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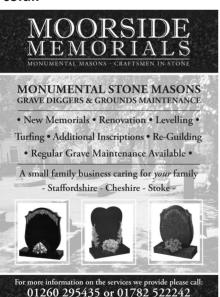
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^{**} Members of our team are very pleased to visit you in your home, to listen to you, talk with you, and pray with you. Nothing is too trivial, and nothing is beyond the reach of God's love and grace.

All you have to do is pick up the telephone and call.

We will be delighted to hear from you, and respond to your need.



Please scan me to donate to help maintain our church



October Letter

Dear friends,
As we enter October autumn is very much here; as described by John Keats the Season of mists and mellow fruitfulness. In our garden at home, and perhaps in yours as well, there's such a good crop of apples that some of the tree boughs are bent with their weight.

We are particularly blessed at All Saints' to look out over fields of ripening crops and to have several farms in our parish. This month we will celebrate God's abundant provision and give thanks for the hard work of our farmers in our Harvest Festival on 12th October.

And as the month progresses, daylight hours shorten and the nights draw in, our thoughts also begin to turn towards Christmas. And so I thought I'd take the opportunity to share with you some of the things being planned this year.

Over Advent we will be drawing on the Latin American traditions of something called Posada to help us put our Mission Statement into action and Share the love of Jesus in our community.

Posada (Spanish for lodging or inn) is a way for us to take sets of knitted figures of Mary and Joseph plus shepherds, wisemen, donkey and sheep into the homes, care homes, the day nursery and the school in our parish.

Our knitted figures are going to be commissioned in church on Advent Sunday (30th November) and they will then travel around our parish to those who have agreed to give them a night's shelter. Each day of Advent, Mary and Joseph and their friends will be taken from one lodging (Posada) to another, stopping – by arrangement – where there is a place for them and a warm welcome awaiting.

With them is a journal for their hosts to record any thoughts and comments, together with some prayers of handover and welcome. Hosts can also take selfies with Mary & Joseph and send them in to our website or Facebook page.

Finally on Christmas Eve, Mary, Joseph and the others return to church for the birth of Jesus (also knitted!). The whole family can be visited in All Saints' Church at our Crib Service and on Christmas Day.

As you can see, we are going to need quite a few knitted Posada sets, and I know some of you have already been busy with your knitting needles, which is great.

It's not too late if you want to join in and start knitting – we have patterns available, and we will

need the figures completed by mid-November. I'd love to be able to use the old Blue Peter line Here's one I made earlier, but I can take no credit for the knitted figures below.

I hope I've whetted your appetite - and provided some ideas for a project to pass away the longer autumn evenings.

God bless, Heather



Meru's Musings Remembered...

- -What thrives when you feed it but dies when you water it?
- -What belongs to you but is used by everyone you meet?
- -What do you buy to eat but never consume?
- -What is lighter than a feather but impossible to hold for much more than a minute?
- -What makes more as you take them?
- -What never walks but always runs? If 2 is company and 3 is a crowd, what are 4 and 5?

Latin

In extremis At the point of death
In futuro In the future.
In loco parentis In the place of a
parent.

In memoriamTo the memory of.In pectoreIn secretIn plenoIn full.In situNatural locationIn statu quoIn the same state.Intelligenti paucaA word to the

In toto Entirely.
In transit On the way
In vino veritas wine loosens the tongue.

Ipso factoBy that very fact.JustitiaJustice for all.Lacrim ChristiThe tear of ChristLapsus calamiA slip of the pen.

Quotations

Many of these quotations go way back before the written word. Some are found in the Torah, Talmud, Bible and the Qur'an or originate from folk sayings of Jewish and far Eastern communities around the world. I have chosen a limited amount of these gems plus some quotes from the wisdom of Latin terminology that you may come across, also some miscellaneous pearls of perception from around the world. They are designed to make you smile, laugh, and think with a sense of caution at times.

Absolutism:

If you insist too long that you're right, you're wrong.

Adam.

Genesis tell us that God created man from the dust of the ground. In the Talmud, it says that Adam's head was made of earth from the Holy Land, His body from the soil of Babylonia, his limbs from the earth from other lands. Legends offers a charming theory of Adam's name. 'A' for Anatole, East. 'D' for Dysis, West. 'A' for Arktos, North. 'M' for Mesembria, South, Adam= East. West. North. South. God saw that Heaven and Earth we're jealous of each other, so He created man out of earth, and his soul out of heaven. To be continued...

Meru Ullah



9.00am 12th October Messy Harvest





In Messy Church children and their parents/carers have fun learning about the Christian faith together through different activities—crafts, cooking, games, songs...

If you would like to know more about Messy Church please contact: Kirsty Hicks 07463918857

Or come along on the day.





Let Him lead me to the banquet hall and let His banner over me be love

Song of Songs 2:4

I like a good harvest festival. 'Come, Ye Thankful People, Come'. 'For the Fruits of His Creation', 'Now Thank We All Our God' and my favourite, 'We Plough the Fields and Scatter', the last one is not everyone's favourite but I like it. It reminds me of school assembly and teacher who pointed out the words sound like ploughing fields and then running away. I can remember the fields near where I lived and seeing the tractor followed by flocks of birds, eager for food.

Harvest is about being thankful for God's provision and how the harvest, in this part of the world at least, never fails. No matter how dry or wet the growing seasons are, we always get a harvest.

I enjoy a good harvest lunch. We used to have really good ones in

the parish, and it brought out people who were not regular church goers but occasional attenders, mainly when food was on the table. I like a buffet because you can choose what you want and how much of it, and if you are clever, you can get two helpings. My advice is let the polite people go first, as they eat little and then go for it when most people have had their fill. No! don't be greedy but do tuck in and make sure you help others.

God invites us to a banquet where there is plenty to eat for everyone and everyone makes sure all have their fill.

David Pickup, a solicitor, considers Harvest Festivals

All Saints' warmly invites you to our Harvest Festival on the 12th October at 10.45 am. Whilst we are not sharing a harvest lunch, we will share friendship and fellowship over coffee/tea and cake.

The poster on the next page gives suggestions from the Alsager Food Bank where our donations will be going to for the needs in our local community. Thank you for all you generous donations.



Harvest at All Saints Sunday 12th October 10.45 am

Donation Guidelines

Please be aware that we are unable to accept any food donations that contain alcohol. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation in helping us maintain this standard.

Suggested Donations

Below is a list of suggested items that would be greatly appreciated for donation:

- Breakfast cereals
- UHT milk
- Tea or coffee
- Hot chocolate
- Cuppa soups
- Sugar
- Jam
- · Squash or juice
- Tinned meats
- Tinned fish
- · Soups (packets or tins)
- Baked beans
- Tinned vegetables, including tomatoes
- Tinned spaghetti
- Potatoes (dried or tinned)
- Cook-in sauces

- Tinned fruit
- · Custard (packet or tinned)
- Jellies
- Biscuits
- · Rice puddings
- Pasta
- Noodles (dried)
- Rice (dried)
- Toilet rolls
- Babies' nappies
- Toothpaste and toothbrushes
- · Soap or shower shampoo
- Sanitary towels
- Washing-up items, including washing-up liquid
- Pet food
- Carrier bags

Thank you for your generosity and support for our Harvest celebration and for helping those in need within our community.

1700th Birthday of the Nicene Creed Celebrated at All Saints'

All Saints' Summer Series discovered how the Nicene Creed used in Holy Communion services to this very day came into existence 1700 years ago.



The Nicene Creed is one of the most important statements of Christian faith, widely used in liturgy by Catholic, Orthodox, Anglican, and many Protestant churches. It was originally formulated at the First Council of Nicaea (325 AD) and later revised at the First Council of Constantinople (381 AD).

The church celebrated with cake on the last sermon of the four part series.

Church Collections for August 2025

Week Beginning	3rd	£689.35
Week Beginning	10th	£1,106.75
Week Beginning	17th	£741.46
Week Beginning	24th	£251.18
Week Beginning	31st	£238.97

Our thanks to everyone who has helped us by giving faithfully and generously towards our costs of mission, ministry and maintenance.

During this unprecedented challenging time, you can also keep up to date via our website where you can find out about our worship, church life, giving and accessing our monthly parish magazine.

Knitivity 2025 18th October -1st November

All your wonderfully knitted squares have now been transformed into our Nativity Figures.

So the good news is **IT'S HERE**, **KNITIVITY HAS ARRIVED**, yes at long last we have our community knitting art exhibition, relating the nativity. All the hard work has now come to fruition and ready to be unveiled.

Please come along and see the final results, tell your friends, family and neighbours. The exhibition is open daily from 10 am – 4pm each day, free admission, activities to suit all ages. Refreshments are available

throughout the day. So come and join us for a memorable experience of the greatest story ever told..

As we progress through October to the 18th watch out on our Facebook / Instagram page for more news as we countdown to our opening day and please share the facebook/instagram posts.

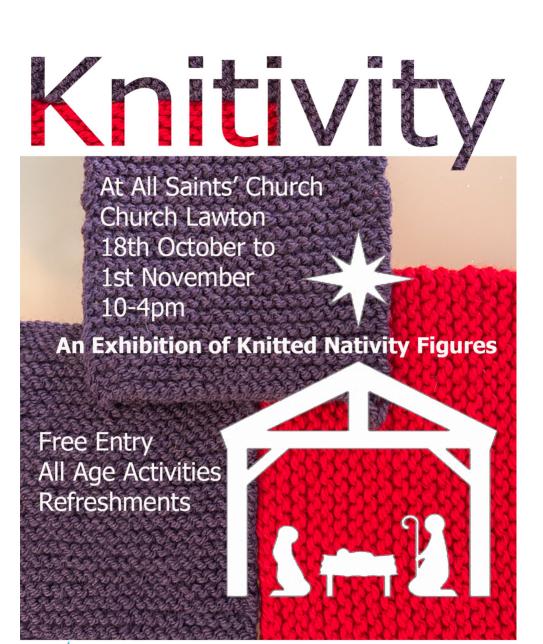
A great big thank you to everyone who has helped in any way to ensure our project has finally reached its opening day. Now let's make it a big success by telling everyone we know to come along and see what we've achieved.

WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT to make it a success.

With love and blessings for the journey we've all been on, the star has stopped over the stable.

Bev x







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We are on a mission to inspire creativity and bring smiles to people of all ages, and we need your help!



We invite you to join us in an exciting adventure of emptying those cupboards and discovering hidden treasures: your unused Lego and Duplo blocks!

> Please take any donations to All Saints' Church, or pass them to a Church member.

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Laugh lines

Oddest

The parish magazine was reporting on a recent parish away-day at the seaside. It said: 'The results of our competition for the oddest item found on the beach were: First prize: Mrs Wainwright; second prize: The Vicar; and third prize, Mr Simpson.'



"Good news on the lottery-funding for the organ repairs, Vicar – three of our numbers came up for £25!

Wear out

Three little boys were bragging about how tough they were.

"I'm so tough," said the first boy, "that I can wear out a pair of shoes in a week."

"Well," said the second little boy, "I'm so tough, I can wear out a pair of jeans in a day."

"That's nothing," said the third boy. "When my parents take me to see my grandma and grandpa, I can wear them out in just one hour."

Dear Lord,

So far today, I am doing all right. I have not gossiped, lost my temper, been greedy, grumpy, nasty, selfish, or self-indulgent. I have not whined, complained, or cursed. I have not charged on my credit card or eaten any chocolate. However, I am going to get out of bed in a few minutes, and I will need a lot more help after that! Amen.

If you understand it...

When you get to the point where you really understand your computer, it's probably obsolete.



Recycling & Green Living Tips

Plants for pollinators

The Royal Horticultural Society gave its Plants for



Pollinators list a major update in late summer. It is now recommending over 10,000 plant choices proven to help bees, butterflies, moths and more, no matter how big or small your space is.

Some of the new categories...

Trees for pollinators: common hawthorn, field maple and goat willow

Perennials for pollinators: primrose, cornflower and common knapweed Bulbs for pollinators: early crocus, bluebell and snowdrop

Plants for butterflies: lavender, dahlia and hebe

Plants for bees: nasturtium, catmint and foxglove

What criteria does a plant have to meet?

To be included on the RHS Plants for Pollinators lists, a plant must meet all the criteria in the flow chart decision tree created by the RHS team.

These are:

• The plant is widely available to buy

- in the UK, able to grow outdoors in the UK climate, and not invasive
- The plant is associated with good, published evidence that it is visited by UK pollinators
- If the plant is only occasionally visited, it must be important to pollinators for another verified reason, such as being very high in nectar, flowering between September and April when less forage is available to pollinators or benefitting a particularly wide variety of insects

Whether you're adding colour to a roundabout, sowing wildflowers on a verge or planting a tree in a park, invite wildlife into your space by looking out for the Plants for Pollinators list.

https://www.rhs.org.uk/.../plants-for -pollinators-update

5 Seemingly Harmless Household Habits Wrecking the Environment

You might think your daily home habits are harmless, but some quietly contribute to environmental harm. These small choices can add up fast, but you don't have to overhaul your entire lifestyle to make a difference. Tweaking a few routines can reduce waste and shrink your household's environmental impact. As you explore these everyday habits and their greener alternatives, you'll see

how simple shifts help you live more sustainably and inspire those around you to do the same.

Pouring Old Cooking Oil Down the Drain

You might think pouring leftover cooking oil down the sink is no big deal, but it creates serious problems for your home and the environment. As the oil cools, it makes "fatbergs" that stick to your pipes and can lead to costly blockages once it enters the sewer system. Those plugs may cause the system to overflow, which releases hazardous chemicals and waste into natural waterways.

Flushing Unused Medications Down the Toilet

Flushing old medications or disposing of them in the bin may seem convenient, but it can contaminate water supplies and disrupt aquatic ecosystems. Instead of letting unused pills or liquids harm the environment, return them to a pharmacy.

Letting Food Waste Go to Landfills

When you put food scraps in the landfill waste bin, you waste leftovers and contribute to a major environmental problem. Once in a landfill, food breaks down without oxygen and releases methane, a greenhouse gas more than 28 times more potent than carbon

dioxide. Some councils provide food waste bins or you can make a positive impact by composting your food scraps at home or using a community composting program.

Frequent Use of Disposable Wet Wipes

Never flush any type of wipe down the toilet. Most wet wipes contain plastic fibres that don't break down, clogging sewers and contributing to microplastic pollution in oceans and other water systems. Even wipes labelled as "flushable" can cause serious plumbing issues and lead to expensive municipal repairs.

Recently, 180 tonnes of wet wipes were removed from the Thames which took a month to do.

Leaving Electronics Plugged In

You might not realise it, but many of your devices continue to use electricity even when they're turned off. These phantom loads, which electronics consume in standby mode, can account for up to 10% of your home's total energy consumption, quietly driving up your utility bills and carbon footprint. Unplug devices when you're not using them or use a smart power strip that automatically cuts off power to idle electronics.

Happy Recycling

Carol Henshaw

All Saints' Community Page

The many skills of our churchyard volunteers have turned to repairing the brickwork surrounding the large body stone. Our dear friend "Ivy" had once again worked its way through the bricks and once removed we discovered It needing repairing. Thank you to all involved in making this good and safe again.







We often post pictures of what's happening the churchyard. This photograph was taken after working in the churchyard.



There's Lots of chatter and banter over tea, coffee, cake and biscuits.

We often have visitors who just pop along for a coffee and chat at midday on Tuesdays and Thursdays, feel free to join us.

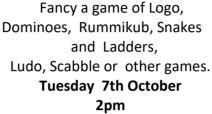
We were cheering the news of the birth of James Kemball born that morning in Singapore to Evie and David. Rev Sister Heather and Alan Kemball are now proud Grandparents.

All Saints' Community Page







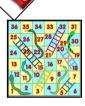




Then come and join us on Enjoy a challenge or teach others.







Diary Dates

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12th October Harvest Service

14th October Deep Cleaning the church 10am to 12pm

18th October – 1st November "Knitivity"

8th November 10.30 – 12.30 Coffee & Christmas Craft Fayre

23rd November 10.45am Toy Service

6th – 12th December Christmas Tree festival

All Saints' Church Lawton is open daily

The church is open daily for private prayer 10am to 4pm. Come in and spend a few quiet moments in the tranquil and peaceful setting. There is a prayer station at the front of the church or simply choose a pew.

Morning Prayer at All Saints'

Rev Sister Heather Kemball warmly invites you to join her for Morning Prayer at 9.30am on Monday, Wednesday and Friday

Midweek Communion at the Rectory

Every Wednesday morning at 11am, on the first Wednesday of each month it will be followed by an informal lunch. First Wednesday of each month at 6.30pm followed by an informal supper.

Prayer Diary

Now available copies of the new monthly Prayer Diary with the names of all those on the electoral roll to enable us to pray regularly for one another.

Prayer for October

Dear Lord,

In this autumn season, when the harvest is gathered, we thank You for Your provision for us. We have so much, and yet we see terrible images of starving children on our televisions and smartphones and in our newspapers. Lord, prompt us to do what we can to change things, whether that is by writing a letter or email to someone with influence, or by contributing in some way to aid agencies.

Lord, we ask You to touch the hearts of those leaders of nations whose decisions cause such hunger and suffering. Soften those hard hearts, Lord. Fill them with Your compassion. May there be a new harvest of love – and a kinder world. In Jesus' name, Amen.

By Daphne Kitching

Bible Readings for September Services

Date	Epistle	Gospel
5th	1 John 5: 1 - 12	John 21: 20 - 25
12th	Deuteronomy 26: 1 - 10	Mark 4: 1 - 20
19th	Isaiah 55	Luke 1: 1 - 4
26th	Romans 15: 1 - 6	Luke 4: 16 - 24

Teaser Answers

What thrives when you feed it but dies when you water it?

Answer: A fire.

What belongs to you but is used by

everyone you meet? Answer: Your name.

What do you buy to eat but never

consume?

Answer: Cutlery.

What's lighter than a feather but impossible to hold for much more

than a minute?

Answer: Your breath.

What makes more as you take them?

Answer: Footsteps.

What never walks but always runs?

Answer: A river.

If 2 is company and 3 is a crowd, what

are 4 and 5? Answer: 9.



Please send any material for inclusion in the October edition of Lawton Light! By September 10th

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Services & Speakers October 2025

	8.30am	10.45am	6.00pm			
5th	Trinty 16					
	Holy Communion	Holy Communion	Service of the Word			
	Heather Kemball	Heather Kemball	Heather Kemball			
12th	Trinity 17					
		Praise & Prayer	Holy Communion			
		Margaret Cruxton	Margaret Cruxton			
19th	Trinity 18					
	Holy Communion	Holy Communion	Evening Prayer			
	Heather Kemball	Heather Kemball	Heather Kemball			
26th	Trinity 19					
		Praise & Prayer	Holy Communion			
		Bev Boulton	Bev Boulton			



October Rotas

Date	Time	Service	Readers	Prayers
5th October	8.30am	Holy Communion BCP		
	10.45am	Holy Communion CW	Pat Lancaster	Margaret Cruxton
			Ruth Griffiths	
	6.00pm	Service of the Word	Christine Hollins Ken Newton	Margaret Cruxton
12th October	9.00am	Messy Church		
	10.45am	Praise & Prayer	Linda Jones Janet Parker	Jane Baker
	6.00pm	Holy Communion CW	Chris Preston	Jane Baker
			Kieran Hutchinson	
19th October	8.30am	Holy Communion CW		
	10.45am	Holy Communion C W	Margaret Mellor	Bev Boulton
			Helen Mottram	
	6.00pm	Evening Prayer	Harold Dowler	Harold Dowler
			Christine Hollins	
26th October	10.45am	Praise & Prayer	Paul Cruxton	Alan Kemball
			Di Williams	
	6.00pm	Holy Communion BCP	Chris Preston	Service Prayers
			Kieran Hutchinson	





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