrations of Holy Communion, 'plain' at 6 am, 7 am and 8 am and choral at 12 noon. Mattins was at 11 am and in the afternoon the choir sang Carols at 4 pm!

Letter from Oxford

Connor Hansford

What I am reading: *The Bone Season* by Samantha Shannon.

What I am listening to: Heartstopper: Official Playlist by various artists.

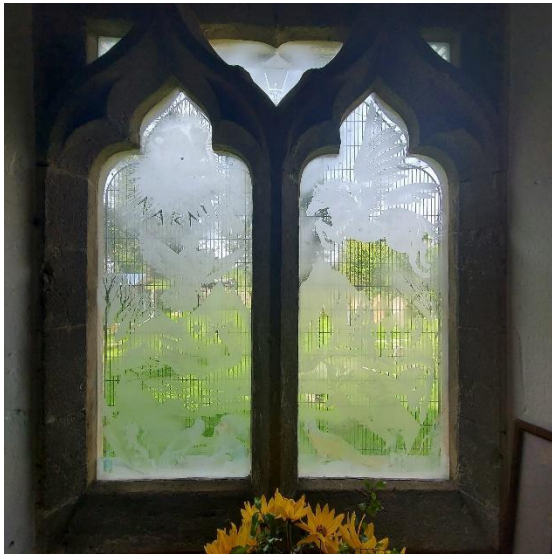


Figure 1 The Narnia Window, Holy Trinity Headington Quarry

Hello everyone! Tomorrow (September 12th) will be two weeks since we arrived at our new home in Cuddesdon. I've crammed a lot into that time, and term doesn't even officially begin until September 21st!

As many of you know, my first degree was in English with Publishing, so you can imagine my glee when I discovered the poet Siegfried Sassoon was walking along the Thame when the bells of All Saints Cuddesdon tolled the end of World War One. Last Sunday one of the churchwardens, following my first ever BCP Communion service (loved it; I'm a member of the Prayer Book Society, so it's about time!) told me Sassoon was staying with Ottoline Morrell at Garsington, one of three parishes in this benefice. Lady Ottoline was the doyenne of the Bloomsbury Group of writers and intellectuals,

including, among others, Virginia and Leonard Woolf, T. S. Eliot, Bertrand Russell, and so on. Garsington Manor is beautiful – all crooked eaves and lead windows, like a dream.

Later I went on a pilgrimage to Headington, a suburb of Oxford, to see C. S. Lewis's grave. He and his brother, Warnie, who lived together at the Kilns, now a retreat centre for academics, attended Holy Trinity Headington Quarry for 30 years. Clive Staples, known to friends as 'Jack' (I can see why), disliked organ music, so went to the 8 o'clock, arriving after it had started and leaving before the end – a man after my own heart. His grave is similarly understated. It bears a quote from Shakespeare's *King Lear* which was on the calendar the day his mother died: 'men must endure their going hence'. I can't tell you what it meant to me to sit in his pew. Narnia was my favourite series growing up and it was Lewis (C. S., not 'Inspector'!) who first prompted me to take Christianity seriously, (I forget the exact quotation, but it was along the lines of, 'you can't expect the benefits if you don't put in the effort'.)



Figure 2 Our Lady of Fatima, St Mary Mags.

Figure 3 Beautiful Garsington Manor.

Yesterday I was a very brave boy and took an early bus into Oxford from Wheatley intending to go to Mass at Pusey House. Instead, the spirit led me to St Mary Magdalene, a peculiarly shaped church near the Randolph Hotel, behind the Martyrs Memorial. I knew I was home when I saw a tiled portrait of Our Lady of Fatima. They keep the still-smoking thurible in the vestibule before the privy, so you go

for a wee after the service and it's like being hotboxed. From thence to the many-tiered Blackwells where I bought even more books.

I had an advanced driving lesson earlier as my church career nearly came to an abrupt end driving Blue back from Oxford the other night. Bishops have chauffeurs, don't they?...

Dates for your diary

Monday 9th October: 7 pm St Peter's Church, Dorchester, Organ recital by John Challenger. 200th anniversary event.

Friday 13th October: 7 pm St. Aldhelms Church Centre, Weymouth, Meninadanca Brazilian street girls dance show and complimentary curry. At £10 per adult (available from Event Brite)

Sunday 29th October: 2 pm St Mary's Church, Weymouth
Celebration and Commissioning Service for 15 year anniversary of Weymouth Street Pastors

Saturday 11th November: 6.30 pm Holy Trinity Church, Weymouth
Remembrance Service with the British Legion

Saturday 25th November: 11 am - 2.00 pm Holy Trinity Church,
Weymouth Christmas Fayre

Wednesday 6th December: 6.30 pm Holy Trinity Church, Weymouth
Christmas Carol Service with Salvation Army

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Contributions to the November magazine will be gratefully received. Please let me have articles or ideas by
October 15th