

**“May the mind of Christ my Saviour live in me from day to day,
by his love and power controlling all I do or say.”**

I cannot sing this hymn without remembering our dear friend Doris (“call me Dos please”) Cooper. It was her long-time favourite. You may not think of her as very devout but she had a strong faith, often hidden by light-hearted banter. She fed that faith by regularly spending ten minutes quietly conscious of being in God’s presence: in the spirit of the last two lines of her well-loved hymn, she was “looking only unto Jesus as I onward go”.

The words were written by Kate Wilkinson nee Johnson. She was born at Altrincham, Cheshire in 1859 and died aged sixty-nine in London. For most of her married life she lived in London and worked in the Anglican Church with girls and young women. She was also connected to the annual Keswick Convention. It is surprising that her one hymn which is widely sung did not appear with any Keswick hymns until almost seventy years after her death. Not much else is known about Kate but the evidence of this hymn is that she knew her Bible well and surely this was the basis of what she shared with young women in her charge.

The very first line echoes Philippians 2:5 “Let this mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus”.

The second verse “May the word of God dwell richly in my heart” echoes Colossians 3:16 “Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly”.

The third verse “May the peace of God my Father rule my life in everything, that I may be calm to comfort sick and sorrowing” echoes 2 Corinthians 1:4 “God comforts us so that we can comfort others”.

The last verse, “May I run the race before me - - - looking only unto Jesus” is straight from the King James version of Hebrews 12:1&2 “Let us run with patience the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith”. That would be the only translation in common use when this hymn was written.

The tune, St Leonards, was written by Arthur Barham Gould, an Anglican priest. He wrote the tune especially for this hymn when he was living at St Leonards.
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A WARM WELCOME TO YOU ALL IN THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD. IF YOU ARE VISITORS WE TRUST THAT YOUR HOLIDAY WILL BRING YOU JOY AND REFRESHMENT OF SPIRIT. PLEASE JOIN US FOR COFFEE & FELLOWSHIP IN THE HALL FOLLOWING THIS SERVICE.

SUNDAY SERVICES

SUNDAY 30th AUGUST 2026

10.30 am Kathryn Lewis

SUNDAY 6th SEPTEMBER 2026

10.30 am Adrian Williams – Holy Communion

WEDNESDAY 2nd SEPTEMBER 2026

10.00 am to 12.00 Baby & Toddler Group – NO MEETING

2.30 pm – 4.00 pm “Cuppa & Chat” – in church hall

SATURDAY 5th SEPTEMBER

10.00 am to 4.00 pm Shropshire Climate Action Open Day

- in church and hall

**WE ARE ASKED TO PRAY
FOR THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE**

Hilary & Paul L, Wendy M, Linda & David M,
Geoff P, Gillian P, Hazel R, Tim R, Christine & Gerry R,
Those who come to our "Cuppa & Chat" Group.

HARVEST FESTIVAL & LUNCH SUNDAY 20th SEPTEMBER

'The harvest is plentiful' Matthew 9 v37

For this year's harvest we are inviting our local church neighbours to come and join us for the service and afterwards for lunch. The lunch format will be a finger buffet bring and share so we ask that, if you can, you cater for a few more people than usual. Please also consider, if possible, a range of dietary needs vegetarian, gluten-free, dairy-free etc. It would be helpful if homemade food was labelled with an ingredients list. Many thanks in advance for your support of this harvest outreach. Please can you keep this event in your prayers for a successful outcome.

We will also be thinking of those less fortunate than ourselves and asking for donations of toiletries (for women and children) and/or fresh fruit to be given to the local Shropshire Domestic Abuse Service.

There is a list of suggested items on the noticeboard in the hall.

If you have any questions, please speak to Sue, Ann or one of the stewards.

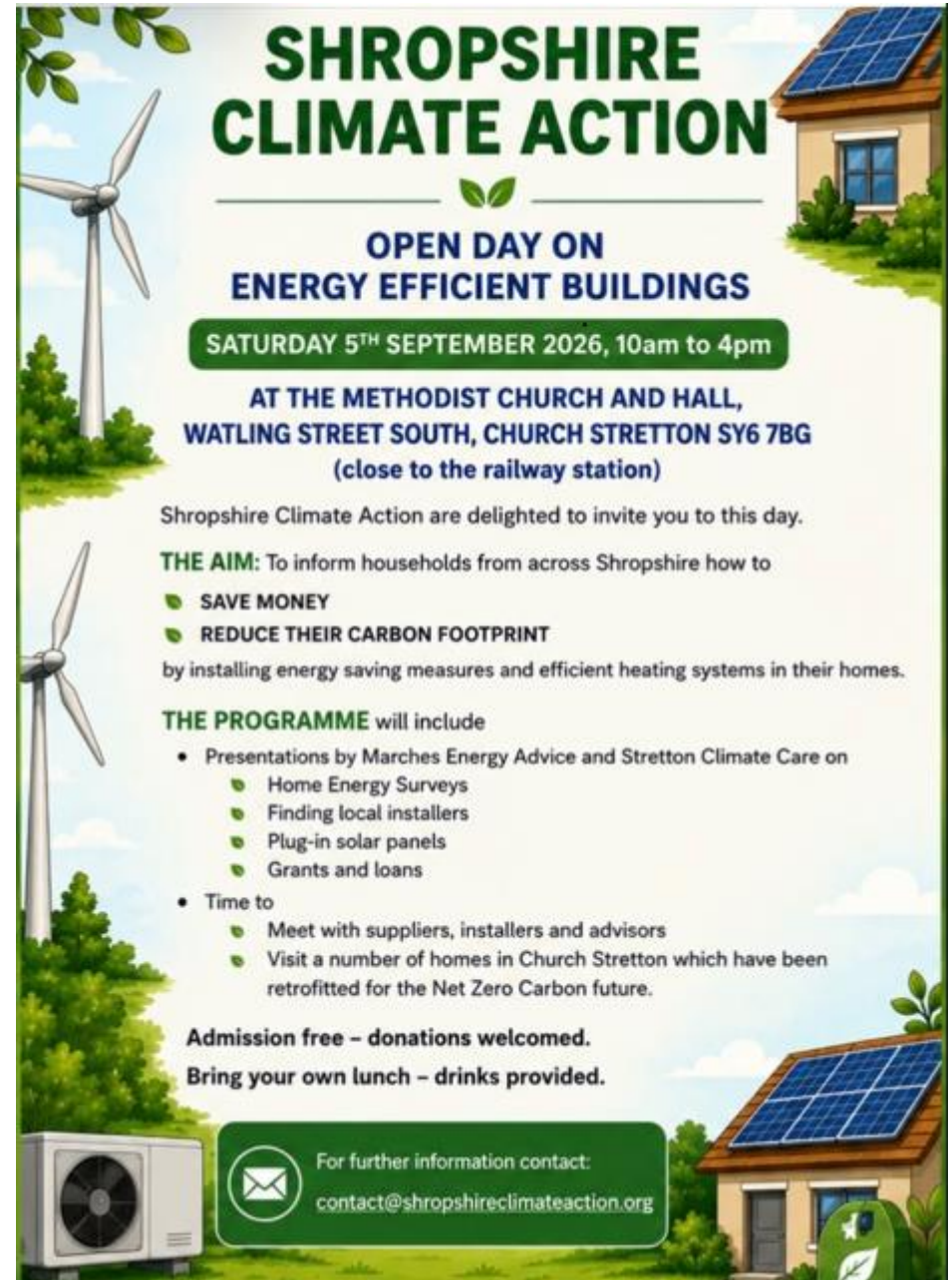
Thank you.

'Be still for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One, is here.'

When this tune is played before our preacher of the day leads us in worship, please take this time to be still and quiet and reflect. Thank you. It could be a time to turn in "Singing the Faith" to number 20 or to ponder the three aspects mentioned in the hymn - the presence of the Lord, the glory of the Lord and the power of the Lo

**Items for the Church Notices for 6th September 2026 to
cdgtorridon@aol.com or 01694 328319. Thank you**

THIS EVENT IS TAKING PLACE IN OUR CHURCH AND HALL 5th SEPTEMBER



**SHROPSHIRE
CLIMATE ACTION**

**OPEN DAY ON
ENERGY EFFICIENT BUILDINGS**

SATURDAY 5TH SEPTEMBER 2026, 10am to 4pm

**AT THE METHODIST CHURCH AND HALL,
WATLING STREET SOUTH, CHURCH STRETTON SY6 7BG
(close to the railway station)**

Shropshire Climate Action are delighted to invite you to this day.

THE AIM: To inform households from across Shropshire how to

- ✓ **SAVE MONEY**
- ✓ **REDUCE THEIR CARBON FOOTPRINT**

by installing energy saving measures and efficient heating systems in their homes.

THE PROGRAMME will include

- Presentations by Marches Energy Advice and Stretton Climate Care on
 - ✓ Home Energy Surveys
 - ✓ Finding local installers
 - ✓ Plug-in solar panels
 - ✓ Grants and loans
- Time to
 - ✓ Meet with suppliers, installers and advisors
 - ✓ Visit a number of homes in Church Stretton which have been retrofitted for the Net Zero Carbon future.

Admission free – donations welcomed.
Bring your own lunch – drinks provided.

For further information contact:
contact@shropshireclimateaction.org