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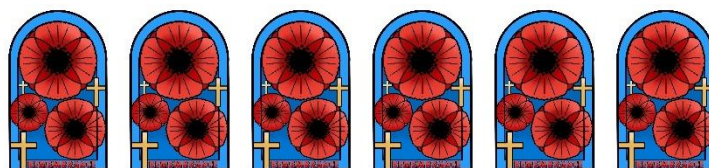
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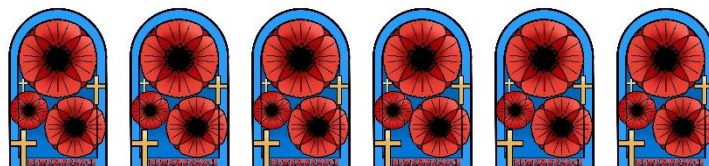


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LETTER FROM THE VICAR

Dear Friends

It's getting darker and colder, with leaves blowing, mist rising, winter migratory birds arriving and the scent of fallen apples. The mood is one of elegy! November invites us to remember what has gone.



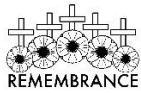
The month begins with All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day, both of which we will keep on Sunday 2nd November. In the morning we will keep All Saints' Day where the saints and martyrs, known and unknown, who have died in faith and gone before us in glory are celebrated. In the evening we will bring to mind those we have loved and lost at our All Souls' Day Service, lighting candles and remembering them by name in our prayers. It is a peaceful but powerful memorial to each person individually named and remembered and acknowledges the people present together in their separate and united grief.

"Remember, remember the Fifth of November, gunpowder, treason and plot!" recalls an historic event, a threat to the established order foiled in 1605, commemorated with bonfires, fireworks, hot-dogs and toffee-apples! On Armistice Day, 11th November, we stop what we are doing at 11.00 am for two minutes' silence to honour the fallen of two world wars, and to remember loss of life on an unimaginable scale. On Remembrance Sunday, 9th November, at the War Memorial, as at all Memorials up and down the country, wreaths of poppies are laid, the bugle calls the Last Post, the words of Laurence Binyon 'For the fallen' are read as is the Kohima Epitaph:

*'When you go home, tell them of us, and say:
For your tomorrow we gave our today.'*

This act of Remembrance, far from decreasing with time, seems to grow in significance with each passing year. Why is this? I wonder if it is the sense that peace is precarious, we must not forget lest it should happen again. Or that other conflicts have happened since with further loss of life and the need to remember is ongoing, and the need for consolation and pastoral care of the more recently bereaved and injured. Or the poignant sense that, with some shining exceptions, few have firsthand memories now of the last world war and, on their behalf, we fulfil the promise, 'We will remember them.'

With every blessing



CHURCH NEWS

HARVEST

St Mark's Church held its annual Harvest Supper on Sunday 6 November, following a Family Harvest Service at 4pm. It was wonderful to see the church filled with people of all ages, coming together to celebrate and give thanks for the season's blessings.

After the service, we gathered in the hall for a warm and welcoming supper, filled with good food, laughter and fellowship. A heartfelt thank you goes to all those who made the evening possible - from the volunteers who prepared, cooked and served the meal, to those who helped set up, tidy away and ensure everything ran smoothly.

Special thanks also to the Flower Group, whose beautiful arrangements brought colour and joy to the church and to the congregation for their generous donations to the St Matthew's Food Bank.



GARDEN TIDY SESSION

Please join us on Friday 7 or Saturday 8 November so we can get the church gardens looking tidy for Remembrance Sunday. We will meet from 10am and if you can spare some time it would be appreciated. Tea/Coffee and cake supplied.

Patricia Bird and Elisabeth Davis

From Our Young People

Celebrating Saanvi's Gymnastics success

We are delighted to share some wonderful news about Saanvi, a much-loved member of St Mark's Church, who is also frequently seen at Messy Church. Saanvi has had an exceptional year in gymnastics, achieving remarkable success at both regional and club level competitions.

This year, she has excelled in several major events:

- South East Regional Pre-Excel (Grades) – Gold Overall
- South East Regional Championship (Level, Pre-Excel Dev 1) – Gold Overall
- Club Championship (2025 Squad) – Gold Overall

Adding to these outstanding achievements, Saanvi has also been selected for the South East Regional Squad 2026, a wonderful recognition of her dedication, discipline, and talent.

Her parents would like to express their heartfelt thanks to her school for the encouragement and support given to Saanvi as she continues to grow and thrive in both her academic and sporting life.

We at St Mark's Church are incredibly proud of Saanvi and celebrate not only her achievements but also the positive spirit and perseverance she shows in all that she does. Her success is an inspiration to other young people in our parish.

Congratulations, Saanvi, on a truly fantastic year - we look forward to seeing you continue to shine brightly!



Have something your child is proud of – a talent, achievement or creative piece? Share it with our parish community by contacting the Parish Office.

NEWS FROM THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND

The Rt Revd and Rt Hon Dame Sarah Mullally DBE to become 106th Archbishop of Canterbury

His Majesty The King has approved the nomination of the Bishop of London, the Rt Revd and Rt Hon Dame Sarah Mullally, as the next Archbishop of Canterbury, Downing Street has announced.

The 106th Archbishop of Canterbury since Saint Augustine arrived in Kent from Rome in 597, Bishop Sarah will be the first woman to hold the office.



She will be installed in a service at Canterbury Cathedral in March 2026.

Sarah Mullally has been the Bishop of London since 2018, the first woman appointed to that role, and before that was Bishop of Crediton in the Diocese of Exeter. Prior to her ordination in 2001, she was the Government's Chief Nursing Officer for England – the youngest person ever to be appointed to that role at the age of 37 – having previously specialised as a cancer nurse. Bishop Sarah has described nursing as "an opportunity to reflect the love of God".

The Crown Nominations Commission (CNC) for Canterbury nominated Bishop Sarah following a process of public consultation and prayerful discernment that began in February this year. The Canterbury CNC was made up of representatives from across the Church of England, global Anglican Communion and the Diocese of Canterbury. The most senior bishop in the Church of England, the Archbishop of Canterbury's ministry combines many roles including serving as the Diocesan Bishop of the Diocese of Canterbury, Primate of All England and Metropolitan, as well as primus inter pares – or first among equals – of the Primates of the global Anglican Communion, which consists of around 85 million people, across 165 countries. In the House of Lords, the Archbishop of Canterbury is one of 26 bishops who comprise the Lords Spiritual.

Bishop Sarah said: "As I respond to the call of Christ to this new ministry, I do so in the same spirit of service to God and to others that has motivated me since I first came to faith as a teenager. At every stage of that journey, through my nursing career and Christian ministry, I have learned to listen deeply – to people and to God's gentle prompting – to seek to bring people together to find hope and healing.

"I want, very simply, to encourage the Church to continue to grow in confidence in the Gospel, to speak of the love that we find in Jesus Christ and for it to shape our actions.

"And I look forward to sharing this journey of faith with the millions of people serving God and their communities in parishes all over the country and across the global Anglican Communion.

"I know this is a huge responsibility but I approach it with a sense of peace and trust in God to carry me as He always has."

Lord Evans, Chair of the Crown Nominations Commission for Canterbury, said: "It has been a great privilege to have chaired the Crown Nominations Commission as it sought to discern who God is calling to lead the Church of England and Anglican Communion as Archbishop of Canterbury.

"That discernment began with the public consultation, which heard the voices of thousands of people as they expressed their hopes for this nomination, and continued all the way through to the Commission's final meeting.

"I would like to thank all those who took part in this process, particularly those who took time to share their views in the consultation and the members of the Commission who worked so diligently over several months, ably assisted by the Appointments Secretaries and by the Appointments and Vocations team at Lambeth Palace. I shall be praying for Bishop Sarah as she prepares to take up this new ministry in the coming months."

Bishop Anthony Poggo, Secretary General of the Anglican Communion, said: "I welcome and commend the nomination of Bishop Sarah as the next Archbishop of Canterbury and invite the churches of the global Anglican Communion to pray for her as she prepares to take up this important ministry.

"May God grant her wisdom and discernment, as she seeks to listen to Member churches, encourage mutual support, and foster unity.

"The Anglican Communion Office is fully committed to supporting her ministry as she works with other Provinces and the Instruments of the Anglican Communion.

"Let us pray that God will pour out His Spirit on the Anglican Communion to boldly share Christ's transformational love and the hope of the Gospel in today's world."

Biography:

Born in Woking in 1962, Bishop Sarah became a Christian at the age of 16. Before being ordained, Bishop Sarah worked as a nurse in the National Health Service, which she has described as "an opportunity to reflect the love of God". She specialised as

a cancer nurse and, at the age of 37, became the Government's Chief Nursing Officer for England, the youngest person ever to be appointed to the post. Bishop Sarah was made a Dame Commander of the Order of the British Empire in recognition of her outstanding contribution to nursing. She was ordained in 2001 and served her curacy in the Diocese of Southwark, initially as a self-supporting minister, before leaving her government post in 2004.

In 2012, she was installed as Canon Treasurer at Salisbury Cathedral and three years later took the role as Suffragan Bishop of Crediton in the Diocese of Exeter. On 12 May 2018, Bishop Sarah was installed as the 133rd Bishop of London at St Paul's Cathedral, the first woman to hold the role. Bishop Sarah is married to Eamonn and they have two grown-up children, Liam and Grace.

Appointment process – key dates:

Following the announcement, the next stage of the appointment process is the Election by the College of Canons of Canterbury Cathedral, which will take place before Christmas. On 28th January 2026, there will be a Confirmation of Election at St Paul's Cathedral in London, at which Bishop Sarah will legally become the Archbishop of Canterbury. In March there will be an Installation (sometimes referred to as an 'enthronement') at Canterbury Cathedral, which denotes and marks the start of the new Archbishop of Canterbury's ministry.



Prayer for November 2025

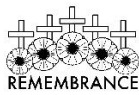
Heavenly Father,

Here we are in November – the month of short, dark days. A dreary, difficult month, unless you have a birthday! Lord, it seems as if the world is permanently in November at the moment. So much is so difficult for so many people, through no fault of their own. And it seems to go on and on.

Lord, would You bring your healing light into the world's darkness. Bring transformation, compassion and a softening into the hearts of those with responsibility for the conflict and the suffering, that they might work for peace for all people. We know that nothing is impossible for you, Lord, so we pray in faith – and in the name of Jesus.

Amen.

Daphne Kitching



Brains

Every one of us has a brain, but I have heard that some Aboriginals in Australia believe they have three brains. One is in their head for thinking, knowledge and inventions, one is in their chest for love, caring about and for all those they know, and one is in their middles, caring about their health and what they are eating. Each of these need care to keep them in good form.

I suppose this is like any love we might express, which is in 3 forms. For ourselves, for other people, whoever they are, and for the world in all its beauty.

We, in our 10% of the world, have nearly all the wealth and advantages that are available in the world. So, I wonder sometimes if I am playing my part in making good use of those advantages that I have been given? Do I use my health and abilities for others and the world in sufficient measure to "justify" my existence? I worry that I could and should do better.

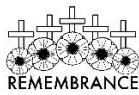
I was born to parents who were wealthy enough to send me and my brother to New Zealand to be sure I was not in England were the Nazis to come. I was brought up in a happy home and have lived a very enjoyable life. I had a lovely wife and have 3 super children, 8 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren. But so many have not had such a lovely life through war, sickness, bereavement and other disasters and so need such help as I can give.

Things can go wrong in my life and in the world, but I must never look for someone that is to blame for anything that goes wrong, and I must not hate people in general whom I have never met or am ever likely to.

Coming back to brains some people may appear to be unusual such as those suffering from dyslexia, ADHD or learning difficulties. Some seem to be less like us, when in fact they can be more brilliant than any of us. I am thinking now of those at Bletchley Park in the war who might have seemed odd to people like me, but who were brilliant and so important to us all.

We need every one of us, whatever condition or ability we can express, and with help from others so many are vital to the salvation of us all. The type of brain does not matter, but however it is, we all need encouragement and help from each other.

Ian Archer



Inadequacy

Whatever our age we all have certain things we are good at. Although many of them disappear through lack of use, our health and our age, we can still be thankful for what we can continue to do. Then there are many things we have never attempted, but fail to put the time and effort in, to try them out, not being prepared to listen, and if possible, follow those prepared to teach us. We often can be tempted not to try, as we don't want to show our inadequacy to others.

I met someone recently who was so sad he was listing all those things he used to be able to do but was now incapable of doing any longer inevitably a long list. At least that was facing up to facts, but perhaps it would be better for us to list and thank God for all the wonderful things we are still able to do.

At least we can learn from our Gospels the story of when Jesus walked on the water in the midst of a storm. Peter thought he might join Jesus on the raging sea and was bold enough to try to do the same. It started to be OK, but suddenly he saw how great the waves and wind were. He was then frightened he would sink and by worrying he failed, after all, Jesus said how little faith they had.

Lack of confidence stops many good things being done, as well as worrying about what others might think if we fail. I knew someone who was brilliant at playing the guitar and singing to it, but he gave it up because he could no longer play as well as he used to.

Although as we may not be able to carry out the actions as well as we would want or as well as we used to do so, I would say, "If a job needs to be done, and there is no one else to do it for me, I must do it as well as I can, inadequate as I might think it to be." We can all be "Trying People."

Ian Archer



Put together a Memory Book

Do you have grandchildren? Then this winter, during those long dark days, why not spend some time putting together a sort of scrapbook of memories to pass on to them?

Things you might like to include could be: where you lived when you were a child; what your school was like, what games you most enjoyed, who your best buddies were, what pets you had, what your first job was, and how you met your partner. What was your first car, and where was your first home as an adult? Add a selection of photographs that you have from the past.

Parish Pump

CALENDAR FOR NOVEMBER 2025

Sunday 2nd November All Saints' Sunday

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) – in Church
10.00am Sung Eucharist – in Church and Online
4.00pm Family Service – in Church
6.00pm All Souls' Memorial Service

Wednesday 5th November 9.00am Prayer Meeting

3.25pm T-Time Tales

Thursday 6th November 12.45pm Holy Communion (Iona) in Church

2.00pm SMART

Sunday 9th November 3rd Sunday before Advent – Remembrance

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) – in Church
9.45am Sung Eucharist – in Church and Online
10.55am Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial
1.00pm Community Lunch

Wednesday 12th November 9.00am Prayer Meeting

3.25pm T-Time Tales

Thursday 13th November 12.45pm Holy Communion (Iona) in Church

Saturday 15th November 8.00pm Social Ballroom and Latin Dance

Sunday 16th November 2nd Sunday before Advent

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) – in Church
10.00 am Sung Eucharist – in Church and Online
4.00pm Messy Church

Wednesday 19th November 9.00am Prayer Meeting

3.25pm T-Time Tales

Thursday 20th November 12.45pm Holy Communion (Iona) in Church

Sunday 23rd November Christ the King

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) – in Church
10.00am Sung Eucharist – in Church and Online
4.00pm Taizé Prayer

Wednesday 26th November 9.00am Prayer Meeting

3.25pm T-Time Tales

Thursday 27th November 12.45pm Holy Communion (Iona) in Church

Sunday 30th November 1st Sunday of Advent

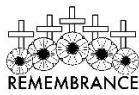
8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) – in Church
10.00am Sung Eucharist – in Church and Online

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CALENDAR FOR DECEMBER 2025

Wednesday 3 rd December	9.00am	Prayer Meeting
	3.25pm	T-Time Tales
Thursday 4 th December	12.45pm	Holy Communion (Iona) in Church
	2.00pm	SMART
Sunday 7th December	2nd Sunday of Advent (<i>Green Sunday</i>)	
	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP) – in the Hall
	10.00am	Sung Eucharist – in the Hall
	4.00pm	Family Service – in the Hall
Wednesday 10 th December	9.00am	Prayer Meeting
	3.25pm	T-Time Tales
Thursday 11 th December	12.45pm	Holy Communion (Iona) in Church
Sunday 14th December	3rd Sunday of Advent	
	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP) – in Church
	10.00 am	Sung Eucharist – in Church and Online
	1.00pm	Community Lunch
	4.00pm	Messy Church
Wednesday 17 th December	9.00am	Prayer Meeting
Thursday 18 th December	12.45pm	Holy Communion (Iona) in Church
Saturday 20 th December	8.00pm	Social Dance in the Hall
Sunday 21st December	4th Sunday of Advent	
	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP) – in Church
	10.00am	Sung Eucharist – in Church and Online
	6.00pm	Carol Service – in Church and Online
Wednesday 24th Dec	Christmas Eve	
	9.00am	Prayer Meeting
	4.00pm	Christingle and Crib Service – in Church
	9.00pm	First Communion of Christmas
Thursday 25th Dec	Christmas Day	
	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP) – in Church
	10.00am	Sung Eucharist – in Church and Online
Sunday 28th December	Holy Innocents	
	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP) – in Church
	10.00am	Sung Eucharist – in Church and Online

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POEM

Remembrance

In November we come to remember
How war tore our country apart,
From village and town and all around
Men and boys left home and hearth.

Mothers and wives and sisters all
Saw their brave young men go away,
For some it meant the ultimate price
As they gave their tomorrows for our today.

Another Man left His home above
To rescue this world from sin,
It cost Him His life which He freely gave
So new life could enter in.

In this world there will always be war,
But the time will surely be
When the earth shall be filled with the glory of God
As the waters cover the sea.

Megan Carter



ALL IN THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER

It was:

175 years ago, on 19 November 1850 that Alfred, Lord Tennyson, became Poet Laureate of the UK (until 1892).

125 years ago, on 22 November 1900 that Arthur Sullivan, British composer, died. Best known for his collaborations with the dramatist W S Gilbert on operas including H.M.S. Pinafore and The Pirate of Penzance. He also wrote the hymn tune for Onward, Christian Soldiers.

100 years ago, on 10 November 1925 that Richard Burton, Welsh stage and film actor was born. Known for Cleopatra, Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf? and many more. Fifth and sixth husband of Elizabeth Taylor. Died 1984.

90 years ago, on 6 November 1935 that Britain's Hawker Hurricane fighter plane made its first flight. It played a major role in WWII, especially during the Battle of Britain.

80 years ago, on 16 November 1945 that UNESCO, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation, was founded.

75 years ago, on 2 November 1950 that George Bernard Shaw, Irish playwright and literary critic, died. Best known for Pygmalion. Winner of the 1925 Nobel Prize in Literature, and co-founder of the London School of Economics.

65 years ago, on 2 November 1960 that a British jury cleared Penguin Books of obscenity for publishing D.H. Lawrence's novel Lady Chatterley's Lover. This is often considered the beginning of the permissive society in Britain.

Also 65 years ago, on 8 November 1960, that John F Kennedy was elected as the 35th President of the USA.

60 years ago, on 9 November 1965 that the death penalty was abolished in the UK.

50 years ago, on 3 November 1975 that Britain's first North Sea oil pipeline was officially opened.

40 years ago, on 15 November 1985 that the Anglo-Irish Agreement was signed by the Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher and Irish President Garret Fitzgerald. It gave the Irish government a consultative role in the affairs of Northern Ireland.

30 years ago, on 20 November 1995 that Princess Diana admitted that she had committed adultery, and spoke openly about her separation from the Prince of Wales in a frank interview with the BBC. In 2021, BBC journalist Martin Bashir was accused of using deception, including fake bank statements, to persuade her to give the interview.

25 years ago, on 9 November 2000 that Eric Morley, TV host, died. Known for establishing the ballroom dancing competition Come Dancing (1949 – 98). It was succeeded by a celebrity version, Strictly Come Dancing, in 2004.

20 years ago, on 30 November 2005 that John Sentamu became Archbishop of York (until 2020). He was the first black archbishop in the Church of England.

10 years ago, on 13 November 2015 that the Paris Attacks took place when suicide bombers and armed terrorists from Islamic State (IS) attacked a football stadium, rock concert, cafes and restaurants. 130 people were killed and 416 injured. IS said the attacks were in retaliation for French air-strikes on IS targets in Syria and Iraq.

Parish Pump

RECIPE

Ashleigh's Fairy Cakes

We are delighted to share a lovely recipe from Ashleigh, who helps out at Tea Time Tales on Wednesdays and is a regular helper at the Coffee Mornings at St Mark's Church.

Well done to Ashleigh for baking these delicious fairy cakes – just one of the many lovely things she bakes for the children, parents, and carers at Tea Time Tales.

Your cheerful smile, kindness, and willingness to help are always a joy and a blessing at St Mark's Church – thank you, Ashleigh, for all that you do!

Ingredients:

- 114 grams of caster sugar
- 114 grams of Self-raising flour
- 114 grams of Stork
- 2 eggs
- 1 capful of Almond essence
- 3 drops of food colouring (I chose orange)

(You can use Dove's self-raising flour to make gluten free and Stork is dairy free).

Method:

1. Whip stork and sugar till light and fluffy.
2. Gradually add egg.
3. Then add Self raising flour and essence.
4. Spoon into cases.
5. Bake 190 for 15-20 mins.

Decorate with butter icing and sprinkles in your preferred design.





A Lasting Gift for St Mark's Church

Leaving a legacy

Legacy gifts can make a huge difference to churches. Each year, gifts in wills, ranging from £100s to £100,000s are received. Faithful witnesses leaving generous legacies have enabled churches to invest in their buildings, pioneer new ministries, and sustain a welcoming presence in their communities.

Why should you write a will?

Writing a will means you choose:

- How you would like to share your property and possessions;
- Who you would like to look after any children under the age of 18;
- How to support any charities or churches that are important to you.

Without a will, these decisions will be made according to pre-ordained rules, and by the courts, which may be different from your wishes. Leaving a will gives you peace of mind and lifts a burden from loved ones after you are gone.

To make it easier the Church of England has partnered with Farewill, the UK's favourite will-writer, so anyone can write a simple will online for free, in as little as 30 minutes. You can find out more by visiting <https://farewill.com/southwarkdiocese> .

We strongly advise seeing a solicitor for more complicated wills, or for people wishing to review their existing will or add a codicil.

A gift for future generations

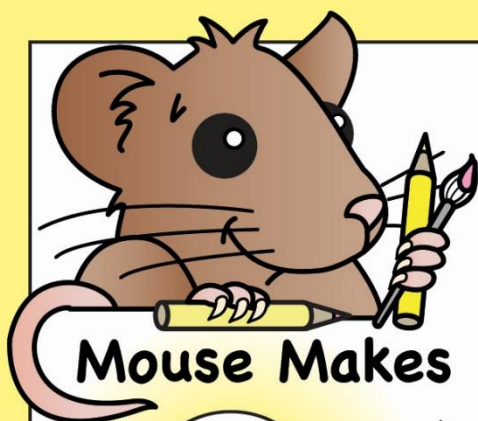
After you have made provision for your family and friends, we hope you'll also consider leaving a gift in your will to St Mark's. A legacy is a valuable expression of how meaningful a church has been during your time there. It's a way to give thanks - a lasting testimony to the faithfulness, goodness and generosity of God.

The policy of the PCC is to use legacies to help fund additional mission or development projects in the parish, whether buildings, equipment or staff. Circumstances change over the years, so church members are encouraged to leave legacies for the general purposes of the parish. The PCC will discuss the most appropriate use of the legacy in the light of current projects and the donor's known areas of interest in the church (for example, children and youth, music, buildings).

You may also receive tax benefits for including a gift to St Mark's in your will. A gift in your will to a charity is free of inheritance tax and may also reduce the amount of tax payable on the rest of your will. <https://www.gov.uk/donating-to-charity/leaving-gifts-to-charity-in-your-will>

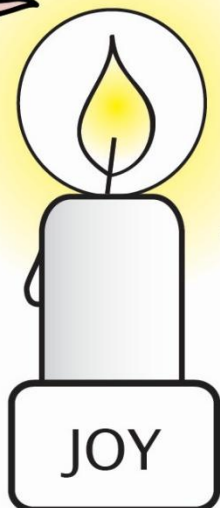
Please consider leaving a legacy to St Mark's.

Mel Crighton, PCC Treasurer



LIGHT IN THE DARKNESS

Advent Sunday this year falls on 30th November.
ADVENT is a time to celebrate the ARRIVAL of Jesus, God's Son, our Saviour. We look forward with HOPE, we give thanks for God's LOVE and the PEACE and JOY we have in Jesus.



Read:
LUKE 2:10-11
Who is 'God's news of great joy' for?



Read:
John 3:16
How did God show He loves us?



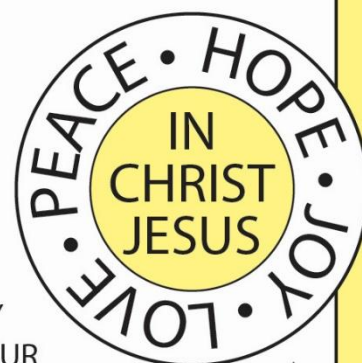
Read:
Isaiah 40:5
What shall be revealed?



Read:
Romans 5:1-2
Through who do we have peace with God?

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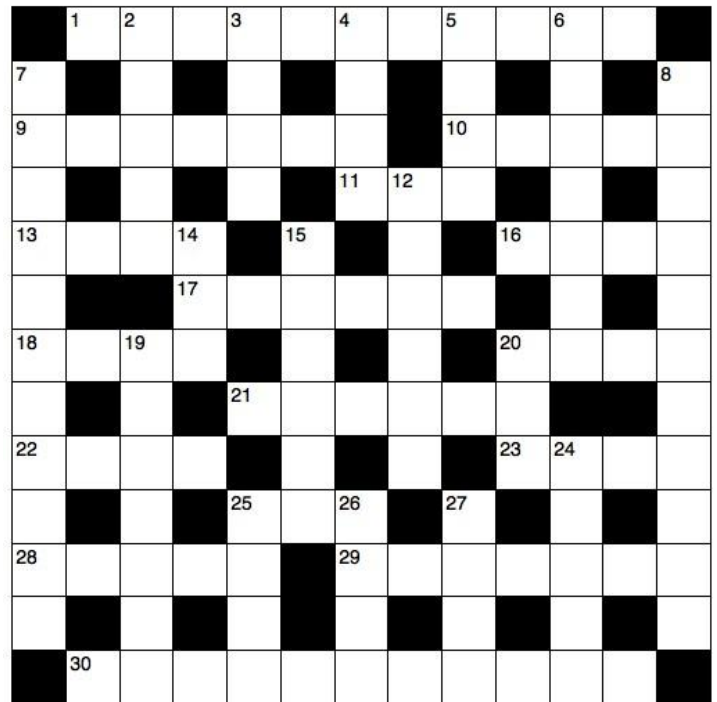


November Crossword

Biblical references are from the New International Version

Across

- 1 The sixth disciple (Matthew 10:3) (11)
- 9 'And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the — — ' (Matthew 6:13) (4,3)
- 10 Love intensely (Song of Songs 1:4) (5)
- 11 From Mt Carmel to Jezreel, Elijah — all the way (1 Kings 18:46) (3)
- 13 One of the Midianite leaders who was captured and killed after Gideon's victory in the valley near Moreh (Judges 7:25) (4)
- 16 Metallic element (4)
- 17 At line (anag.) (6)
- 18 'Cursed is everyone who is — on a tree' (Galatians 3:13) (4)
- 20 Where Samson killed a thousand Philistines with a donkey's jawbone (Judges 15:14) (4)
- 21 He succeeded Moses (Deuteronomy 34:9) (6)
- 22 'When he saw him, he took — on him' (Luke 10:33) (4)
- 23 'For — is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction' (Matthew 7:13) (4)
- 25 'The god of this — has blinded the minds of unbelievers' (2 Corinthians 4:4) (3)
- 28 Fear or terror (Psalm 31:22) (5)
- 29 'We, who are many, are one body, for we all — of the one loaf' (1 Corinthians 10:17) (7)
- 30 Assyrian ruler assassinated by his sons while worshipping his god Nisroch (2 Kings 19:37) (11)



Down

- 2 'For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made — ' (1 Corinthians 15:22) (5)
- 3 'After supper he — the cup' (1 Corinthians 11:25) (4)
- 4 The request of a man of Macedonia in Paul's vision: 'Come — to Macedonia and help us' (Acts 16:9) (4)
- 5 He disobeyed his father Judah by refusing to impregnate his dead brother's wife (Genesis 38:9) (4)
- 6 I veto me (anag.) (7)
- 7 Fourth king of Judah (1 Kings 15:24) (11)
- 8 Priest of God Most High, who blessed Abram (Genesis 14:18) (11)
- 12 'I have made you — — for the Gentiles' (Acts 13:47) (1,5)
- 14 Implore (1 Samuel 15:25) (3)
- 15 'Out of the eater, something to eat; out of the — , something sweet' (Judges 14:14) (6)
- 19 'I am the most ignorant of men; I do — — a man's understanding' (Proverbs 30:2) (3,4)
- 20 'Sin shall not be your master, because you are not under — , but under grace' (Romans 6:14) (3)
- 24 Native of, say, Baghdad (5)
- 25 The last word in the Bible (Revelation 22:21) (4)
- 26 Heroic tale (4)
- 27 'Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you — ' (John 8:32) (4)

October answers

ACROSS: 1. Jehoiachin 7. Endured 8. Eased 10. Rash 11. Startled 13. Easier. 15. Rubric
17. Impurity 18. Feet 21. Eye at 22. Ready to 23. Holy Spirit

DOWN: 1. Judas 2. Harm 3. Is duty 4. Cheerful 5. Insular 6. Jezreelite 9. Dedication 12. Secretly 14. Supremo 16. Stir up 19. Egypt 20. Hair

Puzzles

November Sudoku

5	2				4			7
	3	9		8				
4	8	7	6					
7			2		6		4	1
9		1				3		2
8	4		3		1			
					2	7	1	8
				1		4	9	
6			9				3	5

October Solution

5	2	6	1	3	4	9	8	7
1	3	9	7	8	5	6	2	4
4	8	7	6	2	9	1	5	3
7	5	3	2	9	6	8	4	1
9	6	1	4	5	8	3	7	2
8	4	2	3	7	1	5	6	9
3	9	4	5	6	2	7	1	8
2	7	5	8	1	3	4	9	6
6	1	8	9	4	7	2	3	5



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