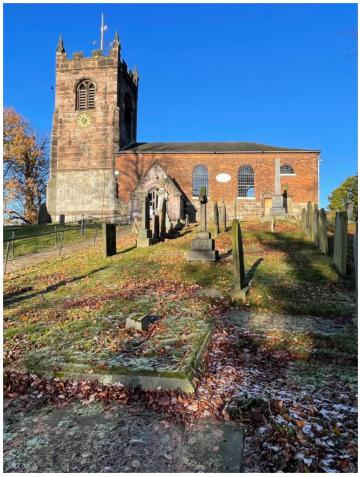


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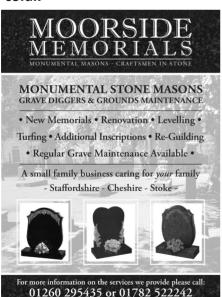
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Please join us for our Remembrance Service
on 9th November at 10.45am

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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



November Letter

Dear Friends,
I wonder if you like a riddle....

Question: What starts with us all,
but ends rather blue and cross?

Answer: November – but can you
work out why? (please see p. 21
for the explanation)

As November begins I can't quite believe Alan & I have been with you for two years. They say time flies, and it certainly has this year. It's been a very special year for all sorts of reasons including Knitivity, being Chaplain to the High Sheriff of Cheshire and becoming a Grandma. We are so grateful to God for his goodness to us, and excited to see what he has in store as we begin the new church year on Advent Sunday which this year falls on Sunday 30th November.

I have also been thinking about some of the new faces we have been seeing across all the different services we have, and again thanking God for each one. It's made me wonder whether there may be some in the church family who would like to join a group that looks deeper into what

it is to know and follow Jesus, and with the option to be confirmed at some point in 2026. I think I'll simply call the group *Deeper*. If this is something that would be of interest to you, please do speak to me/ text/ email or give me a call.

In the meantime, this month gives us a couple of opportunities to engage with two important aspects of our faith – safeguarding and giving.

On Sunday 16th November our 10.45 service will be following the Church of England's National Theme of Safeguarding. We'll be considering how we welcome and help one another to stay safe, supporting one another as we learn and grow together into all God has for us.

After the service we have a representative, Ruth Lancaster, from one of the charities we support joining us for a Bring and Share lunch in church.

The charity is IcFEM, located in the rural North West of Kenya, which Alan & I were blessed to be able to visit two years ago. Ruth will be coming to give us an update on how things are going and to share some ways, in addition to our prayers, in which we can support our Christian sisters and brothers there.



Dreamland Mission Hospital

Our hospital provides care for a wide range of illnesses and injuries, including routine care for those who would otherwise be unable to afford it.

There will be another opportunity to give with generosity a week later on 23rd November with our annual Toy Service. All contributions will be given to local families in need to help them over the holiday period and ensure their children have gifts to open on Christmas Day.

I do hope you will be able to join us for these events.

God bless, Heather

Macmillan



It's that time of year again when we support the World's Biggest Coffee Morning in aid of Macmillan and All Saints' has come up trumps yet again.

Ignoring the calories, homemade cakes and bread enticed people to furnish their larders with a tasty treat. This year we decided to run a bottle and chocolates tombola which proved very popular. Lots of people went home to the chink of bottles – ideal presents for Christmas! And then there was the aroma of bacon on a bap and cheesy oatcakes accompanied by tea or coffee – a welcome refresher when you'd spent up.

In two hours, we raised the magnificent total of £800, the highest total we have ever raised! A number of people Gift Aided their contribution, so, when we add this to the total it comes to £875. An absolutely brilliant achievement.

A great big THANK YOU to all who helped with this worthy cause. I really do appreciate the amount of time you give. THANK YOU to all those who came, filled the church and spent their money.



Margaret Cruxton

Remembrance



November is a time for looking back, a time for remembrance.

And Remembrance Day itself is of course a time to remember with gratitude the supreme sacrifices that our armed forces made during World War 1, World War 2 and other more recent conflicts.

Do join us here at All Saints' for our Remembrance Service on Sunday 9th November at 10.45am

On All Saints Day and All Souls Day we remember the Christian saints

and martyrs down the centuries who gave their lives for Christ.

November also brings us The International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church (IDOP), which reminds us that conflict is far from over: 380 million Christians worldwide live under persecution today.

But November also brings us the final Sunday in the church calendar: the Sunday of Christ the King. And Revelation 21 promises that one day God will wipe every tear from our eye, and death will be no more; grief, crying, and pain will be no more, because the previous things will have passed away.

So, this month is not only a time for Remembrance, but a time for looking forward to the world to come, when 'Thy Kingdom Come' will no longer be a prayer of hope, but an eternal glorious reality.





9.00am 9th November Trusting God





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.



Meru's Musings Remembered...

Teasers

- 1. What is there one of in every corner and two of in every room?
- 2. What is stronger than steel but can't handle the sun?
- 3: What is it that no one wants, but no one wants to lose?
- 4. The more there is, the less you see. What am I?
- 5. How do eight eights add up to one thousand.
- 6. I have many faces, expressions, and emotions, and I am usually right at your

fingertips. What am I?

Latin

Odium Hatred Omnia vincit amor Love conquers all. A masterpiece. Opus magnum Ora et nobis Pray for us. Pater Noster Our Father Pater Patriae Father of his country. Pax Peace Peccavi I have sinned. Persona non grata An unacceptable person

Persona grata An acceptable person. Poeta nascitur, non fit A poet is born not made

Pollice verso Thumbs down. Post mortem An autopsy. Written afterwards. Post scriptum

Potius mori quam foedari Death before dishonour

Prima facie At first sight.

Pro Patria For ones country.

Sayings of old.

Anger: Because you are angry at the vicar, why refuse to say 'Amen' to the prayer.

Anger is a fool. Never try to pacify someone at the height of his rage. Anger in a house, is like a worm in a plant.

Observe people when they are angry, for it is then that their true nature is revealed.

Anger begins with madness and ends in regret.

Holding onto anger is like grasping a hot coal with the intent of throwing it at someone else, you are the one that gets burnt. Speak when you are angry, and it will be the best speech you will ever regret.

Anxiety:

Only one type of worry is correct: to worry because you worry too much. Riches bring anxiety: wisdom gives peace of mind.

Never trouble trouble till trouble troubles you.

Today is the tomorrow you worried about yesterday.

Appearance:

A homely patch is prettier that a beautiful hole.

Argument: The man with an unimpressive argument rattles off too many of them,

If you protest long enough that you

are right, you're wrong.

Meru Ullah

Toy Service 2025



The Toy Service is on 23rd November 10.45am

It's October and I'm thinking about the Toy Service and Christmas toys for those less fortunate than ourselves.



Our toys this year like last year will go to support and be distributed locally by our various community charities. So please go out and buy as

you would normally do and yet again let's put a smile on the faces of local children this Christmas-time.

And to the question "Has he been yet?" let's make sure children know that Yes, he has been, as usual silently in the night.

The gift tags will be available in church from Sunday November 9th.

My hope is that All Saints' Church



will embrace this project with the generosity you've shown in previous years and make Christmas 2025 wonderful for a child in need of love at this special time of the year.

With love and best wishes as we all prepare for Christmas.

Blessings to you all Bev x



From the Registers

Funerals

On 13th October Alan Neil Park Age 71 years

"The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not be in want. He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, Surely goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever."

(23rd Psalm)

Church Collections for September 2025

Week Beginning	7th	£719.66	
Week Beginning	14th	£1,280.20	
Week Beginning	21st	£659.20	
Week Beginning	28th	£169.36	

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.





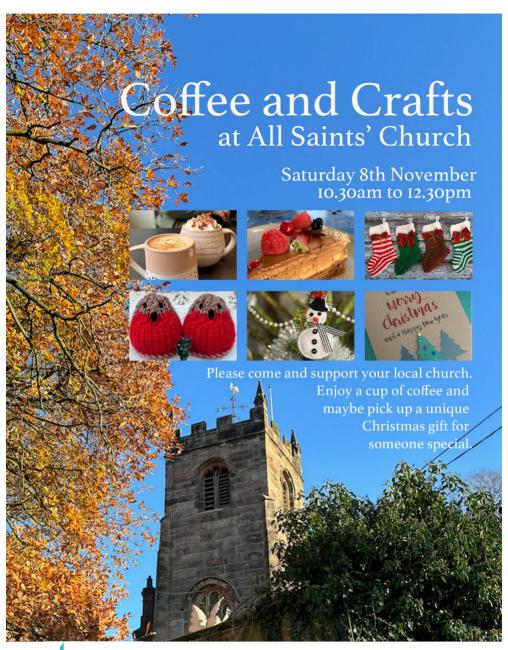
We are on a mission to inspire creativity and bring smiles to people of all ages, and we need your help!



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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Church open for viewings in December

Saturday 6th	2pm	3.30pm
Sunday 7th	12.30pm	3.30pm
Monday 8th	10.30am	3.30pm
Tuesday 9th	10.30am	3.30pm
Wednesday 10th	10.30am	3.30pm
Thursday 11th	10.30am	7.30pm
Friday 12th	10.30am	3.30pm



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Laugh lines etcetera...

Careful!

There was a very gracious lady who was mailing the old family Bible to her brother in another part of the country. "Is there anything breakable in here?" asked the postal clerk. The lady thought for a moment. "Only the Ten Commandments."



"Goodness! is it time for Christmas Fair organising, carol service planning and nativity play rehearsals already?!"

Hear, hear

A very deaf elderly man was finally fitted out with a hearing aid that really worked. A month later his doctor called him in for a check-up. "Your family must be really pleased that you can hear again."

The gentleman replied, "Oh, I haven't told my family yet. I just sit around and listen to the conversations. I've changed my will

A few things to ponder on!

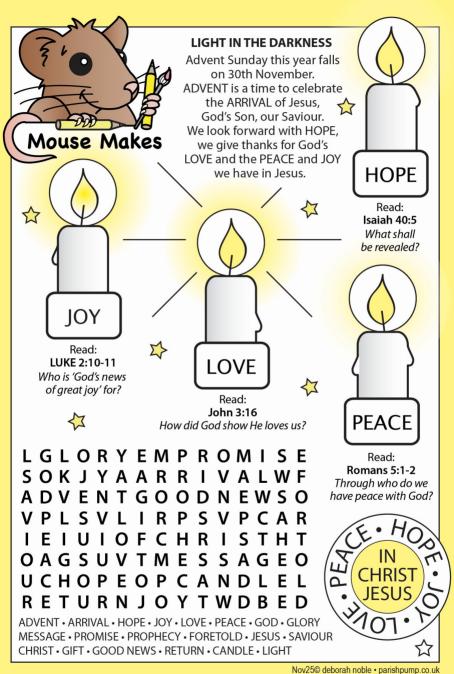
I have a severe nonlinear waterfowl issue. (I don't have all my ducks in a row.)

A pessimist's blood type is always b-negative.

I'm proud to announce that I have completed the first item on my bucket list. I have the bucket.

Somebody just threw a handful of Omega 3 tablets at me! It's okay, I only suffered super fish oil injuries.

The only thing that wakes you up faster than coffee is spilled coffee.



Recycling & Green Living Tips



The 3 main reasons that shopping for second-hand items is great for our planet

- It saves the natural resources used to make new items
- Avoids the emissions from manufacturing and transporting new products
- Prevents items from going to landfill and reduces waste

Stop throwing out silica gel packets. Here are 12 brilliant ways to use them around the house

Silica gel packets are often found in the packaging of various products. These small, seemingly insignificant packets are usually discarded without a second thought. However, they hold a hidden value that many people overlook. Silica gel is a desiccant, meaning it absorbs moisture from the air, making it incredibly useful in a variety of household applications. By repurposing these packets, you can extend the life of your belongings and solve common household problems.

1. Preserving Important Documents and Photos

Moisture can cause significant damage to paper documents and photographs, leading to warping, fading, and mould growth. By placing silica gel packets in storage boxes or filing cabinets, you can create a dry environment that helps preserve these important items. This is especially useful for documents that need to be archived for long periods, such as birth certificates, legal papers, and cherished family photos.

2. Keeping Toolboxes Rust-Free

Tools are often stored in garages where humidity levels can be high, leading to rust and corrosion. By placing a few silica gel packets in your toolbox, you can help absorb excess moisture and protect your tools from rusting. This can extend the life of your tools and save you money on replacements.

3. Extending the Life of Razor Blades
Razor blades can quickly become dull
and rusty when exposed to moisture.
To extend their life, store your razor
in a sealed container with a silica gel
packet. The packet will absorb
moisture and keep the blades dry,
reducing the risk of rust and
maintaining their sharpness for
longer.

4. Protecting Electronics from Moisture

Electronics are particularly sensitive to moisture, which can cause short circuits and damage components. Placing silica gel packets in storage boxes or bags with your electronics can help keep them dry and functioning properly. This is especially important for items that are not used frequently, such as cameras, laptops, and seasonal gadgets.

5. Reviving a Wet Phone

If your phone accidentally gets wet, remove the battery and SIM card and place the phone in a sealed bag with several silica gel packets. Leave it for at least 24-48 hours to allow the packets to absorb the moisture. While not guaranteed, it can sometimes revive a water-damaged phone.

6. Preventing Silver Tarnish

Silver items, such as jewellery and cutlery, can tarnish when exposed to moisture and air. Storing them with silica gel packets can help reduce tarnishing by keeping the environment dry.

7. Storing Seeds for Gardening

Seeds need to be kept dry to maintain their viability. Storing them in an airtight container with silica gel packets can help prevent moisture from causing them to rot or sprout prematurely. This ensures that your

seeds remain ready for planting when the time comes.

8. Maintaining the Freshness of Spices

Spices can lose their potency and flavour when exposed to moisture. To keep them fresh, store spice jars with a silica gel packet in your spice rack or cabinet. This helps absorb any moisture and preserves the quality of your spices.

9. Preventing Mould in Stored Clothing

Clothing stored in damp environments, such as basements or attics, can develop mould and mildew. Placing silica gel packets in storage containers or garment bags can help keep clothes dry and mould-free. This is especially useful for seasonal clothing that is stored for long periods.

10 Enhancing the Longevity of Christmas Decorations

Decorations are often stored away for most of the year, making them susceptible to moisture damage. By adding silica gel packets to storage boxes, you can protect decorations from mould, mildew, and deterioration.

Conclusion: Embrace the Versatility of Silica Gel Packets

Happy Recycling

Carol Henshaw

All Saints' Community Page



It's been a very busy time in the churchyard this summer and Autumn. The repair work has now been completed on the large body stone. We are in the process of finalising the repair of the clock face. The water leak has been found and repaired and so all the facilities of the church are available to the community again.

As we put the November Magazine together we are in the midst of the "Knitivity" event. As a church we were invited to promote the event in Kidsgrove Tesco, Bev and Margaret took Joseph and a lamb along and had lots of conversations with customers passing by and raised £78.00 towards the event. Thank you to Matthew Wright Charity Community Coordinator and Tesco Kidsgrove for the opportunity to chat about "Knitivity".

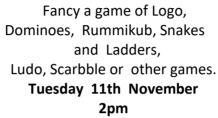


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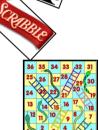






Then come and join us on Enjoy a challenge or teach others.





Diary Dates

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8th November 10.30 – 12.30 Coffee & Christmas Craft Fayre 9th November Remembrance Service 10.45am

23rd November 10.45am Toy Service

6th – 12th December Christmas Tree festival

14th & 21st December Carols By Candlelight

24th December Crib service 3pm

24th December 11pm Midnight Communion

25th December 10 am Family Service

All Saints' Church Lawton is open daily

The church is open daily for private prayer 10am to 3pm. 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 November

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 in 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.

By Daphne Kitching

Bible Readings for November Services

Date	Epistle	Gospel
2nd	Isaiah 35	Luke 19: 1 - 10
9th	Psalm 91	James 2 14-26
16th	Colossians 1: 13 - 20	Luke 23: 33 - 43
23rd	No Epistle reading	Mark 12: 28 to 34
30th	Romans 13: 11 - end	Matthew 24: 36 - 44

Teaser Answers

1. Riddle: What is there one of in every corner and two of in every room?

Answer: The letter O.

2. Riddle: What is stronger than steel

but can't handle the sun?

Answer: Ice.

3. Riddle: What is it that no one wants, but no one wants to lose?

Answer: A lawsuit.

4. Riddle: The more there is, the less

you see. What am I? Answer: Darkness.

5. Riddle: How do eight eights add up

to one thousand?

Answer: 888 + 88 + 8 + 8 + 8 = 1000.

6. Riddle: I have many faces,

expressions, and emotions, and I am

usually right at your fingertips. What am I?

Answer: Emojis.



Please send any material for inclusion in the December Lawton Light!

By 10th October

To Jane Baker Telephone 01270 876363 or email: editor@allsaintschurchlawton.co.uk

*Explanation of the riddle
November starts with all of us
because 1st November is All Saints'
Day, our patronal festival. But it
finishes rather blue and cross
because 30th November is St.
Andrew's Day and his emblem is
the blue saltire which includes a
white cross.

Services & Speakers November 2025

	8.30am	10.45am	6.00pm	
	4th Before Advent			
2nd	Holy Communion	Holy Communion	Memorial Service	
	Heather Kemball	Heather Kemball	Heather Kemball	
9th	3rd Before Advent			
		Praise & Prayer	Holy Communion	
		Heather Kemball	Heather Kemball	
16th	2nd Before Advent			
	Holy Communion	Holy Communion	Evening Prayer	
	Heather Kemball	Margaret Cruxton	Margaret Cruxton	
23rd	Sunday Before Advent			
		Toy Service	Holy Communion	
		Bev Boulton	Bev Boulton	
30th	Advent Sunday			
		Holy Communion with Healing	Taizé	
		Heather Kemball	Heather Kemball	



November Rotas

Date	Time	Service	Readers	Prayers
2nd November	8.30am	Holy Communion BCP		
	10.45am	Holy Communion CW	Pat Lancaster	Yvonne Banks
			Ruth Griffiths	
	6.00pm	Memorial Service	Christine Hollins Ken Newton	Harold Dowler
9th November	9.00am	Messy Church		
	10.45am	Praise & Prayer	Linda Jones Yvonne Banks	Margaret Cruxton
	6.00pm	Holy Communion CW	Chris Preston	Margaret Cruxton
			Kieran Hutchinson	
16th November	8.30am	Holy Communion CW		
	10.45am	Holy Communion CW	Margaret Mellor	Jane Baker
			Helen Mottram	
	6.00pm	Evening Prayer	Harold Dowler	Jane Baker
			Christine Hollins	
23rd November	10.45am	Toy Service	Kirsty Hicks	Alan Kemball
			N/A	
	6.00pm	Holy Communion BCP	Chris Preston	Service Prayers
			Kieran Hutchinson	
30th November	10.45am	Holy Communion with Healing	Janet Parker	
			Paul Cruxton	Bev Nixon
	6.00pm		Harold Dowler	Bev Boulton
			Christine Hollins	



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