

PRIMLEY CHURCH - OCTOBER 2025

Please remember those of our congregation and those known to us personally who are unwell, bereaved or struggling:

Oct 3rd-13th - Sidmouth Science Festival

Oct 12th - Harvest Celebration

Oct 26th - Church Meeting with Rev Rob Weston (SPA)

Nov 2nd - Friendship Lunch

ROTAS					
OCTOBER	5 th	12 th	19 th	26 th	Nov 2 nd
Elder	Maggie	Roger	Barbara	Richard	Barbara
Door Stewards	Alison	Barbara	Chrissy	Sue	Alison
COMMUNION - Jill & Barbara					
OCTOBER		PREACHERS			
5 TH		Paul Skinner			
12 TH		Rev Robert Jennings HARVEST CELEBRATION			
19 TH		Rev Iain McDonald Communion			
26 TH		Rev Michael Diffey Church Meeting			
November 2 ND		Ann Skinner FRIENDSHIP LUNCH			

OCTOBER IS APPLE MONTH!

We have different gifts, according to the grace given us.
Romans 12:6 (NIV).

Once upon a time there was an apple tree which God had created. It was a young tree without any leaves or fruit. One night the young tree saw the brilliant stars and was very unhappy. He wished for himself to have these sparkling stars on his branches so that he too would look beautiful.

The next morning, God noticed that the tree was unhappy, and He said to him, "Let me make something for you. I will dress you up in a beautiful mantle of green leaves so that you will be beautiful to behold. Then you will not be so unhappy." But the tree was not content with God's plan. "I do not want a mantle of green leaves, I want stars." The next morning the tree saw that God had not given him stars, but green leaves. And the tree was even more unhappy.

Once again the tree said to God, "I want stars," but instead, God gave him beautiful red apples. The tree was miserable. The wind saw how unhappy the apple tree was, and the wind became unhappy too. So the wind blew and tried to set the apple tree free of all the leaves and fruit. The wind blew, but only some of the leaves and apples fell off on to the ground. However, one apple fell and broke into two pieces right in the middle. When the tree looked down on the halved apple, in the middle of each half was the shape of a star!

Sometimes, we, like the apple tree in the story, may crave for a special gift that God has given to someone else. We may even try to give God instructions as to what we think is best for us. However, we must remember that God gives each of us special gifts as he deems best. When we rejoice in the gifts he has given us, and use them to do his work, then we will shine like the stars.

Lord, help us to be content with the work that you do in us, and to use the gifts which you give us to be a blessing to others. Amen.

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