



Outlook

October 2025

**Abbots Langley
and Bedmond
Parish
Magazine**

50p



Dear Reader

With the Harvest Festival celebrations now upon us, thinking about the many families in need of the Foodbank becomes even more paramount. If you are able to donate non-perishable food items for the Foodbank, please leave them at the back of St Lawrence Church during opening hours, (all year round), or alternatively bring them to the Harvest Festival services. Harvest Festival services will be held on both

Sunday 5th October at 11.30am in the Tin Church, Bedmond, and Sunday 12th October at **11am** in St Lawrence Church - **note the change of time for St Lawrence Church**. Please see page 7 for food items most needed by the Foodbank. Thank you.



*Amanda Hawkes
Assistant Editor of Outlook*



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For more information, please contact Marianne at directorofmusic@abbotslangley.org.uk





October Calendar



REGULAR SERVICE TIMETABLE

Sunday

8am Eucharist
at St. Lawrence

9.30am Eucharist
at St. Lawrence

11.30am Eucharist at
the Church of the
Ascension

Wednesday

12.00 noon Eucharist

Monday to Saturday

9.15am Morning Prayer

WEEKLY EVENTS

*Weekly events do not
happen on a bank
holiday.*

Monday 10am

Coffee Morning
Breakspeare Room

Tuesday 10.30am

Tiny Tots
Breakspeare Room
(Term time only)

Thursday 8.00pm

Friends and Faith Group
Breakspeare Room

Friday 2pm

Craft and Conversation
Breakspeare Room

OTHER EVENTS

Wednesday 1st 10am

10.00am Coffee Morning
The Tin Church

Wednesday 1st 2pm

2.00pm Compassionate
Café
Breakspeare Room

Friday 3rd 6.30pm

Harvest Supper
The Tin Church

Saturday 4th 9.30am

Churchyard Working
Party (CWP)
St Lawrence Churchyard

Sunday 5th 11.30am

Harvest Festival
The Tin Church

Sunday 5th 5pm

Breathing Space
St Lawrence Church

Wednesday 8th 11am

Mother's Union
Breakspeare Room

Wednesday 8th 3.30pm

Messy Church
Methodist Church

Sunday 12th 11am

Harvest Festival
St Lawrence Church

Sunday 12th 5pm

Choral Evensong
St Lawrence Church

Wednesday 15th 2pm - 7pm

Baby Loss Event
(Global wave of light
at 7pm)
St Lawrence Church

Saturday 18th 10am

PCC Away Day
The Tin Church

Saturday 18th 7pm

FOSL Quiz Night
St Lawrence Church Hall

Sunday 19th 1pm

Sunday Lunch
*St Lawrence Church
Hall*

Sunday 19th 5pm

Taizé Service
St Lawrence Church

Saturday 25th 7.30pm

Elsa Jean McTaggart
Concert
St Lawrence Church

Sunday 26th 3.30pm

The Spark Service
St Lawrence Church

Friday 31st 4pm

Light Festival
St Lawrence Church





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This number also uses Relay UK, type in 18001 then 0800 144 8848

Messy Church

It was good to be back at Messy Church after the long summer break and to catch up with everyone's news. We had a very busy afternoon for our first meeting of the term welcoming new faces as well as saying hello our regular Messy Church families.

Our theme for this month was the healing of the Centurion's Servant and we had a great time making Roman soldiers' helmets, shields and Roman bracelets..... no swords though as we thought that would be a step too far for some of our younger members!! We made a very sick looking servant out of a gingerbread man laying on a biscuit bed with lots of icing and prayer shields. We all had a wonderful afternoon which ended with our usual Messy Tea.

Our October meeting will be Wednesday 8th October at the Methodist Church 3.30pm – 5.45pm. Messy Church is free but we welcome donations. Please contact Wendy if you would like to come to October's meeting on: wendymeldrum@gmail.com. It is useful for us to know who is coming so we can cater for the crafts and Messy Church. Everyone is welcome ... do come along and join in the fun!



Duke of Edinburgh Award

In the last academic year the churchyard working party was joined by Arash who was working towards his Bronze Duke of Edinburgh award. In order to achieve this award students have to be between 14 and 24 years old. There are three progressive levels – the Bronze, Silver and Gold awards.

The awards were founded by Prince Phillip in 1956 with the aim of giving young people the opportunity to develop skills, get fitter, help others and experience adventure. Participants have to show that they can develop a new skill or improve an existing one; dedicate time to helping in their community; engage in physical activity to improve their well being and fitness and undertake a journey often involving walking and camping to develop their teamwork, navigation and problem solving skills.

We were thrilled to be able to have Arash work alongside the churchyard working party volunteering with us for 6 months as part of his bronze award. We send him congratulations on achieving his bronze award. We are even more thrilled that Arash has chosen to now volunteer with us again working towards achieving his silver award.



Breathing Space Schedule

Here are the dates and topics for Breathing Space up until February 2026 (held in St Lawrence Church at 5.00pm):

5th October:

Is feminism still necessary?

2nd November:

Does religion cause wars?

7th December:

Should Christmas be banned?

(No Breathing Space in January)

February:

How can the Church survive?

Come along to relax, reflect, and enjoy meaningful discussions in a welcoming setting. Refreshments will be served.

All are warmly welcome.

Christenings taken in September

George Collins Richardson
Lilly Wakefield



Funerals taken in September

Christian Briançon
Charlie Proctor



At our September meeting we had an interesting discussion on prisons and the work the MU does with prisoners especially in offering gifts as they leave prison – one of which could be a black plastic sack in which to put their belongings rather than a standard-issue transparent sack (stamped HMPPS); toiletries are also given to those who have none. We are contacting the Prison Chaplain to see if we can connect with The Mount at Bovingdon. More anon.

This month we meet on 8th October at 11.00am in the Breakspear Room when

we will look at modern slavery and what the MU is doing to help those who are vulnerable to human trafficking, forced labour, including child labour, commercial or criminal exploitation. We will follow the meeting by joining the Communion service in church at 12.00noon.

All our meetings are open to anyone to join us. If you'd like to find out more about Mothers' Union, please make contact.

Pam Rastall
(pamrastall@live.co.uk)

Rickmansworth Foodbank

The items that are most needed for the Rickmansworth Foodbank are:

Food Items

Tinned meat casseroles / mince
Tinned tuna
Tinned vegetables
Tinned fruit
Pasta sauces
Tinned tomatoes
Tea
Coffee
Milk –long life
Fruit juice (long-life) / squash
Tinned rice pudding
Tinned custard
Jam
Snacks e.g. cereal bars / pot noodles / cup a soup

PLEASE NOTE, the Foodbank have LOTS OF PASTA & LONG GRAIN RICE, SO PREFERABLY NOT THESE ITEMS.

Non – Food Products

Laundry products
Shower gel
Shampoo
Toilet paper
Deodorant



Parish People

Yvonne Stanley – Practice Manager at Vine House Medical Centre

Yvonne was born in Watford General Hospital and lived in West Watford until she was 15. Her father came from Rickmansworth and her mother from Islington, they met at a dance in Watford Town Hall. She has an older sister. When she was 15 the family moved to North Watford and Yvonne, who had learnt to play the piano, joined a local Marching Band. She transferred her keyboard skills to playing the xylophone and marimba and was a member of this band until she was 21. The band played in some prestigious venues – the Royal Albert Hall, Wembley Arena and the Birmingham National Indoor Arena. It was while playing in the band that she met her husband who played the Contra Bass. At the age of 21, at the upper age for membership of the band Yvonne then taught small children to play.

As a child Yvonne attended Chater School and then went on to Westfield Secondary School before moving at 16 to West Herts College to study for her A Levels, one of which was History.

Her first job after leaving college was as a trainee manager at W H Smith's in the Harlequin where she worked in both the general office and the cash office. She then moved to the head office of Hilton Hotels in the finance department. Yvonne then spent 10 happy years working for Camelot until, like many of the workforce there at the time, she was made redundant. Her next post was with Deloitte, a professional services



company where she changed direction from finance to HR, a role she continued with in a move to T-Systems, an IT service provider where she was Head of HR services. During this period, she dealt with a lot of international

HR issues as well as local ones.

Yvonne resigned from work when she was pregnant with her first child and decided to have a career break, her son was born in 2013 and her daughter in 2015. In 2016 she began working as a receptionist at Vine House Health Centre and after a year started doing medical reports and letters. In 2022 she became Deputy Practice Manager and a year later took on her present role of Practice Manager. The role entails ensuring that the Practice is ready to provide NHS services to all its patients.

Although her work keeps her very busy Yvonne loves being outdoors and walking and being with the family. She also enjoys reading, particularly history books and biographies. In her History A Level, the focus had been on The World since 1945, so this period is a source of great interest to Yvonne. She also enjoys knitting as a relaxing hobby. Another interest is Formula 1 racing and, before the children were born, she went to quite a few races. For her 40th birthday, her husband took her to Monaco to watch the Grand Prix.
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This year is their Silver Wedding, and they plan to celebrate it with a family holiday in Mexico.

Thank you, Yvonne, for sparing the time in your busy schedule to talk about your life for Parish People.

Brenda Southorn

Children’s Corner



Your name

Get ready to explore the great outdoors — right on this page! In this nature wordsearch, you’ll find hidden words about animals, plants, and the world around us. Look carefully! All the words are hidden across (left to right) or down (top to bottom). There are no diagonal or backwards words. Grab a pencil, put on your explorer hat, and see how many nature words you can discover!

- FLOWER
- WEATHER
- POLLEN
- TREES
- FISH
- GRASS
- PLANT
- ANIMAL
- INSECT
- WATER
- NEST
- ROOTS
- FOREST
- DIRT
- RIVER
- JUNGLE

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P	O	L	L	E	N	U	G	R	I	S	E
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O	G	R	A	S	S	L	N	T	L	E	E
Y	R	E	P	V	J	E	F	S	I	A	P
C	M	E	L	I	N	S	E	C	T	J	D
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From the Vicar

Suddenly, overnight, in the mid-September, there were flags all along the High Street: Union flags and St. George's Crosses.

What were they doing there? Many people weren't sure. There was no major sporting tournament going on; VJ Day was more than a month ago, and surely the Duchess of Kent was not such a major royal figure that her death could account for it?

Still, whatever the reason, flags are lovely, aren't they? They're about love of country, about our belonging together, having some bigger shared purpose than just our private interests. It's great to see them up there, fluttering in the breeze.

Well... sort of. Yes. There is something moving, I've always found, about watching the Union flag flying over Parliament, or at our great national occasions. It is a symbol of patriotism, and although patriotism sometimes gets a bad rap – 'the last refuge of the scoundrel', as the sceptical Samuel Johnson said – it is a good thing to love one's country. We could probably do with a bit more patriotism.

And yet... those flags in the High Street aren't just spontaneous expressions of a warm and noble love for the country. Or, if they are, it is a very striking coincidence that they went up just as the national campaign 'Raise the Colours: A Grassroots Movement for Unity and Patriotism' was launched. Its goal: to cover the country with the flags. Do have a look at its very professional



website and videos. One features a song with lyrics such 'as patience wearing thin / promises broken again / smoke, fire, flares going up / I'd rather die than give up the fight'. Meanwhile there's images showing 'Stop the Boats' banners, and men standing on the white cliffs of Dover with a large Union Flag inscribed with the words 'Charlie Kirk RIP'. Another video features Churchill's great speech, 'We shall fight them on the beaches... we shall never, never surrender.'

These are revealing choices. They imply that we're in a situation analogous to 1940. That our nation is under threat, that the warning beacons need to be lit, that we need to stand up and fight ... that while we're not (yet) at actual war, there's certainly a kind of desperate cultural struggle underway. The campaign wants you to think there's an enemy out there, and to link that thought to small boats and immigration and strangers. And they want you to think it's time to fight back.

Of course not everyone who put up the flags thinks all this. There's a huge variety of reasons why people put flags up, and why people like them. Many of the reasons, and many of the people, are fine and noble. However, let's not be naïve: some of what's happened is

absolutely about stirring up a drumbeat of anger, and fear, and hostility. And that is why for all that many people loved them, others are anxious, uncomfortable and – as one person said to me – ‘almost physically sick’ when they see our High Street like that. These people tend to keep their views quiet, because they fear that anything less than enthusiasm for the flags will be met by scorn, that they’ll somehow be considered less British for their unease. That fact alone should make us pause and wonder: has our flag somehow become a bullying thing?

You might think all this an hysterical over-reaction. Plenty of European countries fly their flags way more than we do, and they’re all fine. No-one accuses them of racism or bigotry. Well, maybe – although exactly those accusations are growing now, with some justification, all across Europe. My misgivings are more shaped by being born and raised in Ulster. Northern Ireland has always flown the flags, way more than the English do – and believe me, it is not the sign of a happy society. Be careful when your streets start to look like Belfast, and beware of those who want to take you there.

At the heart of the Union Flag there are three crosses, of St. George, St. Andrew, and St. Patrick - the crosses of the three kingdoms (poor old Wales, being a principality, doesn’t get one!). That fact is something well worth reflecting on. What does the Cross mean, after all? Well, it’s the sign of a God who refused to fight, who refused to despise, who laid his life down in sacrifice. It’s the sign of reconciliation: as St. Paul put it, of how Christ ‘is our

peace, (and) has broken down the dividing wall, the hostility between us’ (Ephesians 2:14). It is the sign of enemies turned into friends, and of forgiveness. In other words, it is the very last sign that should be used to feed people’s darker energies – their prejudices, resentments, and anger – and to carve people up into ‘us’ and ‘them’. Jesus wept.

Of course small boats are a problem. The huge level of legal immigration is even more so, with all its implications for community cohesion, housing, public services and more (though, as any economist will tell you, these are complicated questions!). It is not racist to worry about these things, or to feel unease about how our country is changing – nor, even, about wanting to pull some of that change back. However, if we’ve any claim at all to being Christian – if that Cross at the heart of our flag means anything to us – our response to all this needs to start from the premiss that the people concerned are not our enemies. That He died for them, as He did for us. That they matter as much as we do. That they are the beloved children of God. And those who would make you fear them, despise them, and perhaps ultimately fight them ... well, they have missed the point of the Cross they salute.



Peter

The Tale of the Crab Apple Jelly

Some of you might remember Anna Grayson who used to live in the village, Anna describes herself as a former writer and broadcaster now working as an artist mainly in ceramics and photography. Anna left Abbots Langley and now lives in Devon. She was featured on Grayson Perry's Art Club which I used to watch on Channel 4 during COVID. She is also a well known geologist. Anyway, what has all this got to do with crab apples, I can hear you saying. Anna donated a crab apple tree to St Lawrence in memory of a loved one. It was planted in the churchyard near to the notice board that is close to the High Street. For many years the tree was more like a small shrub. It was growing, but growing very slowly having been planted next to several other trees that dwarfed it.

Well, three or four years ago one of the nearby trees got diseased and unfortunately, had to be removed. This meant that the crab apple tree suddenly had a lot more room and a lot more light. Aristotle said 'nature abhors a vacuum' and this was certainly true in this case. The little crab apple tree has now become significant and many of you will have noticed that this year it had a bumper crop of crab apples.

Anna Grayson was not only a member of our congregation but also a great supporter of the Abbots Langley



Garden Society and won many prizes at the Garden Society Shows. She had a dream that someone would one day make crab apple jelly from the crab apples on the tree that she had donated and that it would be entered into the Garden Society Show. Well this year, with the help of Doreen Higgs we were able to make that dream come true for her. The jelly was duly made and entered into the show and it won first prize.



She sent us a note from Devon to say that she was 'thrilled to bits'. She also sends love to everyone in Abbots Langley. She really misses Abbots Langley; there aren't any Garden Society Shows like ours in Devon. As the crab apples came from the churchyard it was fitting that we were all able to have a taste of the jelly after the 9.30am service on 14th September. The jars that Doreen Higgs made, including the prize winning jar, were sold to raise funds for Friends of St Lawrence. I also understand that one or two other people were able to pick some of the fruit, which is exactly what Anna intended when she donated the tree.

Carol Higgs

The Friends of St Lawrence

On 7th September the Friends of St Lawrence held their second Open Garden Day at Pie Corner in Bedmond. In the lead up to the event the weather forecast was dire but as it turned out it was a lovely warm day and the weather couldn't have been more perfect to show off the wonderful gardens, woodlands and vegetable garden. Having explored the grounds, there was live music to listen to with a cup of tea and amazing homemade cakes. It really was a super occasion and just over £1,000 was raised for the maintenance and upkeep of our beautiful Church.

Thanks go to all who made the day such a success ... for those who made cakes, those who helped serve on the stalls, the musicians and all who worked hard to set up and put away and, of course, to all those who came to visit. But most of all, we must give a huge vote of thanks to Bella and Jeremy Stuart-Smith who opened their wonderful gardens up for us all to visit.

As I write, we are still awaiting the **G&S CONCERT: WHERE IT ALL BEGAN** (September 27th) which promises to be a show stopper! More news on this in the November edition.

Our next event is the:

**FRIENDS QUIZ EVENING:
SATURDAY 18TH OCTOBER 7PM
ST LAWRENCE CHURCH HALL**

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**IMMY AND KATHY IN
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SATURDAY 8TH NOVEMBER 5PM
ST LAWRENCE CHURCH HALL**

Immy and Kathy are back by popular demand after their amazing concert last year. They will be singing soprano songs, classical, musical and modern.

Admission free but there will be a retiring collection for the Friends of St Lawrence and the Malawi Project. There will be cakes and refreshments available after the performance for donations. So make sure you put this in diaries as it is a concert not to be missed!!

Please note the date is 8th November
(not 30th as was published in
September's Outlook!)

**CHRISTMAS COFFEE MORNING:
29th NOVEMBER 10-1PM
ST LAWRENCE CHURCH HALL**

Don't forget to put the Friends and Mothers' Union Christmas Coffee Morning in your diaries and come along and enjoy sausage/bacon butties, a cup of coffee and a cake! It is always a lovely occasion to meet up, have a chat and buy that last minute Christmas present.



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Gardening Society	Jane Lay (447281)
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Hillside Residents Association	School Mead (261734)
Home Start (Helping Families Under Stress)	(248010)
Infant Welfare Clinic	St Saviour's Hall - Monday 1.30 to 3.00 pm (264639)
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Library	Open: Mon & Thu 1.00pm-6.00pm; Tue & Fri 9.30am-6.00pm Sat 9.30am - 1.00pm; Wed & Sun closed all day
Local History Society	Delva O'Reagan (267585)
Mothers' Union	Jill Matthews (262046)
Orchestra (ALO)	Penny Abbot (01442 873205)
Parent & Toddler Group	Community Centre; Tue, Wed & Friday 9.15-11.15 am
Parish Council and Halls	Council Office, Langley Road (265139)
Players (ALP)	Jean James (461549)
Royal British Legion	Secretary: Chris Driscoll (01923 675563)
St Lawrence Church Hall	Church Office (261795)
St Lawrence Church Flower Arrangers	Church Office (261795)
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Malawi Update

OCTOBER 2025 CONTAINER:

As yet, we still do not have an exact date for the container, so please could you aim to have all your items ready for the beginning of November.

FUTURE EVENTS: In the next few months we have three super concerts taking place in aid of the Malawi Project. Please put the dates in your diaries and support these wonderful musicians.

ELSA JEAN MCTAGGART: SATURDAY 25TH OCTOBER 7.30PM ST LAWRENCE CHURCH

**Singer, song writer and musician
from Lewis in the Outer Hebrides**

Elsa will be performing in St Lawrence Church on 25th October at 7.30pm in aid of the Malawi Project Fund after her hugely successful concert last year. This will be her 5th visit to Abbots Langley village. There will be light refreshments available on the night.



KATHERINE AND IMOGEN IN CONCERT: SATURDAY 8TH NOVEMBER 5PM ST LAWRENCE CHURCH

We are delighted that our very own Katherine Bunting and Imogen Bailey will be returning to St Lawrence Church on Saturday 8th November through popular demand after their fantastic concert last year. There will be a retiring collection during the evening in aid of the Malawi Project and Friends of St Lawrence. Refreshments will be available after the concert for donations. Please note the date is November 8th (not 30th as published in September's Outlook)



STRATOSFERE CONCERT: SATURDAY 22ND NOVEMBER 7PM ST LAWRENCE CHURCH

We welcome back this amazing cover band for another excellent evening of music. They also write their own songs and play a wide variety of music from the 60's/70's to present day. There will be light refreshments. Come along and support.

A Rocha UK's Easy Eco Tips

Taste the difference! Local and seasonal food not only tastes great but is better for the planet too. Think about incorporating locally grown produce into your diet and shopping list throughout the seasons, as it is harvested at its peak ripeness ensuring superior flavour, compared to imported alternatives that have travelled thousands of miles. If saying grace before a meal is a regular practice in your household, include giving thanks for your local food producers this month.

For more eco tips visit:
arocha.org.uk/wild-christian



QR Codes

If you would like to access the website for either St Lawrence and the Church of the Ascension or for St Albans Cathedral, you can do so by scanning the QR codes below.

QR code for St Lawrence Church and The Church of the Ascension



QR code for St Albans Cathedral



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Bedmond Bells WI

Autumn seems to be creeping up on us and with the days getting shorter, we are looking forward to our Autumn activities.

In September, we had a splendid outing, cruising on the canal. The weather was kind, the boat's crew looked after us wonderfully and we all enjoyed it so much, we are planning another trip right away! The weather might not be so good later in the year, but coming up to Christmas there may be mince pies and mulled wine included, so I am sure that will compensate.



Our first event of the autumn, on Saturday 4th October, is a Tea and Cake and Craft stall event, with some outside stallholders as well. It will take place in Bedmond Village Hall, from 2pm to 4pm, so we hope you will come and join us, and maybe browse for some early Christmas gifts. We are planning a good selection of cakes



We are hoping to start the Community Cafes again in the winter months, in the Tin Church, Bedmond, serving a tasty soup and filled roll, with a drink and cake, of course. Watch the local notice boards for the details.

Our next meeting will be our Harvest Supper, always an enjoyable evening, with a ploughman's meal and some social activities. This takes place on Friday 10th October in Bedmond Village Hall, starting at 7.30pm. Visitors are always welcome, but please let us know you are coming, so we can cater appropriately.



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Saturday 25th October 7:30pm
St Lawrence Church
Abbots Langley

Tickets £14, profits to the Malawi Project
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or 01923 444619

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by popular demand

Immy and Kathy

In Concert

Soprano songs, classical, musical and modern



Saturday 8th November 5pm
St Lawrence Church Abbots Langley

Retiring collection for Friends of St Lawrence and the Malawi Project
Cake and refreshments available for donations afterwards



**Baby Loss
Awareness
Week**

**WEDNESDAY 15TH OCTOBER
2PM - 7.00PM**



**DROP IN THROUGHOUT THE DAY TO LIGHT A
CANDLE AND JOIN US AT 7PM FOR THE
GLOBAL WAVE OF LIGHT.**

FRIENDS OF ST LAWRENCE



**SATURDAY 18 OCTOBER
ST LAWRENCE CHURCH HALL
7PM**

Tables of 8 .. you can join a table on the night or
make up your own team. Price £17.50pp.
There will be a two course supper included and
BYO drinks.

Please contact wendymeldrum@gmail.com

to book a place or
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on 01923 261795.



Deadline for all content for November Outlook is Friday 24th October