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**Lord God,
our refuge and strength,
bring near the day
when wars cease,
suffering and pain end
and all the earth knows
the peace of heaven.**

***Capel Christmas Fair on Saturday 19th November 2022 12— 4
in the Parish & Memorial Halls, Capel, RH5 5LD ***

*** GreenMatthews in concert at**

St John the Baptist, Saturday 19th November 7.30pm *

Remembrance Services: Sunday 13th November at Ockley & Capel *

Church Teas 3.00 pm Sunday 27th November

& Advent Evening Choral Evensong at Capel 6.00 pm *

More details inside!



Capel Christmas Fair 2022



Saturday 19th November 2022 12 - 4pm



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A Charity Fairs Association Fair raising funds for Capel and Ockley Parish Churches and the Motor Neurone Disease Association (MNDA).

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Dear Friends,

I believe in the sun even when it's not shining
I believe in love when I feel it not
I believe in God even when he is silent

These words above are based on some lines which were found written on the wall in a cellar in Cologne after World War II. At the recent Annual Service of Comfort for the Bereaved held in our church at the end of last month, the choir sung a setting of these beautiful words set to music by Norwegian composer Kim Andre Arnesen. The original lines are these:

I believe in the sun, though it be dark;
I believe in God though He be silent;
I believe in neighbourly love, though it be unable to reveal itself.



At the time these words were written, some underground passages beneath old buildings were being used as refuges for people hiding from the Gestapo. At one point, nine Jewish fugitives hid there for four months without ever being caught. The emergency housing was fully equipped with kitchen, bedroom, living room, radio, a small library and oil lamps. Meals could only be prepared at night so any smoke or smell wouldn't attract the Gestapo's attention. Food had to be supplied by friends who willingly gave up a portion of their rations to help those people living for weeks in utter darkness. The inscription itself is written on the wall of one of these underground rooms.

This month of course is the time when we remember all those who died in the World Wars and of course sadly more recent conflicts. Thankfully we are not living in such conditions ourselves but Ukraine remains very much on our hearts and minds I am sure. I think these beautiful words above speak to us of a great hope which we all need to hang on to in difficult times. A hope that despite what we may be experiencing or facing in the future, the sun is still shining, God is there, as is love. It's like flying in a plane high above the clouds, the sky is blue and the sun is shining, even though the weather below is grey and raining. In those weather conditions, it doesn't mean the sun has gone away, it's still there somewhere. The author of these words cannot see the sun and he can't hear Gods voice. Yet he still hangs onto these items of faith, perhaps because of his trust in the love and compassion being shown to him in secret.

So as winter begins in earnest, I pray these words may give you comfort, as we all face the cost of living rises and of course higher energy bills. Neighbourly love is something our community does very well, but we need to know which of our neighbours needs a helping hand. I don't know whether we are planning any warm spaces in the village, but I am pretty sure as the colder weather bites if there's a need we will find a solution in Capel! In the meantime, you are assured of a very warm welcome at one of our heated church services or events so come and join us soon!

As always my love and prayers,

Revd Liz

Revd Liz Richardson

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CHURCH SERVICES AND EVENTS FOR St John the Baptist, Capel & St Margaret's, Ockley NOVEMBER 2022

SUNDAY	6th	Third Sunday before Advent
	9.30am	Matins at St Margaret's Ockley
	10.30am	Family Communion at Capel with Traidcraft after the service
MONDAY	7th	
	2.00pm	The Funeral of Margaret Dale, St John the Baptist Capel
SUNDAY	13th	Remembrance Sunday
	10.30	Cafe Church in Capel Church
	10.45	Service of Remembrance at St Margaret's Ockley
	3.00pm	Service of Remembrance at St John the Baptist Capel
SATURDAY	19th	
	12-4pm	Capel Christmas Fair (Capel Memorial & Parish Halls) in aid of our two Parish churches and The Motor Neurone Disease Association (MND)
	8.00pm	Green Matthews in concert at St John the Baptist Capel
SUNDAY	20th	Christ the King
	9.30am	Matins at Ockley
	10.30am	Family Communion at Capel
SUNDAY	27th	Advent Sunday
	9.30am	Holy Communion BCP at Ockley
	10.30am	Morning Worship at Capel
	3.00pm	Capel Church teas
	6.00pm	Advent Choral Evensong at Capel (Newdigate and Capel Choirs) followed by mulled wine and mince pies!
December		
SUNDAY	4th	Second Sunday of Advent
	9.30am	Matins at St Margaret's Ockley
	10.30am	Family Communion at Capel
	2-4pm	Capel Choral Society Carols and Cakes at Capel Church
	4pm	A Christingle service in Ockley Pavilion

CW - service is from Common Worship 2005

Guidelines for your safety and comfort in church

At both churches the wearing of masks inside places of worship is encouraged.

Hand sanitiser will be available for use by the entrance door.

Holy Communion is given in both kinds and the consecrated wine will be served in individual glasses whilst we are still at risk from the pandemic.

Services & Events on website: <https://www.capelandockleychurch.org.uk/>



Remember, remember.....

November already - *again!* It only seems five minutes ago that I was writing the Café Church column for November 2021. It's been quite a year since then, hasn't it? I wonder what you will remember of it as we move towards the end of 2022. Will it be the Platinum Jubilee or the passing of the Queen, the war in Ukraine, the massive increase in energy bills, the strikes, the cost of petrol, the chaos on the financial markets, a new Prime Minister? Or perhaps you have a more personal reason to remember this year.

Whatever, the truth is that who we are and how we live today is founded on the memories and experiences, good and bad, of all that's gone before and that everything that is happening to and around us now is forming the memories for tomorrow. It's as though we are in a constant state of flux and living in the moment is all that we can do. Perhaps that isn't a bad idea. After all, when Jesus was speaking to his disciples (recorded in the book of Luke, chapter 12) he asked, "Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to your life?" It's easy to find ourselves consumed by thoughts of all the things in the past we wish we could have done better or to lay awake worrying about what the future holds. It's important, of course, to learn the lessons that life teaches us along the way and it would be foolish not to plan for the future. But finding that balance where we can hold yesterday and tomorrow in mind without being overcome by either (or both!) is a goal that I certainly strive for.

Whether you attend a church regularly or just on those "obligatory" occasions like christenings, weddings or funerals, each time we enter a church building it is an act of remembrance in itself. We are coming into a building whose sole purpose (or maybe even "soul" purpose?) is to remember God and His goodness to us. Our beautiful parish church in Capel has been standing as a remembrance of God in the centre of our village since the 13th century. An awful lot of people have walked up the church path over the past 800 years to remember God and that unbroken history continues today. But perhaps the most remarkable thing about this act of remembrance is that it is a two-way relationship. As we enter into St. John's we remember an amazing Creator God, the sacrificial love of His son, Jesus, and the promise of His Holy Spirit to be with us every day as guide and comforter. In turn, God promises in the bible that He will "never leave or forsake you". (Deuteronomy 31) We come to remember a God who, in turn, never forgets us. Amazing.

The annual Remembrance Sunday ceremonies and services provide a day when we can remember the sacrifice of so many over the years, sacrifices that have given us the freedoms we enjoy every day of our lives. But every day of our lives can be a time when we remember the sacrifice that Jesus made in order that we can live without fear or worry in relationship with a loving father God. As it says in John chapter 8, "If the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed."

Bob Cranham

Café Church meets at St. John's, Capel on **Sunday Nov 14th at 10.30am** when Dik Hoogmoed will be leading the service. Free coffee & croissants, a band, possibly some poetry, definitely lots of laughter and, hopefully, plenty to think about!

NEWS FROM THE DIOCESE OF GUILDFORD

Taken from the Parish Brief 11/10/2022

PCR2 – the most significant report on protecting children and vulnerable adults published

Last Wednesday, the National Safeguarding Steering Group published its report on the Past Cases Review 2, a major piece of work reviewing all identified safeguarding cases across all dioceses, including here in Guildford. It is my view that this is the most significant report on safeguarding to have been published in many years. It should have been a lead story in print and broadcast media. Sadly, it was largely swept aside by another news agenda – the party conference taking place, the cost of living crisis, and the war in Ukraine. All important issues but so too is the Church of England’s response to safeguarding.

In Guildford, we also published a summary of our Past Cases Review 2 findings and recommendations. You will know that PCR 2 has been a complex, and often painful piece of work taking up a large amount of time over the past three years. We must learn from this work. The two independent reviewers were rigorous in their work and we can have confidence in their findings.

Both the national and the diocesan reports make sad and sombre reading. I urge everyone to read and reflect on the summaries of these reports. They reveal serious poor safeguarding in past cases, including here in Guildford. They demonstrate that there has been a failure to focus on the needs of the victims and survivors and all too often people have been discouraged from telling their concerns. This culture of silence is unacceptable and all of us must challenge it and do all we can to make our churches a safer place. This is no easy task but working together we can succeed.

By definition, PCR2 looks at past cases and not current activity. However, in Guildford, the independent reviewers looked at a selection of current cases. They were reassured that current practice is of a high standard and that more resources are being devoted to safeguarding. While this is reassuring, there must be no room for complacency. Arising from their analysis, the reviewers made a series of detailed recommendations and our diocesan safeguarding team has developed an action plan for implementation. The Diocesan Safeguarding Advisory Panel holds the diocese to account on safeguarding effectiveness and will have a critical role holding us to account on implementation of the PCR 2 recommendations. Safeguarding is everyone’s responsibility and we all, at every level in the diocese, must respond to the challenges of the past cases review.

Christopher Cloke
Independent Chair
Guildford Diocesan Safeguarding Advisory Panel



Don't forget our Safeguarding Notice is published each month in 'News from the Pews' and the contact details for our Parish Safeguarding officer are as follows:-

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NEWS from the Pews

A note for your diaries ...

Capel Christmas Fair returns for it's second year on

SATURDAY 19th NOVEMBER 2022.

To be held in Capel's Parish & Memorial Halls,
The Street, RH5 5LD
12 noon until 4.00 pm

In aid of our United Parish of Capel and Ockley and
The Motor Neurone Disease Association



Can you help with Raffle prizes for some hampers?

*** Gardening * Food & Drink * Chocolate lover * Pamper Hamper ***

If so, please let Suzanne know on 01306 711449
or 07923 517202 slc@ansford.me.uk

Church Mailing List

Do you know of anyone who would like to be added to the Church mailing list? This would ensure they received the weekly notice sheets and readings, amongst other things.

If so, please get in touch with **Dineke van den Bogerd:**

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We must have their permission before adding them to the list. Thank you.

SAFEGUARDING NOTICE

'The care and protection of children, young people and adults involved in Church activities is the responsibility of everyone who participates in the life of the church. If you are concerned that someone you know is at risk of, or is being abused, or presents a risk to others, please seek advice from a Safeguarding Adviser or if necessary report the matter to the Local Authority Social Care Services or the Police without delay.'

If you have any concerns please contact our Safeguarding Officer:

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This notice will appear each month in InSpire and the contact details for our Safeguarding Officer and the Diocesan Safeguarding Advisor Jackie Broadfoot will be published in our weekly pew sheets as well as in the Church Contacts section in each issue of Inspire.

Don't forget to recycle your

STAMPS AND OLD PRINTER CARTRIDGES

Don't forget that you can drop off your used printer cartridges in the box in the church porch at Capel. These are sent to a recycling firm who give a small amount towards our church funds.

Also, don't forget to keep bringing your used stamps to church - again a box is in the porch at Capel.

Thank you

NEWS from the Pews

Environment update

Seeking a carbon-neutral future is absolutely vital if we are to sustain life across our planet and avoid catastrophe. There is no room for complacency. I am delighted to hear that Guildford diocese has had the highest Energy Footprint return rate for any diocese, and the highest increase in responses. Not only that, we have the highest number of Eco Church awards and sign-ups of any diocese (double the number of any other diocese). I want to thank all those in the parishes that have made this happen and Alison Moulden our DEO along with those around her.

Let's keep up the good work!

Bishop Andrew



FROM THE REGISTERS

Holy Baptism

We welcome into the family of the church

Amelie Florence Nicholson

on

16th October 2022

at

St John the Baptist Capel

In Memoriam

We mourn the loss of

Margaret Ann Dale

On

11th October 2022

May she rest in peace and rise in glory



Margaret Dale's funeral will be held at St John the Baptist, Capel on Monday 7th November 2022 at 2.00 pm



In church on **Sunday 6th November 2022**
after the **10.30am** service at Capel.

Lots of Christmas card packs - some at reduced prices!

For more information please see page 19.

Don't forget ... **10% goes to our Parish Churches!**

The Pavilion Café

We are open every Wednesday morning from 9am to 12 o'clock in the Cricket Pavilion on the green in Ockley. We serve homemade cakes and savouries and offer a range of teas and fresh coffee. On the last Wednesday of the month we also serve bacon butties which are very popular. We ask for donations and, after expenses, the money goes to charity. We like to donate to our local churches, local amenities and charities and also national ones. We have become very popular over the years and there is plenty of parking and disabled access to the building.

NEWS

44 million struggling with cost-of-living crisis

In what has been described as ‘a landmark poll’, CAP (Christians Against Poverty) has found that nearly half of us living in the UK are being impacted by rising costs. The poll, carried out for CAP by YouGov, found:

Impacted - 84% (about 44 million) of us have been financially affected by the cost-of-living crisis.

Rising prices – 49% of us (about 25.9 million) have seen our bills rise by between £101 and £500 a month.

Struggling financially – 15% of us (about 7.9 million) admit we were already struggling financially. But this has risen quickly, until by now it seems that just under half of us, or 48% (about 25 million) are struggling to some extent.

Cutting back – an estimated 61% of us (more than 32 million) of us have reduced our energy use to save money. More than 46% of us (about 24 million) are shopping around more and using cheaper supermarkets.

Desperation — Sadly, about 15% of us, (almost 8 million) people are now thought to be going without heating or electricity completely. A similar amount of us are even skipping some meals. About 37% of us (or 19 million) have cut out socialising and leisure altogether.

Debt & borrowing — About 6.9 million people (13%) are behind on their bills, and more than 42% of us (about 22 million) have borrowed money to cope with rising costs. Of those who have borrowed money this year, 40% have borrowed £1000 or more, with 15% borrowing more than £3000 during 2022.

Long term impact — Over a third us who owe money expect that it will take us more than a year to pay it back.

As one spokesman for CAP says: *“Living shouldn’t cost everything. But for millions, it does.”*

“We need more targeted help for people living in poverty who have less money coming in than they need just to stay alive and out of serious debt. This could be delivered in discounts of household bills, more one-off grants and increased benefit payments to help people survive winter.” CAP is helping thousands of people become debt free across the UK.

Persecution continues in Nigeria

Several thousand more Nigerian Christians have had to flee their villages this autumn, following the continued kidnapping and killing of Christians in northern areas of the country.

Release International reports that as Islamic terrorists slaughtered at least 22 believers in Benue State in September, Fulani herdsmen set fire to Christian homes in the villages.

In all, now more than 6,000 Christians in the three counties of Benue State have now been displaced, according to the Benue State Emergency Management Agency. There has also been widespread destruction of facilities like churches, schools, markets and healthcare establishments.

Release International says: “Christians here are helpless, and the government officials and agencies have not made any effort to curtail these attacks. Please join us in continuing to pray for the church in Nigeria.” More at: <https://releaseinternational.org>

Budget fails to tackle global cost of living crisis, Christian Aid says

The Government’s Autumn Statement has been criticised by Christian Aid.

Pete Moorey, the Head of Campaigns and UK Advocacy at Christian Aid, says: “The cost-of-living crisis is devastating for the poorest people in the UK and globally. For millions of people living with drought and struggling to buy food in East Africa and in many other parts of the world, it is catastrophic.

“We should not have to choose between responding at home and fulfilling our responsibilities to the world's poorest people facing extreme hunger.”

6th November – join the International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church

Churches and Christians across the UK are being invited to remember the suffering of Christians persecuted and imprisoned for their faith in countries around the world.

According to Open Doors, the 2022 rankings are as follows. The top 20 countries where it is most dangerous to be a Christian are: 1 Afghanistan; 2 North Korea; 3 Somalia; 4 Libya; 5 Yemen; 6 Eritrea; 7 Nigeria; 8 Pakistan; 9 Iran; 10 India; 11 Saudi Arabia; 12 Myanmar; 13 Sudan; 14 Iraq; 15 Syria; 16 Maldives; 17 China; 18 Qatar; 19 Vietnam; and 20 Egypt.

For the full list of 50 countries, please go to: <https://www.opendoorsuk.org/persecution/world-watch-list/>

Celebrating the life of Brother Andrew (1928-2022)

Brother Andrew, the founder of Open Doors, died on 27th September, aged 94.

Famous around the world as ‘God’s smuggler’, he began his ministry in 1957 by smuggling Bibles across the Iron Curtain in a blue Volkswagen Beetle. That trip was the beginning of Open Doors which, more than 65 years later, is now supporting persecuted Christians around the world.

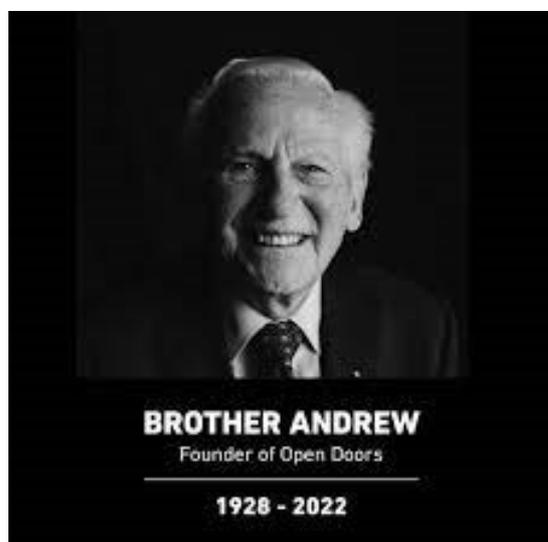
The remarkable story of his Bible ‘smuggling’ was told in his best-selling autobiography *God’s Smuggler*.

After the fall of the Iron Curtain, Brother Andrew turned his attention to the Islamic World, saying that the rapid spread of Islam posed the greatest challenge yet to the Christian church worldwide. He travelled to the Middle East and South Asia and had private meetings with leaders of several Islamic fundamentalist groups. However, Brother Andrew preached against retaliation – repeatedly declaring ‘I sincerely love all Muslims’ as a counter to the rising Islamophobia in the west.

Queen Beatrix of the Netherlands knighted Brother Andrew in 1993. In 1997, he received the World Evangelical Alliance’s Religious Liberty Award, recognising his lifetime of service to suffering Christians.

But Open Doors UK reveals that “perhaps the recognition that pleased him most was the copies of KGB reports, which he obtained after the fall of the Iron Curtain. There were more than 150 pages about him, detailing his work in the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe. Despite this, they were still unable to stop his work.”

More at <https://www.opendoorsuk.org/about/our-history/brother-andrew/>



Reflecting on the death of Queen Elizabeth II

She was among us as one who serves

By the Ven John Barton

The news of the Queen's death has reverberated round the world; the deep sadness felt in the United Kingdom is shared across the globe, not least in the Commonwealth of Nations which meant so much to her. There was something rocklike in her character which impressed everyone. In times of danger, uncertainty and personal grief, she consistently exemplified courage and confidence. We are reminded of Christ's signal to his disciples: "You will hear of wars and rumours of wars; see that you are not alarmed".

Queen Elizabeth made no secret of her source of inspiration and guidance. "For me, the life of Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace", she said, ... "is an inspiration and an anchor in my life. A role model of reconciliation and forgiveness, He stretched out His hands in love, acceptance and healing."

It was Christ's revolutionary example of leadership which shaped her own sovereignty. He had confounded the prevailing perceptions of authority with a dramatic demonstration. At the Last Supper He noted that none of His disciples was willing to perform the customary task of a servant by washing the dirt off the feet of the others. So *He* did it. Then He gave them this revolutionary definition of leadership:

"The kings of the gentiles lord it over them, and those in authority over them are called benefactors. But not so with you; rather, the greatest among you must become like the youngest and the leader like one who serves. For who is greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves? Is it not the one at the table? But I am among you as one who serves."

On her 21st birthday in 1947, Princess Elizabeth was touring South Africa with her parents. She made this personal, Christian commitment then and she lived by it throughout her reign: "I declare before you all that my whole life whether it be long or short shall be devoted to your service".

Right until the end, when she invited the new British Prime Minister to form a Government, she was doing her duty. She broke into her Summer holiday at Balmoral to give an audience, first with Boris Johnson as the outgoing Prime Minister, and then with Liz Truss, the 15th Prime Minister of her reign. We will treasure the photograph published then, which showed her at the age of 96 looking frail, but beaming warmth and kindness. And in the midst of national and international mourning, we may also allow ourselves to recall the glorious episode with Paddington Bear during Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations when, solemnly and self-deprecatingly, she draw a marmalade sandwich from her handbag. It gave us a glimpse into the character of a Queen who carried the weight of her office solemnly, but did not take herself too seriously.

The Church of England's historic prayer for the Sovereign concludes with the petition that "finally after this life she may attain everlasting joy and felicity". We hope you will join with us now in saying, 'Amen'.



God Save the King

King Charles III

by Canon Paul Hardingham



'And wherever you may live in the United Kingdom, or in the realms and territories across the world, and whatever may be your background or beliefs, I shall endeavour to serve you with loyalty, respect and love, as I have throughout my life.'

These are King Charles III's words from his TV broadcast following the death of Queen Elizabeth. They reflect the Queen's own commitment to serve the nation for 70 years. They also express the continuity of monarchy: *'The Queen is dead. Long live the King!'*

However, continuity doesn't mean that things remain the same. King Charles III will face different challenges to the Queen, but the same God works His purposes through each of them. At his death, King David spoke these words to his son Solomon: *'Be strong and observe what the Lord your God requires: walk in obedience to him...Do this so that you may prosper in all you do and wherever you go.'* (1 Kings 2:2,3) These are words for our new King and ourselves, as we seek God's will in a time of uncertainty.

King Charles III has demonstrated his ability to get alongside people to *'see the value of each person as God sees them.'* (Archbishop of Canterbury). He is also in touch with the important issues of the day. He has provided young people with opportunities to change their lives. He understands the life of the poorest in our society, and he is passionate about the state of our planet. Let's pray for our king, as he faces new challenges and opportunities: *'I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness.'* (1 Timothy 2:1,2).

The Monarch and the Church

by David Pickup

By me kings reign and rulers issue decrees that are just (Proverbs 8:15)

We have a unique system in this country that links the King to the Church.

The new King has made an oath to uphold the Presbyterian Church in Scotland and is the Supreme Governor of the Church of England. The sovereign holds the title 'Defender of the Faith'. It was originally given to Henry VIII by the pope for defending the Roman Catholic faith. It was later claimed as a title for defending the Protestant religion.

These are legal roles and titles which bind the Crown, Parliament and Anglican churches together. The King appoints Archbishops, Bishops and Deans of the Church of England, who then swear an oath of allegiance to the monarch.

Some people might ask if the Church or any part of it needs to be so closely linked to the State. Why should Parliament or the government, who may be people from other or no faith, have a say who runs the Church? Some say that the purpose of having an established Church is so that Parliament can protect the Church from itself. Some would argue there has been too much modernisation in the Church which has not led to more people in pews. Meanwhile, though the numbers of people having an allegiance to the Church of any kind is falling, still many people turn to the Church at times of personal and family troubles and celebrations.

God save the King. He has solemnly promised to uphold the Church and spoken of his personal faith. We do not know what the future of this country or the Church will be, but we can influence it by prayer. We should pray for those in authority, whether we agree with them or not. It may not be a perfect system, but it is probably better than all the rest.

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Major Douglas Bliss: The End of my war in Germany

Editor: The account below is kindly given to us by our friend Debbie von Bergen as a first hand account of her father's experiences in WWII. We thank her for kindly sharing this with us. Do read her notes at the end .



It was 4th May 1945. I was a GSO2 (ops), that means that I was a General Staff Officer Grade 2 (a Major) at the headquarters of the British Army at Luneburg Heath in Germany.

It so happened that on that day I was the Duty Staff Officer in the Operations room. I received a message from headquarters 21 Army Group – Field Marshal Montgomery's headquarters ordering a cease fire at 8 o'clock on the morning of 5th May.

I wrote a message addressed to all units in the Second Army and took it to my boss – Brigadier Selwyn Lloyd (who later became chancellor of the Exchequer, Foreign Secretary and finally Speaker of the House of Commons) and suggested that in view of its importance he should sign it. He said, 'no you are the staff duty officer, you sign it'. I did – and I never kept a copy!

The following morning at dawn, after being on duty all night I walked outside the operations room. It was a beautiful morning, and everything was quite still. After serving for the past six years in a war, I said out loud to myself 'what happens now?'

As you can imagine, the next few days were filled with a great deal of staff work to cope with the surrendering German army, and lots of parties! On May 23rd I was at a party at the house in Luneburg which had been taken over by the Company Commander – Major Norman Whittaker, Officer Commanding the Second Army HQ Defence Company. At about 10.30 in the evening Norman Whittaker said he had to leave the party as he was wanted in the next door house.

This house had also been requisitioned and was used to house senior prisoners of war while they were being interrogated. A few of us stayed on at the party, and when the field telephone which had been installed between the two houses rang, I answered it. Norman Whittaker told me to get one of his junior officers to go to the medical branch and ask for some cardiac stimulant urgently. When the officer who had dashed out on a motorcycle arrived at the medical unit, they were also having a party, and told him he would be better off with a large whisky! He managed to convince them it was not a joke and came back with the stimulant. I rang Norman Whittaker on the phone, told him that the necessary medicine was here, but he replied that it was too late.

By this time, I was obviously intrigued about what was going on and together with the camp dentist who was the only other member of the party still there said, I was going to stay and find out.

Some time later Brigadier Selwyn Lloyd and Colonel Murphy (2nd Army head of intelligence) came in to have a drink. Selwyn Lloyd asked me what I was doing, and I told him I had been a guest at a party and had stayed behind to find what was happening. He then told me that it was Reichs Fuhrer SS Heinrich Himmler who was next door, that he had taken poison and for being so inquisitive I had better have the job of conducting the American, Russian and French representatives who would want to come and see the body.

In the Nazi party Heinrich Himmler was second in seniority only to Hitler himself. He was a Minister of the Interior, Chief of the SS and the Gestapo. After Hitler had committed suicide in his underground headquarters in Berlin, Himmler put on the uniform of a Sergeant Major in the German Military police and decided to hide in the North of Germany until the hue and cry had calmed down. What he didn't know was that members of the German Military Police had been designated by the Allied Forces as an 'arrest category', that meant that they had to be picked up on sight. Himmler and his two companions were arrested by a bright sentry, who recognised their uniform but not who they were, and taken them to the POW camp which has been set up. After a day or so Himmler's companion came to the very harassed Major in charge of the POW camp and said that he wished to report that Reich Fuhrer Heinrich Himmler was in his camp. The Major's initial reaction was to say 'And my name is Winston Churchill!', however when Himmler was produced his reaction was 'you look like the ****. I'd better inform Second Army', with the result that I have described.

A number of senior Nazi's were known to have poison capsules on their person, so it was arranged that Captain Wells, a medical officer at Second Army HQ, was awaiting Himmler's arrival at Luneburg in order to examine him. He had almost finished his examination when he began to probe Himmler's mouth, Himmler realised that the Cyanide capsule which was hidden in the fold of his cheek had been seen so he crushed it between his teeth and died almost at once.

After I had taken the allied representatives to view the body, orders were given for Himmler to be taken out by Major Whittaker & his Sergeant Major and buried secretly on a remote part of Luneburg Heath. There was a rumour that the local people later discovered the grave, but I believe it was proved to be untrue, and the secret of its whereabouts died with those who had buried him.

Debbie's note: These words have been transcribed from a handwritten document my father produced for his grandchildren before his death in 2006. He went on to serve in the Middle East and was there for the creation of Israel in 1948. Finally he transferred to the RAF regiment as a liaison officer based in Andover, so held both the rank of Major and Squadron Leader.



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Remembering the partition of Palestine

by Tim Lenton

The United Nations General Assembly voted 75 years ago this month, on 29th November 1947, to partition Palestine into separate Jewish and Arab states.

This decision, although supported by Western powers and the Soviet Union (Great Britain abstained), was not accepted by the Arab countries, whose UN representatives walked out. Six months later, on 14th May 1948, Jewish leaders in the region formed the state of Israel.

British troops left, thousands of Palestinian Arabs also departed, and Arab armies invaded Israel – but were defeated.

The modern conflict between Jews and Arabs in Palestine dates back to the 1910s, with Britain trying to appease the Arabs by limiting Jewish immigration. But, as a result of the Holocaust, many Jews entered Palestine illegally during World War Two.

There had been previous efforts to solve the problem. One, in 1937, had apportioned only 20 per cent of Palestine to the proposed Jewish state, and a British White Paper in 1939 had promised the Arabs an independent state within ten years, while limiting Jewish immigration and turning the Jews into a minority in an Arab Palestinian state.

Both had been turned down by nationalist Palestinians, even though many moderate Arabs were in favour.

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Did you know?

30 years since the C of E said 'yes' to women priests

30 years ago, on 11th November 1992, the Church of England voted to allow women to become priests. The first women were ordained in March 1994.

Coffee is good for you

Drinking two to three cups of coffee a day may help you live longer. According to a recent study by the Baker Heart and Diabetes Research Institute in Melbourne, Australia, coffee can slow down cardiovascular disease.

The coffee can be decaffeinated, ground or instant, scientists say. They believe that the benefit of the drink comes from chemical in the coffee beans themselves, regardless of the caffeine present.

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You are my Memorial – my Legacy

(Some thoughts on remembering)

Remember me –
As the poppies fall on the shoulders, heads,
and at the feet
Of young and old
All gathered for the Festival.

Remember me –
In the music played,
In the clapping of the audience keeping time
And uniforms so proudly worn.

Remember me –
In the stories told,
Most from the distant past, but others new,
Each one rehearsing memories stored

Remember me -
And if a tear should chance to flow
Then let it flow for the world in pain,
And dedicate yourself to peace

Remember me -
And let the sun, moon, stars, shine bright
To bring my love to you like the light
That shines in the darkness all around.

By Sam Doubtfire

We Remember

The Somme, Dunkirk and Passchendaele
Cause us to think of times of war,
When men and boys went bravely out
They fought, some died and returned no more.

They gave their all that we should live,
We never should forget such cost,
Remembering with thankful hearts
Our freedom gained as lives were lost.

Another Man gave up His life,
Another war, another fight,
With all mankind held fast in chains
As darkness fell as black as night.

The cost was high, a sinless life
To break the chains and set us free,
The Lamb of God on Calvary's cross
Paid that price for you, for me.

By Megan Carter

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The Soldier, by Rupert Brooke

If I should die, think only this of me:
That there's some corner of a foreign field
That is forever England. There shall be
In that rich earth a richer dust concealed;
A dust whom England bore, shaped, made aware,
Gave, once, her flowers to love, her ways to roam,
A body of England's, breathing English air,
Washed by the rivers, blest by the suns of home.

And think, this heart, all evil shed away,
A pulse in the eternal mind, no less
Gives somewhere back the thoughts by England given;
Her sights and sounds; dreams happy as her day;
And laughter, learnt of friends; and gentleness,
In hearts at peace, under an English heaven.

In Flanders Fields, by John McRae

In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.

LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Dear friends,

Welcome to the **November 2022 issue of InSpire**. We missed the October issue as I was away in Canada beforehand and couldn't prepare an edition in time. Our holiday in Western Canada and the Rocky mountains was amazing and we had a wonderful and memorable trip. I met an old school friend in Banff and it is a strange feeling seeing a familiar face coming towards you in the crowds when you are thousands of miles away from home! Friendships are so special when you can meet up with someone every few years, especially when they live a long distance away and you simply pick up where you left off!

This edition is predominantly marking **Remembrance 2022**. There are several articles, poems and prayers marking it, including one that our friend Debbie von Bergen has kindly shared with us. She transcribed her father's WWII experiences a few years ago in order for it to be a record for his grandchildren and I am pleased and honoured to be able to share it with you on pages 14 & 15. His wartime stories are remarkable and as we all know, just one of so many to have shared similar experiences in wartime.

There is an article on **Aneurin 'Nye' Bevan - The man who gave us the National Health Service** on page 23, **News from the Guildford Diocese** on page 7 and **News from the Pews** on pages 8 & 9. There is the sad news of the death of our friend and neighbour **Margaret Dale** on page 9. Margaret was a very active member of the choir at St John the Baptist for many years. We send our love and prayers to John and his family as they mourn. Please note that her funeral will be held in St John the Baptist, Chapel on Monday 7th November at 2.00pm and there will be music from our Choir and Chapel Choral Society.

As we missed an October issue, I felt it would be remiss of me not to include a tribute to our late Queen, Elizabeth II and an article on our new Monarch, HM Charles III. Both articles can be found on pages 12 & 13. We heard the news whilst on holiday in Canada and suddenly we felt a very long way from home. We were still away for the funeral, but with the internet and social media being readily available, we were able to feel involved in a small way. We went into the Cathedral in Victoria on Vancouver Island, BC to sign a book of condolence and it felt right to be in a place of worship and to be able to pay a small tribute to Her Majesty as we all mourn her loss. The end of the second Elizabethan era, but the beginning of the reign of Charles III—God save the King!

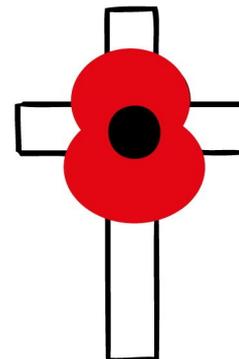
There is a lot going on in November in our churches - on **Sunday 13th November, Remembrance Sunday**, we have services at both Chapel & Ockley. On **Saturday 19th November we have the second Chapel Christmas Fair from 12—4** in Chapel's Memorial and Parish Halls (in aid of our church and MNDA) and then in the evening of 19th there is a **'Green Matthews' concert** in Chapel church - for more information see page 31. Advent starts at the end of November and the **First Sunday of Advent is on Sunday 27th November with Teas at Chapel at 3.00pm** and an **Advent Choral Evensong at Chapel starting at 6.00pm (with both Newdigate and Chapel church choirs) followed by mulled wine and mince pies!** Everyone is very welcome to mark the beginning of Advent 2022!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank those who have already volunteered to help at the Christmas Fair—I am grateful for your help and hope we have a very successful second Fair! I hope to see lots of you there!

With my best wishes,

Suzanne

When evil darkens our world, give us light. When despair numbs our souls, give us hope. When we stumble and fall, lift us up. When doubts assail us, give us faith. When nothing seems sure, give us trust. When ideals fade, give us vision. When we lose our way, be our guide! That we may find serenity in Your presence, and purpose in doing Your will.
Amen



Editor: Canon Paul Hardingham continues his series on the very fundamentals of Christianity.

Christian Basics No 11: How Does God Guide Us?

We are all faced with daily decisions about our jobs, future, money, relationships etc. Yet God promises to guide those who listen to Him: *'My sheep listen to My voice; I know them, and they follow Me.'* (John 10:27). There are five key aspects of hearing God's voice.

1. Scripture:

The primary way God guides us is through the Bible: *'Your word is lamp for my feet, and a light on my path'* (Psalm 119: 105). The Scriptures give us general guidance for life eg whether to pay taxes, give or forgive others, as well as what to do in particular situations.

2. Holy Spirit:

'And now, compelled by the Spirit, I am going to Jerusalem' (Acts 20:22). The Holy Spirit helps us to hear God's voice through Scripture, prayer or pictures, and also by prompting us in particular situations.

3. Common Sense:

We must not abandon common sense: *'Reflect on what I am saying, for the Lord will give you insight into all this'* (2 Tim. 2:7). In making most decisions, God uses our thinking about what to do. *'God's promises of guidance were not given to save us the problem of thinking'* (John Stott).

4. Wise Advice:

'Make plans by seeking advice' (Proverbs 20:18). Although we're responsible for decision making, it's good to talk to others about the choices we are making.

5. Circumstances:

God also guides us through circumstances, *'In his heart a man plans his course, but the Lord determines his steps'* (Proverbs 16:9). He will open or close doors in particular circumstances.

We won't always get it right, but God can include our mistakes in his bigger plan: *'And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him'* (Romans 8:28).

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Traidcraft for Christmas 2022

Unfortunately, we have not been able to acquire any current brochures to put in church. However, there are lots of lovely gift ideas on their website and we have a **good selection of Christmas cards**, some of which are at a reduced price. We will next be in church on **Sunday 6th November after the 10.30am service at Capel. Alternatively, if you wish to see the selection some other time, please do let us know.**

If you want to place an order beforehand, please do let us know so that we can pass on the 10% to our two churches. <https://www.traidcraftshop.co.uk/traidcraft-catalogue>

For any orders, please contact us on: traidcraft@ansford.me.uk or call: **01306 711449 or 07923 517202.**

Thank you & Best Wishes,
Suzanne & Stuart Cole

Two Minutes Silence

Editor: Canon Paul Hardingham considers the value of a brief silence



The Two Minutes Silence

In the month when we think about those who have given their lives in war, the Two Minutes Silence is a significant act of remembrance. The silence provides an opportunity to remember those who have suffered in war and how we can work for a peaceful world. However, we can also find ourselves thinking about lunch or whether we've switched off our phone?

Victor Frankl, a victim of Auschwitz, suggested that the most intolerable of all human conditions is not imprisonment or hunger, but lack of meaning. The two minutes of silence enables us to connect with Jesus' message, which offers true meaning to our lives and world. He spoke of giving ourselves in love for each other and the world, 'Love your enemies and pray for those that persecute you' (Matthew 5:44). He also demonstrated such love in sacrificing His own life, 'Greater love has no-one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends' (John 15:13). When observing the silence, let's use it to reflect on this sacrificial love, as we call to mind those who have laid down their lives.

In our busy lives, where so much clamours for our attention, silence gives us an opportunity to reflect on our priorities and rediscover true meaning in our lives. This is not just for Remembrance Sunday, as Jesus often withdrew to find silence to seek God (eg: Luke 5:16). Let's use silence in our lives as space to seek God's will and offer ourselves to Him, just as those who gave themselves in conflict through the years.

'They shall grow not old as we that are left grow old: Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn. At the going down of the sun and in the morning we will remember them.'

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Make a bird nut ball

You will need: equal quantities of melted fat and breadcrumbs; nuts, seeds and dried fruit; string; dried apricots; peanuts in their shells

Mix together the melted fat and the breadcrumbs, and stir in half of the nuts, seeds and dried fruit. As the mixture starts to solidify, shape it into a ball around a length of string and place it in the refrigerator to harden.

Place the remainder of the fruit, seeds and nuts on a piece of newspaper and roll the hardened ball around on it until it is completely covered with the mixture.

Make a loop from the string that protrudes from one side of the ball and thread apricots and peanuts in their shells onto the string on the other side of the ball.

Hang the bird treat from your bird table or the branch of a tree.

From Country Traditions by Stephanie Donaldson (Southwater, £8.95 ISBN 1842151789)



NEWS FROM THE BELFRY



Muffled Bells

When the sad news that the Queen had died was announced in September ringers across the country sprang into action following the protocol established in Operation London Bridge. At Ockley the tenor was tolled half muffled 96 times at noon the day after the announcement to mark the Queen's death. There was to be no open ringing until the day after the funeral, except for the proclamation of the new King.

Open ringing is the normal sound heard when bells are rung. A muffle is a leather pad strapped to the clapper to soften the sound it makes when striking the bell. Half muffled, where only one side of each clapper is covered is heard on Remembrance Sunday and on request for local funeral services. Fully muffled ringing is very rare, reserved for the death of a monarch, when all the bell sounds are softened and less distinct.

Most towers only have one set of muffles and are not able to ring fully muffled anyway. At Ockley there was a set of very old and worn muffles in the bell chamber which had been treated with leather restoration cream some time ago with the intention of using them to patch the current set which are showing signs of wear. These proved to be serviceable enough, after rethreading with laces as their old strings had disintegrated.

Each clapper was covered with a muffle strapped on the handstroke side and then the older muffle tied around the opposite, backstroke side, in case the resulting sound was affected by the different pad thickness. The tenor was left open at backstroke, uncovered by a muffle, in accordance with the protocol, to give the effect of tolling within the muted ringing. The double muffles were then wrapped round with masking tape to prevent slippage following advice from other steeple keepers. By the time we had rung for the Sunday service and the following Wednesday practice night a couple of the muffles had moved so another visit up the tower was required to wrap them more tightly.



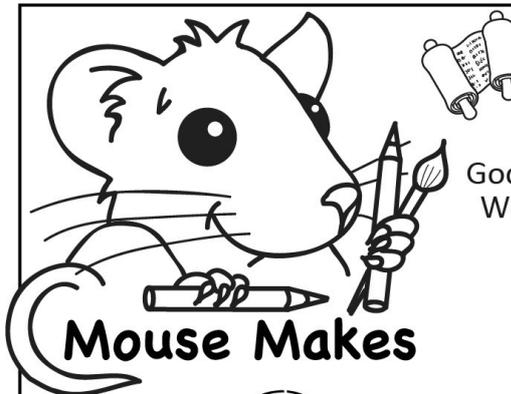
We rang a quarter peal on the muffled bells on the Saturday afternoon, a service ring on the Sunday, tolled for the minute's silence that evening and then rang for the hour before the funeral on the Monday.

The muffles were removed the following day and we do not expect to ring double muffled again for many years. In fact the Queen's funeral was the first time most ringers had ever rung this way and like the Jubilee ringing was a once in a lifetime experience.

Our thoughts now are towards the Coronation which will be another unique experience for most ringers. If anyone would like to take part in these celebrations please contact us as learning to ring takes time and dedication. Practice nights are at St. Margaret's in Ockley most Wednesdays from 7.45 to 9.15, but please check.

For more details call **Sue on 01306 627168** or email ockleybellringers@btinternet.com

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THE COMING OF A KING

The birth of Jesus is fortold



God sent a messenger to Mary
What was the angel's name?

Luke 1:26-28



READ
the story
in *Luke*
1:26-55



**Mary was frightened,
what did the angel say?**
Luke 1:30



**What was Mary to
name her child?**

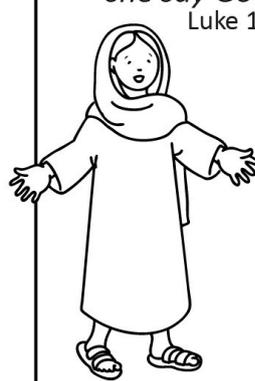
Luke 1:31

**What is her son
going to be?**
Luke 1:32-33

**What does the angel
say about God?**
Luke 1:37
(LEARN this verse)

**What happened
to Elizabeth
when Mary
went to
visit her?**
Luke 1:41

*Mary praises God, what does
she say God has done?*
Luke 1:46-55



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Aneurin 'Nye' Bevan - The man who gave us the National Health Service



If you use the services of the National Health Service this autumn, spare a thought for the 'presiding spirit' which led to its founding.

Aneurin 'Nye' Bevan was born 125 years ago this month, on 15th November 1897, the sixth of ten children. The family lived in Tredegar, Monmouthshire, where his father was a miner, and his mother was the daughter of a colliery blacksmith.

When he was 14, Bevan followed his father and older brother in the mines, but in his spare time spent hours in the local library, self-educating himself. At 19, Bevan joined the Independent Labour Party and in 1919 he moved to London to continue his studies and encountered the works of Marx and Engels. In 1925 his father died in his arms of the miners' disease pneumoconiosis.

In 1926 Bevan was appointed a full-time union official and was soon caught up in the miners' strike, which led to the General Strike of May 1926. Bevan became known as a firebrand activist and agitator.

In May 1929, when he was 31, Bevan entered Parliament as Independent Labour Party member for Ebbw Vale. A passionate socialist, he regularly attacked Neville Chamberlain, Lloyd George, Winston Churchill, and even his own party's prime minister, Ramsay Macdonald. Bevan's outspokenness caused the parliamentary authorities to suspend him from the house in 1937, and his own party expelled him for a time in 1939.

When in July 1945 Labour was returned to government with a landslide, the new Prime Minister, Clement Attlee, offered Bevan a Cabinet position. "I understand that you have much experience of negotiation. I am offering you the post where you will deal with health, housing and the local authorities."

And so, at 47, Bevan became the youngest member of that Cabinet. He oversaw the building of over a million new houses before 1950, and in 1946 the government steered through the National Insurance Act, which created the infrastructure of what was to be the Welfare State.

In 1948 the National Health Service Act, which Bevan had seen through Parliament, became law. This allowed people to receive, free at the point of use, medical diagnosis, and treatment at home or in hospital. As the writer Brian Brivati observes: "It was the decision to nationalise the hospitals that made the profound difference in the... creation of the NHS. This decision was Bevan's and its implementation was down to his skill, patience, and application as a minister. It is the most significant and lasting reform in the history of the Labour Party, and it was achieved by one man."

Aneurin 'Nye' Bevan was Minister of Health 1945 to 1951. The National Health Service became operational on 5th July 1948.

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Help your hedgehogs this autumn

With our warmer British autumns, hedgehogs now tend to begin hibernation later – in December or January. In the meantime, it is critical that they build up enough body weight to get them through those lean, bleak weeks of January to April... so now is the time to help them, by feeding them.



The hedgehog is carnivorous and, in the wild, lives on a diet of beetles, earthworms and other invertebrates. But in the winter, the bugs are dead or buried, and the worms deep underground. So – a hedgehog would appreciate your help! But don't put out milk and bread – both are actually bad for hedgehogs. Instead, they will thrive on tins of dogfood or non-fishy cat-food and water.

And while your spiny guests are noisily munching their dinner, you can prepare a bedroom, should they decide to move in. A nice deep compost heap will keep a hedgehog warm. It is also possible to buy hedgehog hibernation nests – ask at local wildlife centre or the RSPCA for details.

Editor: The Revd Dr Jo White continues her series on aspects of Christianity.

This month considers the new King's cypher

Reflected Faith: Initials That Talk Our Faith Language

We have started to see the new King's cypher on a variety of items, including post boxes. Look at the way 'they' have entwined the letters C R and the Latin numeral III.

Now think about what you so often see in church buildings - letters entwined together. These are either from the Latin or the Greek languages.

Here's a starter for you:

XP – often joined together so the P is standing halfway behind the X. This symbol - called the chi rho symbol - was used from earliest times and was often simplified into a six-pointed figure. You can see it on some silver spoons found at Mildenhall, and now in the British Museum dating from about 350 AD.

'X' called 'chi' in Greek is said 'Kh' as in khaki. 'P' called 'rho' in Greek is said 'r'. If you put the two together what do they sound like? Khr

What word connected with being a Christian starts with that sound? Of course – Christ. The original Greek would be 'Christoe'.

Another common set of initials often seen on altar linen and probably the most misunderstood is 'IHC'.

People often suggest it comes from the Latin 'Jesus Hominum Salvator' meaning, 'Jesus, Saviour of the World', or even the English 'In His Service'. But they don't. They are the first three letters of the Greek for JESUS - which in Greek was IHCOYC.

It doesn't help that Greek has two ways of writing the sound 's' as in the middle of Jesus. It can be either a 'C' or what looks like a rather stylised 'E'.

To confuse you more, when you translate the Greek letters IHC into Latin they come out as 'IHS'. So you can see both spellings that mean the same thing.

This month

Have a look around your church building – both inside and outside for initials or even whole words. Would knowing what they represent aid you in your worship, and how much do they reflect your faith?

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Miscellaneous observations on daily life

Genius knows no handicap through physical ills. Lord Byron had a club foot, Robert Louis Stevenson and John Keats had tuberculosis. Alexander Pope was a hunchback. Admiral Nelson had only one eye. Edgar Allan Poe was psychoneurotic. Charles Darwin was an invalid. Julius Caesar was an epileptic. Thomas Edison and Ludwig von Beethoven were deaf, and Peter Stuyvesant had a wooden leg. Handicaps build strength and purpose – and accomplishment. – *Anon*

Evil is not effectively resisted with hatred and guns. The only response to evil that has ever worked is the response of Jesus.... And that is to lead a life of love. That means what it has always meant: visiting the sick, giving to the poor, helping those who need help. - *Jeffrey Burton Russell*

Hardening of the heart ages people more quickly than hardening of the arteries. - *Anon*

Of all the things you wear, your expression is the most important. - *Anon*

The best vitamin for making friends is B-1. - *Anon*

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With our Christian pilgrimage in mind...

Sometimes people think of church as being like a giant helicopter. They don't want to get too close in case they get sucked into the rotas. - *Milton Jones*

I have been driven many times upon my knees by the overwhelming conviction that I had nowhere else to go. - *Abraham Lincoln*

Billy Graham once said: "*We must repent of our prayerlessness and make prayer our priority.*"

It is a sign that our love is far from perfect when our doubts, fears and apprehensions of God are many. Let Heaven and Earth stand amazed at His love. He sent His Word to invite sinners to partake of this great salvation. Let them take the comfort of the happy change wrought in them, while they give Him the glory. - *Matthew Henry*

The Church must be reminded that it is not the master or the servant of the State, but rather the conscience of the State. It must be the guide and the critic of the State, never its tool. - *Martin Luther King Jr.*

Christian conversion recognises that we become God's children, members of His family, by grace and adoption, not by nature. Those who are converted, therefore, find that they must answer not only to God, but also to and for the community of the faithful. - *James Hanigan*

There are only two ways to live your life. One is as though nothing is a miracle. The other is as though everything is a miracle. - *Albert Einstein*

Suffering from truth decay? Brush up on your Bible.

For every step you take towards God, God takes two steps toward you; and if you come to God walking, God comes to you running. - *James Martin*

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Finding Tutankhamen

It was 100 years ago this month, on 4th November 1922, that Howard Carter, a British archaeologist, discovered the tomb of the Egyptian pharaoh Tutankhamen.

Howard Carter had shown an artistic streak from a young age, and when his father, a successful artist, painted a portrait of a well-known Egyptologist, the young Howard's imagination had been caught. He wanted to go to Egypt.

And so, in 1891, when Howard was only 17, his father found him a job working for an archaeologist who needed an artist to sketch the artefacts he found. As Britain occupied Egypt in the late 19th century, it was a time of increased European interest in ancient Egypt.

Over the next few years Carter worked under different archaeologists on different sites, including Amarna, Thebes, Edfu and Abu Simbel. Then in 1907, Carter began working with the wealthy English aristocrat, Lord Carnarvon, excavating various Egyptian nobles' tombs.

When in 1914 Carnarvon attained a licence to dig for the tomb of King Tutankhamun, he gave the job to Carter. After WW1 the search began, but it was not until 4th November 1922 that they found anything. That day a boy who worked on Carter's team as a water fetcher started to dig in the sand with a stick. He found a stone step, called Carter over, and the rest is history. A flight of steps was found that lead to a sealed door and a secret chamber. On 26th November 1922 Carter and Lord Carnarvon entered the tomb and found the gold and treasures. On 16th February 1923, Carter opened the innermost chamber and found the well-preserved sarcophagus of King Tut.

The find made headlines around the world. Carter remained in Egypt until the excavation was completed in 1932.

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News from The Diocese of Guildford

Looking for volunteers to act as Appropriate Adults

Now that things are finally starting to return to normality after the pandemic SAAVS needs your help. We are keen to recruit new volunteers to join our team who support children and vulnerable people whilst in police custody in an efficient and professional manner.

Being an Appropriate Adult is challenging but it is also often a fulfilling and rewarding role. Volunteers do not need previous knowledge of legal procedures or social work. The role of the Appropriate Adult is not to provide legal advice but to offer impartial support and be a friendly face in the absence of a family member or carer to people who may be feeling frightened, bewildered, and confused in an unfamiliar situation.

We are looking for people who:

1. have time to offer to the scheme (6 to 8 hour slot per week),
2. are excellent communicators,
3. are non-judgmental, have their own reliable transport.

Please visit the [SAAVS website](#) for more information

PRAYERS

Prayers for Remembrance

Remembrance Sunday will be especially poignant this year, as Russia's war on Ukraine continues to cast long shadows over Europe. But Remembrance is also a time to remember those whom we have loved and lost, from Queen Elizabeth II to members of our own families. We hope these prayers may help ...

For those who have died on active service

O God of truth and justice,
we hold before you those men and women
who have died in active service:
in Iraq, in Afghanistan and elsewhere.
As we honour their courage and cherish their
memory,
may we put our faith in your future;
for you are the source of life and hope,
now and for ever.
Amen.

For those who have died

Almighty and eternal God,
from whose love in Christ we cannot be parted,
either by death or life:
hear our prayers and thanksgivings
for all whom we remember this day;
fulfil in them the purpose of your love;
and bring us all, with them, to your eternal joy;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

This month, we bring before you our dear
departed friend **Margaret Dale** and ask for God's
comfort and blessing on John and all the family as
they mourn her loss.

On a bereavement

Father,
you know our hearts and share our sorrows.
We are hurt by our parting from those whom
we loved:
when we are angry at the loss we have
sustained,
when we long for words of comfort,
yet find them hard to hear,
turn our grief to truer living,
our affliction to firmer hope
in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

**We remember those who are sick or suffering in
our prayers: Jennifer, Sally, Nicky, Sandy, Beryl,
Pat, Win, Spencer, Ellie, Simon, Charlie, Eddie,
Gia, Mark, Jud and Peter.** Gracious God strengthen
and heal those who are suffering.

We also pray for **Edward Wombwell & Georgina
Hancock** who were married on 14th October. Edward
is the son of this month's sponsors, Liz & Tim
Wombwell. May God Bless their marriage.

We pray too for **Amelie Nicholson** who was baptised
recently at St John the Baptist.. May God bless her.

Loving Father,
Here we are in November, the month of short days and mist and remembering.
And this year we have so much to remember. The year our Servant Queen left us and came to be with
you, the King of Kings she had served so faithfully.
Remembering celebration and sadness Lord, as we thank you for Queen Elizabeth, but looking
forward too as we prepare for Advent.
As we work towards Christmas, yes, we remember your coming as a baby in Jesus, but even more
reassuring in these difficult times we can hold on to your promise that You will come back again as
our glorious King, when there will be no more death or mourning, crying or pain - when You will
make all things new, when all shall be well!
Come Lord Jesus!
Amen.

By Daphne Kitching

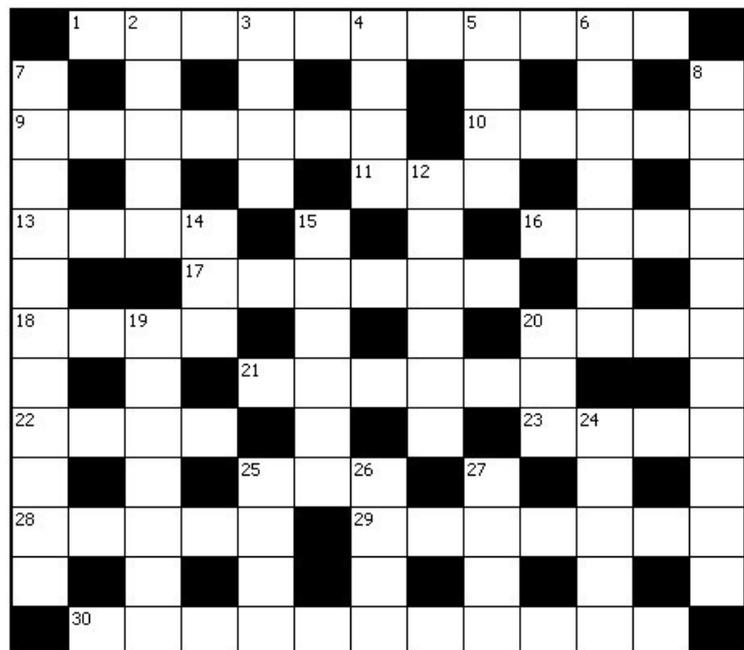
Crossword Clues

Across

- 1 and 20 Down 'Lord of all _, Lord of all _, whose trust, ever child-like, no cares could destroy'(11,3)
- 9 Moses' question to a fighting Hebrew labourer: 'Why are you _ your fellow Hebrew?' (Exodus 2:13) (7)
- 10 Acclaimed cellist who contracted multiple sclerosis at the height of her fame, Jacqueline _ (2,3)
- 11 'At even _ the sun was set, the sick, O Lord, around thee lay'(3)
- 13 A descendant of Gad (xNumbers 26:16) (4)
- 16 'Do not leave Jerusalem, but _ for the gift my Father promised' (Acts 1:4) (4)
- 17 Clambers (Jeremiah 48:44) (6)
- 18 Peter's response to questioning by the Sanhedrin: 'We must _ God rather than men!'(Acts 5:29) (4)
- 20 Christian paraplegic author, artist and campaigner, _ Eareckson Tada (4)
- 21 Bird partial to the nests of other birds (6)
- 22 'Such large crowds gathered round him that he got into a boat and sat __ '(Matthew 13:2) (2,2)
- 23 Infectious tropical disease (4)
- 25 Tree (3)
- 28 'No fear of me should _ you, nor should my hand be heavy upon you'(Job 33:7) (5)
- 29 For example, to Titus, Timothy or Philemon (7)
- 30 Week beginning with Pentecost Sunday, according to the Church's calendar (11)

Down

- 2 'O Jerusalem _ how _ I have longed to gather your children together' Matthew 23:37) (5)
- 3 Way out (4)
- 4 Exhort (Romans 12:1) (4)
- 5 Done (anag.) (4)
- 6 Highest of the four voice-parts in a choir (7)
- 7 Concerning the study of God (11)
- 8 Uniquely, it has Abbey, Cathedral and Chapel (11)
- 12 Admonish (Matthew 16:22) (6)
- 14 Frozen (3)
- 15 Established form of religious ceremony (6)
- 19 Inscription often found on gravestones (7)
- 20 See 1 Across
- 24 Behaved (Joshua 7:1) (5)
- 25 Time (anag.) (4)
- 26 Lists choice of meals (4)
- 27 'For the wages of sin is death, but the _ of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord'(Romans 6:23) (4)



Easy Soduko

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Medium Soduko

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Some real-life notes left for milkmen...

- ~ Please knock. My TV's broken down and I missed Coronation Street last night. Maybe we could talk about what happened over a cup of tea?
- ~ My daughter says she wants a milkshake. Do you do this before you deliver, or do I have to shake it at my end?
- ~ Please send me a form for cheap milk, as I have a baby two months old and did not know about it until a neighbour told me.
- ~ Milk is needed for the baby. Father unable to supply it.
- ~ Please leave no milk today. When I say today, I mean tomorrow, as I wrote this note yesterday.

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Where?

A rather long-winded preacher was dealing with the Old Testament prophets, one by one. "And now," he propounded, "we reach Isaiah. Where shall I put Isaiah?" At that, a little man in the front row stood up. "He can have my seat. I am going home!"

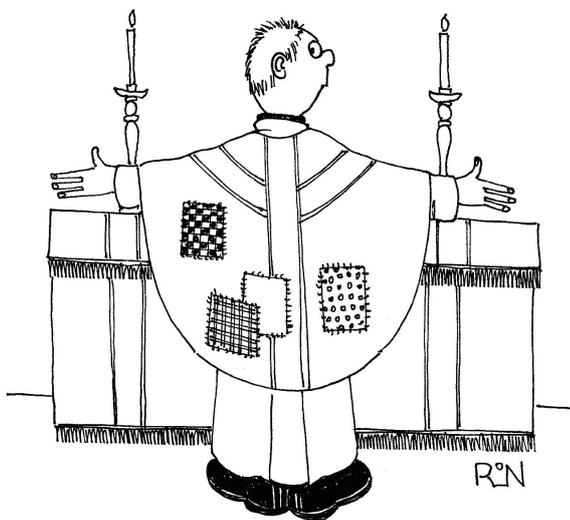
Quiet

A Sunday School teacher asked her children: "And why is it necessary to be quiet in church?" One little girl replied helpfully: "Because people are sleeping."

Wife

A Sunday School teacher was teaching how God created everything, including human beings. One little boy seemed especially intent when she explained how Eve was created out of one of Adam's ribs. Later in the week his mother noticed him lying down as though he were ill. The little boy explained worriedly: "I have a pain in my side. I think I'm going to have a wife."

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Trevor hated asking for money, but he sometimes made subtle hints

Don't forget there are lots of great Apps to download to your phones for prayer, meditation, daily Bible readings and much more! Below is just one example!



Daily Prayer App

 App Store

 Google Play

This prayer app uniquely structures prayer rhythms around four times each day. For each of these prayer times, the app gives you template prayers & scriptures to reference if you would like.

Puzzle Solutions

Easy Soduko solution

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Medium Soduko solution

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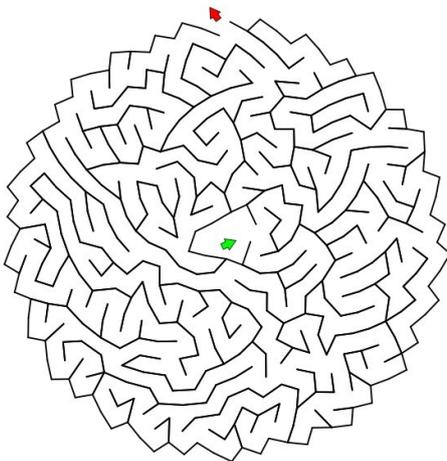
Crossword Solution

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ACROSS: 1, Hopefulness. 9, Hitting. 10, du Pre. 11, Ere. 13, Ozni. 16, Wait. 17, Climbs. 18, Obey. 20, Joni. 21, Cuckoo. 22, In it. 23, Yaws. 25, Elm. 28, Alarm. 29, Epistle. 30, Whitsuntide.

DOWN: 2, Often. 3, Exit. 4, Urge. 5, Node. 6, Soprano. 7, Theological. 8, Westminster. 12, Rebuke. 14, Icy. 15, Ritual. 19, Epitaph. 20, Joy. 24, Acted. 25, Emit. 26, Menu. 27, Gift.

Can you find your way around the maze?



...love the new notice board, Vicar...
...just not quite so sure about the wording...

What a day! Saturday 19th November 2022 ...

- 1) **Capel Christmas Fair** 12-4 in Parish & memorial Halls, RH5 5LD. Entry £3 to include free cuppa!
- 2) **A Brief History of Music** 7.30pm in St John the Baptist, Capel - tickets available from www.capelboxoffice.co.uk



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