



# KINGSDOWN MESSENGER



*November 2013*

## SERVICES FOR NOVEMBER



- 3 Nov 10.30 MHA SUNDAY-  
Speaker: Linda Chapman  
Worship Leader: Kathleen Loveridge  
No Evening Service  
Circuit Discipleship under Development
- 10 Nov 10.30 Rev Chrissie Howe, Family/Parade Service  
03.00 In Loving Memory - Service for the Bereaved  
No Evening Service  
Circuit Discipleship under Development
- 17 Nov 10.30 Mr Akin Phillips  
Circuit Discipleship under Development
- 24 Nov 10.30 Rev Chrissie Howe, Holy Communion  
No Evening Service  
Circuit Discipleship under Development
- 1 Dec 10.30 Mrs Regina Prempeh  
5.00 Advent Bible Study 1 of 3 - Rev Jen Smith  
-6.30
- 8 Dec 10.30 Rev Chrissie Howe, Family/Parade Service/Gift Service  
5.00 Advent Bible Study 2 of 3 - Rev Suva Catford  
-6.30
- 15 Dec 5.00 Advent Bible Study 3 of 3 - Rev Jen Smith (end 6.30pm)



### Advent Bible Study - Sunday Evenings at Kingsdown 5-6.30 pm

Come explore the themes and stories of Advent, a time of preparation for Christ's coming. Equally fine to come once or all evenings, bring a Bible if possible.



Open to all the circuit and friends, no experience necessary.



Dear Friends,

As we enter the month of November we look forward to marking a number of important occasions. On November 10<sup>th</sup> we, along with the whole of our nations, and many other countries around the world, will mark Armistice Day and remember the countless people, military and civilian, who have lost their lives in wars and conflict.

We will also continue to pray for peace whilst remembering Jesus' promise;  
'Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.'

At 3pm on the 10<sup>th</sup> we will also share in our annual service of bereavement, remembering and giving thanks for those we love but see no longer.

There will be times of celebration in and with the community this month with the Northfields Avenue Christmas Fun open evening on 28<sup>th</sup>, and our own Christmas Fayre on the 30<sup>th</sup>. These promise to be times of fellowship and joy and I warmly encourage you to attend and support those making preparations on our behalf – it's not too late to offer help if you are able!

At the end of this month we will enter the season of Advent which lasts until Christmas Eve. Advent is a time of preparation, an anticipation of our hearts, as we remember God's promise of the Messiah who is the hope and reality of salvation for all creation. Advent is also a time of expectant hope, when we look to the future and the past in order to focus on the present. God's reign is in our midst!

Through the Advent season and in to the festivities of Christmas may you grow in your Christian discipleship as you draw near to God and believe the promise and reality that God has already drawn near to us.

Love and prayers,

**Chrissie**

## KINGSDOWN FAMILY NEWS

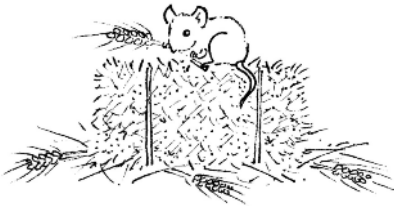
First an apology to Jill and Roy Ward for putting incorrect details in the last Messenger (in a hurry to squeeze it in!). Both the date and number of years being celebrated were quite wrong; the date should have been 25 September and the anniversary was their 44<sup>th</sup>! So very sorry to have given such misleading information (you can't get the staff!!).

Congratulations to Liz and Steve Palmer on the arrival of a new granddaughter, born to Kerry and Andrew, a sister for Edie.

All good wishes for a speedy recovery to Violet Cordon, recovering from a successful operation at St. Mary's Hospital.

## HARVEST FESTIVAL WEEKEND

The Harvest weekend was a busy one starting with decorating the church on Saturday morning. The church buzzed with all the activity, enlivened by the Barber Shop singers rehearsing in the upper foyer, and a busy coffee/tea bar serving to the needs of the many customers/decorators. There was a gratifying response to innovative and pleasing shelf ideas, which included contributions from the **Boys Brigade** (brilliant!), the **Splash & Dash Play Group** (very welcome first-time participants who also contributed a box of groceries), other equally delightful displays, backed up as always by **Ivy Hanson's** lovely flower arrangements. A big hand-clap to all who took part, as well as to the many people who donated thoughtful and suitable gifts.



Then in the evening, what a very enjoyable and fun occasion the Harvest supper and games/quiz evening turned out to be. Thanks to all who played a part in making this a most successful social event for the Kingsdown family (with **Rekha Cheriyan** at the helm).

The Parade/Family service on Sunday morning was also a lively occasion and the Harvest display showed off to advantage the many WorkAid gifts which had been generously donated. Most of the food contributed this year went to the Acton Food Bank which has recently been set up (via Greenford Church with thanks to the Rev Peter Catford).

## In Loving Memory' – Service at Kingsdown

On Sunday 10th November at 3.00pm Kingsdown will be holding its annual 'In Loving Memory' service giving us an opportunity to remember loved ones who have died and are no longer with us. All are invited to attend.

Slips will be available at the church on the Sunday morning for you to write the names of people you would like to have remembered during the service, or you can advise the names of your loved ones in advance to

Following the In Loving Memory Service at 3pm on November 10 we shall be serving light refreshments to allow people to stay and chat if they'd like to. Not everyone from Kingsdown attends this Service and some who do need to sit and reflect on the memory of their loved ones. If however you are attending and are able to help serve tea and coffee and help clear up afterwards this would be much appreciated.

Please let me know. Many thanks.

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**June Thompson (8579 3454)**



### *A prayer in November*

*Heavenly Father,*

*In this month of long nights and dull days, we remember those we have known, those we have loved and lost recently. We ache and we cry, as individuals and as a nation.*

*We read the lists of names of those who died in wars that are now history. Few of us knew those brave ones as living people, and we realise that life is fleeting. We too will soon be just names on a list, or on someone's family tree. And we wonder what life means.*

*Help us, Lord, to switch our focus, from our limited, "now" view, to your unlimited and eternal bigger picture - and to be re-assured.*

*Thank you for sending Jesus to make sense of life, paradoxically, by his death on the cross. Thank you that through knowing him, we can know you. Our names will never be forgotten, because we shall live forever with you, if we put our trust in Jesus. Thank you Lord for remembering us.*

*Amen*  
*By Daphne Kitching*

## **It doesn't matter if you don't know the answer – as long as you know who to go to . .**

It seems that people have been more nervous than is necessary in volunteering for the task of Safeguarding Co-ordinator at Kingsdown. (It's the only one of my former roles that hasn't been filled.) So I've been asked to write a few words about what the job entails, in the hope that when it is seen to be quite straightforward and not very time-consuming, someone will come forward.

Of course, Safeguarding Children, Young People and Vulnerable Adults is one of our key priorities, but anyone who has done the Methodist Church Training – that's almost 40 people at Kingsdown – and doesn't mind a bit of admin, would be able to take on the role.

The important thing to remember is that the Co-ordinator never makes decisions on his or her own – except in the most extreme emergencies which are very rare indeed! (I've never been in that position at Kingsdown.)

There is a whole team in the church, the circuit and the Methodist Connexion, as well as officers of the

Local Authority, the Police and the Ambulance service, who are trained and ready to support the individual Co-ordinator.

The Circuit Policy lays out the procedures and what to be aware of, and the Circuit Administrator – our own Gerald, of course – sends out the simple annual Return sheet, reminds us when everyone's registration or training needs updating, and keeps copies of all the forms that are needed.

The Lettings Officer makes sure that those hiring the premises or holding keys complete the necessary forms, and BB, Guides, Splash & Dash Pre-School and Activa After-School all have procedures and training overseen from their own Headquarters. So the Church Co-ordinator's role is well-supported!

I would be very happy to talk further to all those who now realise that they might be able to take on this role on behalf of the church!

**Kathleen Loveridge**

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# Boys' Brigade Newsletter

The BB has enjoyed a wonderful first half-term. Our numbers remain steady at about seventy and our Friday evenings are full of fun, hard work and adventure.

Last Saturday, we took five teams of Boys to the West London BB Football Day in Hayes. We entered all three age-group events and came home with two of the trophies! What a great day! The Junior and Senior teams were really quite unstoppable, it must be said. The Company section teams also played superbly and captured silver and bronze



medals.

More importantly, the players displayed immaculate sportsmanship on and off the pitch. Well done, Boys, you were excellent.

This Saturday, we're sending five of our finest to the Queen Badge Conference which is being held at Kingsdown. Matthew Plews, Daniel Plews, Jonathan Lane, Chris Jones and Michael Cummings will begin their great journey towards the BB's highest award.

We look forward to seeing you on Remembrance Sunday: thank you for your prayers and support.

Tony Plews  
*Captain*

## **Let's get crafty!**

Lots of Kingsdown folks have already generously responded to our requests for help at the forthcoming Christmas Fayre on Nov 30 and Janet and I would like to thank them. If you have not yet offered to help or have some time on your hands here are a couple of ideas you may like to think about.



### **Glitter Cup Candles**

Candles usually sell well at Christmas and the Oxfam Recraft Book suggests that Single Cup and Saucers make great tealight candle holders (The book has lots of other craft ideas too )

1. Stick the cup to the saucer with strong craft glue.
2. Paint the entire inside of the cup with PVC glue
3. Tip in glitter- the finer the better
4. Roll it round then gently tap out the excess
5. Fill in any bare patches when dry

Please let us have these with or without tealight candles before the Fayre starts at 10am or on an earlier day if possible.

### **Fill a gift bag**



We will be leaving transparent gift bags on a table in the foyer from 3 November which we hope people will pick up and filled with goodies such as homemade biscuits, mince pies, large cupcakes or sweets (bought eg Quality S/Roses or home made fudge, toffee etc.)

We would hope to sell these for not more than 50p so no need to go too mad, just good value and to make a small profit over your expenses.

Again we would need these before the Fayre starts at 10am or on an earlier day if possible if goods are non-perishable (such as sweets)

Thanks again everyone

**June Thompson**



## From the Church Council



The most recent Church Council was on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October. The meeting started by confirming the membership of the meeting for the 2013-14 Connexional year.

The following were confirmed as members and therefore Managing Trustees of the church:-

Chrissie Howe	Gerald Barton (Sec'y)	Esther Ackah
Olwen Britton	Christina Cheriyan	Rekha Cheriyan
Tom Cheriyan	Sybil Corbin	Juliet Edwards
Nerissa Fearon	Les Goodchild	Ivy Hanson
Rob Hutchings	Blossom Jackson	Kath Jarrett
Chris Marlow	Derek Matthews	Akin Phillips
Keji Phillips	Janet Smith	June Thompson
David Street (Circuit Steward)		

Paul West, who has been a representative on the Council for some time, has stepped down as his work commitments have made it difficult for him to attend the meetings.

Rob Hutchings presented the accounts for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> August 2013, which were duly accepted by the meeting. There was a surplus of £5,572 for the year. Rob said that compared to the outlook earlier in the year, additional donations totalling £6,000 had substantially improved the result for the year. Total funds in the main church account stood at £18,520 and £12,665 in the Major Repairs and Loan Fund account.

Of the loans extended to the church by various members, £5,000 had been converted to a donation during the year and the repayment period for £10,000 extended by a year to 31.8.14. Including the 'talent' gift from the Circuit and £2,195 of advance rent, which will be included in the 2013-14 accounts, total funds available to the church amounted to £38,380.

Kingsdown does not currently have a Safeguarding Officer as Kathleen Loveridge has had to stand down. However, no nominations for the post have been received since her resignation. This is an important post for our church and it is necessary for a new officer to be appointed. There will be an Extraordinary Church Council meeting on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> November following

the morning service at which it is intended to appoint a new Safeguarding Officer. In the meantime, anyone prepared to take on this role should speak to Chrissie Howe or one of the stewards.

As we are all aware, the sound system in the church has been showing its age. Quotes have been obtained for a new sound-only system, and also for a full audio-visual system. There is a generous offer of a donation to cover the cost of a new system. The proposed audio-visual system will include a retractable screen located in the 'chancel' and a projector mounted high up at the back of the church. There would also be sound links into the foyer and to the upper level. The meeting decided to install the audio-visual system. Alan Smith and Chris Marlow will oversee installation, which should be complete before Christmas.

On the property front, Janet Smith told the meeting that a number of maintenance items are outstanding. Quotes for the work will be taken to a joint meeting of the Property and Finance committees on 7<sup>th</sup> November. Proposals for work to be undertaken will then be presented to the Extraordinary Church Council meeting on 24<sup>th</sup> November. Janet also said that additional help is required to maintain the church garden at the front of the building – if you can offer help, please speak to Janet.

As you know, the Circuit has offered a grant of £5,000 to each church in the Circuit to undertake a project (or projects) linked to mission. A number of suggestions have been made -

- Support for the Ealing Borough Food Bank
- Set up a Christian bookstall in the church
- Use a part of the money to engage Church Check to evaluate the impression the church makes on a newcomer
- Develop work with the bereaved in conjunction with a local undertaker
- Consider Young Church needs

Kath Jarrett is investigating how Kingsdown might participate in the Food Bank and Gerald Barton is checking the costs of Church Check. Proposals will be put to the Extraordinary Church Council meeting on 24<sup>th</sup> November.

Those of you who came to the Games Evening will agree that it was very enjoyable and thanks were extended to Rekha Cheriya, Kath Jarrett and June Thompson for organising the event.

The next social event will be a Murder Mystery evening on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> March at 7.00pm. Put the date in your diaries now...

Finally, services during the Christmas and New Year period will be as follows

Gift service and nativity	8 <sup>th</sup> December at 10.30am
Carol Service	22 <sup>nd</sup> December at 6.30pm
Carols outside the church	24 <sup>th</sup> December at 5.00pm
Midnight communion	24 <sup>th</sup> December at 11.30pm
Christmas morning	25 <sup>th</sup> December at 10.30am
Covenant Service	5 <sup>th</sup> January at 10.30am

The next meeting of the Church Council will be the extraordinary meeting on 24<sup>th</sup> November after the morning service. The following meeting will be on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> March.

**Gerald Barton, Secretary to Church Council**

## **Macedonian Evening at Hanwell, 17<sup>th</sup> November 2013 and Retreat in Macedonia, May 2014**

Peter and Suva Catford are planning a one week self-funded retreat to Macedonia in May 2014. The week will be a time of retreat and relaxation taking a look at some of the insights from Macedonian Orthodoxy through visiting places of interest and considering symbols, scripture and sacraments.

To introduce the retreat, there will be a Macedonian Evening of food and conversation on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2013 at 4.00 pm at Hanwell Methodist Church.

You don't have to be thinking of going on the retreat to come to the evening! However, if you would like to come to the evening, please let Peter or Suva know in advance by calling 020 8567 1970 or by e-mail at [suva.catford@methodist.org.uk](mailto:suva.catford@methodist.org.uk) so they know how much food to prepare.

## ***Ealing Charity Christmas Card Shop***

This year the Ealing Charity Christmas Card Shop will be at the YMCA, St Mary's Road, Ealing.

The shop will operate from Monday 4th November to Thursday 19th December and will be open on Mondays – Saturdays from 10.00am – 5.00pm.



In addition the shop will be open on Sundays 24th November, and 1st, 8th and 15th December from 12.30pm – 4.30pm.

## **Quiet Zones at Pitshanger**

Between 18th and 23rd November 2013 Pitshanger Methodist Church is planning to offer an interactive, spiritual experience seeking to encourage people of all ages to consider questions of spirituality and to engage with God.

There will be six "zones" each containing an opportunity for reflection or activity set within and around three gazebos to create a quiet contemplative atmosphere.

## **Charity of the Year - 2012-2013**

I am pleased to report that Kingsdown raised £1,038.42 for COTY 2012/3 which was Ealing Street Pastors Initiative. I have received a warm letter of thanks from the ESPI Co-ordinator Ann Clifford.



**Olwen Britton**

## **METHODIST RELIEF & DEVELOPMENT FUND**



**Methodist Relief &  
Development Fund**

The Methodist Church's own charity arm is the MRDF and at the Morning Service on 8 September the annual envelope collection raised the sum of £168.00. Many thanks to all who contributed to this worthy cause.

Thanks also to those ongoing contributors who donate funds regularly throughout the year, which so far has raised a further £83.50.



# THE TRUTH AND LIES ABOUT GLOBAL POVERTY

MRDF challenges five myths surrounding global poverty and celebrates the work of partners providing practical solutions for poor communities around the world.

**Myth 1: 'They won't help themselves'**

**Myth 2: 'They are poor because they have too many children'**

**Myth 3: 'They are all corrupt'**

**Myth 4: 'Only the poorest countries need aid'**

**Myth 5: 'The poor will always be with us'**

**A truth: 'We can all make a difference'**

## **Myth 1: 'They won't help themselves'**

The root causes of poverty are so diverse and complex that people living in poverty are very rarely poor by choice or because they are too idle to work. In deed John Wesley, the founder of Methodism said, 'So wickedly, devilishly false is that common objection, "They are poor, only because they are idle".'

People living poverty are often very hardworking and resourceful – they need to be to survive - but have few resources to fall back on, and very limited opportunities to develop their skills or improve their prospects. Poor communities are also more vulnerable to conflict, natural disasters and climate change , which can set back decades of progress overnight.

But around the world, MRDF is working with local organisations that understand the issues facing their communities and are implementing effective local solutions to poverty

Providing training in appropriate, sustainable agriculture, as well as in a range of alternative livelihoods such as livestock rearing, beekeeping and food processing, is giving people skills and opportunities to put them into practice.

As a result, last year the average income of farming families participating in MRDF projects nearly tripled. In Ethiopia, MRDF partner ADHENO established

The Bee Development and Marketing Cooperative to provide training for local beekeepers, including Eshetu Tadik. Eshetu, 24, says, 'After my father died, I became the head of the household and needed to provide for my mother, brother and sisters. I started beekeeping as a way of earning money when I was 13 years old.

Before the co-operative I only owned traditional beehives. I did not process the honey I harvested, so it was dirty and not good quality. I sold to a merchant so lost much of my profit to the middleman. I heard about the co-operative and thought that by joining I would produce more, learn more and earn more.

In 2010 I joined the co-operative and received training in beekeeping and financial management. After joining I acquired a modern beehive from ADHENO and with the profits I bought another one myself. Now I can sell the honey for profit, in my local area instead of in Debre Birhan, so I save time and money. I get a decent price for the honey and make a profit.

My hope for the future is to turn my 10 traditional beehives into modern ones so I can earn more money and build a house near the town. I want to be a model beekeeper. I appreciate the support of MRDF, it gives us a light of hope.

## **Myth 2: 'They are poor because they have too many children'**

The size of families around the world can be linked to a number of factors, from economic security and access to essential services to cultural practices and inequality. For families living in poverty, malnutrition and limited access to healthcare and adequate sanitation mean there is an increase in the risk of child mortality.

Over 6 million children a year still die before their fifth birthday. Parents will have more children when faced with the risk that not all will survive into adulthood, so large families are often the result of poverty and inequality, rather than the cause of it. In Mali, MRDF is supporting partner organisations that promote primary healthcare education for families.

Mothers are taught how to prepare nutritious meals with ingredients available locally, reducing the risk of child malnutrition and improving children's resistance to preventable diseases. Improving access to family planning also leads to smaller family sizes, as well as reducing the risks to mothers' health,

**The other Myths and the Truth will be discussed in the next  
Messenger**



MRDF Extraordinary Gift catalogues are now available in the Foyer or call Pam or Alan (020 8840 4803) if you want your own copy.

The Gifts range from £8 to £205 and cover a wide range of activities.

**Go to <http://www.mrdf.org.uk/give/extraordinary-gifts>  
to place an order direct.**

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## **Methodists celebrate 200 years of a district missionary society**

Methodists have celebrated 200 years since the founding of one the Church's first district missionary societies.

The Revd Ruth Gee, President of the Methodist Conference, unveiled a blue plaque marking the site of the Old Boggart House, which was the first purpose built Methodist chapel in Leeds.

The blue plaque will also commemorate the public meeting held on 6 October 1813, which led to the formation of the Leeds Wesleyan Methodist District Missionary Society - the forerunner of the Methodist Missionary Society formed in 1818.

For the full story go to: <http://www.methodist.org.uk/news-and-events/news-releases/methodists-celebrate-200-years-of-mission>

## *A Catholic Joke for All Faiths...*

*An old nun who was living in a convent next to a construction site noticed the coarse language of the workers and decided to spend some time with them to correct their ways.*

*She decided she would take her lunch and sit with them, so she put her sandwich in a brown bag and walked over to the spot where the men were eating.*

*Sporting a big smile, she walked up to the group and asked: "Any of you men know Jesus Christ?"*

*They shook their heads and looked at each other, very confused. Then one of the workers looked up into the steelworks and yelled out, "Anybody up there know Jesus Christ?"*

*One of the steelworkers yelled back down, "Why?"*

*The worker yelled back, "'Cause his mum's here with his lunch."*

*Submitted by Janet Smith*

## **5 November - Guy Fawkes – an early terrorist**

Back in 1605 Guy Fawkes managed to stow a good few barrels of gunpowder under the House of Lords without anybody noticing. He was part of a Roman Catholic plot to murder James 1 of England and his parliament at the state opening. Fortunately, Guy Fawkes was found - and stopped - in time.



**TAKE CARE ON BONFIRE NIGHT.**

**KEEP FIREWORKS SAFELY  
STORED UNTIL YOU NEED THEM.  
USE GLOVES FOR ANY HAND HELD.  
WATCH THE YOUNGER CHILDREN.  
KEEP PETS SAFE.**



## Poppies for Remembrance

The annual Poppy Appeal is now underway. Did you ever wonder how it all began?

It seems that poppies were first suggested as a symbol of Remembrance in the USA by a Miss Moina Michael, way back in November 1918. The American Legion used them in 1920, and then in 1921 Madame Guerin introduced her poppies, made by widows of a French-American charity, to the British Legion. The next suitable occasion for a poppy-linked appeal was Armistice Day, and the British Legion took a big chance: they had no idea if the poppies would 'catch on' over here or not, but went ahead, ordered nine million, and held their breath...



On the day itself, the first poppy was bought in London a few seconds after midnight. The poppies were on sale at an official price of threepence but before breakfast single petals were selling Smithfield Market for £5. All day long motor cars fetched poppies and crate after crate was emptied until supplies ran out. A message from Queen Mary brought sellers to Buckingham Palace, but hearing that poppies were in short supply, she bought only two. A basket of poppies auctioned at Christies raised nearly £500.

That first appeal raised £106,000 (nearly £30 million in today's terms). In 1922 the "Poppy Factory" was established in the UK and has been employing disabled ex-Servicemen to make the poppies ever since. Poppies were "sold" when the appeal started. Nowadays, charity legislation requires them to be 'distributed in return for donations'.

### *Desert Island Bible*

*Ever since the Radio 4 programme Desert Island Discs began, it has provided its castaways with two mandatory books, the Bible and The Complete Works of Shakespeare. There have been reports recently that the Bible might be dropped from the programme. However, the BBC insists there are no plans to ditch the Bible.*

*The presenter of the programme, Kirsty Young has suggested to Philip Pullman that, as an atheist, he might not be too keen to have the Bible. Philip said, 'Why not? There are lots of good stories in the Bible.' We can say "Amen" to that!*

## **All in the month of NOVEMBER**

It was....

150 years ago:- on 19th Nov 1863 that President Abraham Lincoln delivered his famous Gettysburg Address at the dedication ceremony of the Soldiers' National Cemetery in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania.

125 years ago:- on 6th Nov 1888 that Tchaikovsky's 5th Symphony was first performed, St Petersburg, Russia.

100 years ago:- on 22nd Nov 1913 that Benjamin Britten, leading British composer, conductor and pianist, was born.

90 years ago:- on 11th Nov 1923 that the eternal flame at the tomb of the unknown soldier under the Arc de Triomphe in Paris was lit for the first time. It was the first modern-day eternal flame in Europe.

80 years ago:- on 12th Nov 1933 that the Nazi Party won more than 92% of the vote in the German parliamentary elections. (All opposition parties had been banned.)

75 years ago:- on 9th Nov 1938 that Kristallnacht took place, when the Nazis burned synagogues and destroyed thousands of Jewish homes and businesses in Germany and Austria.

70 years ago:- on 5th Nov 1943 that the Vatican City was bombed for the one and only time during WW2. Italian Fascists dropped five bombs from an unmarked place in an attempt to knock out the radio station.

60 years ago:- on 9th Nov 1953 that Dylan Thomas, Welsh poet and playwright, died. He was best known for 'Under Milk Wood'.

50 years ago:- on 22 Nov 1963, that US President John F Kennedy was assassinated in Dallas, Texas.

Also 50 years ago:- on 22nd Nov 1963, that CS Lewis, Irish-born British novelist, literary critic and academic, best known for 'The Chronicles of Narnia', died.

Also 50 years ago:- on 23rd Nov 1963 that the first episode of the science fiction TV series 'Doctor Who' was broadcast on UK TV It is the longest-running and most successful science fiction TV series in the world.

40 years ago:- on 3rd Nov 1973 that NASA launched the 'Mariner 10' space probe to Venus and Mercury.

25 years ago:- on 15th Nov 1988 that the independent state of Palestine was proclaimed by the Palestinian National Council.

20 years ago:- on 1st Nov 1993 that The Maastricht Treaty came into effect, establishing the European Union.

15 years ago:- on 1st Nov 1998 that The European Court of Human Rights was founded in Strasbourg, France.

Also 15 years ago:- on 24th Nov 1998 that the British Government unveiled plans to abolish the rights of hereditary peers to sit and vote in the House of Lords.

10 years ago:- on 22nd Nov 2003 that England won the Rugby World Cup for the first time.

## **Smiles lines - Great invention**

The boys had been up in the attic together helping with some cleaning. They uncovered an old manual typewriter and asked their mother what it was. She briefly explained, but they were still puzzled as to how it worked.



"I'll show you," their mother said, and returned with a blank piece of paper. She rolled the paper into the typewriter and began striking the keys, leaving black letters of print on the page.

"WOW!" they exclaimed, "That's really cool...but how does it work like that? Where do you plug it in?"

"There is no plug," she answered. "It doesn't need a plug."

"Then where do you put the batteries?" they persisted.

"It doesn't need batteries either," she continued.

"Wow! This is so cool!" they exclaimed. "Someone should have invented this a long time ago!"

## *It was first said in the Bible*

*Few people realise that many of the sayings which they use today had their origin in the Bible.*

*Here are some examples:*

*If you say, "I escaped by the skin of my teeth" you will be quoting something from the book of Job 19.20.*

*And if you feel something is "no more than a drop in a bucket" you will find this in the prophecy of Isaiah 40.15.*

*If something happens "in the twinkling of an eye" this comes straight from 1 Corinthians 15.52.*

*If someone tries to find "a scapegoat" tell them to look at Leviticus 16.10.*

*And if you say "A little bird told me" you will find it comes from the Old Testament book of Ecclesiastes 10.20.*

*And if someone sighs and says there's "no rest for the wicked" you could point them to Isaiah 57.21.*

*How many people will say "the writing's on the wall" without knowing that it comes from the book of Daniel 5.5.*

*And the expression "pride comes before a fall" can be found in Proverbs 16.18?*

*The saying "by the sweat of your brow" comes straight from Gen 3.19.*

*And "out of the mouths of babes" is in Psalm 8.2.*

*And finally, if after all this you are near your "wits end" you'd better have a glance at Psalm 107.27.*

# Church-related diseases

## Frontophobia

A morbid fear of the front few rows in church. The patient is struck by an attack at the church door and collapses into the nearest back seat.

## Sermonic throat

A dreaded choking caused by the start of a sermon. The patient unwraps a sweet slowly and noisily which often results in a complete cure.

## Double auricular clearance

A condition due to the simultaneous opening of both ear ducts, which allows sound to enter one ear and exit the other without any intermediate absorption. The condition is particularly acute during the preaching of a sermon.

## Accelerated/retarded vocal response

An unusual condition which causes a person to sing faster or slower than the musical accompaniment.

## Exititis

A condition which makes a person rush to the church's exit area so that they can leave without speaking to the preacher.

## Response paralysis

An infliction which causes a person to remain completely silent when it is announced that a key position in the church needs to be filled.

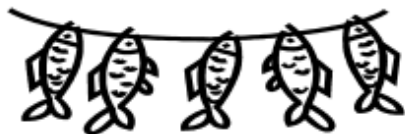




## St ANDREW

feast day November 30<sup>th</sup>

The Bible tells us that Andrew and his brother Simon Peter were the very first disciples to follow Jesus. They were fishermen working at their nets when Jesus called them. It was a hard thing to do, to leave everything for an uncertain way of life but Andrew knew that Jesus so special that he had to share this wonderful knowledge with others.



Andrew followed Jesus for the rest of his life. After Jesus' death he travelled widely spreading the message and building the early church. He was arrested for being a follower of Christ and condemned to death on the cross. Legend says that he was crucified on a diagonal cross.

St Andrew is the patron saint of Scotland and his cross is on the Scottish flag which is a white cross on a blue background – the blue is for the sea which seems right for a fisherman.

## SAIL AWAY

Andrew and Simon fished with nets from the shore or from small boats. You could make a fishing fleet of small boats and decorate their sails with St Andrew's cross.

You will need a polystyrene box or tray like the ones you see at the fruit shop or supermarket.

Using a bread knife, carefully cut out several different shapes and sizes.



Find a thin stick for the masts (you could use a pencil) and cut out a sail in paper. Thread or stick the sail onto the mast.



**How do fish go into business?**  
They start on a small scale.



**What day of the week do fish hate?**  
Frydays.

**Why are gold fish orange?**  
The water makes them rusty.

## **EVENTS AT KINGSDOWN**

### **NOVEMBER**

- Sat 2 Book Fair in aid of MHA  
Mon 4 8.00 pm Guides (most Mondays throughout the month)  
Tue 5 2 pm Kingsdown Club - Sounds Around with Alan Smith  
Wed 6 1-3 pm Babies & Toddlers Group  
7.00 pm Youth Group  
Fri 8 10.15 am Coffee Morning in Foyer - Everyone welcome  
BOYS BRIGADE 6.30-7.30 pm Anchor Boys, 6.30-8.00 pm  
Junior Section, 7.30-10.00 pm Company Section (most  
Fridays throughout month)  
Sat 9 10.30 am Coffee & Chat in the Foyer - Everyone welcome  
Tue 12 Liz & Steve Palmer's Home Group  
Sun 16 Macedonia Event at Hanwell (see p.11)  
Tue 19 2 pm Kingsdown Club - A Bingo & Quiz Afternoon  
Thu 28 6-9 pm Northfield Avenue Family Fun Evening  
Sat 30 10am - 2 pm Kingsdown Christmas Fayre

### **FORTHCOMING EVENTS**

#### **Fielding School Visits**

#### **Wednesday & Thursday 4 & 5 December**

The next meeting of the Kingsdown Church Council is arranged for  
27<sup>th</sup> March 2014.

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