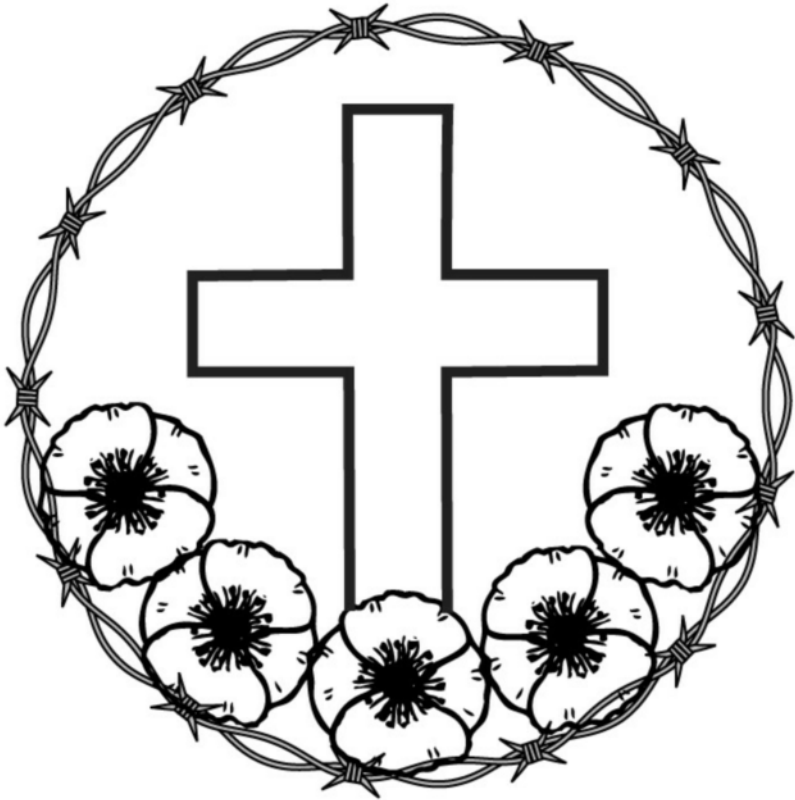




KINGSDOWN MESSENGER



November 2017

SERVICES FOR NOVEMBER 2017



- 5 Nov 10.30 Ms Ade Benson-Agundimu
- 12 Nov 10.30 Mrs Penny Pedley, Family/Parade
Service - REMEMBRANCE SERVICE
- 19 Nov 10.30 Rev Oluyemisi Jaiyesimi, Holy Communion
- 26 Nov 10.30 Mrs Penny Pedley



Prayer to remind us to remember



Lord, At this remembrance time, we remember those who gave their lives in the service and protection of their country, whether many years ago, or in more recent conflicts. We thank you for them and pray for those who loved them.

The death of a loved one, whatever the cause, changes our lives forever and we walk an unchosen path. There are wonderful memories, times to be thankful, but nothing takes away the pain and empty space every day. Thank you, Lord, for understanding our loss. Thank you that when we cry, we know that you cried first, when your friend died. It's all right to cry. It's all right to pour out our pain to you, as we remember...

And Lord, we remember most of all your death on the cross. We thank you that in this remembering we have hope and meaning and confidence because you rose again; you overcame death. If we put our trust in you we shall live with you forever. Lord at our saddest times, help us to remember your victory and the bigger picture!

In Jesus name, Amen.

By Daphne Kitching

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November is ushered in, in the church's calendar, by the twin festivals of All Saints (1st November) and All Souls (2nd November).



Though many saints have their individual festival days, All Saints is an opportunity to remember and give thanks for all saints and martyrs, known and unknown.

It is a day that encourages us to be conscious of our heritage, the vast number of ordinary men and women who, through the centuries have given their time, energy, skills and, often, their lives, to pass on the gospel message, and to ensure that future generations would hear it, understand it and discover its truth. It is thanks to them that we are now able to call ourselves Christians.

I like to include in that number the people whose influence and example encouraged us to explore what it means to be a Christian, and to set out on the journey of faith for ourselves. They may be (or have been) very ordinary people, but God worked in and through them to touch us and speak to us of his reality. For me, a major person was Jose, who lived across the road from us when I was a child. She was a widow, having lost her husband at a very young age and she raised two sons on her own. But what touched me was her warmth, her cheerfulness and the way she was always willing to stop and talk to me, and made me feel that I mattered.

My parents were nominal Anglicans, but only went to church occasionally, but, in my early teens, I had a deep sense of a need for God and I went to our local church on my own. Jose was in the choir there and saw me, and she came over later to ask me (with my parents' permission) if I would like to join the choir and go with her each week. So I started to attend regularly, and was confirmed, and that was very much the beginning of my Christian journey. It doesn't sound like much, but Jose noticing me and taking an interest meant more to me than she will ever know.

I once heard a minister speak about saints, and she pointed to the stained glass windows around the church with pictures of the saints in them, and said that saints are people whom the light shines through. I love that description.

I believe that we are all called to be saints, people whom the light shines through. We are called to let Christ's light shine in our lives, to be willing to pass on the message of love and grace that we have been entrusted with in whatever way we can, in word and action, in simple and ordinary acts of love.

Jose died earlier this year, and has now, I believe, joined that 'great cloud of witnesses' spoken of in Hebrews 12, those people of faith who have set the example for us. And that brings us, in a sense, to All Souls. It originated as a time to pray for the souls of people in purgatory – a rather dubious Catholic doctrine - but in more recent years, in Catholic and Anglican churches, it has been regenerated as an opportunity to remember those who have died, giving thanks for them and the way in which their lives have touched and blessed ours. Often special services are held, particularly for those recently bereaved, in which those who have died are remembered by name.

As we embark on a month during which we are very conscious of encroaching darkness and cold, it is good to take time to remember the warmth and love and light that so many special people have brought to our lives. It is good to take time to be thankful and these dates offer us that opportunity. I invite you to call those people to mind on those dates and thank God for the gift of them in your life. If the 'saints' that you are conscious of in your life are still alive, you may, if you haven't already, like to take the time to thank them, to let them know what a difference they have made.

Otherwise, you may consider doing something to express your appreciation of them – a card, email or flowers to a family member; a gift to an appropriate charity. I only suggest this because sometimes, it can be a real help to do something practical.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Penny', with a horizontal line underneath.

***Never let your computer
know you are in a hurry***

Family News

Norma Crooks, a long-standing and active member of Kingsdown, died on Monday 2 October 2017 after a long illness. The church was full for her funeral service which took place at Kingsdown on Friday, 13 October, and was conducted by Mrs Penny Pedley. The service was followed by a committal service at Mortlake Crematorium. Norma's family and relations expressed their gratitude, thanks and appreciation for all the love, condolences and support shown to them during their time of great sadness.



Having made a fabulous cake for the occasion, and had such a wonderful time at the recent wedding of her granddaughter, we were sorry to learn that **Ivy Hanson** was feeling very poorly following her flu jab. Get well soon Ivy.

We also send our kind thoughts and good wishes to other members of our church family who have not been able to join with us recently, for whatever reasons, and hope to see them back soon.



For any of our Kingsdown family who may remember **Lorna Howarth**, we thought you might be interested to know that Lorna still remembers with affection her time at Kingsdown with her husband George (our minister at that time), and maintains her contact by continuing to receive a copy of the Messenger.

Lorna's latest missive asked that she be remembered to anyone who might have been around at that time, (especially if they might have attended the Young Wives Group which she started during their stay with us).

Following a slight stroke, Lorna is unable to drive now but manages to get to church with the help of kind friends and other forms of transport. She notes the many Circuit changes which have been taking place and hopes that there will now be a period of stability for everyone at Kingsdown.

Ealing Foodbank and Night Shelter

Many thanks to everyone who generously donated so many food items at Harvest Festival (and on other Sundays too). There's a great selection for us to use when we host the winter night shelter and plenty also to donate to the foodbank. I'll be taking a delivery to the warehouse in a few weeks time as it's very busy at present with donations from other churches' harvest festivals.



Kingsdown is due to host the night shelter for the homeless on four Sunday nights 26th Nov, 3rd, 10th and 17th December.

My thanks to those who have kindly volunteered to help. If there's anything you'd like to ask about the foodbank or night shelter you have any questions or would like to help, please do get in touch with me,



Sue Barton 020 8840 7704 email sue.garland6039@btinternet.com

All We Can Book Fair & Harvest Appeal



Methodist
relief and
development

Many thanks to all those who contributed, worked, donated or just visited the annual AWC Book Fair on September 17th which raised a total of £322.91. The envelope collection from the pews raised a further £98.82..

Other donations of £108.10 received from regular donors was added in to make an overall total of £602.83 being sent to **All We Can** to help the poorest of the poor.

Thanks again to all those who support the work of this Methodist charity. There is a thank you letter from **AWC** on the Notice Board in the Church Foyer.

Alan Smith
AWC-Co-ordinator

From the Church Council

The most recent meeting of the Church Council was on 26th September and was attended by 11 of the 19 members of the Council along with Deacon Lemia Nkwelah.

As this was Penny Pedley's first Council meeting, she spoke about how she would be approaching her year as Associate Pastor for Kingsdown. She will endeavour to help the church in the following ways:

- Increasing confidence in God's presence and our dependence on Him for all we do.
- To make prayer the heart of what we do.
- To help us challenge what we do and to reflect on whether it is what we should be doing.
- To use her skills in training to enable, encourage and equip us in particular to work together to grow the church, first by 'growing' ourselves through prayer and reflection together.

Penny asked that we give her our thoughts on how her gifts can be best used particularly in relation to small groups and study groups.

As readers will know, Penny's appointment as Associate Pastor for Kingsdown and Ealing Green is for one year.

The process for allocating ministers to churches from next September known as 'stationing' is just beginning. A profile of Kingsdown has been agreed by the Church Stewards and has been submitted to the London District as part of the process to appoint a new minister from September 2018.

On finance, Derek Matthews, our Treasurer indicated that the accounts for the 2016/17 financial year were being sent for independent examination and would be formally presented at the next meeting. However, he reported that the church had had a surplus of about £20,000 for the year. In line with our reserves policy the meeting decided to transfer a similar sum to the Major Repairs Fund.

On property matters, Janet Smith reported that various items of maintenance had been completed around the church including repair of the wall in the corridor leading to the hall and redecoration of the hall foyer; re-carpeting of the choir vestry and cleaning and re-sealing of the hall and the hall and church

foyers (you've probably noticed the sheen on the floors). Active consideration is being given to replacing the up-lighters in the church. These are expensive to run and maintain and are mostly not working at present.

As a matter of proper procedure, Council affirmed that all works, estimates and commissioning of works must go through the Property Committee and where approval is required, to the Church Council.

A decision on how to use the £900 surplus from the Heinz Chapel Choir concert in May had been carried over from the previous meeting. It was decided that the entire amount should be donated to the Ealing Churches Winter Night Shelter. The meeting also endorsed a recommendation from the Mission & Outreach Committee that the Night Shelter should be Charity of the Year for 2017/18 and the Log Cabin for 2018/19.

As in previous years, we will be staging the Festival of Nativities again this December and the Church Stewards will be organising volunteers to set them up in the

church at the start of December. In addition to inviting various local schools to come to see the nativities, the Festival will link in with the 'Love Northfields' event on Saturday 9th December.

Deacon Lemia Nkwelah spoke to the meeting about the MHA Ealing Live at Home Scheme and how it could be extended to include Kingsdown who, along with Ealing Green are the only churches in the Circuit not currently involved in the scheme. After some discussion, it was agreed that Kingsdown would host a Strength & Balance Class on Thursday afternoons from 2.00pm. The class will be run by the Live at Home Scheme in conjunction with StayActive4Life and would be followed by refreshments with the Scheme providing the necessary support staff/volunteers. Deacon Lemia will confirm the arrangements and let us know when the classes will begin.

The next Church Council meeting will be on 6th December.

Gerald Barton
Secretary to Church Council

**Our great-grandfathers called it the holy Sabbath;
our grandfathers called it the Sabbath; our fathers
called it Sunday; today it's known as the weekend.**

Ealing Trinity Methodist Circuit

Autumn Reflections

Growing in Prayer



An opportunity to explore the gift of prayer, our experience of it, our expectations and our questions. The aim is to develop our confidence in prayer, both as individuals and as church communities.

There will be two groups, led by Penny Pedley, meeting in:

**The Parlour, Ealing Green Church
on Sunday afternoons at 5pm.**

on 12th, 19th and 26th November and 10th December

and

**Greenford Methodist Church
on Wednesday afternoons at 2,30pm.**

on 15th, 22nd, 29th November and 6th December

*For more details contact Penny 07484 542879
pennypedley@yahoo.co.uk*

CHURCHES TOGETHER GROUP VISITS

Our next visit will be to **St Paul's Cathedral**
on **Sat 25th November** at 2.15pm.



The plan is to have a talk from the Precentor about the Cathedral and its work, followed by a break in the Crypt Café, and then Choral Evensong at 5pm. We will have reserved seats in the Quire.

If you would like to join us, please contact **Noreen Barnes-Hoggett**,
noreen29@googlemail.com or on 020 8997-4935, but please note that

Harvest Festival Preparation

Many thanks to everyone who contributed their time, talents and donations to assist in making the church a showcase for our Harvest Service on Sunday, 8 October. It was a delight to see the efforts made to achieve results which truly represented this autumn season making a very suitable backdrop for all the many gifts displayed - a great team effort.

As previously reported, donations are to be used for the Christmas Night Shelter visitors, which Kingsdown is hosting for the four weekends leading up to Christmas.

Eileen and Pam





Richmond Riverside Sponsored Walk in aid of Christian Aid.



On Saturday 23rd a small group from Kingsdown Church, Julie, Lita, Rita, Violet and Janet met to embark on a sponsored walk

The group had done the walk before around Richmond Park. This year the venue was different, and again we were blessed with a glorious sunny autumnal day.



We met the rest of the walkers at St. Matthias Church. The one with the tall spire that can be seen from miles around above Richmond. A beautiful Victorian Anglican Church, where we had croissants, hot drinks, and had time to converse and acquaint ourselves with the other people present.

We began our walk along Friars Stile Road to Richmond Hill, where there is a beautiful view over the River Thames. This view has been made famous by several distinguished artists such as Constable.

We then descended through the lovely Terrace Gardens to the River Thames past Petersham Meadows; over the river with a lovely view of Marble House; then a glimpse of Ham House, another stately home, before coming to Eel Pie Island in the middle of the river opposite Twickenham.

Beyond Eel Pie island we came to a large nature reserve on land where there was once gravel pits; past the entrance to Thames Young Mariners, another old travel pit where youngsters now learn to sail.

We eventually reached Teddington Lock, which is the boundary point between the non-tidal and tidal parts of the Thames. Over the river we saw a large building site where Teddington TV Studios once stood (many well-known TV shows were recorded there).

Our next “watering hole” was at St. Richard’s Church in Ham. St. Richard’s Church began its life in 1964 in a hut close to the site of the present building. The foundation stone of the new Church was laid by Norman Wates on 19th September, 1964. In May 1966, the Church was consecrated to St. Richard of Chichester by the Right Reverend Mervyn Stockwood, then Bishop of Southwark.

After leaving St. Richard’s Church the group (a little depleted, as some walkers had left) went onto Ham Street and back to the river near the end of Eel Pie island. Now we were on our way back to Richmond under railway and road bridges, past another Island called “Isleworth Ait”; and Isleworth Village on the other side of the river.

Further on we could see Syon House, the London home of the Duke of Northumberland with its lion on the roof, the emblem of the Percy family. On the right is the Royal Botanical Gardens at Kew. Past Syon House is Brentford Docks and the start of the Grand Union Canal, built in the late 1700’s which goes all the way to Birmingham.

On to Ferry Lane, just beyond the Kew Gardens car park. Up Ferry Lane to the walk’s finishing venue on Kew Green.



For those that completed the walk it was long and strenuous, but we all agreed that whether we did the short or long walk, it was well worth viewing the lovely River Thames, at its very best in the sunshine; observing all the activities on the river, but more than that it was knowing that our efforts,

in the form of sponsor money, would be sent on to those people of the World to help in some small way to enrich their lives.

Janet Smith



In the December Messenger you will read the final result of our appeals during 2017. We have already raised more than in 2016.

LONDON CHRISTIAN AID APPEAL fundraising events

Thursday 7 December, St John's, Waterloo - 7 pm

We are invited to a carol service - a time of preparation and reflection as we enter the weeks before Christmas, and to meet staff and supporters over refreshments afterwards.

St John's is about a 5 minute walk from Waterloo Station, and an easy journey is via either the E2 or E8 bus to Brentford Station, then direct to Waterloo.

Saturday, 16 December, A Gospel Christmas

City Temple, Holborn - 7-10 pm

I know that many of you enjoy Gospel Music and an evening of carols, gospel music and readings, featuring the best of British contemporary gospel music, hosted by John Fisher and IDMC Gospel Choir, will be a fantastic way of putting some soul into this special season.

If interested, please let me know as tickets will be available.

DEC - DISASTERS EMERGENCY COMMITTEE

Emergency Appeal for People fleeing Myanmar

If you haven't already contributed to this appeal, do consider donating via the DEC appeal. Your money is needed URGENTLY and this is by far the quickest way for your donation to be used. Christian Aid, Cafod, Tear Fund, World Vision, are four of the 13 charities of the DEC. YOUR DONATION WILL BE DOUBLED BY THE UK GOVERNMENT.

CHRISTIAN AID CHRISTMAS APPEAL



This year our Appeal focuses on the fight against hunger and malnutrition in Burkina Faso and South Sudan. This Christmas CA supporters can make twice the impact, as the UK Government will match every pound you give to the Christmas Appeal between 6 November 2017 and 5 February 2018, meaning we can transform the lives of even more people living in poverty.

Christian Aid will support people wherever they need our help, and the UK government will match donations to support Christian Aid projects in South Sudan, where the problem of malnutrition is most severe.

Message received from Christian Aid Representative

I would like to say thank you to all those that had attended the Richmond Riverside Sponsored Walk event this past Saturday. I'm glad so many of you had enjoyed the event and we at Christian Aid are thankful for the sponsorship money you all have raised.

For the ones that could not make the sponsored walk, I would like to thank you for sharing the event information with your, friends, family and Church.

Conversations have already started to take place for next year's Richmond Riverside Walk and I would be grateful for any of the walkers feedback or pictures of the event.

Thank you again and God Bless! With every blessing,

Justice Onwuka
Christian Aid Regional Coordinator – London

Christmas 2017



Traidcraft

Traidcraft catalogues have been received and are circulating to friends who have seen them previously and ordered Christmas cards, gifts, food, etc. If you are interested, please contact me and I will place you on the rota.

Ruby Warne



Support the Rohingya Refugee Crisis Appeal

Over the past few weeks, more than half a million people have fled violence in Myanmar's Rakhine State. The majority of those fleeing are Rohingya women and children.

Since violence flared up in Myanmar in late August 2017, an estimated 519,000 Rohingya have sought shelter and safety in Bangladesh. Many are currently living in temporary unsanitary structures constructed out of plastic sheeting and bamboo in informal camps and settlements.

Refugees arrive in Bangladesh exhausted and traumatised with local host communities struggling to respond to the scale of this disaster.

All We Can and the Methodist Church in Britain are calling for generous support for this urgent appeal to assist those seeking refuge in Bangladesh. People are in desperate need of water, food, shelter and access to medical care.

Online : <https://allwecan.org.uk/rohingya>

[Text: RREF17 £10 to 70070](https://allwecan.org.uk/rohingya)

Phone: 020 7467 5132

Cheques: All We Can, 25 Marylebone Road, London NW1 5JR



Extraordinary Gifts for Christmas

Practical gifts that help people in some of the world's poorest communities to become all that they can. From sheep in Ethiopia to growing coffee in Nepal, find out how your gifts for friends and family can really change lives.

Simply choose a gift for a friend or family member from the selection and AWC will send you a colourful card for you to personalise and give.

Some of the Gifts in this year's catalogue are:



Zimbabwe - Chirpy Chicks £10

£10 could provide 10 chickens to kick-start a business, helping families in Zimbabwe gain an income and build a livelihood to meet their needs.

This is really important for people who have been struggling to support their children with nutritious meals and pay for their education.

Ethiopia - Fired Up £20

£20 could provide a fuel-saving stove for a family in Ethiopia. These stoves reduce the amount of wood required for cooking and warmth.



This helps reduce the number of trees that are cut down and increases soil health and productivity. People and the earth could benefit from this inspiring gift.

Get a Gift Catalogue from the Church Foyer or go online to:
<http://allwecan.org.uk/shop/>

The Worst Disease - Mother Theresa

I have come more and more to realise that being unwanted is the worst disease that any human being can ever experience.

Nowadays we have found medicine for leprosy, and lepers can be cured. There's medicine for tuberculosis and consumption can be cured. BUT FOR THE UNWANTED, except there are willing hands to serve and there is a loving heart to love, I don't think this terrible disease can be cured.

Proverbs 31 v8-9 (NLT Translation)

- 8 Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves;
ensure justice for those being crushed.
9 Yes, speak up for the poor and helpless,
and see that they get justice.

Submitted by **Val Elgar**



Careful!

There was a very gracious lady who was mailing an old family Bible to her brother in another part of the country. 'Is there anything breakable in here?' asked the postal clerk.

The lady thought for a moment, and replied: 'Only the Ten Commandments.'

Morning

There are only two kinds of people in the world. There are those who wake up in the morning and say, 'Good morning, Lord,' and there are those who wake up in the morning and say, 'Good Lord, it's morning.'

The two most important muscles which operate without the direction of the brain are the heart and the tongue. Anon



WE REMEMBER

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

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

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

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

By Megan Carter

THE WAY I SEE IT - THE FIFTH OF NOVEMBER

Bonfire night is on the way...David Winter considers the history of it all...

Until fairly recent years 5th November in England was well known for foggy evenings as bonfires were lit all over the country. On many of them a 'guy' would be burnt – usually a couple of old pillows and some cast-off clothes in the rough shape of a man.

The 'guy' was, historically speaking, Guy Fawkes, one of the chief conspirators in a plot by Roman Catholic zealots to blow up the Palace of Westminster at the State Opening of Parliament on 5th November 1606, thus removing James I from the throne. Fawkes was arrested as he stood guard over a massive collection of gunpowder in an undercroft beneath the House of Lords. Under torture he revealed the names of the other conspirators, and they were hanged, drawn and quartered on 31st January 1607, though Fawkes jumped from the scaffold and broke his neck, thus avoiding the actual execution.

The previous sixty years had seen unprecedented religious strife in England, following the breakaway of the Church of England from Rome under Henry VIII. Hundreds of priests loyal to Rome were hunted down and many put to death, often under the accusation of 'treason'. During the brief reign of a Catholic monarch, Mary, there were many Protestants who were similarly executed. Years of strife, often over verbal definitions, were testimony to the bitterness of feelings which religious conviction can inspire.

There is still plenty of religious strife in the world, as we all know, though little now between different groups of Christians. 5th November might be a good day on which to pray to the one and only God that the world might see an end to the blasphemy of any killing in His Name.



The Ten Cannots

- You cannot help the poor by destroying the rich.
- You cannot strengthen the weak by weakening the strong.
- You cannot bring about prosperity by discouraging thrift.
- You cannot lift the wage earner up by pulling the wage payer down.
- You cannot further the brotherhood of man by inciting class hatred.
- You cannot build character and courage by taking away people's Initiative and independence.
- You cannot help people permanently by doing for them what they could and should do for themselves.
- You cannot help small men by tearing down big men.
- You cannot keep out of trouble by spending more than your income."
- You cannot establish security on borrowed money

Grave certainties

As a bagpiper, I play many gigs. Recently I was asked by a funeral director to play at a graveside service for a homeless man with no family or friends. The service was to be at a cemetery some distance away. As I was not familiar with the area, I got lost, and finally arrived an hour late. The funeral director and hearse were long gone. There were only the diggers left and they were eating lunch. I went to the side of the grave and looked down. The lid was partially covered with soil. The diggers stared at me over their sandwiches, and I sensed their reproach that I had deserted this dead man in his final hour of need. I didn't know what else to do, so I started to play.

The diggers looked quite startled at this, and put down their lunches. But they stood quietly enough while I played out my heart and soul for this man with no family and friends. And as I played 'Amazing Grace,' the workers began to weep. They wept, I wept, we all wept together.

When I finished, I packed up my bagpipes and started for my car. Though my head hung low, my heart was full. As I opened the door to my car, I heard one of the workers say, 'I never seen nothin' like that before and I've been putting in septic tanks for twenty years.' So, apparently I'm still lost....

NEW!

Winter Craft Market

Saturday 25th November 2017

10:00am - 3:00pm

Hanwell Methodist Church

Church Road, Hanwell, London W7 1DJ

Shop early
for Christmas

**Admission
FREE**

**Wide range
of quality
craft items**

If you have a craft and would like a
table please contact
Gill Standfield on (020) 8567 4018
Full table: £12
Half table: £6

*Refreshments
and light lunches
also available*

For more information about Hanwell Methodist Church, please visit www.hanwellmethodistchurch.org

Winter Craft Market at Hanwell Methodist Church

Our next big fund-raising event supporting the refurbishment of the Church is our new Winter Craft Market on Saturday 25th November (10:00 to 15:00). There will be 20-26 stalls selling a wide range of quality handmade crafts to suit all pockets - some small, some large, something to eat, something to wear, something to decorate the house and some to give as presents.

We hope that this will become an eagerly anticipated annual event so it is important that the first one goes really well - we have the crafters, now we need to make sure that the Market is widely advertised and promoted so that the Church is crowded with shoppers, and both crafters and shoppers who want to return.

Noah

A boat-building person called Noah
Could have built a small simple rower:
Instead, at God's spark
He built a great ark! And so
Churchgoers are knowers of Noah!

With All Saints Day in mind

Who can imagine by a stretch of fancy the feelings of those who, having died in faith, wake up to enjoyment! **Cardinal John Henry Newman**

Those who live in the Lord never see each other for the last time. **Anon**
Death is but a physical incident in an immortal career. **Anon**
He whose head is in heaven need not fear to put his feet into the grave.
Matthew Henry

Death is not extinguishing the light; it is putting out the lamp because the dawn has come. **Anon**

At a funeral we bury something not someone; it is the house not the tenant that is lowered into the grave. **Verna Wright.**

We are not here to stay; we are here to go! **John Blanchard**
I am walking toward a bright light and the nearer I get the brighter it is.
D L Moody

We feel and know that we are immortal. **Spinoza**

War is kinder than a godless peace. **G A Studdert-Kennedy**

Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints. **Psalms 116.15**

1 November - All Saints' Day – the feast day of all the redeemed

All Saints, or All Hallows, is the feast of all the redeemed, known and unknown, who are now in heaven. When the English Reformation took place, the number of saints in the calendar was drastically reduced, with the result that All Saints' Day stood out with a prominence that it had never had before.

This feast day first began in the East, perhaps as early as the 5th century, as commemorating 'the martyrs of the whole world'. A Northern English 9th century calendar named All Hallows as a principal feast, and such it has remained. Down the centuries devotional writers have seen in it the fulfilment of Pentecost and indeed of Christ's redemptive sacrifice and resurrection.

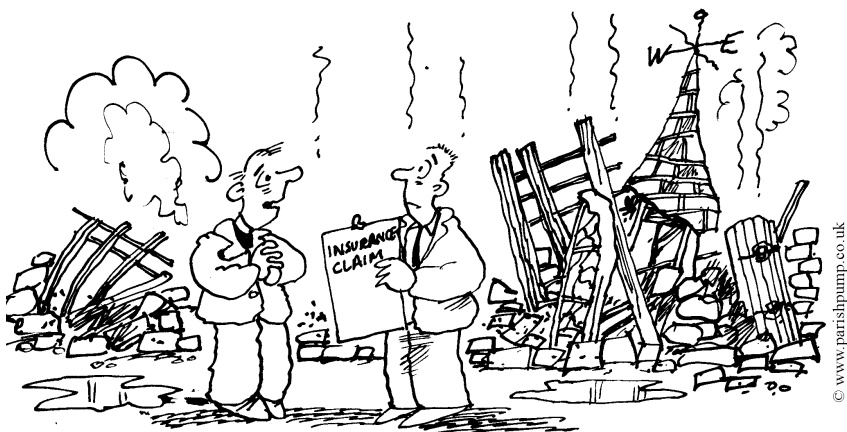
The saints do not belong to any religious tradition, and their lives and witness to Christ can be appreciated by all Christians. Richard Baxter, writing in the 17th century, wrote the following:

He wants not friends that hath thy love,
And made converse and walk with thee,
And with thy saints here and above,
With whom for ever I must be...

As for my friends, they are not lost;
The several vessels of thy fleet,
Though parted now, by tempests tost,
Shall safely in thy haven meet....

The heavenly hosts, world without end,
Shall be my company above;
And thou, my best and surest Friend,
Who shall divide me from thy love?*

1,255 ancient English churches were dedicated to All Saints - a number only surpassed by those dedicated to the Virgin Mary.



...but we did have a very good firework display !!!!

WHAT LAMP BULB DO I BUY?

Do you get confused when buying a replacement lamp bulb for the one that's just gone out?? Here is a simple table that shows the different types of lamp bulb and their equivalent brightness - lumens.

Make sure you get the right base - BC, ES, SBC, SES, MES, GU10 are common ones. Check the box.

| Brightness Lumens | | 220+ | 400+ | 700+ | 900+ | 1300+ |
|---|----------|------|------|------|------|-------|
|  | Halogen | 18W | 28W | 42W | 53W | 70W |
|  | LED | 4W | 6W | 10W | 13W | 18W |
|  | CFL | 6W | 9W | 12W | 15W | 20W |
|  | Standard | 25W | 40W | 60W | 75W | 100W |



St HUGH of LINCOLN 17th November

In the Middle Ages, bishops were very important people. They were not only men of the church but also involved in running the country. They lived in great palaces and did not have much to do with ordinary people.

Bishop Hugh of Lincoln was different. He became known and loved for his charity to the poor; he cared for lepers and even risked his own life to prevent the killing of Jewish people during riots.

The Bishop rebuilt Lincoln Cathedral after it was destroyed by a great earthquake in 1185, but to him people were always more important than all the carved stones.

If you go to Lincoln, look out for the pictures of swans because



St. Hugh is usually shown with a swan. He had a pet swan which guarded

him while he was asleep.

BIBLE Hs

All the answers to this quiz begin with the letter H. Which 'H'...

1. Was a son of Noah? (Genesis, chapter 5)
2. Was David's first capital? (2 Samuel, chapter 2)
3. Was Herod's wife? (Matthew, chapter 14)
4. Did Goliath have that was made of bronze? (1 Samuel, chapter 17)
5. Was the King of Tyre who sent cedar wood for the Temple? (1 Kings, chapter 5)
6. Was hung on the willows by the rivers of Babylon? (Psalm 137)
7. Jesus said the birds have nests and foxes have these (Luke, chapter 9)
8. What are pleasant words like? (Proverbs, chapter 16)



Do you have a hobby?

Yes, I like sitting in the corner collecting dust.

Answers: 1. Ham 2. Hebron
3. Herodias 4. helmet 5. Hiram
6. harps 7. holes 8. honeycomb

COMING EVENTS

NOVEMBER

- Fri 3 10.15 am Coffee Morning in Church Foyer - everyone welcome
 Sat 4 10.00 am - 12.30 pm Kingsdown Book Fair in aid of Methodist Homes
- Mon 6 8.00 pm Guides (most Mondays throughout term time)
- Tue 7 2.00 pm Kingsdown Club - The Reminiscence Road Show - 'Down our High Street'
- Wed 8 1-3 pm Babies & Toddlers (weekly - term time only)
- Thu 9 3.30 pm - 5.30 pm CBSI UK Bible Studies in the Foyer
- Fri 10 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 (term time)
- Sat 11 10.15 am-12 noon Coffee & Chat - everyone welcome
- Tue 14 Liz & Steve Palmer's Home Group
- Wed 15 7.30 pm Mission and Outreach Committee
- Tue 21 2.00 pm Tuesday Club - The Southbourne Songbirds
- Sat 25 10.00-15.00 Hanwell Craft Market (see pp 22-23)
 Churches Together in Ealing - visit to St Pauls (see p10)

Future Dates for your Diary

DECEMBER

- Tue 5 8 pm – Property Committee
- Wed 6 8 pm Church Council
- Sat 9 Love Northfield Traders Christmas Event
- Thu 14 7 pm Mother Goose pantomime opens at Questors Theatre.
 Runs until 1 Jan 2018.
 Local Schools visiting Nativities Festival at Kingsdown



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