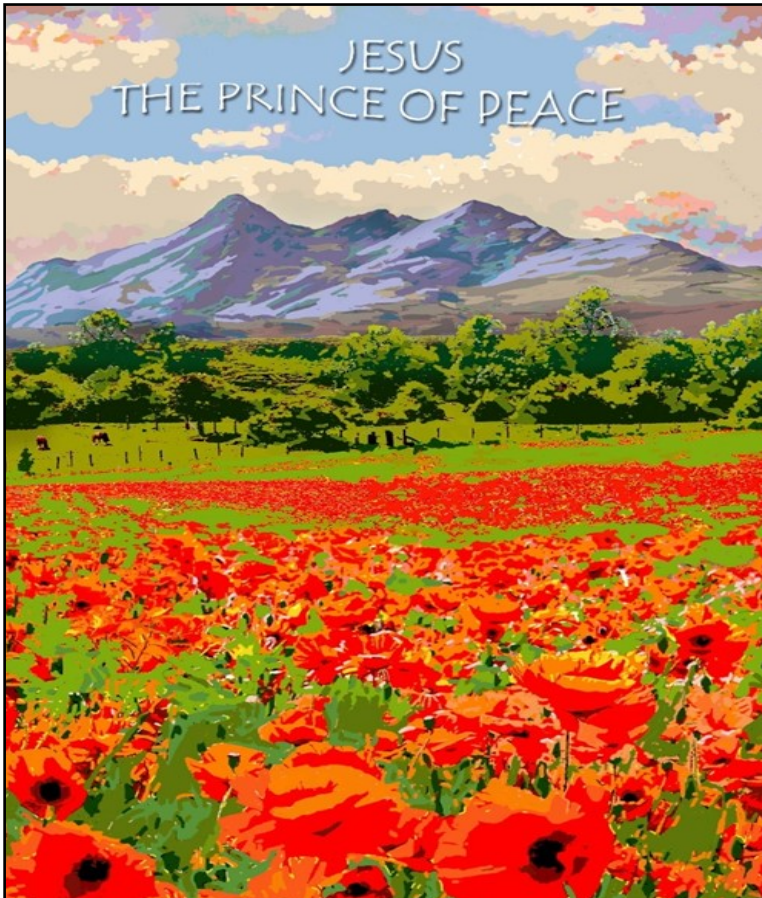




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Letter from the Vicarage...

‘STIR up, we beseech thee, O Lord, the wills of thy faithful people; that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may of thee be plenteously rewarded; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.’



So says the collect for the Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Trinity (or the Sunday before the beginning of Advent). It is often the time when people have made their Christmas puddings! Stirring up physical fruit as a picture of what we are called to spiritually.

The theme of this collect, being the last set prayer of the year (a new year begins with Advent in the church calendar) sums up a very important theme in the Christian life.

There are (at least) two dangers in the Christian life. One of which is activism – thinking everything is down to us – both in making ourselves right with God again, and serving him. We press on in our own strength alone.

However, the other is spiritual lethargy. We remain content with wherever we are in the Christian life. Be that with our level of knowledge of God in his Bible, or the passion and regularity of our communion with him in prayer, or the level of love we have for his people, or the degree to which our life reflects the life of Jesus. Even if that is the same place as we were 10 years ago or more. To use a different picture, we can find ourselves running in a Christian groove (or rut) never really considering or longing to move forward in our intimacy with and service of God.

This collect calls us out of that. ‘Stir up’ it begins. It is a picture of movement and change. Stirring up can be disturbing in a sense. It is not always comfortable or easy. But its outcome is pictured as wonderful – plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works. We want our lives to be fruitful.

Notice it is our wills which are being called in to action. Our deciding and our acting. We can feel things and think things – good and right things potentially. But unless our will is engaged those others things can come to nothing.

So there is a place for our activity in the Christian life. It involves deciding, acting, and giving ourselves to things.

Yet notice too, who is being asked to work – our Lord and God – that he, by his Spirit, would stir up our wills. We cannot do this alone. It is a prayer that the Father would stir us up out of any spiritual rut or complacency.

What a prayer to be praying for ourselves and for our church. It is a big prayer to pray. Unsettling potentially. But what an outcome – fruitful lives now and the Father's pleasure at the end.

Let's make this our prayer that as we move into Advent at the end of this month, that the Lord might grow our spiritual hunger and stir us up.

With love and best wishes

Paul



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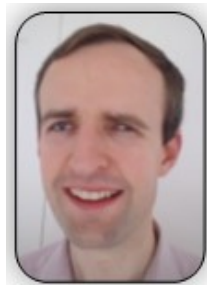
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Reflections from Curates' Visit to a Preston Mosque



Alongside my duties at St Paul's, I undertake regular training outside the parish with the Diocese of Blackburn. I and other curates gather about once a month to receive training from senior clergy and others, which is intended to prepare us for future ministry.

On Thursday 7 October, we gathered at St Stephen's Church in Preston, where we heard from Christians who were involved in evangelistic ministry among those from other religious backgrounds. As part of the day, we also visited a mosque - a Muslim place of worship - and had the opportunity to meet an imam and discuss religion with him, and some other Muslim men.

Jesus Christ says, "I am the way, the truth, and the life: no one comes to the Father except through me" (John 14:6). That is, no one is reconciled to God, except those who put their trust in Christ: he alone is God's Son, who became human, and shed his blood for our sins. This is why evangelism is so important: bringing Muslims, and people from all backgrounds, to faith in Christ, is a great privilege and a profound act of love that changes eternal destinies and transforms lives.

I found the visit to the mosque very interesting and thought-provoking. We were invited to attend and observe Islamic midday prayer - one of the five ritual prayers Muslims are expected to pray each day. I and the other clergy who attended removed our shoes on entry to the building, which had perhaps been a shop or a house before it had been converted into a worship space. The walls were mostly bare, and the carpet was modestly decorated. Only men were present: we were informed that this small space was not large enough to accommodate women in a separate area. We sat on folding chairs at the back of the room, as the worshippers filed in. Prayer was orientated towards Mecca, an Islamic holy site.

The prayers were chanted in Arabic, and seemed to include much repetition (from what I could discern). No books were used: the young imam was "hafiz" - that is, he knew the Koran by heart (which is almost the length of the Christian New Testament). The action was regimented and vigorous: the worshippers shifted from standing, to prostration, to kneeling, in quick succession. The worshippers ranged from young to old men, some in distinctively Middle Eastern clothing, others wearing work jeans and t-shirts - evidently coming during their lunch break.

It's important to note that we were present, not as worshippers, but as observers. The Muslims respected this: and therefore they provided chairs for us to sit on, rather than prayer mats on which to kneel. Christians cannot participate in Muslim worship because we have very different beliefs about God: Islam not only rejects the Trinity - the Christian dogma that there are three divine persons, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit - but Islam also explicitly denies that Jesus Christ is both fully God and fully human. We ought to be, in all our interactions, friendly, courteous, and respectful: but in order to obey the command, "You shall have no other gods before me" (Ex 20:3), we must not participate in non-Christian worship.

When the prayers ended, the imam and the other Muslim men spoke to us at some length about their beliefs and practices. We then went with them to a larger mosque, which they had almost finished building, to accommodate the growing number of Muslims in the area. The new building also had an upstairs area, where the women could gather, separate from the men. This was fitted with computer screens, so that, when the imam gives his Friday sermon, the women would be able to see, as well as hear, him.

We were treated with respect and openness, both by the imam and by the other men, throughout our visit. It was evident that most of those to whom we spoke had been born and brought up in Lancashire. The imam was young, articulate, and confident in his beliefs.

Our two religions - as the day demonstrated - have very different conceptions of "salvation". Salvation is an important concept in both Christianity and Islam. Both religions acknowledge that things are not right in the world, and things are not right with human beings: sin exists. Both religions acknowledge that something must be done to avert judgment and reconcile us to God. But what must be done?



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Islam says, "Work hard." Islam's emphasis is very much on the performance of good works and efforts toward salvation. For example, Muslims must perform an exacting washing ritual before each of the five daily prayers: the imam showed us that even the gaps between the fingers were not to be missed out - everything had to be cleansed. Muslims who live lives of purity, prayer, good deeds, and charitable giving will get to go to heaven. One of the older men informed us that rewards in heaven were available to those who excelled in piety. Islam has an "optimistic" view of human free will: human beings are able to choose good and purify themselves, fitting themselves for heaven.

The Christian conception of salvation, however, is radically different. The Bible says that human nature is so corrupt, even from birth, that we are incapable of choosing to do good or obey God. We can, it is true, do some good: but even our best works are corrupted by impure motives: even on our best days we think bad things, and omit to do good things. Because we are "conceived in sin," we use our "free will" to choose sin, not God. God is so holy, says the Bible, that only perfect obedience is good enough for him. "There is no health in us," as the Prayer Book says.

Our only hope of salvation, says the Bible, comes from outside of ourselves. Wonderfully, and contrary to what we deserve, the Son of God took human nature, and offered himself as a perfect sacrifice to cover all our sins. We acknowledge our sinfulness, and our need: and God sends his Holy Spirit into our hearts. We are changed, and can now live an upright life with Christ at the centre. Christians believe that salvation is God's work for us, and in us.

I felt affection toward the Muslims we met. In some way, I admired their piety and zeal for their beliefs (as the apostle Paul speaks of his zeal as a Pharisee before he came to Christ). But I also felt sad for them: they work so hard to please God; while God offers salvation and life freely to all through his Son Jesus Christ, but they don't know it.

Let's pray earnestly that God would be at work in us, increasing our knowledge of the Bible, increasing our confidence in the gospel, making us unashamed of God and his word and ways. Let's pray that God would be at work in the world, bringing many millions of Muslims to faith in Christ: and let's pray that we would have the joy of seeing non-believers around us - Muslim, nominal Christian, "spiritual", and so on - coming to a true faith in Christ.



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ARTICLES FOR THE DECEMBER PNE



If you have an article for inclusion in the December PNE, please make sure that I have a copy by **Wednesday 10th November.**

My contact details are on page 2.

Thank you.

Janet Kimber

When Someone You Loved has Died

Tony Horsfall lost his wife last year to cancer. He is a former missionary in East Malaysia and former retreat leader based in West Yorkshire.

This is part one of a two-part series.

Since my wife passed away in July 2020, I have often been asked, "What are you learning from your grief journey?" Here are a few standout lessons:

1. That grief takes longer than you think to work itself through, and it can't be rushed. It is a journey you must take slowly.
2. That when you lose your spouse, you lose not only the person you loved, but the person who loved you. This second loss leaves a hole in your heart, making you very vulnerable to new relationships.
3. That you will need to re-discover your identity as God's deeply loved child in this season of your life, as if you had never known it before.
4. That God can be trusted to help you rebuild your life, but trust may not come easily. It is better to focus on God's trustworthiness than on your ability to trust, which may be shaky.
5. That your experience of grief and your response to loss is unique and personal, so don't compare your journey to that of others.
6. That good friends can make the journey so much easier. Be prepared to ask for help.
7. That you will be ambushed by grief. Some things will take you by surprise, especially the little things.
8. That the loss of a spouse will leave you feeling very lonely, even when you are surrounded by family and friends. This is not a weakness, just a sign of what you have lost.
9. That loneliness is not a mental illness, just a natural response to being bereaved, and it will get better.
10. That moving forward is not a sign that you didn't care, but that there is still a life to be lived and not wasted.

Concluded next month.

A Service of Memorial

Join us in a service for the whole community,
as we reflect together, hear from God,
and remember loved ones who have died.

Saturday 6th November
3pm

St Paul's Church, Ansdell and Fairhaven

Open to all. Especially appropriate for any who feel they have not been able to mark their loved one as they might have wished in these past months.

If you wish to have your loved one's name read out on the memorial roll,
call 01253 732939 or email stpaulsoffice2@gmail.com



Sung Evensong for Advent Sunday

Sunday 28th
November 2021

5.30pm

Join us for a traditional sung service of Evening Prayer with organ accompaniment as we reflect upon the season of Advent

I DELIGHT IN YOU

I delight in You my Father God
Of nothing of mine I can boast
Only riches from You Lord
As I walk on Your glory road
Wisdom You have given me
Strength in You I stand
Riches not of gold or silver
But riches that flow from Your realms
Kindness justice and righteousness
Riches that cannot be seen
I boast not what I see in me Lord
But what I see in Thee
And as I bow before You
And pick up Your blood stained cross
To walk with You for eternity
And boast of the Lord my God.

Written by Kath Kay
By the grace of God
(Jeremiah 9:23-24)

Mummy, What's Church?

I was no more than three or four when we visited a church on holiday. It was a different sort of church, and I didn't know anyone, and I didn't know what was going on. And I remember scowling, hanging on to my mum's leg, as she chatted with people after the service. I probably just looked like a petulant toddler, but even now, I can recall how scared I was of this strange new place.

As we begin to come back to church together, spare a thought for the toddlers in our midst. Some of them weren't even born when we were last in church – and even the older ones will have only hazy memories of church together. And they may need a little help to transition back well.

Because we want them to transition well! We want them to be part of a community which loves and worships God, and where they learn to love others and be loved and connect to others on this journey.

So, as you begin coming back into the building, here are some ideas to help your family:

Prepare toddlers just like you would for a new school or group. You know what your child needs: maybe to visit when no-one else is there, or to explain what will happen, or look at pictures of people they will see again.

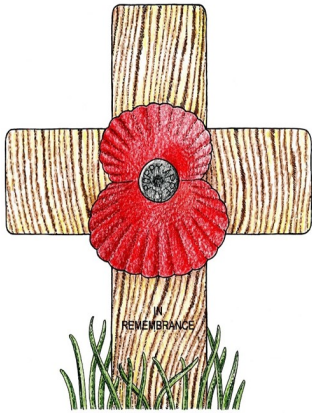
In church, explain with your body and your words what you are doing and why. We're singing now because it's a way to tell God we love Him ... some people are standing like daddy, others are sitting quietly listening, some are dancing – what would you like to do? Jenny is reading from the Bible now because that's God's book and He's written important things in it for us to hear.

Recognise that things will be different for you too. Your children are 18 months older. They may now be a toddler intent on roaming the pews rather than that baby who let you worship in peace. Take a little time to think about what might be different and how you can manage the new season well.

And be kind to yourself. It's a brand new season for all of us. And we'll get there!

Becky Sedgwick is part of the team at Parenting for Faith, which exists to equip parents and carers, and the churches that surround them, to help children and teens develop a lasting and two-way relationship with God. For more resources, including bespoke resources to support parents and carers of babies and toddlers, see parentingforfaith.org.





Remembrance

The Revd John Tyler considers what it means to remember.

Have you seen the film *'Saving Private Ryan'*? The first 20 minutes of the film is a powerful account of war, portraying the first landing crafts arriving at the Normandy beaches on D Day. The film successfully brings to life the events of that day, as a vivid act of remembrance.

From a biblical perspective, the word *remembrance* means making present a past reality, so that we can benefit from it today. On Remembrance Sunday we think about those who have given their lives in wars over the years, as well as those who continue to grieve over their lost loved ones. We want to make their sacrifice in past conflicts real for us today, so that we can engage with the horror of war and those enduring suffering today.

It involves dealing with the *why* question in the face of relentless tragedies and injustices: *why does God allow such suffering to take place?* One of the great themes of the Scriptures is that God identifies with the suffering. But the Christian faith goes beyond this! It affirms that in Jesus, God's Son, divinity became involved in suffering and death on the cross. It is at Calvary that we see how God Himself knows what it is to lose a loved one in an unprovoked attack. *'I could never myself believe in God if it were not for the Cross. In the real world of pain, how could one worship a God who was immune to it?'* (John Stott).

Although we don't fully understand the reason why God allows evil and suffering to continue, we do know what the reason isn't! It can't be that He doesn't love us! God so loved us and hates suffering that He was willing to come down and get involved in our hurting world. This can be a source of real strength on such an occasion.

However, how can we ensure that those who have given their lives are truly honoured, not forgetting those who are risking their lives in conflicts today? An appropriate response is to actively work and pray for justice in our world, especially where there is inequality and conflict. In a divided world we are also called to renew our efforts to work for peace. We need to be serious about being peacemakers, especially where it involves those close to us. As Jesus said, *'Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called sons of God'* (Matt 5:9).

100 Years of Red Poppies

Amid the mud, blood and carnage of trench warfare in World War 1, tens of thousands of bright red poppies grew, marking the graves of the fallen. This led John McCrae, a Canadian army physician who had lost a colleague, to write "In Flanders Fields",

*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.*

This image inspired the adoption of a red poppy as the symbol of all soldiers who had died in conflict. Exactly 100 years ago, on the 11th November 1921, poppies of remembrance were sold for the first time in British and Commonwealth countries. Hostilities had actually ceased three years earlier at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month.

This year, on the 14th November, which is the nearest Sunday, a two-minute silence will be kept at war memorials throughout the country, and at the national ceremony at the Cenotaph in London's Whitehall. The Queen will pay tribute alongside Members of the Cabinet, Opposition Party leaders, former Prime Ministers, the Mayor of London and many others. Representatives of the Armed Forces, Fishing Fleets and Merchant Air and Navy will be there, as well as High Commissioners of Commonwealth countries. All will wear a red poppy.

Around 30 million poppies are sold each year in the UK by the Royal British Legion. All the proceeds are used to provide serving and ex-service personnel with financial support, advice, employment, mobility, housing and mental health facilities.

Today we are more aware than ever that battles are fought mainly by young people, and many of those who survive bear scars for life. The act of 'remembering' will not only look back to mark their sacrifice, but also yearn to learn lessons for the future.

Reflecting on the poem, 'In Flanders Fields', the American professor Moina Michael, wrote:

*And now the Torch and Poppy Red
We wear in honour of our dead.
Fear not that ye have died for naught;
We'll teach the lesson that ye wrought
In Flanders Fields.*

We Remember



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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.

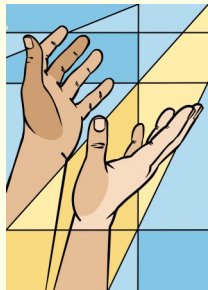


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Another Man gave up His life,
Another war, another fight,
With all mankind held fast in chains
As darkness fell as black as night.

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



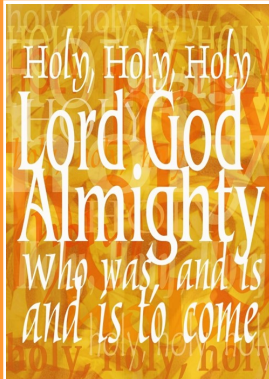
Prayer for November

Father, in these short, dark days of November, with all the uncertainties and complications in our new Covid 19 landscape, help us to feel the reassurance of Your presence in the gift of each new day. Help us to be guided through the darkness by Your light – by Jesus, who will never leave us or forsake us.

In His name - the name above pandemics and shortages and rising bills and all anxieties – we pray. Amen.

By Daphne Kitching

November brings us the last week in the church calendar: the Sunday of Christ the King, when we look forward to His future glorious reign. This is from an article by Tanya Marlow, author of 'Those Who Wait', and a writer for the London Institute for Contemporary Christianity (LICC).



Holy, Holy, Holy
Lord God
Almighty
Who was, and is
and is to come

Waiting for the Future

'The wolf will live with the lamb, the leopard will lie down with the goat, the calf and the lion and the yearling together; and a little child will lead them. ... They will neither harm nor destroy on all my holy mountain, for the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.' (From Isaiah 11)

When pain, conflict, stress, and sorrow flood our lives we can lose sight of God's promise of a different kind of future. Isaiah was living in desperate times. The leaders had made treaties with evil nations because they thought it would bring them security and riches – but disaster loomed. Isaiah knew that his nation was sleepwalking into war and destruction.

God gave Isaiah a picture of hope: the distant future, which is also our future. The wolf will no longer devour the lamb but lie alongside it. A child can plunge their hand into a viper's nest and not fear. There is safety and unity on God's holy mountain: a picture of eternal rest with our Creator.

We are built for heaven, and occasionally we remember that. However comfortable we are right now, evil and pain can render us powerless. Our souls groan along with the Holy Spirit, longing to live with Christ in a renewed and perfect world. Whether we're conscious of it or not, we're all waiting for Christ to return and make this world right.

This week, challenge yourself to take time out each day, amid the pre-Christmas chaos. Pray the final prayer of the Bible: 'Come, Lord Jesus.' Remember the temporary nature of life in this world and Christ's promise to return and bring true peace. If you're despairing, it will be a prayer of comfort for you. If you're comfortable in this life, it may stick in your throat. This Advent, pray it anyway.



Book Reviews

Have you read a good Christian book recently that you would recommend to others? How about writing a review, which could be published in the Pews News Extra?

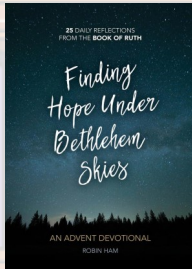
If you are thinking ahead to Advent, maybe the book below is worth considering. It is advertised here with the permission of "10 of Those", a Christian Book Company based in Leyland. If you would like a copy, we could place a bulk order. Please speak to either myself or Paul before Sunday 14th November.

Finding Hope Under Bethlehem Skies

25 Daily Reflections From the Book of Ruth

Robin Ham

We're all familiar with the Christmas story, but do you know the 'story behind the story'?



Tucked away in the Bible, hundreds of years before Mary, Joseph and the birth of Jesus, is the story of a girl called Ruth. It's a story that rings true to our world - a story of sadness and tears, even of death, but also a story of where hope can be found in the darkest places. A story that points us forward to the promise of a king.

Finding Hope Under Bethlehem Skies takes us on an Advent journey through 25 daily reflections. Each day has a short devotion, a suggested prayer and links to a response song. Come along to Bethlehem and discover the hope that shines brightly even on the darkest of nights.

Single Copy Price £3.99

Experience the Joy of Advent

'Fear not: for behold I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.'

Luke 2:10



Advent starts on the fourth Sunday before Christmas. The word 'Advent' is from the Latin word 'adventus' meaning 'coming'. Sometimes called 'Little Lent', it's a time to prepare our hearts for the future Second Coming, as well as the birth of Christ. We celebrate the season with advent calendars, candles and evergreen wreaths – symbolising Christ as Light of the world, bringing new and everlasting life.

Here are seven simple tips to help you experience and share the joy of Advent!

1. Connect with your inner child: Think back to the time when you were a child, on the simple things that made you happy at Christmas. Focus only on the good and feel the joy of Christmas come flooding back!
2. Keep it simple: This year, go for gifts and cards that share the meaning of the season, shop early and stay within your budget.
3. Be people focused: Remember the story of Mary and Martha – keep meals simple and allow yourself time and space to focus on enjoying the company of your guests.
4. Make Room for Jesus: Take some time at the beginning of each day to read your Bible, meditate on Scripture and pray. Focus on giving thanks to God for His gift of Christ to the world and for all He has done for us.
5. Me Time: God wants us to prosper in body, soul and spirit, so try to eat healthy, don't overindulge, take time for long walks and enjoy the good and simple things in life!
6. Wear a smile and share the Joy! Finally, being joyful is a choice, it's not about your circumstances. So, decide to be thankful this season. Wear a smile, act and talk positively, do small things with great love, be on the lookout for opportunities to do good to people. Give to the homeless, visit the sick, or take gifts to lonely neighbours.

If people ask you about your joy, don't be afraid to share your faith. Simply explain to them that 'Christ lives in my heart, and He can live in yours too.'



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International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted

The International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church will be taking place on Sunday 7th November. This year Open Doors, CSW and Release International are again teaming up for a special online social media event on that day.

For more details, please visit:

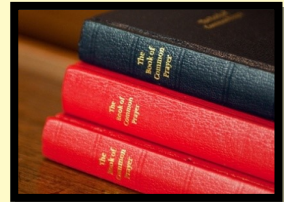
Open Doors at <https://www.opendoorsuk.org/resources/prayer/idop/>

CSW at <https://www.csw.org.uk/idop>

Release International at <https://releaseinternational.org/idop/>



Mid-Week Book of Common Prayer Service of Hbly Communion



From CofE website

Wednesdays weekly – 10am,
followed by refreshments in the hall.



Would you like to be involved in the Community and help support St Paul's?

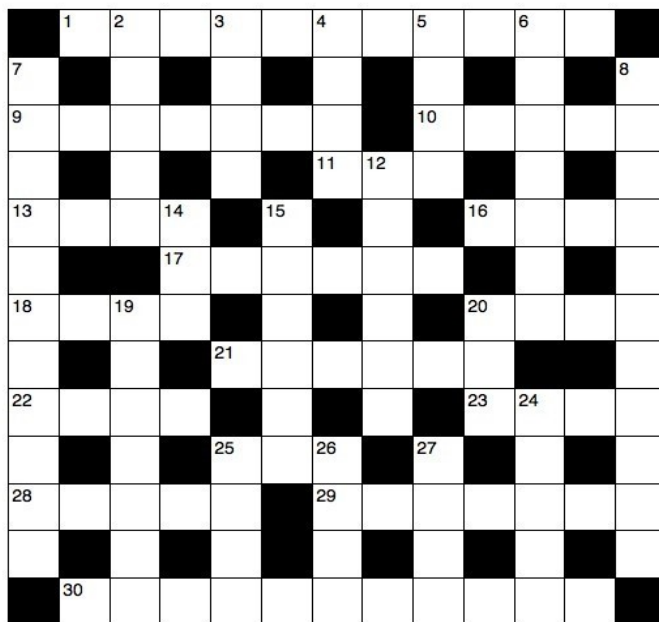
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NOVEMBER 2021 CROSSWORD

(The Bible version used in these crosswords is the NIV.)



Across

- 1 In David's battle with the Arameans, 700 of these were killed (2 Samuel 10:18) (11)
- 9 'No — , impure or greedy person has any inheritance in the kingdom of God' (Ephesians 5:5) (7)
- 10 City on the banks of the River Nile (5)
- 11 Stamped addressed envelope (1,1,1)
- 13 Taverns (4)
- 16 'Be on your guard; stand — in the faith' (1 Corinthians 16:13) (4)
- 17 'He will not always — , nor will he harbour his anger for ever' (Psalm 103:9) (6)
- 18 and 27 Down Where the magi came from and what guided them (Matthew 2:1-2) (4,4)
- 20 Ancient Celtic alphabet of 20 characters (4)
- 21 She married Esau when he was 40 years old (Genesis 26:34) (6)
- 22 A great-grandson of Noah (Genesis 10:7) (4)
- 23 Title accorded to certain Roman Catholic clerics (abbrev.) (4)

- 25 'My house will be a house of prayer; but you have made it a — of robbers' (Luke 19:46) (3)
- 28 Annie (anag.) (5)
- 29 Plead with (Zechariah 7:2) (7)
- 30 Tenth foundation of the new Jerusalem (Revelation 21:20) (11)

Down

- 2 'We have a building from God, an eternal house in heaven, not built by — hands' (2 Corinthians 5:1) (5)
- 3 Uncommon excellence (Proverbs 20:15) (4)
- 4 'You have exalted my horn like that of a wild ox; fine — have been poured upon me' (Psalm 92:10) (4)
- 5 — Homo ('Behold the Man') (4)
- 6 'He has given proof of this to all men by — him from the dead' (Acts 17:31) (7)
- 7 'Our — is in heaven' (Philippians 3:20) (11)
- 8 'This is a day you are to — ' (Exodus 12:14) (11)
- 12 Assault (Psalm 17:9) (6)
- 14 'Jesus found a young donkey and — upon it' (John 12:14) (3)
- 15 Liverpool dialect (6)
- 19 'Remember the — day by keeping it holy' (Exodus 20:8) (7)
- 20 Nineteenth-century German physicist after whom the unit of electrical resistance is named (3)
- 24 Nazirites were not allowed to eat this part of a grape (Numbers 6:4) (5)
- 25 'If anyone would come after me, he must — himself and take up his cross and follow me' (Mark 8:34) (4)
- 26 Evil Roman emperor from AD54 to 68, responsible for condemning hundreds of Christians to cruel deaths (4)
- 27 See 18 Across



Crossword Solution October 2021



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Time for a Smile

Know what to do

The town's fire prevention officer was conducting a health and safety course at the local church. The officer said to the minister: "Now imagine this: it is a Sunday morning, and you have a number of people, spread throughout your church building. Some are in the choir stalls, some are in the kitchen, and some are in the nave. Suddenly, a big fire breaks out. What are the first steps you would take?"

The minister thought carefully for a moment. "Really big ones," he said.

Food

People at my workplace have started a funny new tradition where they give names to the food in the office fridge. Today I ate a sandwich called Mark, followed by some cake called Rosie.

Iniquities

A keen young boy, attending his first Mass as an altar boy, was very attentive to everything the priest said. He was especially struck by the priest's prayer: "Lord, wash away my iniquities, and save me from sin!"

In the sacristy afterwards he humbly asked the priest where he should pour the water from the ablutions bowl: "Please father, where shall I put your iniquities?"



We so enjoyed the fireworks display, can we do it again at New Year?

Rooms

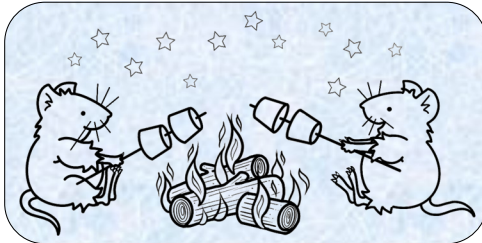
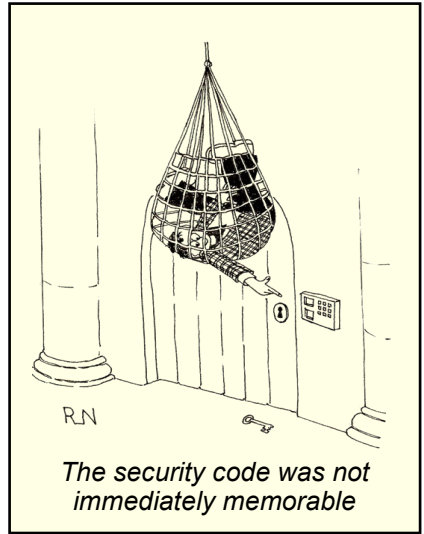
When the vicar moved his family into the large Victorian vicarage, a member of the congregation asked the young son how he liked his new home. "It's great," the little boy replied. "At last I have my own room, and Mike has his own room, and Jemma has her own room, and Robbie has his own room. But poor Mum is still in with Dad."

November



Parade for Remembrance Service

Local newspapers advertising church services don't always get it quite right. Such as the local paper advertising a Remembrance Day service, who should have printed: *There will be a parade of uniformed organisations.* Instead, they printed: *There will be a parade of uniformed organists.*



Tee-shirt

My kindergarten-aged daughter announced, just before school, that she needed to take a clean tee shirt to class. The teacher was going to iron an anti-drug message on it.

My wife frantically swept through my daughter's room, finding nothing usable but one tee shirt that already had something printed on one side. She sent it off to school with my daughter. That afternoon, my daughter returned and happily showed off her shirt.

On one side it said, 'Families are Forever.' And on the other, 'Be Smart, Don't Start.'

Hold her hand

While out in the town, I saw an elderly couple holding hands while they were walking. As they approached, I commented on how romantic it was.

The man replied, "We have been holding hands when we go out in public for over 30 years. I have to. If I let go, she shops."

Family tree

At a drinks party at a wealthy golf club, the conversation turned to the subject of ancestry. "Of course, we trace our family back to coming over with William the Conqueror," observed one lady with satisfaction. She turned to a second woman, who was new to the club, and asked, "What about you dear? Can you go back very far?"

"Not very far," came the reply. "You see, all the early family records were lost in the Flood."

Meeting Together at St. Paul's

Sunday

- 9:45am Short prayer meeting (Church Hall)
- 10:30am Our morning service with a common liturgy incorporating traditional and more contemporary elements and music across each month. Refreshments served after the service.
1st Sunday - Service of the Word;
2nd, 3rd & 4th Sundays - Holy Communion
Sunday Club meets on the 2nd & 4th weeks for 3-11s
- 4:00pm Our new complementary, multigenerational service seeking to reach and disciple all ages of the church together with a deliberate intention of incorporating children, young people and families. Followed by refreshments.
- 5:30pm Our sung service of Evensong from the Book of Common Prayer to mark selected Christian festivals six times a year.

Wednesday

- 10:00am Our mid-week Holy Communion service from the Book of Common Prayer; followed by refreshments.

Thursday

- 3:30pm Our weekly service of Evening Prayer from the Book of Common Prayer, alternating between said and sung forms.

Safeguarding

St Paul's Church takes safeguarding very seriously.
You can view all of our safeguarding information at:-

<https://stpaulsfairhaven.weebly.com/safeguarding.html>

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 the Parish or Diocesan Safeguarding Adviser or if necessary, report the matter to the Local Authority Social Care Services or the Police without delay.