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Parish News



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November 2020 40p

WE WILL REMEMBER THEM



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REACHING OUT WITH CHRIST TO ALL



DIARY PAGES NOVEMBER 2020

You are very welcome to join us for our Zoom services – please contact the office or one of the clergy for the link

Sunday 1st	ALL SAINTS DAY
9.30am	Parish Eucharist
3.00pm	Memorial Service for All Souls
Monday 2nd	
10-3	Arts and crafts in church <i>(by arrangement)</i>
Tuesday 3rd	
10-12	Gardening group outside the church <i>(weather permitting)</i>
Weds 4th	
5.00pm	Evening Prayer <i>(via Zoom)</i>
Thursday 5th	
7.30pm	Bible Group <i>(via Zoom)</i>

Sunday Worship and all activities based in the Church and grounds are cancelled due to national Lockdown.

Please watch out for our Sunday worship service videos

on

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SUNDAY 8th

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

- 9.30am Parish Eucharist
- 10.45am Prayers for Peace (including two-minute silence)
- 12.00pm Act of Remembrance
(at war memorial)

Monday 9th

- 10-3 Arts and crafts in church
(by arrangement)

Tuesday 10th

- 10-12 Gardening group outside the church
(weather permitting)

Weds 11th

- 5.00pm Evening Prayer *(via Zoom)*
- 7.30pm PCC meeting *(via Zoom)*

Thurs 12th

- 7.30pm Bible Group *(via Zoom)*

SUNDAY 15th

2nd SUN before ADVENT

- 9.30am Parish Eucharist

Monday 16th

- 10-3 Arts and crafts in church
(by arrangement)

Tuesday 17th

- 10-12 Gardening group outside the church
(weather permitting)

Weds 18th

- 5.00pm Evening Prayer *(via Zoom)*

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Thurs 19th
7.30pm Bible Group (*via Zoom*)

SUNDAY 22nd CHRIST THE KING

9.30am Parish Eucharist

Monday 23rd
10-3 Arts and crafts in church
(*by arrangement*)

Tuesday 24th
10-12 Gardening group outside the church
(*weather permitting*)

Weds 25th
5.00pm Evening Prayer (*via Zoom*)

Thurs 26th
7.30pm Bible Group (*via Zoom*)

SUNDAY 29th ADVENT SUNDAY

9.30am Parish Eucharist

3.00pm Holy Baptism

Monday 30th
10-3 Arts and crafts in church
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3.00pm Holy Matrimony

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REMEMBERING and REMEMBRANCE

Our memories are good at playing tricks on us. Why is it I only remember summer holidays as being sunny when I was a child? And how often has what I remember been shaped by what other people remind me of an incident?

This is the time of year for Remembrance. The time of year when traditionally we spend time particularly thinking of those who gave their lives for us in wars, and especially in the World Wars. Those are events I have no memory of, I was not even born then. But calling to mind those people who died, who gave their lives for freedom in our country, even if we do not ourselves personally know any of the fallen, is an important aspect of the Remembrance.

That is what we intentionally call to mind during the 2 minute silence. That is something which is so valued by our society, that a minute's silence has not infrequently become the way our

nation marks, and remembers, tragedies or atrocities that occur.

As the Christian Church, we also have a regular time for remembering. Whenever we share Communion, we are remembering the death of One on our behalf. That one perfect sacrifice made once for all upon the cross, is brought to us every time we share the bread and the wine, as he commanded us to. That is made real in our presence, through sharing the elements of simple food and drink, and through the words, and the prayers of God's people gathered together.

This is also a time of year for Remembering our own loved ones who have recently died, and who have gone before us. It is a time when we spend a while remembering them, and focussing on the hole that is left. We might do that on many other days also, but All Souls-tide is the time of year to intentionally mark the loss. It is not as though we could

ever forget them, but setting time aside to remember, to pray, to hear God's word bringing us comfort, can be so valuable.

It is important to look back and remember – not just out of a nostalgic reminiscence. It is important as it helps us understand our lives today, and how they came to be this way. It reminds us of what is important, and the mistakes of the past that must be avoided.

It is also important to give us a sense of perspective, so that we can see where we have been, and look forward to where we are going. The Christian remembering of Christ's death on the cross reminds us of the fallen state of humankind, but also points us to the future hope of eternal life in God's Kingdom to come, a time when there will be no more wars or fighting, no more death or dying, no more injustice or grieving or pain or tears.

So, in this season, and in the midst of the on-going pandemic, let us certainly look back and remember, let us spend time

together in silence and in grief, but let us also remember that God is doing a new thing, let us look up and see the hope of glory which lies ahead for us.

Tina Upton



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Dealing with **Loneliness** and **Isolation:** **FIVE TOP TIPS**

<https://www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/news-and-views/incidents/coronavirus-covid-19/how-to-get-help/dedicated-helpline.aspx>

Dealing with **Loneliness** and **Isolation:** **FIVE TOP TIPS**



1. Pray – light a candle, if safe, and pray for hope, faith and strength to keep loving and caring for each other during this time of struggle.



2. Talk about how you feel.

This may be difficult if you are self-isolating, but use the phone, internet and social media. If you need to contact a counsellor, this can be arranged by your GP, local agencies or privately. Samaritans are there 24 hours a day, every day, and it's free to call them on 116 123.



3. Focus on the things that you can change, not on the things you can't.



4. Look after yourself – physically, emotionally, spiritually.

Plan things that you enjoy at regular intervals during the day – a TV programme, a phone call, a book, a favourite dish, a game.



5. Look after others – even if only in small ways, but do what you can:
a smile, a kind word, writing a letter or an email.

PRAYERS FOR USE AT THIS TIME

from the Church of England website)

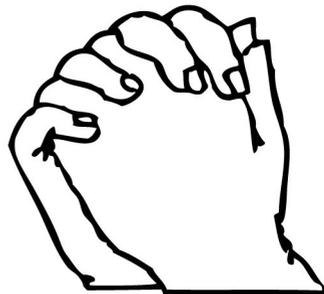
For all whose day starts with anxiety,
as they leave the security of home
worrying about the risk of infection;
particularly those whose health
or age classifies them as vulnerable.
Loving God, be close, keep them safe,
along with all whose tasks today
includes the care of frail and elderly.
And for all of us, grant wisdom
to make sensible choices, not just
for ourselves, but for everybody.

Amen.

Breath of life and love,
disturb the dark clouds
of fear and anxiety
that trouble our lives,
and in this gentle breeze,
as clouds disperse,
may we sense hope
and healing, as your light
breaks in and through
our hearts and minds,
and shines out in the world.

Amen.

We are beginning to learn
that this is a fragile world
you've placed into our care.
But there are times, Lord,
when we are reminded
of our human fragility,
needing your loving care
through times of anxiety



and illness. Touch us, Lord,
with healing hands and words,
that we might walk together
through this temporary darkness
and into your glorious light.

Amen.

Gracious God, let us never forget,
as daily life becomes more difficult
and restrictions cause annoyance,
that there are many for whom
this has been normality for years;
affected by long-term drought
or destructive storms; struggling
in poverty, or through violence
forced to adopt the life of refugee.
May we remember to be thankful
for what we have, and work together
selflessly for all who need our help.

Amen.

Loving God, what we desire is this;
that people see not us, but through
our smile, greeting, helping hand
or helpful word, your love reach out
and touch, maybe at a time of need.
Keep us focussed through this day
on being your servants in this place,
or wherever you might take us,
and may your name be glorified.

Amen.



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Christmas is coming,

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If you haven't got a crib scene, angel Gabriel will do

If you haven't got an angel, then God bless you!

Covid is trying to put a damper on our Christmas traditions: What's a carol concert without the singing? A nativity without an audience? Family lunch, on zoom?

So how about we start a new tradition in Blacon? The NHS rainbows in the window were lovely. They brightened my daily walks, and that got me thinking. What if we put scenes from the nativity in our windows this Christmas? God's gift of peace and hope and joy is far more exciting than anything that fits in Santa's sack!

A cardboard silhouette and coloured tissue paper would make a lovely 'stained glass' window. Try ['Housing a Forest'](#) website for inspiration, there are lots of printable nativity silhouettes free on the internet. Let's grab our scissors and share the true meaning of Christmas.



A BETRAYAL OF TRUST

A BETRAYAL OF TRUST, the independent report into the Church's handling of the allegations concerning the late Hubert Victor Whitsey, former Bishop of Chester, was published on 22nd October 2020. This learning lessons review was carried out by His Hon David Pearl and independent safeguarding consultant Kate Wood.

The Church supported the police in an investigation into allegations of sexual offences against children and adults by Whitsey dating from 1974 onwards when he was Bishop of Chester and from 1981 while he was retired and living in Blackburn. The church commissioned this review in 2017. The report concludes that he abused at least 18 children and young people, perhaps more.

The report's authors said 'The findings of our review will make deeply uncomfortable reading for the Church and we know will be very difficult for victims as they are reminded of their appalling abuse by a senior Church figure in a position of trust. Their suffering was clearly made worse by the poor response of Church officers at different times when they had the courage to come forward.'

The Bishop of Chester, Mark Tanner said:

"There are no words to express my horror and shame as I read this report; and even if there were, words alone are not enough. Our apologies, which are freely and sincerely given must be backed up by action. I am grateful to all those who have already helped us start to change, to Judge Pearl for this report, and most of all to the incredibly brave survivors who have spoken up and made us listen. It is with them and all victims of abuse that my thoughts and prayers rest today as I commit myself and the Diocese of Chester to respond in word and action to this report."

SUPPORT

If you are a victim, or you or someone you know is affected by the publication of the Pearl Review, please know that support is available. For more information about support available to you, including how to access the diocesan listening service, contact Margaret Andrews, the PA to the Bishop of Stockport. Your email will be treated in the strictest of confidence and Margaret can help signpost you to further support.

Email: pearl@chester.anglican.org / Telephone: 07590 396 782

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Email: safespaces@victimsupport.org.uk / Telephone: 0300 303 1056 / Website: www.safespacesenglandandwales.org.uk

The full report is available on the Diocesan website, at <https://www.chester.anglican.org/news/publication-of-review-into-bishop-whitsey.php>

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Praying for Blacon



“When right-living people bless the city, it flourishes”

*Prov 11:11
The Message*

As part of an inter-church prayer focus for Blacon, please could you pray, commencing on these Sundays, for the residents living in these roads:

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|--------------------|--|
| 1 November | Barnes Close, Morgan Close, Griffin Close & Blake Close |
| 8 November | Donne Place, Kipling Road, Wordsworth Crescent, Wordsworth Mews & Wordsworth Square |
| 15 November | Shelley Road, Coleridge Close, Stearns Close & Housman Close |
| 22 November | Meynell Place, Marlowe Close, Palgrave Close & Tennyson Walk |
| 29 November | Blacon Avenue, Keats Terrace, Blacon Hall Road & Malvern Road |

The **December issue** of the Parish News will be available on or about Sunday, 29th November 2020. All contributions should be submitted to the Parish Office by **Thursday, 12th November 2020**. Thank you. If you would like to subscribe to our magazine please contact the Church Office on 01244 376085 - annual cost is £4.00.

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Sudoku

Medium

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Crossword

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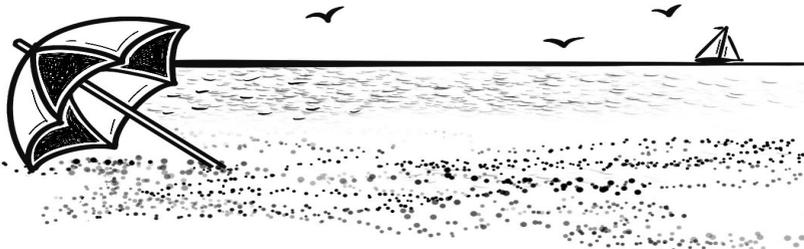
- 1 'The Lord Jesus... took bread, and when He had given — , he broke it' (1 Corinthians 11:24) (6)
- 4 'He has taken me to the banquet hall, and His — over me is love' (Song of Songs 2:4) (6)
- 8 Surrey town that hosts the National Christian Resources Exhibition (5)
- 9 Also known as Abednego (Daniel 1:7)

Crossword Clues

- (7)
10 Liken (Isaiah 40:18) (7)
11 A son of Etam, descendant of Judah (1 Chronicles 4:3) (5)
12 A part of the temple where the blood of a young bull was to be smeared (Ezekiel 45:19) (9)
17 'They make many promises, take false — and make agreements' (Hosea 10:4) (5)
19 Roman province to which Paul returned after evangelizing it on his first missionary journey (Acts 16:6) (7)
21 Material used to make baby Moses' basket (Exodus 2:3) (7)
22 'And feeble as — , in thee do we trust, nor find thee to fail' (5)
23 'The watchman opens the gate for him, and the sheep — to his voice' (John 10:3) (6)
24 Stalk carrying the sponge of wine vinegar given to Christ on the cross (John 19:29) (6)
- 2 'I am not — of the gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes' (Romans 1:16) (7)
3 Buddhist term relating to belief in reincarnation (5)
5 Damascus disciple who, at God's command, restored the sight of the blinded Saul of Tarsus (Acts 9:12) (7)
6 and 16 Horses: their sound (Jeremiah 50:11) (5) and their gait (Joel 2:4) (6)
7 A three (anag.) (6)
9 Athenian council addressed memorably by Paul (Acts 17:22) (9)
13 Abide by (Galatians 3:5) (7)
14 Persian princes (Daniel 3:2) (7)
15 Force (Galatians 6:12) (6)
16 See 6 Down (6)
18 Paste (anag.) (5)
20 How the cedars of Lebanon are described (Isaiah 2:13) (5)

Down

- 1 Elijah dug one round the altar he built on Mount Carmel and filled it with water (1 Kings 18:32) (6)



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From the Registers

HOLY MATRIMONY

3rd October

Nathan C and Helen E. M

'Those whom God has joined together let no-one separate'



ADVENT REFLECTIONS

Look out for videos to help us journey through Advent together, published on each of the Sundays in Advent:

29th November

Coming foretold

6th December

Coming for what?

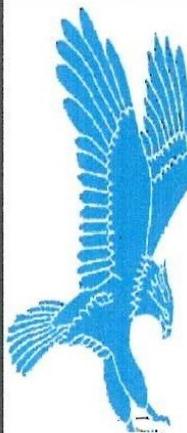
13th December

Coming for When?

20th December

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Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in
Lk 8:40-56, Mt 9:18-26, Mk 5:21-43

Jairus, a town leader, had a 12 year old daughter who was ill and about to die. He came to Jesus and knelt at his feet...

Please come! If you touch her she will be healed.

In the crowd was a woman who had been ill for 12 years.

Jesus felt power go out of him

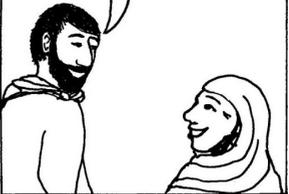
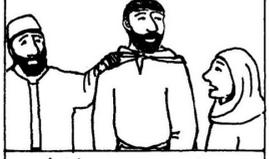


Jesus went with him. If I touch his cloak I will be healed Who touched me?

Jesus waited...

She knelt at Jesus' feet and told him everything

Go, daughter.. Your faith has healed you.



and the woman knew she had to tell him.

Then Jairus was told his daughter had just died.

But Jesus said

When they got to Jairus' house, it was filled with people mourning.



Don't be afraid, just believe and she will be healed.

She is not dead, but asleep.

They laughed at Jesus. He sent them out of the house.

Little girl, get up!

Her parents were amazed.



At once she stood up!

Give her something to eat, and don't tell anyone what has happened.

Sudoku Solutions

Easy

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Medium

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...I've moved with the times - I've now got a solar-powered radio microphone...

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in this community will be remembering
to have died or been wounded in war
for peace. You're invited to join us
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Remembrance Day.

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