

Christ Church Ainsworth Parish Magazine



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Our church building is now COVID-secure, so you can choose either to attend worship physically, or continue to worship with us on Facebook.

Join us at 10.30.am on Sunday in church for a shortened service of Holy Communion, or 6.30pm on Wednesday in church for Mid-Week Praise (posted later on facebook).

Please be aware that there will be no communion at Mid-Week Praise, the communion on Sundays will be bread only and there will be no singing.

To ensure that our church remains COVID-19 Secure, we will be using PowerPoint and not handing out service books. If you prefer, you are welcome to print and bring along your own order of service, taking it with you at the end. For the Sunday service follow the link and download:

<https://1drv.ms/b/s!Aurx6pWvMgOaiNRVqS5vumpPHqT6cw?e=YJZcpp>

To worship on line, join us at 12 noon on Sunday on our Facebook Page for midday worship

<https://www.facebook.com/ChristChurchAinsworth/>

NB: If you are not on Facebook, you can still watch the service – follow the link, but when it says “Log in” “Create New Account” simply click “Not Now” (which is below these two options).

Planning to attend our church building for worship? The following COVID-19 Secure restrictions apply:

- Unless you are legally exempt, you must wear a facemask
- Our seating capacity is normally limited to 28 downstairs but can be increased slightly when members of the same household/bubble attend together. There is also limited capacity (15) upstairs.
- Services are basic and short.
- Everyone must gel their hands as they enter the building.
- There is a collection plate on the font, but this will not be passed around.
- Worshippers are expected to remain 2m socially distant from each other, unless from the same household / bubble. This means sitting down promptly (where the paper is on the pew) and no gathering in the aisle or immediately outside the main door for a chat.
- When worshippers enter, they must sit in the next available pew, filling from the front and from the wall, taking care not to touch any part of the pew as you move along. There must be no heading for that favourite pew!
- Everyone (except the presiding priest) will remain seated throughout each service. Unfortunately, this means any children attending must also remain seated throughout the service.
- There is no singing.
- A PowerPoint version of the order of service is projected in church. A version is available to download (Sunday only), but is not available to collect on the way in.
- Worshippers are expected to complete a registration form each week. This is for Track and Trace and the forms will be destroyed after three weeks. A GDPR compliant privacy notice is posted inside church.
- We leave from the rear pew first.
- The toilet is for emergencies only, and anyone using it is expected to spray disinfectant on all surfaces they have touched.

The Church of England advises that certain groups of people may be at increased risk of severe disease from COVID-19, including people who are aged 70 or older, regardless of medical conditions. Whether you wish to accept the increased risk attached to attending worship

with others, or prefer to continue joining with us on Facebook, is entirely your decision.

Anyone showing symptoms of COVID-19 (a new continuous cough, a high temperature or a loss of, or change in, their normal sense of taste or smell) should not join us at 10.30am due to the risk that they pose to others; they should self-isolate at home immediately with other members of their household.

A few words from the Vicar

Early November is a special time for remembering those who have died in times of war and conflict. With All Souls falling on 2nd November, traditionally it is also a season for remembering our departed loved ones before God.

Despite the COVID restrictions, this year is no different.

Normally, we host two packed services in church on Remembrance Sunday. This year, we shall be spreading across two Sundays, treating the period from 1st to 11th November (All Saints to Remembrance Day) as a 'Season of Remembrance'.

Utilising livestreaming and our outdoor space, the plan is to provide a range of COVID secure opportunities for remembering departed loved ones and honouring those who died in war. So:

1. During that period, you are welcome to bring a stone in memory of a loved one and place it on a 'Cairn of Remembrance'. This will be situated close to the churchyard flagpole. You are also welcome to place a 'poppy cross' in front of the flagpole.
2. On 1st November, in the evening at 6.30pm, I will livestream a special service on our Facebook page for those who wish to remember departed loved ones. During the service, those taking part will be invited to light candles at home to remember their loved ones.
3. On All Souls, at 1pm, I shall read the names of departed loved ones aloud in church. It will not be possible for others to join me but, wherever you are, you are welcome to pause for a few moments. If you would like your loved one's name read out, please send an email to me at vicar@ainsworthparish.org.uk.
4. On Remembrance Sunday we gather at 10.45am in the churchyard near the flagpole for a short act of remembrance. This will be followed at 12 noon by a remembrance themed act of worship livestreamed on our Facebook page.

Of all the events planned during our Season of Remembrance, it is the gathering within the churchyard on Remembrance Sunday that is the most vulnerable to the ever-changing COVID restrictions. So far in advance, it is difficult to predict whether it will still be allowed by then. Updates will be notified via our emailed weekly newsletter and on our Facebook page.

By the way, our Remembrance Sunday gathering is not a substitute for any of the local civic gatherings and parades, all of which have been cancelled this year. Rather, in compliance with the COVID restrictions, it will be an act of communal worship on church premises. To be clear, space is limited, and social distancing must be maintained, with no more than six standing together. Also, if you attend, please be careful as the flat gravestones in that area can be slippery in wet weather, as can the church path.

Looking further ahead to Advent and Christmas (yes, it is that time of year already), again there will be a combination of livestreamed and 'in person' worship. For example, our Christingle service will be a livestreamed at 4pm on 6th December. During the service children will be invited to make their Christingles and bring them along to a special Christingle themed Mid-Week Praise on 9th December.

God Bless

Dave

FROM THE REGISTERS

FUNERALS	We commend to God's keeping
September 9 th	Tom Crankshaw
September 25 th	Hilda Bailey
September 29 th	Bessie Neal

Editor's Spot ...

Welcome to the November 2020 edition of Christ Church Ainsworth Parish Magazine, which is once again packed with reports, articles, updates and snippets of information.

2020 has turned out to be a very strange, almost surreal year for many people, but in spite of all that is happening in the world at this time, some things never change – the months and seasons continue to roll by as they have done for countless millennia and already we

have a number of Christmas related notices (can it really be only 8 weeks away?!)

Make sure that you keep up to date with the various services and initiatives being offered throughout the Season of Remembrance and on the run up to Advent and Christmas, as inevitably things will be a little different this year.

Enjoy this month's magazine, and please do your best to keep safe and well. As always, please keep your reports and articles coming in by the second Sunday in the month, to

ainsworthmagazine@gmail.com.

Alison

Season Of Remembrance

In previous years, our practice has been to remember departed loved ones before God at a special service on Remembrance Sunday evening. This year, the COVID restrictions mean we must do something different. Planning is underway for a season of remembrance from All Saints to Remembrance (1 - 11 November). Initial plans include the following:

- During this period, everyone is welcome to bring a stone in memory of a loved one and place it on a 'Cairn of Remembrance', which will be near the churchyard flagpole.
- People are also welcome during that period to place a 'poppy cross' in front of the flagpole.
- On 1st November (the nearest Sunday to All Souls) in the evening there will be a special livestreamed service of remembering for those who wish to remember departed loved ones in this way.
- On All Souls (2nd November), during a time of private prayer, the Vicar will read the names of departed loved ones aloud in church, before placing them before the Lord's Table. It will not be possible for others to join him. If you would like your loved one's name read out, please send an email to vicar@ainsworthparish.org.uk.
- On Remembrance Sunday we gather at 10.45am in the churchyard near the flagpole for an act of remembrance. As this is classed as an act of communal worship on church premises, the rule of six does not apply BUT social distancing must be maintained, and space is limited. Also, please be careful as the flat gravestones in that area can be slippery in wet weather.

Christmas Wreaths

The Church Yard Team are able to continue supplying wreaths this year, the cost is £9-95 per wreath.



How to order:

By envelope only – please write your name and contact details on the outside of an envelope, along with the name of the grave on which you would like the wreath to be placed. If you would like to collect the wreath, please write “To be collected” on the envelope.

Enclose your payment, cash / cheque (cheques made payable to Ainsworth Parish Church) in the envelope.

Envelopes can be posted into the box situated at the rear of church, or they can be posted through the letterbox at the Vicarage, the first house on Ainsworth Hall Road (opposite Ainsworth Church & Community Hall).

The wreaths will be placed on the graves on Wednesday 16th December. **Wreaths for collection can only be collected on that day between 09.30 – 11.00.**

Please note that we **cannot deliver wreaths.**

Bible Sunday & Advent

We are approaching Bible Sunday and Advent and to paraphrase a recent reading from the Bible Reading Fellowship:

“Reading the Bible is about connecting with God and is his presence with us. Things change when God’s word is involved; it brings light from darkness and joy from sorrow. In these uncertain times the Bible is more crucial than ever and can be of significant help to us.”

Visit brf.org.uk to see the books and Bible reading notes available - they also offer attractive Christmas cards - or contact Jane Lord on 0161 764 1551.

Harvest

Many thanks to those of you who dropped off harvest gifts at church to support our chosen charity, Porch Boxes; this is greatly appreciated.

News From The Diocese – A Year Of Prayer

As the diocese prepares for new deanery arrangements and reflects on the proposal for Mission Communities, it seems there is a wonderful opportunity to underpin the journey with prayer.

Why not join in a year-long pilgrimage of hope, longing and discernment, starting in November with 'Space to Listen'. Each month will explore prayer on a different theme, shaped by a three-fold invitation to:

PRAY - to worship God where we are and as we are

ACT - to make a practical response to God's love

BE - to rest in the company of God.

This is an opportunity to listen to God and what he may be saying, so that we may greet the future trusting in his grace. For more info visit www.manchester.anglican.org/news/2020/10/21/year-prayer/

The Children's Society

Well, what a year 2020 has been with so many changes to how we would normally get ready for the Christmas season.

Like many charities, The Children's Society has seen it's income from donations almost come to a standstill during this year, as many of the planned fundraising activities had to be cancelled due to Covid 19.

For Ainsworth, this means that the usual preparations for the Christingle Service have had to be amended. Instead of the collection envelopes and candles being distributed to uniformed organisations and through the Church magazine, a different way of giving is being arranged, and more details will be available in due course.

It is not going to be the usual Christingle Service in Church either, but rather than sit defeated by all the problems, Vicar Dave and Debra and myself have been trying to work out ways for us all to share in the magic of Christingle. We are hoping there will be an online "How to make a Christingle" service, followed by a children's "bring your own Christingle to midweek praise", and in turn an online Christingle Service to enjoy at home mainly aimed at adults. The details are yet to be finalised at the time of writing, but keep a check on the Church noticeboard, the Church website and facebook. If you don't have access to the internet, perhaps you would like to join in shining a light

into the darkness endured by vulnerable children, by lighting your own candle at home at the same time as the online service.

At a time when visiting friends and family is not possible due to local restrictions, sending Christmas cards takes on a greater importance to let loved ones know we are thinking of them.

The Children's Society sells a range of Christmas cards which can be viewed by visiting childrenssociety.org.uk/christmas-cards or phone 01227 811674 to get a brochure. How does ordering cards help young people in dire need? This is Nicky's story.....

Nicky was just 17 when she spent Christmas day all alone, in emergency accommodation. She had been assaulted, groomed, robbed exploited and hospitalised. She was struggling to get through the day, and any thought of the future was unimaginable.

Luckily, Nicky's social worker referred her to The Children's Society, where she met Elizabeth one of the specialist project workers.

Through one to one counselling, Elizabeth was able to support Nicky to tackle the issues she was facing. Elizabeth helped Nicky find a job and a safe place to stay, and importantly, to believe in herself. She started to think about her future and gain hope that it might not be as bad as she had feared. The ongoing support she had from The Children's Society project workers helped her to gain self-esteem and more confidence to improve her situation. Today, Nicky is training to be a teacher. She is still in touch with Elizabeth, but is in a much safer position than she was last year, and is very much happier.

When you donate to The Children's Society, either by buying Christmas cards or giving to Christingle, you are investing in vulnerable children and providing them with hope. They feel forgotten and overlooked, but together we can change that, and ensure they feel valued and helped to overcome whatever their difficulties are.

Susan Campbell
Local Secretary

Just A Thought ...

A different world cannot be built by indifferent people.

AINSWORTH VILLAGE

REMEMBRANCE DAY 2020



As Remembrance Day Parades are cancelled this year we thought it might be a good idea to ask the children and adults of Ainsworth Village and surrounding areas to paint a poppy on a pebble and leave it around Ainsworth Village. You could put the name of someone you know who gave the ultimate sacrifice on our behalf on the pebble. It could be done in felt tip or paint.

We are looking forward to seeing all the marvellous pebbles around the village.

Notices, Acknowledgements & Announcements

Harvest

Many thanks to all who donated goods to Porch \Boxes as part of our annual Harvest Appeal; your contributions are very much appreciated.

2021 Church Diaries

2021 Diaries are ready for collection from the back of church. You are welcome to collect one for a friend unable to attend worship in church. For a donation, we can post a diary to you.

Remembrance 2020

There are a number of options available to use at home throughout the season of Remembrance:

Visit www.churchofengland.org/prayers-for-the-moment to help you pray and remember those who you knew and loved but have lost, either recently or long ago.

Visit www.churchofengland.org/prayers-for-remembrance to help you pray and remember the fallen from your home, or wherever you wish to sit quietly.

Mark the time of silence at 11 o'clock on November 11th on your doorstep. We hope you can join us and experience the love and peace of God at this special time of year.

Christmas Wreaths

As in previous years the churchyard team will be selling Christmas Wreaths; see article on page 8 for more info / ordering details.

Christ Church Ainsworth Churchyard Team

This dynamic group of people meet most Wednesday mornings in the Churchyard to carry out a variety of tasks – new members are always welcome.

Daily Hope

This is a free phone initiative which offers music, prayers and reflections as well as full worship services from the Church of England at the end of a telephone line.



The line is available 24 hours a day on 0800 804 8044 and has been set up particularly with those unable to join online church services during the period of restrictions in mind.

Around The Organisations ...

Ainsworth Scout Group

With no signs of easing in the pandemic to allow the sections to meet face to face, it is good that all sections are running smoothly each week using Zoom.

It makes me proud that all the Leaders are working together planning the online tasks for the youngsters so they can continue to achieve badges and awards during these difficult times. It is great also that some of the activities include parents and siblings joining in to have fun on Friday evenings together. Well done all of you!

We are all ready as soon as we get the word that we can meet. We have spent over £170 on special equipment that will allow leaders to run meetings safely and following all set guidelines.

Bill White – Group Scout Leader

Cubs

It is nice to see 20 plus Cubs (sometimes along with parents) on Zoom each Friday night. At present they are working on the Communications badge and have so far re-written history, learned sign language to be able to repeat their promise and to tell everyone their full name using the phonetic alphabet.

Some of the Cubs who are due to go to Scouts after Christmas are working separately at a different time to ensure that we get them through the Silver Award in time.

I am incredibly grateful to Stacey, Mollie and George for giving up time before their Scout meetings to help us plan the work and make progress through the programme. It is also nice to have some of our young leaders acting as Sixers or Seconds in their virtual patrols.

Gwen - Baloo

Scouts

We are continuing with our online programme each Friday night. At the moment the scouts are working towards their Skills award – completing Keep Fit sessions with Ella, looking at healthy eating menus and ways to keep themselves active and alert. We are also doing tasks for everyone to gain their Aeronautics Badge. They have

been making meals that could be done in space, learning about the planets and how meteorites are formed.

We performed another “collect from my boot” a few weeks ago when the scouts came at a given time to the church hall yard to retrieve a bag with their name on containing badges they have achieved and bits and pieces ready for more tasks planned.

Stacey – Scout Leader

16th Radcliffe Brownies

We sadly still have to meet via Zoom but it was so lovely to see the Brownies after their summer break. We have got stuck in with so.e adapted unit activities and more badges. We are tackling the languages badge and the jobs badge this half term. This meant Little Owl and Glow Worm had to brush up on their French and Spanish!

For our jobs badge we interviewed a fashion designer, cake maker and magistrate and have a vet and doctor still to talk to. We talked about our ideal jobs working with animals, a TA, a social .media influencer and dancer were all mentioned. We then learnt some phrases in French and Spanish and played a language game.

We are also making items and writing experiences to go in a COVID 19 2020 time capsuleThe girls had lots of ideas including masks, writing about football with no crowds, home schooling and zoom Brownies.

Hope everyone is well.

Yours in Guiding

Sarah McAnulty - Snowy Owl.

12th Radcliffe Brownies

We have continued working on our Engineering challenge. The Brownies have made a robot whose arms and head moved (or, for some, a mechanical hand); did an experiment making a lava lamp and discovered how to send secret messages using a code based on the red and green hands we use in our meetings. They have also made their own timed marble run at home – they worked hard to overcome any problems they had and there were some very imaginative designs!

And we had our virtual camp at the end of September in place of the real camp we should have been attending at Waddow. Having packed our own bag and decided where we would sleep - the only condition was that it couldn't be in our own bed (Brown Owl slept under the table!!) We did a variety of activities – including erupting the volcano we had made in our online meeting. We made campfires (virtual and real), a den and a paper lantern to go in it; friendship bracelets, sun dials, origami birds and a birdfeeder for real birds! We did a quiz and solved a codebreaker and went on a scavenger hunt and also went out in the evening to look for moths and insects – and found these, plus worms, slugs and a frog! We learned new dances and a magic trick; made fudge and mug cakes (which we ate while we listened to a story as we waited for our campfire singing to begin) - so quite a lot went on in the 24 hours. It might not have been the usual camp but many of the Brownies will remember it in years to come as a completely different experience for their first ever camp.

Brown Owl



Building Hope and Confidence

I quote from the Mothers' Union October newsletter sent via Jean to members everywhere.

"Mothers' Union has been active throughout the pandemic, supporting members at a local level and acting to raise awareness of emerging issues. From coordinating budding poets in the Northwest of the UK to broadcasting radio messages to remote communities in Argentina, our members are pillars of support in their local communities.

That's what putting one's faith into action is all about, being there in a time of need, stepping up and taking action. Currently, we may not be able to meet as we once did but we can look forward to enjoying fellowship again once this difficult season has passed. For now, we will meet virtually, and we will share our lives as best we can.

There is a saying that 'the person who has hope, has everything'. We know as we support each other and our communities during these dark days that there is still a brighter future for us all."

Following the success of the Lockdown Poetry videos, monthly Thursday prayers are now online via our You Tube channel (Mothers' Union Manchester). Thursday Prayers are usually held in the chapel at Church House on the second Thursday of the month at midday, but obviously at the moment this is not happening. It is hoped to reach as many members as possible along with the usual Thursday Prayer congregation. If you haven't been able to get to Thursday Prayers before, give it a try. I promise that you won't be disappointed and with the wonders of technology, we can watch at any time.

Members who don't have access to the internet at home can hear MU midday prayers thanks to the Church of England's Daily Hope free telephone line. Just dial 0800 804 8044 and press option 4 then option 8. This is an excellent place where you can listen to hymns, reflections and prayers, all absolutely free.

The lockdown poetry will soon be available in a booklet. Each branch will have a copy which we can pass around but if anyone would like their own copy, please see Jean or me. The only charge will be postage, but a donation would be appreciated.

Talking of books.....MU COOKBOOK LANDS!

We are delighted that the Food and Fellowship cookbook is currently being printed! The cookbook features a variety of recipes from members and clergy around the world, special prayers and graces and a foreword from our Worldwide President Sheran Harper. This is a lovely reminder of what a global movement we are and will make a lovely gift for family and friends, (Christmas will soon be here!).

The cost of the book is £5.00 and will be available from the MU online shop. Alternatively, Jean or I will be able to get you a copy.

This is the time of year when we start looking forward to our Christmas meal and buying gifts for our Prayer Partners. Sadly, there will be no celebration meal this year. The committee have been in discussion, also some of the membership and it has been decided that we keep our present Prayer Partner for 2021, certainly until such time as we can meet again in person. We won't be buying gifts this year as posting or delivering presents has its own problems at the moment and we need to still keep our identities secrets. However, an anonymous Christmas card will always be welcome.

Jennifer White

(Hon. Sec.)

From the Archives – November 1995

In November 1995, there were a number of references to the Remembrance Sunday Services planned for later that month; the traditional parade service and presentation of wreaths was to be followed in the evening by a joint 'Songs Of Praise' service with members of Ainsworth Methodist Chapel.

The Harvest celebrations the previous month seemed to have gone well, and a note of thanks was included to all those who brought gifts plus all those who gave up their time to help to distribute the gifts.

Moving swiftly on from Harvest was a mention of the Deanery Advent Service to be held at Christ Church Ainsworth, the November Sale to be held later that month, and a special thank you to Mrs. Wittington & Mrs. Schofield for donating some new figures for the Christmas Crib.

A number of reports mentioned the passing of Miss Margaret Jones, who had been a long standing and committed member of the congregation at Christ Church Ainsworth, and according to the Day School report, "... a caring and interested Governor."

As always the various groups and organisations had been busy; Young Families had enjoyed a teddy bear's picnic and a wet, windy coach trip to Southport; Church Women's Fellowship members had enjoyed a talk about the mounted police unit, and were planning a coffee evening; M.U. members were requesting items to be donated for their Tombola and choir members were asking for people to donate cakes for the cake stall. Scouts had been on a night hike; Guides had enjoyed a campfire; and Sunday School reported they had 2 new helpers – Lisa Cunliffe and Rebecca Tarrier.

In November 1995 there were 4 Baptisms and 3 Funerals recorded from the previous month, but no weddings. The number of Communicants for the previous month was listed as 307 and the collections totalled £1124.

Poems From The Parish (And Beyond ...)

In Gratitude of Silence

Silent now the soldiers sleep, their tales long laid to rest.

I knew them not, yet still I weep and place a poppy o'er my breast.
They were husbands, brothers, fathers, sons; so valiantly they fought.
On shores stained red, on hands and knees; it was our freedom that
they sought.

Courageously they stood their ground, but freedom carries a cost.

Thousands of men were wounded, and countless lives were lost.

So, in gratitude of silence and all those who have served,
sleep now, you have earned it. Your peace is well deserved.

Debbie Holick

Strap Lines

A sermon can help people in one of two ways; they can either walk from it strengthened or wake from it refreshed.

Age doesn't always bring wisdom; sometimes age comes along on its own.

Blowing out someone else's candle won't make yours shine any brighter.

Do As You Would Be Done By ...

Once upon a time, there was a Farmer who sold a pound of butter to a baker. One day the baker decided to weigh the butter to see if he was getting the right amount; the scales showed that the 'pound' of butter weighed actually somewhat less than a pound. Angry about this, the Baker took the Farmer to court.

When the case came to Court, the Judge asked the Farmer if he was using any measure to weigh the butter.

The Farmer replied, "Your Honour, I am primitive. I don't have a proper measure, but I do have a scale."

The Judge asked, "Then how do you weigh the butter?"

The Farmer replied; "Your Honour, long before the Baker started buying butter from me, I have been buying a 1 pound loaf of bread from him. Every day when the Baker brings the bread, I put it on the scale, then I give him the same weight in butter..."

Space To Share A Prayer

Calm our egos, Lord,
That we may be open to
Learning from You,
To having our minds
Changed by You,
To understanding
That what we think
Is not always what You think,
Give us wisdom to know
And show your truth,
And hearts to encourage others
In, and into, Your Kingdom.

Amen

Parish Customs And Traditions

A tradition is defined as an inherited, established, or customary pattern of thought, action, or behaviour (such as a religious practice or a social custom). Britain is full of customs and traditions which have been around for hundreds of years. British customs and traditions are famous all over the world; but some are more unusual than others!

November – Soul Caking

A soul cake, also known as a 'soulmass-cake', is a small round cake which is traditionally made for Halloween, All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day to commemorate the dead in the Christian tradition. The cakes, often simply referred to as souls, are given out by 'soulers' who go from door to door during the days of Allhallowtide singing and saying prayers "for the souls of the givers and their friends". The practice in England dates to the medieval period, and was continued there until the 1930s, by both Protestant and Catholic Christians. In Sheffield and Cheshire, the custom has continued into modern times. In Lancashire and in the North-east of England soul cakes were known as 'Harcakes'.

Time For A Smile

An exasperated mother, whose son was always getting into mischief, finally asked him, "How do you expect to get into heaven behaving in the way you do?" The boy thought it over and said, "Well, I'll keep running in and out and keep slamming the door until St Peter copies you and says, 'For Heaven's sake, Dylan, come in or stay out!'"

A minister spotted a small wooden box in his wife's wardrobe. He looked inside, to find £200 in cash and two eggs. Curious, he took the box to his wife, who smiled awkwardly and said "I guessed you'd find that one day." When he asked for an explanation, she replied, "Well, whenever you preach a bad sermon, I place an egg in the box.." The minister thought to himself that after thirty-odd years of preaching, only two eggs wasn't too bad. Then he asked, "But what about the £200?" She explained, "When I collect a dozen eggs, I sell them for £2.00 and put the money in the box."

The Extended Parish Puzzler

How Many Words

How many words can you make out of the following letters?

R E M E M B R A N C E

Finish The Slogan

1. Careless talk
2. Be like dad;
3. Walls have
4. Your country needs
5. Loose lips

(Answers on page 22)

How many crosses?

As you would expect, there are a number of crosses and images of crosses to be found within our church; each month we'll be including a photo and asking, 'Where can this cross be found?'

Last month's photo was of the Sunday School Banner that's displayed in church. Any idea where this cross can be found? (Answer in next month's magazine).



Remembrance Quiz

1. Remembrance Day is the 11th November; by which name was it originally known and why?
2. Britain's biggest Remembrance service is held at The Cenotaph in London; what does cenotaph mean?
3. Can you complete the next bit of this poem by Rupert Brooke. "If I should die, think only this of me: That there's some corner of a foreign field...."
4. What colour is the uniform worn by The Chelsea Pensioners?
5. How many soldiers died during World War One?
a) 200,000, b) over 3 million, c) 4 and a half million, d) over 8 million
6. The Menin Gate bears the names of 56,000 men from Britain and its Empire who were killed in World War One. Why are these particular men named on the arch?
7. A red poppy is worn as a symbol of remembrance for people killed during active service; what does a purple poppy signify?
8. When an unknown soldier from World War One was buried in Westminster Abbey in 1920, which weapon was placed on top of his coffin?
9. When did World War II begin?
10. In World War II which 3 countries were referred to as 'The Allies'?
11. And which 3 countries were referred to as 'The Axis Powers'?
12. During World War II, German planes launched sustained attacks on many key British cities; what was this assault known as?

(Finish The Slogan answers: 1. Costs lives; 2. Keep mum; 3. Ears; 4. You; 5. May Sink Ships.

Who's Who

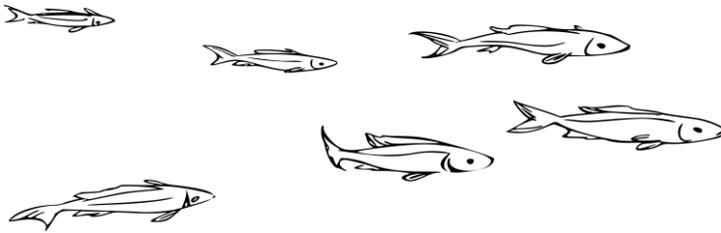
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Weds	6.15pm Mid-Week Praise	

Home Communion is available for anyone unable to attend Church due to illness or frailty
Arrangements for Baptisms, Marriages, Banns of Marriage and Funerals Contact Revd Dave Thomson

(Answer to Remembrance Quiz on page 22: 1) Armistice Day; 2) From the Greek word for empty tomb; 3) "That is forever England" 4) Red; 5) D 6) Their bodies were never found / identified so they have no known graves; 7) Animals killed in active service; 8) A Crusader's sword from the 16th century, taken from the Tower of London; 9) 03/09/1939; 10) Britain, France & America; 11) Germany, Italy & Japan; 12) The Blitz

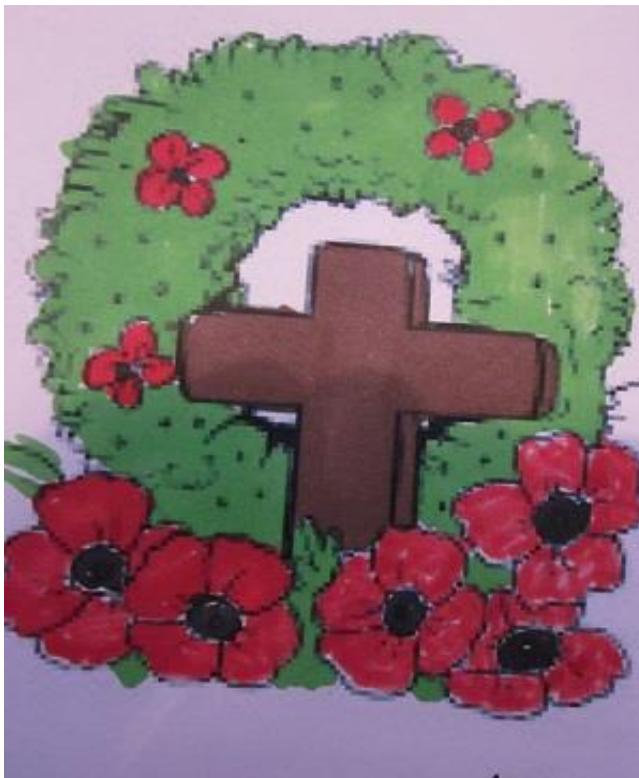
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Little Fishes

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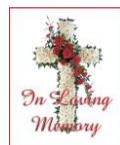


The Season Of Remembrance

November is a very busy and emotional month in the life of the Church. It all begins on the 1st November which is 'All Saints Day'; this is the day on which we particularly remember to thank God for all the Saints who have gone before us, and for all of the incredible things that they achieved.



The next day (2nd November) is 'All Souls Day'; this is a day of celebration to remember those who have died, particularly members of our own families, friends or people that we were close to, and to give thanks to God for their lives.



A few days later, on the 11th November, is Remembrance Day, a day when the whole country comes together to remember and give thanks to God for all those who sacrificed their lives while serving their country in the armed forces.



Remembrance Day

Many of the special dates and seasons that we celebrate in Church date back thousands of years, right back to the days when Jesus was alive; however, Remembrance Day was first celebrated just over 100 years ago, at the end of the first world war.



There are many different reasons and answers to the question "Why did World War 1 start?"; it was a complicated time; a lot of things happened; some people said and did things that maybe they shouldn't have done, and tension built up until the eventual start of World War 1, which began on July 28, 1914. The conflict lasted four years, three months and 14 days, ending on November 11, 1918. During that time many thousands of people lost their lives.

An armistice is a situation in a war where the warring parties agree to stop fighting; the first Armistice Day was observed at

11am on 11 November 1919, throughout the British Commonwealth, to commemorate the armistice agreement that had ended the First World War a year earlier. This agreement had happened at the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month of 1918.



This first official Armistice Day commemoration was held in the grounds of Buckingham Palace and King George V asked the public to observe a 2 minute silence at 11am, "So the thoughts of everyone may be concentrated on reverent remembrance of the glorious dead".



During the Second World War it was agreed that the name 'Armistice Day' should be changed to 'Remembrance Day' so that those who had lost their lives in that war could also be included. In more recent times, servicemen and women killed and injured in other conflicts since the Second World War have also been included, and services are held at parish churches and local memorials across the country on the closest Sunday to Remembrance Day.



So Why Do Some People Wear A Poppy On Remembrance Day?

In many parts of France, after the war was over, fields of bright, red poppies began to grow on the land where many of the major battles had been fought; these poppies were seen as a symbol of hope for the future, but also as reminder of those who had lost their lives during the fighting in those very fields.



Wearing a red poppy shows respect for the many people who died fighting for their country in the First World War and in the conflicts that have followed it.



Remembrance prayer

Dear Heavenly Father,

Forgive the tension, frustration, jealousy and anger that we sometimes feel.

Help us to love our enemies, forgive those who harm us, and try to understand each other's problems,

Through Jesus Christ our Lord - Amen

Remembrance Day Craft Idea - paper poppy wreath

You will need:

1 paper plate

10 or 12 red cup cake cases (or you could use white cases and colour them red)

Black tissue paper scrunched up into 10 or 12 balls

Green card (or you could use white card and colour it green)

Scissors

Green felt tip or crayon

Glue

Here's what to do:

Use a felt tip to write your remembrance message on the middle part of the paper plate.

To make the poppies, place a small blob of glue on the inside of each red cup cake case, then stick a ball of scrunched up black tissue paper into the middle of each cup cake case.

Use the green felt tip to colour all around the outside edge of the paper plate.

Get a grown up to help you to cut some leaf shapes from the green card.

Use the glue to stick the poppies all around the outside edge of the paper plate (the part that you've coloured green)

Finally, tuck the leaf shapes in between the poppies and use more glue to stick them down

Next month - The Christmas Story

If you enjoy colouring in, why not colour the picture below. Whilst church is closed you could get a grown up to e-mail it to ainsworthmagazine@gmail.com Each month we'll choose 1 picture to go on our front page; closing date Sun 9th November.

The First Christmas Day



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