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PARISH EVENTS DIARY

The following events taking place in November and December as notified are:

Saturday 9th November - 10.00am - Blue Jeans Saturday - Churchyard tidy up

Friday 15th November - 1.10pm - Free lunchtime concert - Folkadelix

Saturday 30th November - 11.30am - 2.30pm - Christmas Fair

Saturday 7th December - 2.00pm - Christmas wreath making workshop

Saturday 14th December - 7.00pm - Christmas film evening

Please continue to keep us informed of events that you have planned or know about by sending a message to our email address which is stpetersadmin@zoho.com

The deadline for the December/January issue is the 7th November



EDITORIAL

Welcome to the November Keynotes. What a colourful time of year it is with the Autumn leaves turning orange and gold to give us a glorious display. Time to get out and about to enjoy it.

In September we said farewell to Jan, Jenny and family as they went on a 3 month sabbatical. We wish them well and look forward to their return.

As I write this we have just enjoyed the Harvest Festival service at Church followed by a Bring and Share lunch in the Community Centre. This was well attended and everyone enjoyed the food table laden with both savoury and sweet dishes.

Very soon we will be holding our Blue Jeans tidy-up on Saturday, 9th November. Do come along to help with the incentive of bacon butties at the end!

Lunchtime concerts are well under way now. In October we welcomed Hove Harmony (formerly the Amity Singers) and on Friday, 15th November 'Folkadelix' are performing foot stomping dance tunes from around the world. Concerts start at 1.10 pm.

Christmas is looming fast with preparations for the Christmas Fair on Saturday 30th November well under way. Let's hope all hands are on board to make it a successful day. Sign up sheets are at the back of the church for helpers and for raffle donations please.

Renewal for Keynotes subscriptions are almost due. Thank you again for your support. It is regret that the cost for 2025 has increased to £1.50 per issue or £10 for ten issues. Our printing costs have increased and therefore the sale price needs to increase too. Please hand your subscription to Michael Evans, Mandy Gander or any member of the Editorial team. For those that pay by standing order, please advise your Bank to increase your payment to the new amount ready for January. Thank you.

Editorial Team

Philippians 4:6

"Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God."

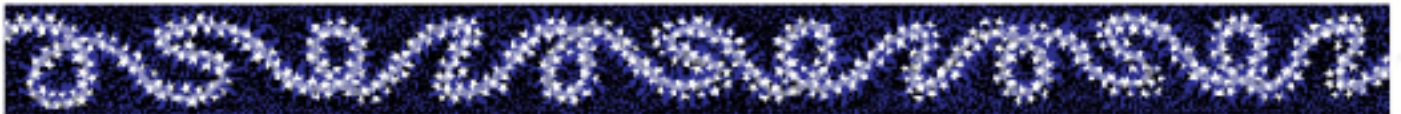
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A season of gratitude and remembrance.

November is a month filled with reflection, from All Saints' Day to Remembrance Sunday, and the approach of Advent.

Firstly, we get to reflect on the importance of All Saints' Day, by remembering those who have gone before us in faith and their enduring legacy.

Secondly on Remembrance Sunday, we honour those who died in wars, and the ongoing need for peace and reconciliation across the world.

As we prepare for Advent and the coming season of hope, we have a chance to both look back over the blessings and challenges of the past year and to prepare ourselves not only for Christmas but for Christ's second coming.

There are so many chances for us to pause and reflect on the past, present and future.

Why not join with me now in a quick prayer:

Loving God, I thank you that you have seen everything I have been through this year. I especially want to thank you for : (say what you're thankful for) and for all the many good gifts I haven't even noticed. I ask that you help me to reflect on those who have encouraged and loved me in the past whom I see no more. Comfort me when I miss them and give me your peace, please. I thank you for those who have given their lives in the service of this country and in the effort of peace. Please bring an end to tyranny, conflict and war wherever it may be found. I pray that you would help me to make the most of the time you have given me to turn to you in faith and obedience. Lastly, I ask that you strengthen me for the future, for however my life may turn out. Help me to be mindful of your presence and of the friends, family and strangers that I meet. May you bless me please, in order that I may be a blessing to those you put around me. For I ask in Jesus' name. Amen.

If you'd prayed this prayer I'd love to know. Please do get in touch.

With every blessing
Rev Tim

WOMEN'S SOCIAL GROUP

Events planned in November are:

Coffee morning at Carol's on the 14th

Pre Christmas lunch on the 26th

... and not to be forgotten, the Christmas fair on the 30th!

Two of our friends have a birthday in November:

Iris on the 13th and Audrey on the 17th.

The coffee morning at Jane Cummings' was well attended, I am told, and Chris who was helping her, generously brought some of her delightful home produced jams to add to the bring and buy for our charity fund raising, a big thank you to you both for a successful morning!

And finally a great Welcome to our new member, Carol Colman, we hope that you'll be able to join us as often as possible.

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~ Colossians 3:17

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OFF THE FENCE

For over 20 years, Off The Fence's vision has been to see an end to social and spiritual poverty in Brighton and Hove.

In 1993, CEO Paul Young responded to the question,

“When are Christians going to get off the fence and do something about social poverty?”

Paul and his wife, Wendy, decided to go out into the streets of Brighton and Hove to help the most vulnerable in the city. Paul started with one friend, speaking with rough sleepers, guiding them to areas and services in the City where they could receive help.

This team of two soon turned into a team of four. Eventually, 35 volunteers from across a range of local churches and different denominations joined them - all working to save lives falling through the cracks of society.

They provide long-term solutions, through their 2 day centres, 3 outreach vans and 6 core local schools. This work takes the support of just over 150 trained volunteers, staff and interns.

The mission of Off The Fence is to eradicate social and spiritual poverty in Brighton & Hove. They engage with those who need them and bring hope and transformation across the City.

Please support them if you can.

God so loves them all

If God so loved the world
He sent His only Son,
The meaning of that phrase, unfurled?
That He loves everyone.

Oh yes, that does mean me,
And it means you, as well;
And those whose clothes are fine to see
And those whose clothes may smell.

The homeless man, remote.
The Earl within his hall
The migrants in their rubber boat –
For God so loves them all.

And so both you and I
Must love all these the same;
For Jesus came down here to die –
For all these souls to claim.

By Nigel Beeton



Jays by Michael Blencowe for Sussex Wildlife Trust

Each autumn a lot of my conversations go like this: “This morning I saw a weird pink and blue bird on my lawn.” Me: “It’s a Jay.” “There’s a parrot on my bird table!” Me: “It’s a Jay.” “I’ve just seen...” Me: “It’s a Jay”. Spotting such an exotic looking bird in the back garden gets even my most wildlife-averse friends reaching for the Blencowe bird identification hotline. Yet despite looking like it has flown in direct from the jungles of Costa Rica, the Jay lives in Sussex all year round. For most of the year it withdraws to the woodlands and leads an elusive life amongst the leaves. But in October it is time for the Jay to step out of the shadows.

Jays look fabulous. With extravagant pink plumage, a drooping black moustache and a snazzy electric blue flash through the wings, it’s no surprise that the eminent Sussex naturalist, W.H. Hudson, called it ‘the British Bird of Paradise’. Surprisingly, it’s a member of the crow family. But while the related Ravens, Rooks, Crows and Jackdaws all wear black funereal feathers, the Jay obviously didn’t get the memo about the dress code! Gather the Crows for a family portrait and the Jay stands out like Danny La Rue in full drag amongst a crowd of coal miners. But, when the Jay opens its beak, it reveals its family heritage. The song of the Jay is a rough, rasping, nails-down-the-blackboard shriek, which would make any Crow proud.



The reason we see more Jays in the autumn is because they are busy. Jays are nuts about acorns and at this time of the year their favourite food is in plentiful supply. But the Jay is a clever bird. Aware that there are lean times ahead it starts making a long-term investment for surviving the winter. With up to nine acorns jammed in its beak and throat, the Jay flies far from the woodlands and hides these nuts in nooks and under dead leaves. With an impressive ability to remember exactly where he has stashed them, the Jay will return, and tuck into these life-saving larders in the cold days of winter. I've employed a similar strategy many times at parties! Faced with a full buffet at the start of the night, I hide a few piles of crisps and vol-au-vents behind curtains and cushions to help me get through the evening.

One Jay can store up to 5000 acorns in a season. Not all are remembered and retrieved and from these lost acorns, mighty Oaks grow. I often wonder how many of the huge Oaks we see in Sussex were originally planted by Jays. Through the centuries these birds have been architects of the English countryside: a landscape created by the forgetfulness of a pink crow.

Sussex Wildlife Trust is a conservation charity for everyone who cares about nature in Sussex. Founded in 1961, we have worked with local people for over half a century to make Sussex richer in wildlife.

We rely on the support of our members. Please consider joining us. Your membership will help us challenge decisions that threaten wildlife, care for more than 30 nature reserves, and inspire the next generation about the wonders of the natural world. It's easy to join online at sussexwildlifetrust.org.uk/join

What bishops do

We were celebrating the 100th anniversary of our church, and several former pastors and the bishop were in attendance. At one point, our minister had the children gather at the altar for a talk about the importance of the day. He began by asking, "Does anyone know what the bishop does?"

There was silence. Finally, one little boy ventured: "He's the one you can move diagonally."

Word Search

Remembrance Day this year has a special significance – it was 80 years ago this June that the D-Day Landings of the Second World War took place.

Those D-Day Landings and the Battle of Normandy led to the liberation of France and Europe. And this year the Normandy region has been celebrating – with events including synchronised fireworks at the major D-Day sites, a giant picnic on Omaha Beach, Liberation balls, bagpipe parades, and international parachuting of hundreds of soldiers above Sainte-Mère-Église.

It has been estimated that between 15 and 20 million people died in Europe alone during the Second World War. Worldwide, an estimated 75 million people died.

Fireworks
Remembrance
Day
Landings
Second
World
War
Normandy
Liberation
France

Europe
Picnic
Beach
Omaha
Bagpipe
Parades
Parachute
Millions
Soldiers
Died



Sponsored Bike Ride

On Sunday 29th September at 2pm we gathered at the sign post for the Hove Park Cafe to cycle or walk around the park raising money for St. Peter's Church Sunday School.

I thought I would give you another Alphabet of what happened:-

A = Anna Hall walked twice round the park.

B = Ben Gage cycled his bike 4 times round the park.

C = Clare jogged round the park after James.

D = Dogs all over the park, but none were harmed today!

E = Erica cycled 5 laps.

F = Fun was had by family and friends.

G = Grace Osborne did 8 laps.

H = Harrison Gander did 6 laps.

I = Iris flowers were on the Cafe tables.

J = James did 3 laps on his balance bike, Jasper did 9 laps and Jean handed out sweets.



K = It is 2 Kilometres around the Park.
L = Lots of tired Legs followed by Latte in the Cafe.
M = Money raised for Sunday School & Mary did 10 laps.
N = No rain and no-one was hurt!
O = Outside giving Outstanding effort.
P = Photos, of People & half the Pinder family.
Q = the Queue for coffees in the Cafe.
R = Rob Light did 6 laps and the Rogers Supported us.
S = Sweets for the cyclists and Sammy did 11 laps.
T = Tim recorded names & laps.
U = we were United in our effort to raise funds.
V = Victorious cheers from Clare as each rider finished.
W = 4 Walkers joined us today.
X = the eXtra slice of cake Beryl gave me!
Y = Why weren't you here to enjoy this lovely afternoon.
Z = Zanita did 5 laps too!

Thank you, THANK YOU, Thank you to the 21 who Attended. 11 Adults & 10 Children, 14 Cyclists 3 Supporters and 4 Walkers. All made this another Successful event, much love.

Zanita

Kids Corner

At our recent Keynotes editorial meeting we agreed that Keynotes needs to have something in it for children. So every edition now will have something that your children will hopefully enjoy and be able to engage in.

For this month to get things going we would like your children to send in their photos of the biggest cone or conker they can find and any beautiful leaves. Please send them to mandycgander@icloud.com.

There will also be a regular Bible Bite cartoon which we hope your children will be able to read and learn some of the Bible stories we all know so well.

If you have any feedback or ideas then please do let us know.

Mandy

Prayer List Requests

Each Sunday we pray for people in any kind of need.

These may be the names of people on the prayer list which is printed in the Pew Sheet each week. The names are not read out individually during Sunday Intercessions, but are prayed for individually at the monthly Wednesday Prayer Together Service.

This is a lovely, peaceful, prayerful time in The Old Church and is always finished with Compline. Please join us.

The Prayer Together Services are always on the first Wednesday of each month at 7.45pm.



St Peter's Pastoral Care Group

Our Pastoral Care Group exists to offer entirely confidential help and support on any pastoral matter.

Perhaps you would like a friendly visitor for a good chat now and then, help with transport, a name included in our prayer list at Church, some professional advice which we can help find, or an offer of Communion at home?

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A desire to serve and help spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ in the parish would be helpful.

You should be comfortable dealing with the Rector and other senior clergy, including liaison with the Archdeacon during visitations and other occasions.

You would be elected annually at the Annual Parish Meeting and should be prepared to act for some two to three years at least, subject to a normal maximum term of six years

The Role

Shared leadership rather than management, the prime responsibility for management being with the Rector.

Responsible for ensuring order in church services and that sidespeople are present and carrying out their duties correctly.

Handling of money (in practice the prime responsibility of the parish treasurer) and the care of valuable church property.

Ensuring that all regular Church and Community Centre maintenance is carried out effectively and in a timely manner, including buildings, heating, plumbing, electrical, churchyard.

Ensuring that a full inspection is carried out every five years, in conjunction with the parish architect.

Preparing and submitting reports to the Annual Parish Meeting on the fabric, fixtures and fittings.

Attending all meetings of the Parochial Church Council and the Standing Committee (usually four of each per annum). May be elected to serve as Vice Chairman in the Rector's absence.

Taking concern for the welfare of the Rector and his family.

Interested? Could God be calling you to this role?

Then please speak to Rev Tim or one of the churchwardens.

Jonathan Cooke



"...and don't forget we're coming into Nativity Play season – make sure we have extra tea-towels in stock!"



Christmas at St Peter's

Christmas Fair - Saturday 30th November 11.30am to 2.30pm

Christmas Wreath Making - Saturday 7th December 2pm

Christmas Film Evening: *A Chosen Christmas* - Saturday
14th December 7pm

Sunday 15th - Carols by Candlelight 5pm

Tuesday 24th Christmas Eve - Christingle in the Crib 4pm and
Midnight Mass. 11:15pm

Come along Christmas Day - 10am. The most exciting day!



"Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change."

~ James 1:17

Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in
Mt 9:9-13, Mk 2:13-15, Lk 5:27-32

The Roman invaders had given the job of collecting their taxes to local Jews who also overcharged, so they were doubly hated.



Matthew had his tax office by Lake Galilee.

Jesus walked past, and said



Follow me

Matthew left everything and went with Jesus.

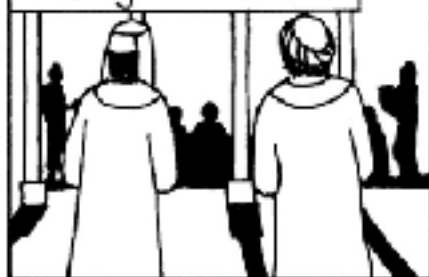


Matthew held a big feast and invited his friends so they could meet Jesus.



They were other tax collectors and bad people

The Pharisees saw Jesus eating with them.



They grumbled to Jesus' disciples.



Why is your teacher eating with all those bad people?

Jesus heard them and said



Who needs a doctor, healthy people or the sick?

Try reading 'keeping rules doesn't make up for not having kindness.' *



*Hosea 6:6

Hosea was talking about people who looked like they were following God's rules but were bad inside.



I have come for the people who need my help.



PEOPLE AND PLACES IN THE BIBLE

In line with our Bible Study, where we are looking at suffering, I have picked out one place which arose in our recent session and characters, the Pharisees, who appear frequently in Jesus's ministry.

The Pharisees

The Pharisees often come to mind as the main antagonists in the Gospels, those who frequently challenged Jesus and sought to discredit His ministry. However, the story of the Pharisees in the New Testament is more nuanced, offering us insights into a group deeply concerned with the spiritual life of their people, while also highlighting that not all Pharisees were hostile to Jesus and His followers.

The Pharisees were a respected religious sect in Jewish society, known for their strict observance of the Law of Moses and the traditions of their ancestors. Their interactions with Jesus frequently revolved around questions of law-keeping, such as Sabbath observance (Matthew 12:1-14) and ritual purity (Mark 7:1-23). They viewed Jesus as a threat, as His teachings often cut to the heart of their practices, challenging not only the letter of the law but its spirit. As a result, their opposition to Him intensified, especially as His popularity grew.

When it came to the trial of Jesus, the Pharisees played a role, though it was the chief priests and the Sadducees who were more directly involved in orchestrating His death. Nonetheless, the Pharisees were part of the Sanhedrin, the ruling council that ultimately condemned Jesus. Their opposition was rooted in their belief that Jesus' claims to be the Messiah and His challenges to their authority were dangerous both religiously and politically.

However, not all Pharisees were hostile to Jesus. Nicodemus, a Pharisee, sought Jesus out by night to learn more about His teachings (John 3:1-21). Though initially cautious, Nicodemus later publicly defended Jesus (John 7:50-51) and, after the crucifixion, joined Joseph of Arimathea in caring for Jesus' body (John 19:38-42). Both Nicodemus and Joseph of Arimathea were prominent figures, showing that even within the ranks of the Pharisees, there were those who recognised something divine in Jesus.

After the resurrection, the influence of the Pharisees on early Christian history continued. The Apostle Paul, formerly known as Saul, was "a Pharisee of the Pharisees" (Philippians 3:5), deeply zealous for the traditions of his people.

Yet, on the road to Damascus, Paul encountered the risen Christ and was radically transformed. His conversion shows that even the most ardent opponents of the early Christian movement could be won over by the power of the Gospel.

Moreover, not all Pharisees were actively against the early Christians. Gamaliel, a highly respected Pharisee, and teacher of the law, intervened during an early trial of the apostles, advising the Sanhedrin to leave the Christians alone, suggesting that if their movement was from God, it could not be stopped (Acts 5:34-39). His wisdom spared the apostles further harm and reflected a more open-minded approach. This action of Gamaliel and its acceptance shows confirms the Pharisees belief that there are divergent versions of the truth. The other matter of interest is that Paul was a pupil of Gamaliel (Acts 22:3) and did not follow his tolerant attitude towards Christians.

In the end, the Pharisees offer us a complex picture. While many opposed Jesus and His message, others were drawn to Him, and still others, like Paul, were radically transformed. The story of the Pharisees reminds us that even within structured systems of belief, individuals are free to choose how they respond to the message of Christ—whether with resistance, curiosity, or faith.

The Pool at Siloam

Tucked away in the southern part of ancient Jerusalem, the Pool of Siloam holds a rich history that is recorded in both the Old and New Testaments. Mentioned most famously in John 9, it is the place where Jesus sends a blind man to wash and, miraculously, restore his sight.

Historically, the pool was constructed during the reign of King Hezekiah in the 8th century BC. Faced with the threat of Assyrian invasion, Hezekiah undertook the engineering marvel of building an underground tunnel to bring water from the Gihon Spring into the city, ensuring a secure water supply during a siege. This tunnel still stands today as a testimony to the ingenuity of the time. The pool itself became a focal point for both practical purposes—providing much-needed water—and religious rites. The pool's dimensions were 58 feet long, 18 feet broad and 19 deep.

By the time of Jesus, the Pool of Siloam was an established part of Jewish life in Jerusalem. Its waters were used in the Feast of Tabernacles, a time when the community would celebrate God's provision and the hope of the coming Messiah. This makes the healing of the blind man even more significant, as it takes place in a context charged with expectation, pointing to Jesus as the fulfillment of the long-awaited promise.

Compiled from various sources by William Holden

Small Donations Scheme

We have reintroduced the above scheme, or SDS, which ran very successfully up to several years ago. The idea is to give people the opportunity to make a donation towards the cost of items which are one-off purchases or materials which we use. These donations are not regular but are on an “as and when able” basis which may be something in which they are interested.

The next edition of Keynotes will then contain a “thank you” notice for the gift which can be anonymous or include the sponsor’s name.

Mandy has produced a list of items which may appeal to the congregation and any discussion can be held in confidence with her. This list includes the following;

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Thank you for your sponsorship

Our grateful thanks go to the people who wishing to remain anonymous, very kindly donated the cost of the communion wafers, Sunday School supplies and Hangleton Band for the Summer Fair.

If you would like to make a donation to help with the funding of some of the items of expenditure in and around our Church then please contact Mandy Gander, our Treasurer.

September's lunchtime concert

This was one of our Saturday concerts (we try to arrange them for Fridays) because both Simon and Katy work. It was a return visit for them following an enjoyable concert from them in September 2023. Simon (Madge) sings baritone and Katy (Friese-Green) plays the piano.

Their programme, Mozart to Musicals, was divided into two halves so we decided to have a tea/coffee break after the first part. What a treat the first part was. Simon sang well known arias from Mozart's operas including the lovely bird catcher aria from The Magic Flute.

The second part included songs from HMS Pinafore, South Pacific and Les Miserables and concluded with Maria as an encore.

It was a thoroughly entertaining concert and our thanks go to Simon and Katy.

Our lunchtime concerts (now running for 13 years) have proved popular with an average attendance this year of 43. Several members of our congregation enjoy coming regularly and others include people who have just popped in from the local area along with some who have seen our advertisement in the Brighton and Hove Arts Diary. Everyone is welcome so if you enjoy 'live music' do come along! Concerts are free and include tea/coffee and biscuits! (Donations if wished can be given to fund future concerts.) The next concert is on Friday 15 November and features Folkadelix – their first visit to St Peter's.

Michael Evans

Miscellaneous musings on daily life

He who waits to do a great deal of good at once, will never do anything.
– Samuel Johnson

Some people are born great, some achieve greatness, and some just grate. – Anon

Experience is what you get when you are looking for something else. – Anon

Men of few words are the best men. – Shakespeare

If you want enemies, excel others; if friends, let others excel you. – Colton

The State of the Church of England in Relation to the People during the Victorian

This month we will look at the leading churchmen and their influence on the Church meeting the challenges of socio-economic change

Part 3 Leading Churchmen. Leadership and Legacy: The Influential Archbishops of the Victorian Church of England

During the Victorian era, the Church of England faced profound socio-economic, intellectual, and spiritual challenges. At the helm of the Church's response were its leaders—Archbishops and Bishops whose visions and theological insights profoundly shaped its direction. This article explores the contributions and legacies of notable Church leaders during this period of change, including Archbishops Archibald Tait, Edward White Benson, Frederick Temple, and other pivotal figures such as Bishop Edward King.

Archibald Tait: A Mediator in Times of Change

Archibald Tait served as the Archbishop of Canterbury from 1868 to 1882, navigating the Church through one of its most turbulent periods. Amidst growing ritualistic controversies and the rise of the Oxford Movement, Tait's moderate evangelical stance helped mediate between divergent factions within the Church. He championed the Public Worship Regulation Act of 1874 to standardise worship practices and mitigate the disputes that threatened to fracture the Church.

Edward White Benson: Architect of Worship and Unity

Succeeding Tait, Edward White Benson, who served from 1883 to 1896, left a notable legacy in both the architectural and liturgical landscapes of the Church. As the architect of the Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols, Benson enriched Anglican worship and broadened its appeal. His commitment to education and ecumenical relations marked significant strides towards modernising the Church's role in a rapidly changing society.

Frederick Temple: A Scholarly Approach to Faith and Duty

Frederick Temple, serving from 1896 until his death in 1902, brought a scholarly rigour to the archbishopric, previously demonstrated in his contributions to the "Essays and Reviews." His intellectual approach did not shy away from the critical questions of biblical interpretation and theological challenges. Temple's advocacy for education reform, particularly through his support of the Elementary Education Act of 1870, underscored his belief in the Church's role in addressing broader societal issues.

Edward King: A Saintly Presence Amidst Ritualism

Alongside these Archbishops, Bishop Edward King, serving as the Bishop of Lincoln from 1885 to 1910, embodied the pastoral and liturgical ideals of the Oxford Movement. His commitment to the beauty of holiness in worship practices and his intense focus on pastoral care endeared him to his diocese and made him a central figure in the ritualism debates, culminating in the landmark Lincoln Judgment. More about that in a later article.

John Charles Ryle: Evangelical Purity and Pastoral Vigor

Bishop John Charles Ryle was the first Bishop of Liverpool, appointed in 1880, and served until his death in 1900. A staunch evangelical, Ryle was known for his clear, direct preaching and his emphasis on the authority of the Scriptures. His pastoral strategy was characterised by a vigorous outreach to the working class, promoting scriptural literacy and personal piety. Ryle's writings, particularly "Expository Thoughts on the Gospels," remain influential in evangelical circles and shows his commitment to doctrinal clarity and evangelical zeal

Conclusion: A Legacy of Leadership and Transformation

The Victorian era's Archbishops and Bishops were more than just ecclesiastical administrators; they were visionaries who recognised the need for the Church to evolve alongside a society in flux. From Tait's mediation efforts and Benson's liturgical innovations to Temple's intellectual leadership, King's pastoral devotion, and Ryle's evangelical zeal, each leader contributed uniquely to the Church's enduring influence and relevance.

Their legacies reflect a range of responses to the era's challenges, from theological debates and liturgical reforms to social advocacy and educational initiatives. As the Church of England continues to navigate the complexities of modern faith and practice, the foundational work of these Victorian leaders remains a guiding light for contemporary engagement and change.

Compiled by William Holden based on sermons he gave in 1974 on the Victorian Church.

"Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls."

~ 1 Peter 1:8-9

PCC MEETING HELD ON 24TH SEPTEMBER 2024

The recent meeting of the Parochial Church Council was held in the Community Centre under the chairmanship of Fr Tim with 12 of the 15 members in attendance.

The following matters were considered, and are reported here in no particular order:

Safeguarding and First Aid training ongoing.

The Summer Fair had been a great success with thanks to Zanita and her team of helpers, and all who attended.

The Audio/Visual equipment had been operating smoothly and proving to be a great asset.

There had been a rise in the recent number of people being assisted by the Foodbank. This was likely to increase further as Winter sets in. The proceeds of the forthcoming Harvest Festival would be donated to the Foodbank.

Some re-ordering had taken place in church, particularly in the choir vestry, to form a multi- use space.

The Finance Group had been planning the Journey of Generosity for September's launch.

Rev Tim recognised and offered thanks to all those who volunteer their time and skills to the church.

The Crucifix/Cross working group continues to gather artwork for future consideration by church members later in the year.

Rev Jan has commenced his three month Sabbatical in August and he will be licenced as an Associate Minister on a date to be decided.

The PCC is planning an Away Day early in the New Year.

Various Mission and Outreach events have taken place recently with more to follow.

Mandy's Treasurer's Report was considered and approved.

The funding for a potential Youth Worker had been extended for a further year.

Details of recent repairs to the Church and Community Centre were reviewed.

Refreshments would be served in church after the All Age services.

The meeting ended with Prayer.

David Keeling



DO YOU HAVE ANY OF THE FOLLOWING?

At the recent Bring and Share Lunch we were woefully short of forks and glasses for soft drinks.

Before going to the expense of purchasing new, it was suggested that Church family members may have some of these that they no longer require. If this is the case, we would be very grateful if you would donate them to the Community Centre kitchen.

Also, if you have any surplus tea towels, these are always in short supply in the kitchen.

Thank you.

Maggie Keeling

REGULAR WEEKLY SERVICES

10.00 am Sunday Parish Eucharist with Sunday School in term time (except third Sunday of the month)

10.00 am All-Age Worship on the third Sunday of the month

1st Wednesday of the month at 7.45 pm -
Prayer Together and Compline

3rd Wednesday of the month at 7.45pm -
Shorter Eucharist Service

10.00 am Online service via Youtube



The Rector is always available for spiritual counsel and healing prayer

CHRISTMAS IS CREEPING UP

I am happy to make Christmas gift tags and Christmas bunting with all the proceeds going towards the Church Christmas Fair. I made these last year to sell on the craft stall at the Christmas Tree Trail and they all sold very quickly. I would enjoy making these again for anyone who would like to order in advance.

Each gift tag is unique, and they are all decorated on both sides with space allowed for names etc to be added. The bunting is made using all new material and is double sided.

I am happy to bring examples to church, take orders, and make colour schemes of choice.

The gift tags will be £1.00 for 6 and the bunting £5

Please order as soon as possible to allow for time to make these. See me in church or contact me on 01273 412677 or cmejames@virgin-media.com

Christine James



Tractors

A little girl was watching her daddy repair his tractor. She asked her mother, "What happens to old tractors when they finally stop working?"

Sighing, her mother answered: "Someone sells them to your father, dear."

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**The First Friday of each month
10.30am – 12noon**

For coffee, conversation and companionship.

We are open between 10.30am and 12 noon for you to 'drop-in' for a coffee, piece of cake and a chat. A very warm welcome awaits you, so please do 'drop-in' we'd love to see you.

KEYNOTES - HELP!

We are looking for some new material for Keynotes. Could you write a piece about something that interests you, something in our local area that you have knowledge of, a special holiday you have been on or anything else that you think others may enjoy reading. If you do then please send it to mandycgander@icloud.com at any time that suits you. Your support would be much appreciated.



WHAT'S HAPPENING IN YOUR GARDEN?

- 1) Prevent containers becoming waterlogged by raising them off the ground for the winter using bricks or pot feet.
- 2) Protect Roses from wind-rock by pruning them by one-third to a half their height. This will stop them swaying in strong wind and prevent roots coming loose in the soil.
- 3) Remove fallen leaves from around the base of any Rose bushes which suffered from blackspot or rust this summer to reduce the chance of reinfection next year.
- 4) Continue to lift Dahlia tubers, Gladioli corms and Begonia tubers to store dry over the winter months. Remove the dead foliage before storing.
- 5) Cut back yellowing foliage of herbaceous perennial plants and lift and divide overcrowded clumps to maintain their vigour.
- 6) Aerate your lawn now before winter sets in.
- 7) Continue to clear fallen leaves off the lawn to keep it healthy using a light rake.
- 8) Set your lawn mower to a higher height for winter.
- 9) Edge your lawn to make a neat and tidy appearance.



COME INTO MY KITCHEN.....

Having enjoyed a lovely Indian Summer, Autumn has now arrived and with it, some lovely seasonal fruits and vegetables.

I think this tart is perfect for the season!

PEAR, GINGER AND ALMOND TART

SERVES 6-8

3 small ripe pears, peeled, halved lengthways and cores removed

25g flaked almonds

FRANGIPANE

100g butter, softened

100g caster sugar

50g ground almonds

1tbsp ground ginger

2 eggs

100g self raising flour

2 stem ginger balls, chopped, plus 3tsp ginger syrup

PASTRY

200g plain flour, plus extra for dusting

100g butter, cold, diced

1tbsp icing sugar

1 egg

Make the pastry by whizzing together the flour, butter and sugar in a food processor until it resembles crumbs. Add the egg and pulse again with 1-2 tbsp of ice-cold water until it forms a ball. Wrap and chill for 30 minutes.

Heat the oven to 180C/160C fan/gas 4. Roll out the pastry on a lightly floured surface to the thickness of a £1 coin and use it to line a 23cm tart tin, leaving the sides overhanging. Fill with a piece of baking paper and beans. Bake for 10 mins, remove the beans and paper then bake for another 5 mins until the pastry looks dry. Remove from the oven and trim the sides with a serrated knife.

For the frangipane, beat together the butter and sugar. Stir in the almonds, ground ginger, eggs, flour and stem ginger. Spoon the frangipane into the pastry case, smooth over and top with the pears, cut side up, pressing them into the filling. Scatter over the flaked almonds. Bake for 40-45 minutes or until the pears are soft and the frangipane filling is golden and risen. Leave to cool then brush the pears with the ginger syrup.

This recipe uses a wonderful variety of seasonal vegetables for a one-pot supper.

ONE-POT AUTUMN WARMER

SERVES 4

2 tbsp olive oil
1 onion, finely chopped
1 celery stick, finely chopped
1 carrot, finely chopped
1½ tbsp grated ginger
2 garlic cloves, crushed
2tsp ground cumin
2tsp ground turmeric
Pinch of dried chilli flakes
600g sweet potatoes, peeled and cut into 2cm cubes
400ml reduced-fat coconut milk
400g vegetable stock
800g cannellini beans, rinsed and drained
320g greens (such as kale, broccoli florets, spinach or cabbage)
1 lemon, juiced

Heat the oil in a pan over a medium heat and fry the onion, celery and carrot for 10 mins until soft. Stir in the ginger, garlic, cumin, turmeric and chilli flakes. Fry for a minute then tip in the sweet potatoes, coconut milk, stock and beans. Season and simmer, covered, for 15-20 mins or until the sweet potatoes are tender.

Stir in the greens and simmer for 5-10 mins, uncovered, until the greens are tender and the stew has thickened to your liking.

Check for seasoning and add the lemon juice to taste.

Maggie

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NOVEMBER – FESTIVALS AND SAINTS

1st November - All Saints

Many churches, particularly Roman Catholic and Anglican churches, in the United Kingdom annually mark All Saints' Day on November 1. This occasion honours all the saints in Christian history, particularly those who do not have their own special feast day.

According to some sources, the idea for All Saints' Day goes back to the fourth century when the Greek Christians kept a festival on the first Sunday after Pentecost (in late May or early June) in honour of all martyrs and saints. Other sources say that a commemoration of "All Martyrs" began to be celebrated as early as 270 AD but no specific month or date is recorded. Pope Gregory IV made All Saints' Day an authorized holiday in 837 AD. It is speculated that the chosen date for the event, November 1, may have been an attempt to supplant the pagan Festival of the Dead (also known as Samhain or the feast of Saman, lord of death).

2nd November - All Souls

The exact origin of All Souls' Day is unknown, but it is not more than about 1200 years old. The Orthodox Church traces the first All Souls' Day to 893, when Emperor Leo VI was denied his request to dedicate a church to the memory of his late wife and dedicated it to all Christian souls instead.

Originally, All Souls' Day was held around Easter time. The Orthodox Church celebrates it several times throughout the year, including four times around Lent. Roman Catholics and liturgical Protestants celebrate All Souls' Day on November 2, unless it falls on a Sunday, in which case it is moved to November 3.

12th November - Remembrance Sunday

It is now held on the second Sunday of November commemorating British service members who have died in wars and other military conflicts since the onset of World War I. By tradition, a two-minute period of silence is observed throughout the country at 11 AM, and church services and other ceremonial gatherings take place during the day, often around war memorials, with the ceremony at the Cenotaph in London being the main example.

The holiday has its origins in Armistice Day, which was dedicated in Great Britain on Nov. 11, 1919, in commemoration of the one-year anniversary of the peace agreement that ended World War I.

In response to a politician's suggestion, King George V requested that the country pause in silence for two minutes in acknowledgment of the war's fatalities. After the conclusion of World War II, the British government, seeking to honour participants in both World Wars, officially replaced Armistice Day with the new Sunday observance, which was thereafter known as Remembrance Sunday. In 1956 the date was fixed as the second Sunday of the month. In recent years Armistice Day has been revived as an additional occasion for silence, though Remembrance Sunday remains the main day of commemoration.

With the continued conflicts in many parts of the world, particularly in the Middle East (Israel, Gaza, Lebanon, Yemen and Iran), the Ukraine, Sudan and Myama, it is important that we focus on the consequences of war and the need to work for peace.

26th November – Christ the King

Feast of Christ the King, also called Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, festival celebrated in the Roman Catholic Church in honour of Jesus Christ as lord over all creation. Essentially a magnification of the Feast of the Ascension, it was established by Pope Pius XI in 1925. Originally, it was celebrated on the last Sunday in October, but in the revised liturgical calendar promulgated by Pope Paul VI in 1969 it was moved to the last Sunday of Ordinary Time (immediately preceding Advent), where its theme of Christ's dominion made it a fitting end to the liturgical year. The festival is also observed in Lutheran, Anglican, and other Protestant churches.

Only a few years after the Bolshevik October Revolution, and at a time in Europe after the First World War when fascism and dictatorships posed a serious threat, Pope Pius XI in 1925 did indeed inaugurate a new festival in honour of the Kingship of Christ. This was primarily intended to counter the claims of secularism by holding up the model of Christ, as King of the Creation, whose just and gentle rule is supreme.

In the Church of England, it was made a mandatory celebration in *Common Worship*, on the Sunday next before Advent.

Several theological and liturgical considerations account for the prominence of its observance. It concludes the Christian year with a climactic celebration that focuses on Christ as glorified Lord and King - a powerful reminder that praise of his Kingship is always the theme of the calendar. Many times, it has been pointed out that every Sunday is really designated as a day of Christ the King. In addition, this festival also deepens awareness of the final end of all things in the triumph of Christ: it brings the cycle of the liturgical year to an end but looks forward to its turning again on Advent Sunday. Worship of Christ on his throne leads on to the message of Christ as Judge.

Compiled by William Holden from various sources.

MONEY MATTERS - Figures for September 2024

Receipts

Planned Giving	£ 3,543
Community Centre Income	£ 1,407
Payaz Donation Station/Sundry Donations	£ 415
Fundraising	£ 30
PCC fees	£ 242
Collections/other giving	£ 197
Income tax recovered	£ 2,042
Bank and investment interest	£ 1,249
TOTAL RECEIPTS	£ 9,125

Payments

Parish Contribution	£ 6,651
Salaries	£ 839
Utilities and Insurance	£ 362
Rectory	£ 341
Community Centre running costs	£ 116
SumUp/Bank Charges	£ 12
Printing costs	£ 524
Church running expenses	£ 47
Upkeep of services	£ 678
TOTAL PAYMENTS	£ 9,570

Year to date deficit : £13,131



Date	Reading, Commemorations & Intentions Calendar for November (Year B)
FRI 1ST	All Christian people
SAT 2ND	For the departed especially those known to us
SUN 3RD	All Saints Day Isaiah 25. 6-9 Revelation 21. 1-6a John 11. 32-44
MON 4TH	Our Bible reading
TUES 5TH	Our understanding of our faith
WEDS 6TH	Our PCC
THURS 7TH	Our Churchwardens
FRI 8TH	Christians in the workplace
SAT 9TH	Chichester Diocesan Board of Finance
SUN 10TH	Remembrance Sunday Jonah 3. 1-5, 10 Hebrews 9. 24-end Mark 1. 14-20
MON 11TH	For all victims of war
TUES 12TH	Bishop Martin
WEDS 13TH	Diocesan Synod
THURS 14TH	Bishop Will
FRI 15TH	Archdeacon Martin

Date	Reading, Commemorations & Intentions Calendar for November (Year B)
SAT 16TH	Our Civil Service
SUN 17TH	Second Sunday before Advent Daniel 12. 1-3 Hebrews 10. 11-14, 19-25 Mark 13. 1-8
MON 18th	The King and Royal Family
TUES 19TH	Our Sunday School and its leaders.
WEDS 20TH	Our Bible Study Groups
THURS 21ST	St George's Roman Catholic Church
FRI 22ND	All working at Diocesan House
SAT 23RD	All involved with church music
SUN 24TH	Christ the King Daniel 7. 9-10, 13-14 Revelation 1. 4b-8 John 18. 33-37
MON 25TH	Our Organist and Choir
TUES 26TH	Our sidespeople
WEDS 27TH	Our readers and intercessors
THURS 28TH	Our serving team
FRI 29TH	Thanksgiving for the Missionary work of the Church
SAT 30TH	All missionary societies

And finally.....

Prayer for November 2024

Dear Lord,

November can be a dreary month. Even the first syllable is negative and reminds us of all the things we are missing; the long light days, summer breaks, blossom and fresh green leaves.

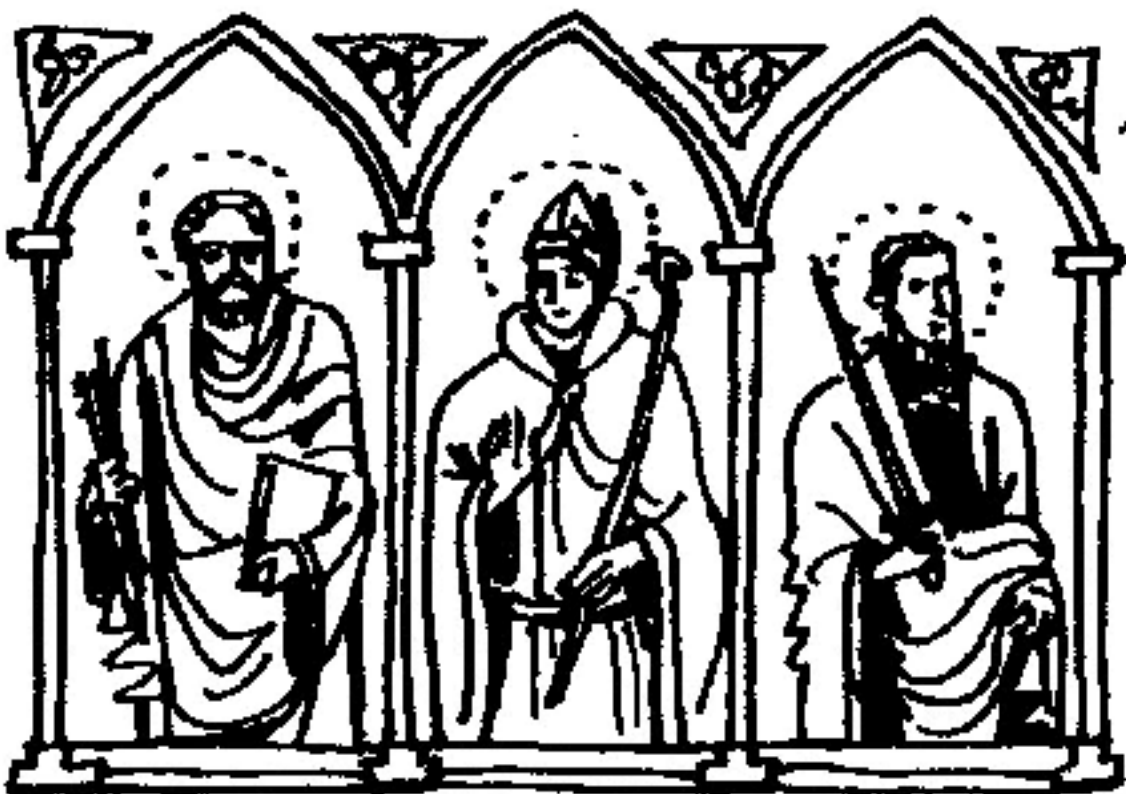
As we walk through the dark days, help us to remember that You brought light into this dark world. You sent Jesus, who is that light in person, Your positive who overcame all negatives by His death on the cross.

November leads us closer to the time of celebration of His coming. Lord, thank you for Jesus. Thank you for November!

In Jesus' name.

Amen.

By Daphne Kitching



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