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## NOVEMBER 2024 PASTORAL LETTER



The month of November is normally shaped by remembering, beginning with All Saints and All Souls, moving through Remembrance Sunday itself, to Christ the King at the end of the church year. However, this year, I have added a day that we have not done in the benefice before (in my time) Safeguarding Sunday.

Safeguarding Sunday this year will take place on November 17, 2024. On this day, churches across the UK will come together to discuss safeguarding, reflect on their own practices, and celebrate the work being done to protect vulnerable people.

Safeguarding Sunday is organised by a charity called thirtyone:eight, which as Stephanie, Phil and Sharon will tell you, is the organisation through which we apply for our DBS checks. (DBS is the Disclosure and Barring Service who do the criminal record check for individuals working with children and vulnerable adults).

The theme that they are taking this year is **'let's talk about it!'**

Which I think is a great theme for us to begin with for our first year. Because safeguarding is not just the responsibility of the Vicar, Safeguarding Coordinators and the PCC, it is something we all should be contributing to. But if we don't talk about it, the harm that is happening to children and vulnerable adults will stay hidden. In talking honestly about safeguarding, we can bring these tragedies into the open and ensure that vulnerable adults and children are cared for, and future harm is prevented.

Safeguarding does take a lot of work, and it is a big responsibility, and the expectations placed upon us regarding safeguarding is increasing. And I recognise that our volunteers who lead on safeguarding will have more work to do in the future.

Yet, defending the rights of vulnerable people is integral to Christian faith and teaching. Sadly, the church hasn't always done this well. But we have a chance to change that. By ensuring everyone talks about creating a safe and healthy environment within the church for children and vulnerable adults, and recognising each of us has a responsibility to make our churches safer.

As I write this, I am not sure what our Safeguarding Sunday service will look like, as I still have a few weeks to plan the service. However, I will aim to ensure that we have an opportunity to talk about safeguarding together as part of our worship.

So, please join us at this important service on 17 November, and pray for all who work in safeguarding, particularly Stephanie, Phil and Sharon, our Safeguarding Coordinators and Rachael (who worships at St Anne's) who is our Diocesan Safeguarding Advisor.

Yours in Christ

Rev'd Liz Wilson



## SERVICES FOR NOVEMBER

### **Saturday 2 November**

6.00pm All Souls Service – Rutter's Requiem, St Anne's

### **Sunday 3 November (All Saints)**

9.30am Eucharist, St Anne's

11.00am Eucharist, St Paul and St Augustine's

11.00am Benefice Telephone Church,

Tel. 033 3113 3356, Room no. 72775483#, Pin no. 1459#

6.00pm Evensong, St Anne's

### **Sunday 10 November (Remembrance Sunday)**

9.45am Remembrance Sunday Eucharist, St Anne's

10.50am Remembrance Sunday Eucharist, St Paul and St Augustine's

10.50am Benefice Telephone Church,

Tel. 033 3113 3356, Room no. 72775483#, Pin no. 1459#

6.00pm Evensong, St Anne's

### **Saturday 16 November**

4.00pm Messy Church, St Anne's Hall and Church

### **Sunday 17 November (Safeguarding Sunday)**

9.30am Eucharist, St Anne's

11.00am Eucharist, St Paul and St Augustine's

11.00am Benefice Telephone Church,

Tel. 033 3113 3356, Room no. 72775483#, Pin no. 1459#

6.00pm Evensong, St Anne's

### **Sunday 24 November (Christ the King)**

9.30am All Age Eucharist, St Anne's

11.00am Eucharist, St Paul and St Augustine's

11.00am Benefice Telephone Church,

Tel. 033 3113 3356, Room no. 72775483#, Pin no. 1459#

6.00pm Evensong, St Anne's

### **Wednesdays**

9.30am Eucharist, St Anne's

4.00pm Trinity Meditation, St Paul and St Augustine's

### **Thursday's**

9.30am Eucharist, St Paul and St Augustine's

### **Sunday's.**

2-3.30pm Community Allotment Service, Ranclife Allotment Society, Boynton Road







## READINGS FOR NOVEMBER 2024

	Old Testament	Psalms	New Testament	Gospel
<b>2 November</b>				
All Souls		23		<u>John 5:19-25</u>
<b>3 November</b>				
Eucharist/ TC	<u>Isa 25:6-9</u>	24:1-6	Rev 21:1-6a	<u>John 11:32-44</u>
Evensong	Isa 65:17-end	148	Heb 11:32 – 12:2	
<b>10 November</b>				
Remembrance Eucharist/TC	<u>Jonah 3:1-5, 10</u>	62:5-end	Heb 9:24-end	<u>Mark 1:14-20</u>
Evensong	Isa 10:33 – 11:9	46		John 14:1-29
<b>17 November</b>				
Eucharist/ TC	<u>Dan 12:1-13</u>	16	Heb 10:11-14, 19-25	<u>Mark 13:1-8</u>
Evensong	Dan 3	95		Matt 13:24-30, 26-43
<b>24 November</b>				
All Age Eucharist/ TC Eucharist	<u>Dan 7:9-10, 13-14</u>	93 72:1-7	Rev 1:4b-8	<u>John 18:33-37</u>
Evensong	Dan 5			John 6:1-15





## REMEMBRANCE EUCHARISTS

St Anne's at 9.45am

WITH ACT OF REMEMBRANCE FOR THE LOCAL MEN  
WHO GAVE THEIR LIVES IN THE GREAT WARS

St Paul with St Augustine at 10.50am



Meets in St Anne's Church between 4pm and 6pm

16<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER –Christmas Messy Church

21<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER – Christmas Messy Church



## ADVENT BIBILE STUDY

### The Revelation of John



**Sunday 24 November. 1, 8, 15 December at 7.30pm**

**24 Clarefield Road Leicester LE3 6 FA**

**Or**

**Monday 25 November. 2, 9, 16 December at 2.00pm**

**The Hall at St Anne's Letchworth Road Leicester LE3 6FN**

**ALL ARE WELCOME**





# The Blessed Trinity



**A Service of Meditation  
St Paul's with St Augustine's  
starts Wednesday 4.00pm**





**The Hall**  
at  
*St. Anne's*  
Letchworth Road  
LE3 6HS

**Christmas  
Coffee Morning  
Friday  
22<sup>nd</sup> November  
10am to 12noon  
Tea, Coffee & Refreshment**

**Christmas Gifts**  
**Cards** **Knitting**  
**'Dave the Box'** **Crafts**  
**Everyone Welcome**







## HOLY DAYS FOR NOVEMBER

- 1 All Saints' Day
- 2 All Souls' Day
- 6 The Martyrs of Vietnam d. 1745 – 1862
- 7 Willibrord of York – apostle of Frisia (658 – 739)
- 8 Four Crowned Martyrs
- 10 Leo the Great
- 10 Justus – leading the Church in troubling times
- 11 Martin of Tours
- 16 Margaret of Scotland
- 17 Gregory of Tours
- 18 Elizabeth of Hungary
- 19 Hilda – Abbess of Whitby
- 22 Cecelia – patron saint of musicians
- 24 The excitement of the Sunday of Christ the King
- 25 Catherine of Alexandria
- 30 Andrew
- 30 Andrew – a different look

### 7<sup>th</sup> November – Willibrord of York, Apostle of Frisia

Did you know that the Netherlands first learned Christianity from a Yorkshireman? Willibrord was born in 658, to devout parents, and joined the Benedictines. In 678 he went Ireland to study at the Abbey of Rathmelsigi (a centre of European learning in the 7<sup>th</sup> century). 12 years later, in 690, Willibrord felt God had given him a daunting 'call' – to take Christianity to Frisia, (now mostly modern-day Netherlands).

Willibrord was not just courageous, but also prepared well. He took 12 companions to help him, and he had the support of both Pope Sergius and also the ruler of the region, Pippin II. The mission was successful, and five years later, Willibrord was given another challenge: to do for Frisia what Augustine had done for England – establish a metropolitan see at Utrecht, build a cathedral, and appoint the first suffragan bishops.

And so Willibrord became the first archbishop of Utrecht. He went on to establish an Important monastery at Echternach (now in Luxembourg). It was not all plain sailing – in 714 Willibrord and the Christians faced persecution from the new pagan Frisia king. Churches were burnt and priests were killed. But Willibrord did not give up easily, and by 719 the king was dead and the church in Frisia continued to grow.

Willibrord even ventured up into Denmark, bought 30 slave-boys and educated them as Christians. At Walcheren, he destroyed a pagan idol, at the risk of his life.

Alcuin (historian) described Willibrord's apostolate as based on energetic preaching and ministry. 'Willibrord was always venerable, gracious and full of joy'. Certainly, he inaugurated 100 years of English Christian influence on the Continent, and thoroughly deserves his title of patron of Holland. When he died at 81, in 739, he was immediately venerated as a saint.





## ST PAUL'S WITH ST AUGUSTINE'S FUNDRAISING PAGE

The Table Top Sale held in September raised £908 (including pre-sales of homemade and sales from the Community Hub) for Church funds with £110 being sent to the Community of the Resurrection and £110 in Contribution to Leicester Diocese.

**The next Table Top Sale will be held on Saturday 9th November**

Any donations for the forthcoming Table Top Sale will be gratefully received – contact Dave 07800746121

The September 100 Fund draw took place after the service on 29th September.

Winning Numbers August

£50      31

Congratulations to the winner

## WOULD YOU LIKE TO JOIN?

The following numbers are available:-

1, 12, 14, 18, 23, 27, 34, 38, 40, 41, 45, 48, 49, 51, 52, 73, 76, 79, 84, 85, 89, 91, 96, 97, 98 and 99.

\*If you are interested in joining the 100 Fund then please contact Dave on 07800746121 or email [dave1960king@hotmail.com](mailto:dave1960king@hotmail.com)

**The winner of the October Fund draw due to be held on Sunday 27th October will be announced in December's magazine.**



# ST JAMES THE LEAST OF ALL

## On Why the C of E Should Never Combine Parishes

The Rectory  
St James the Least

My dear Nephew Darren

I suppose it had to come, but combining parishes is now firmly on the agenda for our villages.

I had always wondered what the first Earl of Stowe was trying to prove, building a church here in 1347 to accommodate 800 people when the total population has never exceeded 250. In the short term – which in this village is measured in centuries - it seems to have been to house the tombs of his 13 successors. I now realise it was to make uniting with adjoining parishes in the 21<sup>st</sup> century more difficult. Clearly the first Earl had formidable foresight. None of our neighbouring churches seem too keen to share their reserves to help maintain our cathedral-sized building.

The threat of the closure of St Herve the Bard has, inevitably, caused outrage – not so much from its regular congregation of three, but from all those in the village who would never think of attending. People do so *like* to have a church not to go to.

The church of St Bregowine, built by a wealthy parishioner in the 19<sup>th</sup> century because she did not like the high church practices of the parish church of St Iwig, is refusing to re-unite, even though the two churches stand only 100 yards apart, in a village with a diameter of 300 yards. If only they could get over the trauma of seeing the incumbent putting water in the wine on Easter Day in 1894.

(Although it must be conceded that the Bregowinians were equally affronted that when the daughter church opened in 1895, they found that the Iwigers had provided no brass troughs at the end of the pews for umbrellas. That they have subsequently refused to install them has only compounded the offence.)

Meanwhile St Plegmund is in discussions with the Church of South India as a way of avoiding uniting with anyone. Should it happen, I will be interested to see what travelling expenses the new incumbent claims. It will be difficult to tell when the present incumbent resigns, as he has not been seen at a clerical meeting for the last 30 years. Some of my colleagues suspect he is mythical, that a bloodless coup took place in the 1980s and that the church is now entirely run by the Mothers' Union.

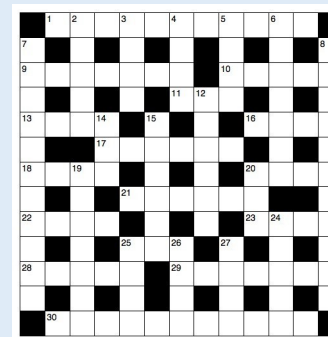
The church of St Maximus of Constantinople in our nearest town has rather grandly offered to take all of our churches under its wing, but as a parishioner has pointed out: how could we possibly consider joining with a parish that fought on the other side at the Battle of Bosworth in 1485.

In the meantime, we will serenely carry on, as we seem to have done for the past six centuries; parish mergers and reductions in numbers of clergy seem to be of less interest than debating the suggestion that we change the brand of coffee served after Services.

Your loving uncle,  
Eustace







### 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



# WHAT'S THE BIG IDEA?

## What's the Big Idea? - An Introduction to the gospel of Luke



Luke is the third of the synoptic gospels. The gospel and Acts were both written for Theophilus, a Roman official, who acted as Luke's patron to ensure that his gospel was copied and distributed. It was intended for a wider audience, to help both Gentile believers and unbelievers understand who Jesus is and that the gospel is intended for the whole world.

Luke's account of Jesus' life and ministry can be divided into 4 main sections: the coming and early life of Jesus (1:1-4:13); Jesus' ministry in and around Galilee (4:14-9:50); His ministry (mainly teaching) *on the road* to Jerusalem (9:51-24:53) and His final week in Jerusalem (19:28-24:53).

For Luke, the key focus is how God's plan of salvation for the world is fulfilled in Jesus. Therefore, he writes an orderly account ranging from the birth of Jesus to His ascension. He is a strong champion of the outsider. As an outsider himself (a Gentile writer in the NT) he shows how Jesus includes those who are typically seen as outsiders by the religious establishment of His day. This includes women, the poor and *sinners* (incl. tax collectors, prostitutes and shepherds!), as well as showing how Gentiles, Samaritans and Jews are all included in God's plan of salvation. Luke also emphasises the importance of prayer in Jesus' ministry and the role of the Holy Spirit.

A key verse which reflects this perspective is found when Jesus encounters the tax collector Zacchaeus, '*For the Son of Man came to seek and to save what was lost*' (19:10). Whenever we find ourselves on the outside of God's life and love, as Zacchaeus, Jesus comes to find us and welcome us afresh into His kingdom.







## Creation Matters

**November:** Brings darker nights, and time for some animals to hibernate and for some tender plants to be brought indoors. Look out for skeins of geese flying in their traditional 'v' shape as they fly overhead on the way from the far North of the globe to Britain where it is comparatively warmer. November is a month for remembering as we celebrate Bonfire Night, All Saints, All Souls and Remembrance Day. In the context of the natural world we can also use this month to remember and mourn the loss of creaturely diversity (plant & animal). Which birdsong was missing from our gardens this year? What butterfly failed to make an appearance? Names are important during the season of remembrance, but in 2007 the Oxford English Dictionary omitted words such as Acorn and Conker and replaced them with 'Broadband' and 'Celebrity'. If these words from nature are no longer spoken by us or taught to future generations, how are they to recognise them in the world around them, care for them, protect them or mourn their demise? Thankfully, author Robert McFarlane & illustrator Jackie Morris created a new dictionary called, *The Lost Words*. It's beautifully illustrated and a real gem for children and adults alike. Perhaps when you're out and about this month, you could see how many trees, shrubs, birds and insects you can name and share your knowledge with someone else?



**The Community Allotment:** Is off to a steady start. Meeting on Thursday afternoons (1-2.30pm) for 'work' and 'rest'. Then again on Sunday's (2-3.30) when a short reflection is included. In November we will be considering All Saint's, Remembrance, Hilda & Caedmon, and National Tree week.





**Wonderful Walks:** The November gathering is on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup>. Meeting at the main Hinckley Road gates to Western Park, in time for a 9.30am start. National Tree Week will be our focus, drawing on what we can see and hear, poetry and wisdom. Followed by refreshments at St. Anne's Hall with our friends after their Eucharistic service. Suitable for all members of the family (including 4 legged ones)!

**Eco-Tips:** Ten top ways to reduce energy usage, care for Creation, and save money:

- Adjust household temperature to between 18-21oc – recommended by NHS and Energy Saving Trust.

- Adjust your combi-boiler hot water temperature to 60degrees or below. Heat the right places at the right times- make sure radiators are clear of clutter and turn them off in rooms you don't use. Make sure you only heat the house at the times you need it.

- Only use the shower for 4 minutes- less hot water means less energy. Only boil the water you need in your kettle and pans. Max La Manna, low-waste chef also recommends this top tip for making pasta- 'Cook the pasta for 2 minutes in the boiling water. Turn the hob off, cover with a lid, set a timer for 10 minutes and...as if by magic, it will be perfectly cooked.

- Use your washing machine when you have a full load on a 30degree cycle. Likewise, only put the dishwasher on when it's full.

- Don't tumble-dry as default. Hang clothes outside or on an airer inside. Draught-proof gaps in windows and doors (keyholes, letterboxes, around windows & doors, loft hatches, floorboards etc.)

- Turn lights off when not in the room- and change to LED lightbulbs where possible.

- Unplug your 'vampire devices'- smart speakers, set top boxes and recorders, Tv's, microwaves, phones, tablets, computers and laptops left on charge.

#### **A Bible Verse for Remembering:**

For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven: a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted; a time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up; a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance; a time to throw away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing; a time to seek, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to throw away; a time to tear, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak; a time to love, and a time to hate; a time for war, and a time for peace. Eccl. 3:1-8





## THE COMMUNITY ALLOTMENT

Is based at the  
Rancliffe Allotment Society,  
Boynton Road, Leicester, LE3 1PS,

### Grow Together

#### Thursday's 1pm,-2.20pm

Open to all abilities , no gardening experience needed, just come along and enjoy the space

Help to create a beautiful and productive garden to share.

Make new friends and enjoy the well-being benefits of being outdoors, spending time in nature and seeing things grow.

Bring your own sandwiches, tea and coffee provided



### Sundays @ the Community Allotment

#### 2pm - 3.30pm

Growing sharing Creating Resting

Connecting with each other, the Earth and our Creator.

Everyone Welcome!



### Let's go for a Wonderful Walk

#### In Western Park

17 November and 15 December

Meet at Hinckley Road Gates at 9.20 for 9.30am start

Mindful groups walk through the park

Space to breathe and wonder at the natural world.

Followed by coffee and cake in The Hall at St Anne's at 10.30pm

No need to book

Just turn up

For further details contact Rev. Sharon Plant

07983674341

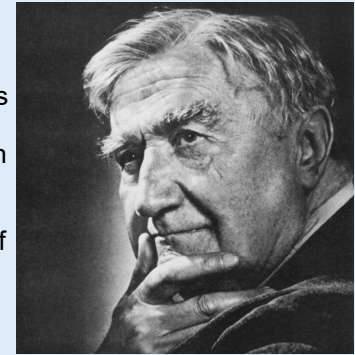




# 'GLORIOUS THE SONG WHEN GOD'S THE THEME':

## 'Valiant-for-Truth'

"What a composer has to do is to find out the real message he has to convey to the community and say it directly and without equivocation...if the roots of your art are firmly planted in your own soil, and that soil has anything individual to give you, you may still gain the whole world and not lose your own souls." Those are words of the composer, Ralph Vaughan Williams, from a lecture of 1932.



Over 90 years later, we rejoice that the message of his music still speaks to us from those deep roots, which included folksong, poetry and the heritage of Tudor composers, that nourished his own compositions. It is difficult to imagine church life and worship without his glowing hymn tunes of *Down Ampney* ('Come down, O Love divine) and *Sine Nomine* ('For all the saints'), without his rapturous settings of George Herbert and the mass, and without the Oxford Book of Carols, Songs of Praise and the English Hymnal of which he was the musical editor.

Vaughan Williams was born in 1872, the son of Margaret and Arthur, the vicar of Down Ampney in Gloucestershire. He began collecting folk songs and composing after studying in London. Although he made such an important contribution to Christian music, he remained an agnostic throughout his life, albeit an agnostic of great visionary fervour. Poetry and prose were powerful sources of inspiration, and he set Shakespeare, J M Synge, Edmund Spenser, Walt Whitman, and, for this month's article, John Bunyan.

Bunyan was imprisoned in Bedford gaol in 1660 for his preaching. Confined to a cell for 12 years, he wrote a powerful allegory on the Christian journey, *The Pilgrim's Progress*. It prompted several works by Vaughan Williams: a cantata, a large opera, and a short, but intense choral work, *Valiant-for-Truth*. The opera took more than 40 years to complete, and Vaughan Williams used the name Pilgrim for the hero, rather than Bunyan's Christian, for he wanted the work to speak to people of all beliefs. Within that long period of germination, he focussed on one particular pilgrim, Mr Valiant-for-Truth, in a motet composed in 1940 on the death of a friend, Dorothy Longman.

The motet is certainly not as well-known and well-loved as one of his more popular works, *The Lark Ascending* of 1914. There the music traces the journey of the bird as its flight weaves ever higher and higher, dissolving into the shimmering skies above. The motet is a much surer pilgrimage that arrives at the Eternal City. It is a glorious piece of word painting. We hear the hero telling his friends that the final stage of the journey has arrived. He gives away his sword, his courage and his skill, but he keeps the scars of life to witness to his discipleship. As he crosses the river of death, the music moves magically from major to minor. The trumpets begin to sound, quietly and distantly to begin with, but growing louder and louder, as they welcome him to the other side, when the fanfares in Bb major move triumphantly to the final G major.

In this month of All Souls, we remember with thanksgiving all those who like Mr Valiant-for-Truth, have crossed that river to reach the heavenly Jerusalem. We pray for that quality of valour for truth in our own pilgrimage, and we give thanks for the remarkable vision of truth, and its companions, beauty and goodness, that we find in the music of Vaughan Williams.





# GOD IN THE SCIENCES

## Should We Have Faith in Science?

How do you feel about science after all the grief of the recent pandemic? Are you tired or interested, impressed or cynical – or a bit of everything? The response to COVID-19 over the past few years has demonstrated how ideology or worldview are hugely influential in our interpretation and use of scientific data – and at times in the process of experimentation itself. Should we trial a vaccine in Spain or South Africa? Is this treatment safe enough to administer to the general public? Should vaccination be made compulsory? The data doesn't tell us what to do.



So, when we are encouraged to 'trust the science' in our ongoing response to the pandemic, or in our response to climate change, how can the Church respond? The whole biblical story affirms that God is the only one in whom we can have complete faith. On the other hand, I do put a certain amount of trust in other things. I can have faith in a plane, a body of knowledge, or a person. This trust is within limits because I know that air travel involves hazards, a body of knowledge will contain some mistakes, and every ordinary human is fallible.

I trust science to some extent because it involves careful observation and measurement, collecting different kinds of evidence. Data is interpreted, and competing interpretations are tried out. We summarise our findings in general principles or mathematical equations. Scientists keep each other accountable by looking critically at each other's work. Our knowledge is always provisional. You can't prove anything scientifically because we only deal in evidence, not proof.

On the other hand, there must always be the potential to disprove a theory or it's not science. Our aim is to keep getting nearer to the truth about the way the world is. Overall, I believe this method is reliable and worth supporting, but that only God is completely trustworthy.

Psalms 8 (LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!) reminds us both of the splendour of God's creation, and that He has placed us in a position of responsibility over it. Scientific knowledge can be part of what helps us to rule well. The process of doing science can be a bit like a blurry image coming into focus. The more we learn, the better we can usually see what's going on, and hopefully the easier it is to decide on a course of action. So, in answer to the question 'Should we have faith in science?' I would say yes, when used wisely and within its proper limits.







## PUZZLE ANSWERS

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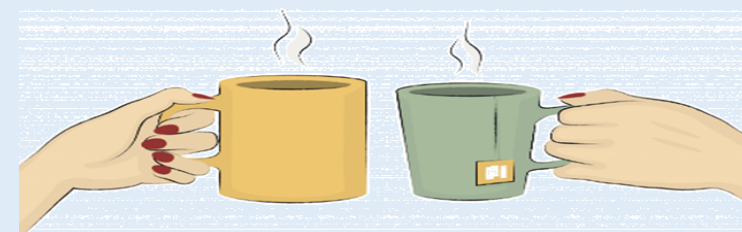
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## COMMUNITY LITTER PICKING TEAM



**MEET:** 11.00 AM TUESDAY 5th & 19TH NOVEMBER

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## SMILE LINES

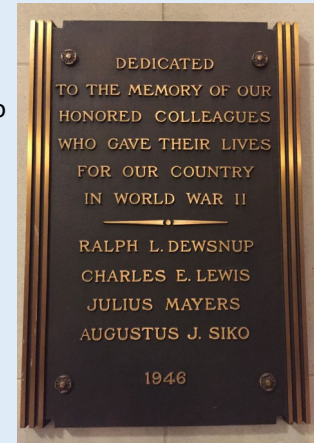


### Died in the services

Little Alex was staring up at the large brass plaque that hung on the side wall of the church. The plaque was covered with names, and seemed to fascinate the seven-year-old. "All those names," he said to the minister. "Who are they?"

"Well, they were people who used to go to this church," explained the minister. "This is a memorial to all the young men and women who died in the services."

Soberly, they stood together, staring at the large plaque. Little Alex's voice was barely audible when he finally asked, "Which service, the 9 o'clock, or the 11 o'clock?"



### What bishops do

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

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



### Tractors

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

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





# Cartoons



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



*With proper ceremony, they laid it to rest with its ancestors*

## Friday Coffee Morning

At the Hall at St Anne's

Every Friday coffee from 10am to 12noon.

All welcome for friendly get together of coffee and chat. Catch up with friends.







# ST. ANNE'S MOTHERS' UNION



## DIARY NOTES FOR NOVEMBER

What is better than having one of our members address us about their role in Church Life? Well, having TWO members do just that! Xani started off by describing how she had grown into the role of Sacristan, having supported John (Warwick) for many years. She paid tribute to John's explaining of the significance of the vessels and linen, so that she was able to assume more responsibility as time went on. She felt it was a great privilege to do this, and at the same time, she really loved doing it. George talked about serving - he had been a server now for more than 20 years, and he too paid tribute to John, who of course had been Head Server for many years. He reported that sadly they were still few in number, but it was hoped that more volunteers would come forward. Unfortunately, Jonathan had needed to go to Bristol, but he had left notes read by Xani, about the different Liturgical colours, witnessed in the altar frontals, pulpit falls, and priest's robes.

Co-chairman, Margaret reported that she had attended the MU Diocesan Forum on the previous Saturday. It was her first time, and she had found it most interesting and enjoyable. The main speakers were a couple from the Church of the Martyrs who had recently visited Tanzania and had contrasted the differences between worship and preaching in a very poor country where 80% of the country are subsistence farmers, materially very poor compared to here. They then talked about FGM which, although illegal, was still practiced there. The MU is supporting the work of the FGM Ambassadors who help the women and girls affected, with both advice and funds. There was also an update on modern day slavery in this country, and various discussions on "housekeeping" matters that related to the running of the Diocesan Branch.

Next month, the Revd. Sharon Plant will be talking about how she came to be ordained into the Ministry, thus completing the stories of our three lady vicars.

**Wednesday 6th November at 9-30pm. Corporate Communion**

**Tuesday, 12th November. Revd. Sharon Plant**

Mavis Walker





## **WEDNESDAY CLUB PROGRAMME 2024**

**1<sup>ST</sup> WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH**

**ST. ANNE'S HALL, LETCHWORTH ROAD**



**November 6<sup>th</sup> 2.30pm, Rihanna – Re-use, reclaim, recycle. Gifts will be available to purchase.**

**December 4<sup>th</sup> 12.30pm Christmas lunch.**

**Just come along on the day, or contact**

**Lesley 07757 335879 or Hilary 07970 075039**

## **KNIT AND NATTER**

The knit and natter meetings is on the Tuesday  
**19 November at 1.30pm.**

We look forward to seeing everyone that used to come before the pandemic took hold.

If you know of anyone who you think would enjoy an afternoon of friendship, and to just come along for a chat, please do invite them along.

They will be made very welcome.



## **FLOWER ARRANGING**

### **A plea for help!**

There are only a few of us who decorate the church at the three major festivals, Easter, Harvest and Christmas. I wondered if there was anyone who would like to come along and join this happy band?



Any help would be gratefully received. You don't have to be a professional flower arranger, none of us are, we just like to see the church looking lovely at these festivals. If you are interested, please contact me and have a chat.

Ann Bing 0116 2858581





## DEADLINES

The deadlines for the next three issues are:

<b>December Issue</b>	<b>Wednesday 13th November 2024</b>
<b>January Issue</b>	<b>Wednesday 11th December 2024</b>
<b>February Issue</b>	<b>Wednesday 15th January 2025</b>

Contributions accepted in person, by post or by email.

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All contributions are welcome. Contributions can be submitted at ANY time before the deadline, so please do not feel you have to wait until then if you have something to contribute.

If you have something that is for a particular issue and the previous deadline(s) have not passed please make sure you mark it with the issue in which you would like it to appear. If you would like something to be in several issues please also mark it accordingly.

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November 3rd	Jean Dean	
November 10th	Paul Ward	Sally Morris
November 17th	Rachel Spiers	
November 24th	Gail Inskip	Ellen Bateman
December 1st	Jan Gough	Richard Davey
December 8th	Ann Bing	Sheila Skerchley
December 15th	Judith Knox	Lesley Orriss
December 22th	Winifred Gibson	Rosamund Knighton
December 25th	Eunice Lowe	Alan Headley
December 29th	Jean Dean	

Any problems, please contact

Eunice Lowe Tel: 0116 2852317 or [eunicelowe@icloud.com](mailto:eunicelowe@icloud.com)

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## INDOOR BOWLING

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**Sunday, 8 December 2024, at 6pm**

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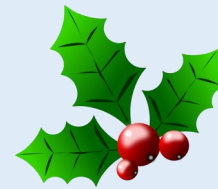
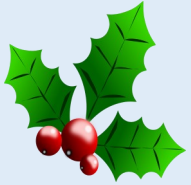
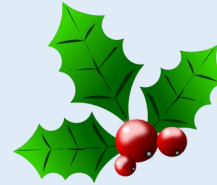
**The Service will be followed by seasonal refreshments**







# CHRISTMAS TABLE TOP SALE



**10 AM - 1 PM**

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**SATURDAY 9 NOVEMBER**

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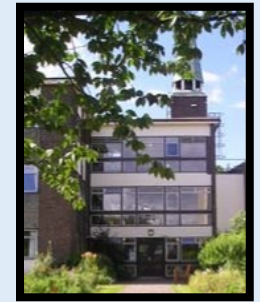




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