



St Aidan's Church, Gillamoor



St Mary's Church, Farndale

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All Saints' Church, Kirkbymoorside

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St Michael's Church, Edstone



FROM

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Baptisms: *We welcome into the Family of the Church:*

- 19th Sept Jessica Louise Sylvia Smith at All Saints'
Isaac Stephen Michael Harrison at All Saints'
- 26th Sept Reuben Philip Anthony Hobbs at All Saints'
Tobias Jon Hobbs at All Saints'
- 2nd Oct Edward Henry William Gibson at St Aidan's
- 17th Oct Robin Matthew Bernard Pollard at All Saints'

Funerals: *We pray for the family and friends of:*

- 30th Sept Kenneth Vaughan Hornby (72) at St Mary's
- 12th Oct Clifford Taylor (81) at All Saints

JUST A THOUGHT

Dear Friends,

As November comes upon us, we prepare to remember.

Last year's Remembrance Service was sadly restricted by Coronavirus - this year however, we shall once again gather fully around the War Memorial to remember those who gave their lives in the service of their country. The solemnity will then carry us into Church for a Civic Service of Thanksgiving.

To remember is vital. It connects us with our past and helps shape our future. During times of war (and of peace), lives given as sacrifice for others assume great significance for those who remain. And whilst the suffering due to Coronavirus may not compare to that experienced during war, nevertheless all human life is a precious gift, and the loss of that life a personal tragedy.

The Christian faith also has remembrance at its heart – the remembrance of Jesus' life and death. For Christians however, death is not the end of the story. Through the ongoing life of Jesus, the overwhelming love of God shines in the darkness of our war-torn world, offering hope and the promise of new beginnings.

It is right that we remember and tell our stories. But may lives lost never be lost in vain and may the stories (and lives) of the past help light our way into a better tomorrow.

May you each be blessed on your journey,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mark', with a long horizontal flourish underneath.

NOVEMBER'S SERVICES IN ALL SAINTS'

7 **Third Sunday before Advent:**
10:30am Parish Eucharist: The Vicar the Revd. Mark Brosnan

Readers: Katrina Lane
The Vicar

Jonah 3.1-5,10
Mark 1.14-20



14 **Remembrance Sunday (Second Sunday before Advent):**
10:40am Civic Service at The War Memorial followed by a Service in Church: The Vicar the Revd. Mark Brosnan

21 **Christ the King (Sunday Next Before Advent):**
10:30am Parish Eucharist: The Revd Christine Haddon-Reece

Readers: Linda Wilson
Les Clarke

Daniel 7.9-10,13,14
John 18.33-37



28 **First Sunday of Advent:**
10:30am Parish Eucharist: The Vicar the Revd. Mark Brosnan
/The Revd. Bridget Gillespie

Readers: Lynn Goslin
Clare Haynes

Jeremiah 33.14-16
Luke 21.25-36



6:30pm Christingle: The Vicar the Revd. Mark Brosnan/
The Revd. Bridget Gillespie

DECEMBER

5 **Second Sunday of Advent:**
10:30am Parish Eucharist: The Vicar the Revd. Mark Brosnan

Readers: Brenda Hewitt
Barbara Hodgson

Malachi 3.1-4
Luke 3.1-6



If you are unable to fulfill your reading duty, please contact Anne Warriner.



SERVICES IN SAINT AIDAN'S, GILLAMOOR

21 8:45am Holy Communion: The Revd. Christine Haddon-Reece

SERVICES IN SAINT NICHOLAS' BRANSDALE

7 2:30pm Holy Communion with Act of Remembrance:
The Vicar the Revd. Mark Brosnan/The Revd. Bridget Gillespie

DECEMBER

5 2:30pm Holy Communion: The Vicar the Revd. Mark Brosnan

SERVICES IN SAINT MARY'S, FARNDALE

14 2:30pm Holy Communion with Act of Remembrance:
The vicar the Revd. Mark Brosnan/The Revd. Bridget Gillespie

28 2:30pm Prayer and Praise: Shirley-Ann Collier

SERVICES IN SAINT MICHAEL'S, GT. EDSTONE

7 11:00am Morning Praise with Act of Remembrance:
The Revd. Bridget Gillespie

21 11:00am Morning Praise: TBC

Holy Communion (BCP) each Wednesday at 10:00am
in the Lady Chapel All Saints' Church

Anyone wishing to receive Communion in their own home
please contact the Vicar, the Revd. Mark Brosnan

THANK YOU WOOLCRAFTERS!

A huge Thank You to all those who knitted and crocheted for this year's wonderful Exhibition - '*A Kingdom of Stories*'. Thanks too, to Everyone who helped as Stewards, Bakers and Tea-Servers!

The Exhibition was a delight from start to finish.

(You may also be interested to read the Thanksgiving Address given by Mark at the close of the exhibition).

Mark

A KINGDOM OF STORIES THANKSGIVING ADDRESS SUNDAY OCTOBER 3rd 2021

"Once upon a time"...no matter how young or old we are, those words invite us to listen. They draw us into strange, magical worlds where anything can – and often does happen

And so, with knitting needle and crochet hook in hand, we have climbed up the Beanstalk with Jack and travelled through the worlds of Finnbar the Leprecon, Alice and Nellie the Elephant.

We have relived the excitement of the Sword in the Stone, the injustice of Cinderella and the beauty of an Alpine childhood with Heidi.

On our way through dark woods and across stormy seas, we were reunited once again with old companions such as the Seven Dwarves, Ratty, Mole and Ariel; we have been introduced to new companions such as the Daleks and Knitted Ninja Turtles!

For those courageous enough to enter the Wardrobe, the magical Kingdom of Narnia opened up before our eyes, and together with Flower Fairies, Peter Rabbit and Friends, Little Misses and Mr Men who certainly do not look their age –we have been transported through a wonderful kaleidoscope of colour, magic and wonder!

These last days have delighted so many as we have opened the doors of the church revealing this beautiful inner world of magic and make-believe.

This morning's Gospel reading reminded us of the importance Jesus places on

seeing the world through a child's eyes -

"Unless you receive the kingdom of God as a little child, you will never enter it" (Mark Ch.10.v.15)

Thank you so much to everyone who has worked so hard these last two years and three weeks, to give us back our childhood – reminding us of the importance of open eyes and hearts, to relish and savour the beauty of your handiwork, and the gifts of God upon us all.

In the reading we heard earlier, *'Speaking of God'*, Trevor Dennis made the point that our stories of God must include the best of the old with the new, and be retold in ways that are fresh and imaginative....my goodness you have all given us this...Thank You!

And so, dear Travellers, all that remains, as we say Thank You and Farewell, is to wish and pray that we may each live safely in the love and peace of God, which is to say *"happily ever after."*

Amen

AND FROM THE WOOLCRAFTERS.....

Thank you to everyone who came and supported this event and helped raise a fantastic £2470.00.



OCTOBER'S LADIES FELLOWSHIP MEETING

At long last this October we were able to join up with our friends from the Tuesday Group. We enjoyed a quiz and lots of fun and laughter. It was so nice to be able to get-together once again. A really lovely evening was had by all.

Our next meeting is on Wednesday 10 November at 7.30 pm in the library.

NEWS FROM ST. MARY'S, FARNDALE

It was lovely to see so many people in church for our Harvest Thanksgiving. St. Mary's looked beautiful, the flower ladies excelled themselves yet again. After giving thanks to God for all the harvest and his glory we retired to the village hall for a wonderful faith supper, thank you to everyone who brought refreshments for us to share together. Our Harvest collection went to Water Aid to help them harvest clean water for the thousands of people not as fortunate as ourselves.

Sadly, on Sept 30th we said farewell to one of Farndale's most likeable farming characters. Ken Hornby's coffin arrived by tractor and trailer at St. Mary's to a packed church and even fuller churchyard. There must have been around 300 people paying their respects to this wonderful man, Ken, may you rest in peace.

We also said goodbye to Roy Handley. One of 14 children born and brought up in the little cottage next to the Feversham Arms. Roy was good supporter of St. Mary's and without his help we would not have had our carpark.

On Nov 14th there will be a Service of Remembrance at St. Mary's at 2.30pm when we remember those brave men of Farndale who gave their lives in battle for us all.

Also we are now back to having 2 services a month;
The 2nd Sunday of the month is Holy Communion and
The 4th Sunday of the month is Prayer and Praise

Everyone are most welcome to come and join us.

Phil Collier



ST NICHOLAS' BRANSDALE TEAS DAYS

A HUGE thankyou to everyone who helped us to have a really successful 1st year back after Lockdown

- the bakers, sandwich-makers, tea-makers, washers-up & tidy-uppers
- those who spread the word and brought friends and especially
- all those who came to sample the hospitality and to give so generously

Overall we raised a fantastic £1137!

So St Nicholas' mission of welcome and hospitality which is so greatly appreciated by its many visiting walkers, cyclists and passers-by is secured for 2022 and beyond

Further news:

It was a delight to welcome over 30 Dales people to our Harvest Festival service, after which yet another feast of home-produced refreshment was on offer. Many thanks to Elspeth and Julie who researched and promoted the idea of rescheduling the service to 6.00pm, thus enabling so many people to be there.

Our next service is on 7th November at 2.30pm – Holy Communion with Act of Remembrance. At this service the framed design (dating from early 20th Century) for the stained glass panels in the East window, which was never carried out, will be blessed and installed. This was recently passed on to us by the granddaughter of the artist, together with his photograph. Look out for it next time you visit.

Les Clarke



KETCHUP



A woman was trying hard to get the ketchup to come out of the bottle. During her struggle the phone rang so she asked her four-year old daughter to answer it.

“It’s the minister, Mum,” the child said to her mother. Then she told her caller: “Mummy can’t come to the phone right now. She’s hitting the bottle.”

NEWS FROM GILLAMOOR CE SCHOOL

Where God's love is sown, grown and taken home

We have returned to school full of excitement and enthusiasm following last year's disjointed learning. We welcomed 7 new starters in Reception, the largest entering cohort for a good few years. We also welcomed an additional 5 pupils into other year groups, making a total pupil number of 47 which is the highest number for about 10 years.

The curriculum is full of interesting content, and we have already had an educational visit to Helmsley Castle. The children are thrilled with our new Monday timetable of swimming and PE at St Alban's Sports Centre, Ampleforth and our music lessons on Thursdays including a choir and after school music club. Other clubs include sports, robotics, eco club and board games in addition to our pupil leadership meetings at lunchtimes for Church Council, Eco Group, STEM (science, technology, engineering and maths), Food Council and Wellbeing Group. Our House system is well established now and the pupils love earning house points for demonstrating our values and behaviours for learning as well as for attainment across the curriculum.

Our Harvest Festival was held in church in early October. The Church Council planned a lovely service which included Rev Mark's interactive contribution as well as some hymns. Donations of food from the children and their families are to be distributed locally.

The children entered the Kirkbymoorside Horticultural Society's Art Exhibition and won prizes across all categories with their sketches of Helmsley Castle and autumnal trees in the style of Kandinsky. It is so lovely to be able to join in community events again and we're looking forward to getting involved in more now that we are able to. Equally we are planning events for the community. The first of these will be to invite everyone to join us at the War Memorial for a Remembrance Day Service at 10.45am on 11th November.

Our newsletter is always displayed in the noticeboard in front of school and on our website if you'd like to see a weekly update of our activities and achievements.

Sara Paxton



LOOKING BACK

FROM THE PARISH MAGAZINE FOR BRANSDALE-CUM-FARNDAL AND EDSTONE JULY 1903

Bransdale Church

Persons entering any Church naturally look to the East and notice how the Altar has been furnished. The wise men were guided by a Star in the East to their Saviour and brought costly presents. So it is to-day; God's children knowing that they meet their risen Lord *especially* at His Altar, like to see it well furnished, first to God's honour and glory, and then to the memory of one departed.

We are very glad that some Altar Vases have been given as well as Vessels for the Water and Wine. We hope that others will follow the example of these donors and give according to their means, such as a nice Sanctuary Carpet, and an Altar Frontal, etc.



THANK YOU

A big **Thank you** to all who supported my Charity Coffee and Catch-Up Afternoon on 16 September. All the donations have now been collected and we raised an amazing total of £913-54 which has been shared equally between Christian Aid and The Yorkshire Air Ambulance.

Sara Paxton



PRAYER FOR NOVEMBER

Father,

In these short, dark days of November, with all the uncertainties and complications in our new Covid 19 landscape, help us to feel the reassurance of Your presence in the gift of each new day. Help us to be guided through the darkness by Your light – by Jesus, who will never leave us or forsake us.

In His name – the name above pandemics and shortages and rising bills and all anxieties – we pray.

Amen.

By Daphne Kitching

OCTOBER'S **MENZOWN** MEETING

Mr. **Fred. Normandale** from Scarborough was the speaker at the **October 2021** meeting, where he told some of “Fred’s Fishy Tales”.



These followed his life story, based in Scarborough and told in his five books, copies of which were on sale. He comes from generations of fishermen. He described how, as a schoolboy, he was already going to sea and learning about fishing. He spoke at length about herring fishing, using nets into which the fish swam, rather than trawling, which worked the other way around. Considerable skill was required to locate where the herrings were swimming. The scale of this has changed considerably. Many of the practices which he remembered as a boy, have now been outlawed or have disappeared.

He also painted some vivid verbal pictures of the characters and humour of fishermen and the tricks which they played upon a gullible public. Fishing was physically and emotionally challenging: boys became men. He also remembered the tactics used to resist and outwit bureaucrats, seeking to change and control how fishing was done.

This was the first meeting in the King’s Head YO62 6AT since March 2020, when, like so many groups, **MenZown** could no longer meet physically. It has kept going since then with meetings on *zoom* due to the inspired leadership of the webmaster Mr. **David Harrison**. He has offered his technical advice to both members and to speakers from as far away as Cambridge. Meetings are now live-streamed to those who prefer not to meet physically and are recorded, for those who forget the date. Members are sent a link. Please take a look at the archive of back meetings on www.menzownkms.org

During lockdown, some have missed the fellowship in the ‘pub afterwards. There was not much that could be done about that. During lockdown, no charges were made to members because they could not be collected. **MenZown** has still continued to make donations or pay speakers from the funds. Now that meetings in the dining room have started again, the **£3 per meeting charge** will be reintroduced. A programme has been planned up to the summer of 2022.

The Committee has looked at the Dining Room which, with two electric fans in the ceiling, one in the wall and an open door, should keep a circulation of air. They will also try turning the meeting around by 180 degrees, so that members are sitting nearer the open door and with distancing, rather than in a stuffy room. They are invited to wear face covering.

The next meeting of MenZown will be on **Monday November 8th**: 7pm. teas and coffees. From 7.30pm. Mr. **Malcolm Brooke** from York will give an illustrated talk about the *World War One Origins of the R.A.F.* This talk will be live-streamed. Members will be sent the link. It will be recorded. Further details on the website www.menzownkms.org

MenZown hopes to hold a **Christmas Dinner** in the Dining Room of the King's Head, YO62 6AT on **Monday December 20th**. Further details will be announced shortly.

Richard Sharpe.

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, for me.
By Megan Carter

The Rectory
St James the Least of All



My dear Nephew Darren

You really should not worry about having reversed your car into the bishop's gatepost, knocking it over and destroying his rose-beds. It gives him an opportunity to exercise Christian forgiveness. Your real mistake was scribbling a note of apology and pushing it through his letterbox. Far better would have been to have sent an anonymous letter (and to have written it on lined notepaper in capital letters, preferably in green ink, to make it look truly authentic) saying that you had seen the archdeacon do it, and then you had watched him drive off without stopping. That would have taken the minds of the senior clergy away from parish matters for quite some time.

No, never worry about the wrath of bishops; dangers lurk much nearer home. For a start, never incur the displeasure of your flower arrangers. I only crossed their path once – and arrived in church the following Sunday, to see a ten-foot-high floral arrangement at the front of church. I assumed it was by way of making amends, until I discovered it had been placed in front of the pulpit. I was obliged to preach, hidden behind a large multicoloured hedge, while the congregation listened to what were apparently talking chrysanthemums.

A colleague offended his own ladies and arrived to find that the contents of the safe had been removed and replaced with all those exotic pieces of equipment that seem to be indispensable for arranging flowers. He was obliged to administer Communion using a small vase until peace was re-established and his chalice returned to him.

Similarly, organists are a delicate breed. Congratulate him on the anthem, and if it happened to be unaccompanied, he would assume you were implying that the services were better without his playing. Offend your organist and you can be guaranteed that hymns will be played at either half or double speed, stopping one verse short and that the final piece of music as you process out will stop, leaving you and the choir stranded halfway down the aisle.

And finally, never, ever upset your verger. One forgotten Christmas present and you can be sure you will get half-way through a baptism to find he hasn't put water in the font; at marriage services, the sheets for last week's funeral will have been accidentally put out and when you sit in your stall you will discover where he now stores the mop and bucket.

No, bishops are warm, fluffy bunnies; real dangers lurks much nearer home.

Your loving uncle

Eustace



ONE MILLION DOWNLOADS FOR DAILY PRAYER PODCAST

Hundreds of thousands of people have discovered the ancient monastic cycle of daily prayer through a Church of England podcast which has received more than a million downloads in just six months.

The Daily Prayer podcast, which is integrated into the free Daily Prayer app, brings listeners together twice a day for short traditional services of Morning and Evening.

The podcast, available both via the Daily Prayer app as well as all major podcasting platforms, has had just under a quarter of a million unique listeners since launching.

The services follow the pattern of the C of E's Common Worship services, with readings recorded by people around the country and music from one of the choirs of St Martin-in-the-Fields in London.

The podcast, which was launched in March 2021, has around 8,000 people listening each day. Find it at:

<https://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship/join-us-service-daily-prayer/daily-prayer-app-and-podcast>

NATIONWIDE DIGITAL CHURCHYARD MAPPING PROJECT UNDERWAY

The first few of 19,000 churchyards have been surveyed as part of a Church of England project to create a free digital map of every grave and feature in every churchyard in the country.

The ancient church of St Bega on the shores of Lake Bassenthwaite in the Diocese of Carlisle was the first churchyard to be scanned by the surveyors, using sophisticated laser equipment, as part of the national programme.

A new website will go online in the new year, giving free access to the map. It is expected to be of special interest to local community groups, conservationists, and those researching family history. The website will also enable the charting of biodiversity and green technology.

The Church of England has partnered with Cumbrian-based surveying company Atlantic Geomatics who will use back-pack mounted laser scanners to map churchyards. They will also photograph all the visible headstones.

There are around 19,000 Anglican burial grounds in England, and the ambitious scheme will aim to digitally survey the majority over the coming seven years. Data on burials will be combined with other information, such as the National Biodiversity Network Atlas, to present the most complete picture of churchyards to date.

The project will come at no cost to parishes or dioceses in the Church of England and parishes will have free access to the map through a new web-based record system which is set to launch in Spring 2022. There will also be the option to subscribe to additional services.

Substantial funding for the programme has been given by Historic England, with the National Lottery Heritage Fund and *Caring for God's Acre* supporting the pilot phase, as well as support from genealogy research websites.

As well as details of burials, the online interactive map will detail biodiversity in churchyards, including ancient trees and plant-life, as well as green technology such as solar panels.



WHAT NATIONAL TREE WEEK MAY HAVE TO DO WITH LOCAL CHURCHES

National Tree Week (Saturday 27th November to Sunday 5th December) is the UK's largest annual celebration of trees.

It marks the start of the winter tree planting season, and so aims to encourage anyone with space to consider planting a tree. That includes churches with churchyards.

The Conservation Foundation would be happy to advise anyone on which trees might be best for a churchyard. Go to www.conservationfoundation.co.uk/churchyardtrees.



NO PROOF-OF-JAB NEEDED TO GO TO CHURCH

You can go to church this autumn for worship, baptisms, weddings, and funerals, all without needing to offer proof that you have had the jab.

The Church of England welcomed the news that vaccination certification will not be required. As a spokesman said: “it would be difficult ... to justify limiting access to church services or organisations on the basis of vaccine passports.

Such an approach would run contrary to the principle of the Church being a home-and-a-refuge for all.”

WHEN SOMEONE YOU LOVED IS DEAD

Tony Horsfall lost his wife last year to cancer. He is a former missionary in East Malaysia and former retreat leader based in West Yorkshire. This is part one of a two-part series.

Since my wife passed away in July 2020, I have often been asked, “What are you learning from your grief journey?” Here are a few standout lessons:

That grief takes longer than you think to work itself through, and it can't be rushed. It is a journey you must take slowly.

That when you lose your spouse, you lose not only the person you loved, but the person who loved you. This second loss leaves a hole in your heart, making you very vulnerable to new relationships.

That you will need to re-discover your identity as God's deeply loved child in this season of your life, as if you had never known it before.

That God can be trusted to help you rebuild your life, but trust may not come easily. It is better to focus on God's trustworthiness than on your ability to trust, which may be shaky.

That your experience of grief and your response to loss is unique and personal, so don't compare your journey to that of others.

That good friends can make the journey so much easier. Be prepared to ask for help.

That you will be ambushed by grief. Some things will take you by surprise, especially the little things.

That the loss of a spouse will leave you feeling very lonely, even when you are surrounded by family and friends. This is not a weakness, just a sign of what you have lost.

That loneliness is not a mental illness, just a natural response to being bereaved, and it will get better.

That moving forward is not a sign that you didn't care, but that there is still a life to be lived and not wasted

Concluded next month.

REFLECTED FAITH SERIES: THE BREAD WE SHARE

Last month we thought about the bread we share at the Communion table and what we do with any that is left over.

Christian beliefs and thoughts about the consecrated bread range from it being a reminder to us of the love that Jesus showed for each of us by and through His death too, at the consecration the bread becomes the literal flesh of Christ that we are invited to consume.

Wherever the church and the people are on that spectrum, the priest is always careful about the way the bread is handled. As we noted last month, this includes which container it is placed in to convey it after the service to those unable to attend.

But what happens to any small pieces that may have been broken, like crumbs, upon the altar?

Although the altar is covered with a white cloth, there is another smaller cloth placed on top of it onto which the bread and wine, in their respective containers, are placed.

The bread is usually on a plate or bowl-shaped dish called a paten, with 'extra' bread kept on a side table – the Credence Table – in case more is needed to be consecrated.

The smaller white cloth is called a Corporal and is typically 12 inches (30cms) square. The name comes from the Latin *corpus* meaning body, and this is folded in three in both directions (then sometimes starched) and ironed in such a way that when it is opened onto the altar all the folds are 'downward' so it forms a 'bowl' shape to catch those crumbs.

After the Communion is shared, the cloth is then folded back upon itself and later taken outside the building and shaken to allow any crumbs to return to nature.

This month: Next time you are able to go to a Communion Service, watch as the priest lays up the table for the time of consecration. Perhaps, before the service, the sacristan may open the corporal and place it there. In your own home what is so precious that you try and catch every crumb? How do you do it?

REMEMBRANCE

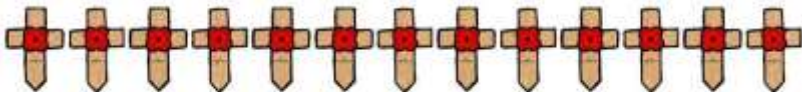
Have you seen the film 'Saving Private Ryan'? The first 20 minutes of the film is a powerful account of war, portraying the first landing crafts arriving at the Normandy beaches on D Day. The film successfully brings to life the events of that day, as a vivid act of remembrance.

From a biblical perspective, the word **remembrance** means making present a past reality, so that we can benefit from it today. On Remembrance Sunday we think about those who have given their lives in wars over the years, as well as those who continue to grieve over their lost loved ones. We want to make their sacrifice in past conflicts real for us today, so that we can engage with the horror of war and those enduring suffering today.

It involves dealing with the *why* question in the face of relentless tragedies and injustices: why does God allow such suffering to take place? One of the great themes of the Scriptures is that God identifies with the suffering. But the Christian faith goes beyond this! It affirms that in Jesus, God's Son, divinity became involved in suffering and death on the cross. It is at Calvary that we see how God Himself knows what it is to lose a loved one in an unprovoked attack. 'I could never myself believe in God if it were not for the Cross. In the real world of pain, how could one worship a God who was immune to it?' (John Stott).

Although we don't fully understand the reason why God allows evil and suffering to continue, we do know what the reason isn't! It can't be that He doesn't love us! God so loved us and hates suffering that He was willing to come down and get involved in our hurting world. This can be a source of real strength on such an occasion.

However, how can we ensure that those who have given their lives are truly honoured, not forgetting those who are risking their lives in conflicts today? An appropriate response is to actively work and pray for justice in our world, especially where there is inequality and conflict. In a divided world we are also called to renew our efforts to work for peace. We need to be serious about being peacemakers, especially where it involves those close to us. As Jesus said, *'Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called sons of God'* (Matt 5:9).



100 YEARS OF RED POPPIES

Amid the mud, blood and carnage of trench warfare in World War 1, tens of thousands of bright red poppies grew, marking the graves of the fallen. This led John McCrae, a Canadian army physician who had lost a colleague, to write “In Flanders Fields”,

In Flanders fields, the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row
That mark our place, and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly.

This image inspired the adoption of a red poppy as the symbol of all soldiers who had died in conflict. Exactly 100 years ago, on the 11th Nov 1921, poppies of remembrance were sold for the first time in British and Commonwealth countries. Hostilities had actually ceased three years earlier at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month.

This year, on the 14th November, which is the nearest Sunday, a two-minute silence will be kept at war memorials throughout the country, and at the national ceremony at the Cenotaph in London’s Whitehall. The Queen will pay tribute alongside Members of the Cabinet, Opposition Party leaders, former Prime Ministers, the Mayor of London and many others. Representatives of the Armed Forces, Fishing Fleets and Merchant Air and Navy will be there, as well as High Commissioners of Commonwealth countries. All will wear a red poppy.

Around 30 million poppies are sold each year in the UK by the Royal British Legion. All the proceeds are used to provide serving and ex-service personnel with financial support, advice, employment, mobility, housing and mental health facilities.

Today we are more aware than ever that battles are fought mainly by young people, and many of those who survive bear scars for life. The act of ‘remembering’ will not only look back to mark their sacrifice, but also yearn to learn lessons for the future.

Reflecting on the poem, ‘In Flanders Fields’, the American professor Moina Michael, wrote:

And now the Torch and Poppy Red
We wear in honour of our dead.
Fear not that ye have died for naught;
We’ll teach the lesson that ye wrought
In Flanders Fields.

DOCTOR LIVINGSTONE, I PRESUME?

It was 150 years ago, on 10th November 1871, that Welsh journalist and explorer Henry Morton Stanley located the missing missionary Dr David Livingstone near Lake Tanganyika, in present-day Tanzania. He may or may not have greeted him with the words: “Doctor Livingstone, I presume?”

Stanley’s real name was John Rowlands. He was born in Denbigh to an unmarried 18-year-old who abandoned him. He ended up in a workhouse until he was 15, then went to America, where he changed his name and became an American citizen. When he found Livingstone, he was working for the *New York Herald*.

Known for his strength of will, Stanley also had an African name – Bula Matari – Breaker of Rocks. Much of his life was spent in Central Africa, and his reputation was mixed: he was said by some to be violent toward Africans, but by others to have treated them well. His feats as an explorer were impressive: he played a big part in locating the true source of both the Nile and the Congo, and he helped open up the Congo on behalf of King Leopold of Belgium.

Though not overtly religious, he felt he was engaged in a “sacred task”. He was re-naturalised a British subject in 1892, following his marriage.



WHAT IS OUTSIDE

YOUR FRONT DOOR?

Our traditional front gardens are disappearing at a phenomenal rate, as more and more of us turn our green space into a driveway for car parking.

More than one in 10 (12 per cent) of people in the UK have now converted either some of or all their front garden into a parking spot, according to a recent survey by Direct Line Home Insurance.

It seems that homeowners are fed up with crawling the streets outside their properties looking for a space to park, and they are reluctant to leave their vehicles too far from their doorstep.

DOGS AND PEOPLE

Dogs really are in tune with human emotions like no other species, and they are born with this ability.

Such is the finding of a recent study at Duke University in North Carolina, which compared the interaction of wolf cubs with humans, and of puppies with humans. In test after test the puppies came top in their innate ability to understand human instructions.

As one researcher explained: “Dogs are born with this innate ability to understand that we’re communicating with them, and we’re trying to co-operate with them.” The study concluded that the social genius of dogs with humans is a product of thousands of years of domestication.



WHY YOU SHOULD NEVER PLAY FETCH WITH STICKS

Dogs and sticks do not mix, and now vets have issued a warning about the possible dangers.

Following two incidents where dogs chasing sticks impaled themselves and nearly died, the British Veterinary Association (BVA) warns that getting your dog to run with a stick can be life-threatening, and as it can lodge down their throat or puncture their soft palette or even paws.

Instead, people should use blunt toys that cannot piece flesh, such as rubber sticks, balls and frisbees.

Senior vice-president of the BVA said: “Vets frequently see dog injuries caused by sticks, ranging from cuts and scrapes in the mouth to the stick becoming lodged in their throat. I have seen cases of traumatic stick injuries that have needed extensive surgery to fix.

“We would never discourage owners from exercising or playing with their dog, but our advice is to swap sticks for dog-safe toys instead, and so avoid such easily preventable and distressing injuries.”

IN MEMORY OF A GREAT RUSSIAN NOVELIST

Two hundred years ago this month, on 11th November 1821, Fyodor Dostoevsky, the Russian novelist, short story writer and journalist was born. He is best known for his novel *Crime and Punishment*, and many critics rate him one of the greatest novelists in all of world literature.

His mother used the Bible to teach him to read and write at the age of four, and this – together with a nanny who read him fairy tales from an even earlier age – led him to a lifelong devotion to literature.

He was brought up as an Orthodox Christian and maintained his belief throughout his life, though he had doubts about certain Church practices – especially those of the Catholic Church and Pope Pius IX. But he viewed Christ with great love.

He narrowly escaped death in his mid-twenties when he became involved with a group that criticised the Tsar and the political system. He was condemned to death but reprieved at the last moment and sentenced to hard labour in Siberia. This probably aggravated his epilepsy, which led to his death many years later.

He was married twice and had several affairs. On his deathbed he requested that the Parable of the Prodigal Son be read to his children

MY FRIEND

Where have you gone my companion and friend?
Your bark, your look were with me each day,
But now there's such an empty space
You're no longer here; what is there to say?

Released from pain and now at peace,
Memories sweet will never depart,
Amazing how a four-legged friend
Can be so entwined within one's heart.

Of all God's creation His special touch
Is the gift of a pet coming into our care,
Loyal, loving, a constant friend
So we thank the Lord for the time that we shared.

By Megan Carter

THE BELOVED STONE OF SCONE

A quarter of a century ago, on 30th November 1996, England officially returned the Stone of Scone to Scotland after 700 years. It was the coronation stone of the Scottish and (later) English and British monarchs. Scotland has agreed to loan the Stone to Westminster Abbey for future coronations.

Ten thousand people lined the Royal Mile in Edinburgh to witness the Stone's return, and at a service in St Giles' Cathedral the Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, the Rt Revd John MacIndoe, formally accepted it.

The red sandstone block – sometimes called the Stone of Destiny – has been used in the enthronement of all Scottish kings since Kenneth I united the Scots and Pictish kingdoms and moved his capital to Scone, Perthshire, in about 840AD. It was brought to England by King Edward I in 1296, and taken to Westminster Abbey, where it has been used in the crowning of every subsequent monarch of England.

Scottish Nationalists had taken the Stone from the Abbey on Christmas Day 1950, but it was returned a few months later.

One of several legends suggests that it is the same stone Jacob used as a pillow at Bethel, which later became the pedestal of the Ark in the Temple.

FIRST COMMUNION



My three-year-old niece, Kelly, went with a neighbour's little girl to church for her First Communion practice. The minister had the children cup their hands, and then went solemnly down the line, giving each child a piece of bread, and intoning: "God be with you".



Apparently, this made quite an impression on my niece. She came home and told her mother to cup her hands and bend down. Kelly took a piece of bread from her sandwich, placed it in her mother's hands, and whispered, in her most angelic voice, "God will get you."

OCTOBER'S CROSSWORD

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

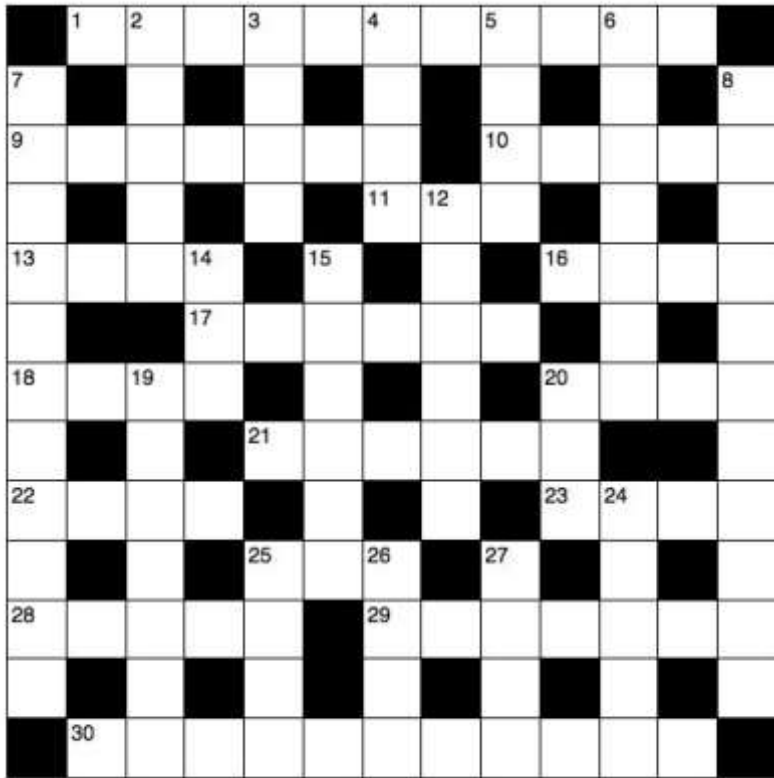
resistance is named (3)

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



OCTOBER'S CROSSWORD ANSWERS

ACROSS

1 dare; 3 cherubim; 9 son Tohu; 10 yield; 11 ranch; 12 enlist; 14 Baalah of Judah; 17 Edward; 19 Sheol; 22 media; 23 open air; 24 apostasy; 25 Eton

DOWN

1 describe; 2 run in; 4 household gods; 5 royal; 6 blessed; 7 MIDI; 8 Joshua; 13 children; 15 added to; 16 Jasper; 18 await; 20 exalt; 21 YMCA

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