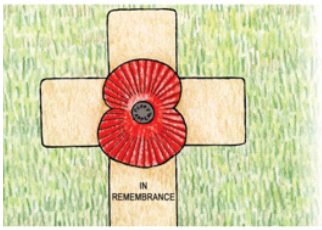
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November Letter

Dear Friends,

I realise I'm biased because my birthday's this month, but I've always thought November is one of the best months of the year. It's a month of change as autumn turns towards winter, and there are lots of things happening too. When I consider all the events, they seem to have one thing in common – **remembering**:-

- 1st November – All Saints Day.

This gets the month off to a good start because we can think about all the saints who have gone before us and all of those we journey alongside in our church family of All Saints. I don't just mean the famous ones that have made it into stained glass windows, but *saint* in the sense of a follower of Jesus Christ, sanctified through faith in him. Every believer is on a journey of faith and it's a real encouragement to **remember** those who journey with us and those who have gone before us.

- 5th November – Bonfire Night.

"Remember, remember the 5th of November,
Gunpowder, treason and plot.
I see no reason why gunpowder, treason
Should ever be forgot"

Apparently this nursery rhyme followed close on the heels of the 1605 plot to blow up parliament and has helped us **remember** this period in our nation's history. I love bonfires, fireworks & the food which goes with it – jacket potatoes & bonfire toffee (which I can no longer eat for the sake of my fillings!).

- 8th November – Remembrance Sunday & 11th November – Remembrance Day.



We wear red poppies to help us **remember** all who have given their lives for the peace and freedom we enjoy today. In our 10.45am service we will join with people across the nation in keeping two minutes' silence to pause & reflect on the sacrifices made by our brave Service men and women.

- ✪ 29th November – Advent Sunday.

This Sunday varies with its date, but is always the 4th Sunday before Christmas and usually in November. For most folk – especially children - Advent is about having a calendar with chocolates behind each little door helping to countdown until Christmas. But Advent is really about remembering the most important person of all – Jesus. To help us celebrate his coming as a baby at Bethlehem and to look forward to his second coming, we will be commissioning our Posada sets of knitted figures and sending them out round the parish. It is the beginning of the church's year here as well.

✪

- ✪ 30th November – St. Andrews Day.

Having Scottish ties in the family helps to give this a higher profile. I've always had a soft spot for St. Andrew – he was the one who met Jesus and then **remembered** to go and find his brother, Peter, so he could meet him too. He's a good role for all of us that, as we meet with Jesus we should be thinking about how to introduce him to others.

So, November is a month of **remembering** – beginning with our journey of faith and ending with our focus on Jesus – preparing to celebrate the birth that marked his first coming and looking for his second coming when his kingdom and reign will be completed and never end.

Have a great November,

God bless,

Heather

Meru's Musings Remembered

Teasers

Riddle: Lovely and round, I'm shimmery white, grown in the darkness, a lady's delight. What am I?

Riddle: Two mums and two daughters went out for dinner and each ate one portion. Only three

Riddle: What breaks yet never falls, and what falls yet never breaks?

Riddle: People knead me to buy things. What am I?

Latin Names	Spoken
Fedilia	Troth
Felicia	Phillis
Felix	Felix
Ferdinandus	Ferdinando
Fida	Faith
Florens	Florence
Francisca	Frances
Franciscus	Francis
Fridericus	Frederick
Galfridus	Geoffrey
Gartruda	Gertrude
Gasparus	Jasper
Gatharuda	Gertrude
Gaufridus	Geoffrey

Gentleness

This is the final test of a gentleman, his respect for those who can be of no possible service to him.

A gentle hand can lead an elephant by a single hair.

Kind words do not wear out a tongue.

A gentleman can disagree without being disagreeable.

Gluttony:

Gluttons dig graves with their teeth.

The man that increases his flesh increase food for the worms.

More men die from overeating than undernourishment.

Gluttony kills more than the sword.

Gluttony in front of the starving people is a sin to your fellow brother.

Man is what he eats.

God's name:

Four Hebrew letters, YHVH (which appear 6,823 times in the Old Testament) form the Hebrew name for God.

There are no vowels letters in Hebrew, so no one knows the correct pronunciation for the

word YHVH but over the thousands of years, the word is rendered into Yahveh.

Meru Ulla

Remembrance

November 8th 09:00 - 10:15



Join us to explore the Christian faith through fun activities for children and their parents/carers, including crafts, cooking, games, stories, and songs!



Come along on the day, or, to find out more, contact Kirsty on 07463918857

Toy Service



The Toy Service is on 22nd 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 8th.

My hope is that All Saints' Church will embrace this project with the generosity you've shown in previous years and make Christmas 2026 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



Coffee and Crafts
at All Saints' Church

Saturday 7th November
10.30am to 12.30pm








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Reflected Faith Series: Bread and Wine

Some churches bring forward bread and wine during the Offertory Procession. This isn't just a practical matter as these are required, but is a symbolic act representing the people deliberately coming forward to the 'holiest' of places and offering their daily work and lives to God.

In the earliest days of the church, actual food and wine was brought from the peoples' homes for the service and to distribute to the poor afterwards.

In orthodox churches there are often two types of 'bread.' One that is consecrated and given to communicants and another kept within the main body of the church, alongside plastic bags, for folk to take a piece home to share with their family and friends; which mimics this earlier action.

In the Church of England, and in many other denominations, when the bread and wine have been consecrated, they are considered to be set aside explicitly for the purpose of human consumption and therefore all must be consumed, either during or immediately after the service. This is normally done by the priest but can happen by any communicant member that the priest has asked.

Because of this it's important that the priest knows how many communicants there are likely to be. Too much wine consecrated can have a detrimental effect if one has to drive to another church!

For myself, churches have communicated this to me in various ways: in a suburban church we had a board up high at the back of the nave with large numbers placed there by a Churchwarden who had counted folk as they entered. In a large village church the number was whispered to me by a person bringing up the elements, whilst nowadays in small local village churches you will often see me stop and count!

This month: Next time you attend a communion service have a look at how numbers are communicated.

The Revd Dr Jo White

Harvest Sunday

What a very busy Sunday on October 11th.

We had a wonderful celebration of Harvest, thank you to everyone for all the Harvest gifts. These have now been delivered to the Alsager and District Food bank for local families.

The harvest service then flowed into a confirmation service where our three communicants:

Karen Matcham

Helen Mottram

Tony Mottram

were confirmed by Bishop Sam Bishop of Stockport..



Bishop Sam led a wonderfully uplifting confirmation and communion service.

Prior to the service Bishop Sam and Karen joined the All Saints' bell ringers.

Ruth Griffiths , Margaret Mellor and Simon Pinkstone, took the opportunity to organise a photograph of the church family as they prepare the Parish Profile in readiness for the for the Parish vacancy in the New Year.

Following the service and photographs, taken by Jim Baker the church then enjoyed teas and coffees with lots and lots of wonderful cake and great conversation!



What a wonderful and memorable morning.

THE GIFT OF CHRISTMAS

Toy Service

at All Saints' Church

22nd November at 10.45am



The toys from the service will be distributed locally. So please buy a toy and help put a smile on the faces of local children this Christmas.

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Saturday 5th	2pm	3.30pm
Sunday 6th	12.30pm	3.30pm
Monday 7th	10.30am	3.30pm
Tuesday 8th	10.30am	3.30pm
Wednesday 9th	10.30am	3.30pm
Thursday 10th	10.30am	7.30pm
Friday 11th	10.30am	3.30pm

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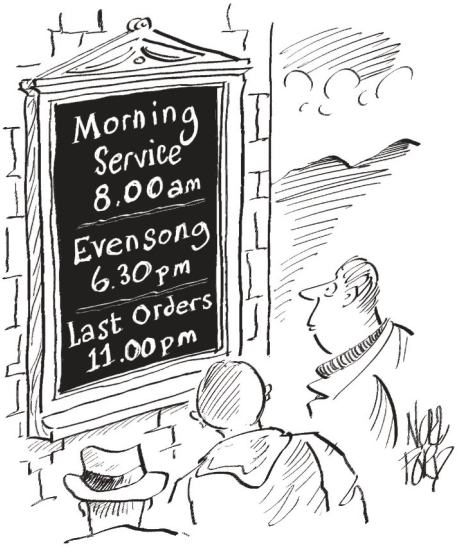
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Laugh lines etcetera...

Story

It was Dad's turn to read young Jamie a bedtime story. After 20 minutes, Mum called up the stairs, "Is he asleep?"

Young Jamie called softly back, "Yes, finally."



The vicar's alternative to traditional after-service coffee was having a dramatic effect on male church attendance

Died in the services

Little Alex was staring up at the large brass plaque that hung on the side wall of the church. The plaque was covered with names, and they seemed to fascinate the youngster. "All those names," he said to the minister. "Who are they?"

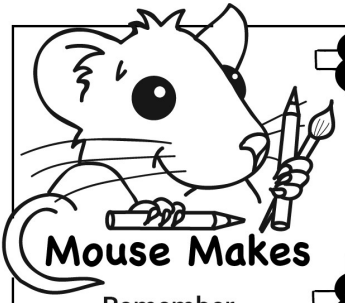
"Well, they were people who used to go to this church," explained the minister. "This is a memorial to all the young men and women who died in the services."

Soberly, they stood together, staring at the large plaque. Little Alex's voice was barely audible when he asked, "Which service, the 9 o'clock, or the 11 o'clock?"

"What bishops do

We were celebrating the 100th anniversary of our church, and several former pastors and the bishop were in attendance. At one point, our minister had the children gather at the altar for a talk about the importance of the day. He began by asking, 'Does anyone know what the bishop does?'

There was silence.Finally, one little boy ventured: "Isn't he the one who moves diagonally?"



Mouse Makes

Remembrance Sunday is the day we remember the sacrifice of those who gave their lives so that we could live in peace, it mirrors what Christ did for us when he gave his life so that we could live in peace with God.

Remember
the words Jesus said:
"It is more blessed to give than to receive."
Colossians 3:25

Jesus said:
"No one can have greater love than to give his life for his friends."
John 15:13

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Recycling & Green Living Tips

Clever Ways To Up-cycle old Glasses Cases



If you have any old glasses cases, here are a few ideas for reusing them: especially when travelling. Give your old glasses case a new purpose by turning it into a handy travel sewing kit! Just add a simple pin cushion to the lid and fill the interior with sewing essentials like needles, thread, a small pair of scissors, and a few spare buttons. The sturdy case keeps everything secure and easy to find, making quick clothing repairs on the go a breeze. This compact kit slips easily into your bag or suitcase, ensuring you're always prepared for little wardrobe fixes.

Sunglasses case

Give your sunglasses the protection they deserve by reusing an old glasses case. These sturdy cases are perfect for shielding your sunglasses from scratches, bumps, and dust, especially when tossed into a handbag or backpack. The hard shell keeps your sunglasses safe during travel or daily commutes, and since the case is already designed for eyewear, it's a natural fit. This simple swap helps extend the life of your sunglasses while keeping them looking great.

Mini Tool Kit for Small Repairs

The hard shell is ideal for holding essentials like a small screwdriver, mini tape measure, Allen keys, or a few nails and screws. Toss it in your glove compartment, desk drawer, or suitcase for quick fixes wherever you are. This compact kit ensures you'll always have the right tool on hand for minor repairs without rummaging through a larger toolbox.

Keep Cords and Earbuds Untangled

Tired of tangled cords cluttering your bag? An old glasses case is the perfect solution for storing earbuds, charging cables, and USB drives. Its rigid design protects delicate electronics from damage, while the slim shape fits neatly in your backpack or purse. Simply wind your cords and tuck them inside to keep them neat, organised, and ready whenever you need them.

Portable First Aid Essentials

Re-purpose your unused eyeglass case as a portable first aid kit for life's little emergencies. Fill it with bandages, antiseptic wipes, small packets of ointment, and other small first aid necessities. Its hard

shell protects the contents, and its compact size makes it perfect for tossing into a purse, backpack, or glove compartment. This simple up-cycle keeps basic medical supplies organised and easy to grab whenever you or your family need quick care on the go.

Chic Makeup Organiser On the Go

Transform a spare eyeglass case into a chic and practical makeup organiser for your handbag. It's just the right size to hold lipsticks, eyeliner, mascara, and other touch-up essentials, keeping them protected and easy to find. The sturdy case prevents items from getting crushed or spilling, so you can stay fresh-faced wherever your day takes you. With everything neatly contained, you'll enjoy a clutter-free bag and stress-free touch-ups on the go.

Tangle-Free Jewellery Holder for Travel

Keep your jewellery safe and untangled while travelling by using an old glasses case as a dedicated jewellery holder. The hard shell protects delicate pieces like necklaces, earrings, and rings from damage, while the compact interior keeps everything organised and easy to access. No more digging through bags or dealing with knotted chains—simply line your case with a soft cloth, arrange your favourite pieces, and enjoy peace of mind wherever your adventures take you.

Quiet Kit for Kids' Entertainment

Fill the case with tiny toys, crayons, and folded paper for drawing or games. Its sturdy shell protects the contents and fits easily in your bag or car, making it a go-to boredom buster. This DIY kit helps occupy little hands and minds, giving parents a break and kids a fun, portable activity whenever you need it most.

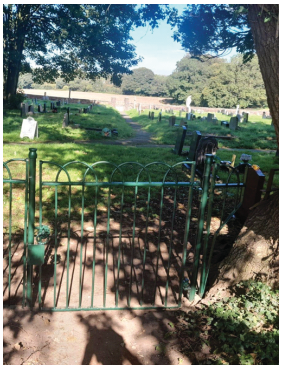
Contact Lens Supply Case

Transform your old glasses case into a convenient contact lens supply kit for your purse, backpack, or desk drawer. The sturdy case is perfectly sized to hold spare contact lenses, a lens case, and even a small bottle of solution, keeping everything together and easy to find. This simple up-cycle is ideal for travellers or anyone who needs to keep eye care essentials handy while on the go, adding an extra layer of protection for your sensitive supplies.

Happy Recycling

Carol Henshaw

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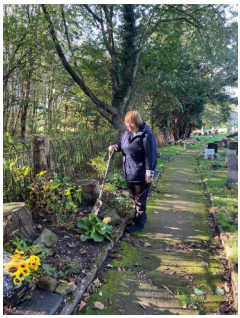




The gate has been completed and Paul, Paul (Titch)and Michael have started laying paving slabs to join the church path. Diane has been weeding and planting in the memorial area and Christine and Kath (not in photo) have been weeding the grave area near the Lawton graves.

Pat has been planting in the little garden under the tower. Carol has been weeding and sweeping along the path in the centre section. Karen and Jane (not in photo)have been weeding the far path ready for a new path. Donations of paving slabs are very welcome, just contact the church wardens, many thanks.







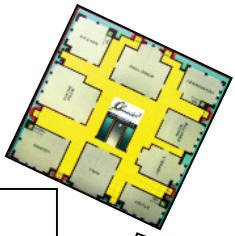












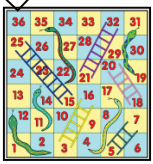












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Saturday 7th November 10.30am to 12.30pm
Coffee & Christmas Craft Fayre

Tuesday 17th November Church Cleaning Morning 10 am to 12.00pm

5th –11th December Christmas Tree Festival

13th & 20th December Carols by Candlelight at 6pm

24th December Crib Service 3pm

All Saints' Church Lawton is open daily

The church is open daily for private prayer 10am to3 pm.
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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

On the first Wednesday of each month at either 11am or 6.30pm, followed by either an informal lunch or supper. Everyone is welcome.

Prayer Diary

Prayer Diary with the names of all those on the electoral roll to enable us to pray regularly for one another, is available in church.

Prayer for November

Dear Lord,
At this dark and dismal time, when the year is closing down and our lives get busier and the world more confusing, we can sometimes become discouraged and low in spirits.

Help us to adjust our perspective, to turn and look up, to focus afresh on You, to remember that Your name is above all names, above discouragement, above despair, above confusion.

Help us to be thankful for each day that You have made, recognising each one as a gift from You, to be treasured and lived fruitfully.

May we welcome Your powerful, healing light into our hearts and lives – Your light, which no darkness can dim. Help us to remember your words, *I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.*

Help us to follow you and walk in the light, this November and always. In your name, Amen.

By Daphne Kitching

Bible Readings for November Services

Date	Epistle	Gospel
1st	Revelation 7: 9 - end	Matthew 5: 1 - 12
8th	Isaiah 2: 1 - 5	Romans 8: 31 - end
15th	1 Corinthian 13	Matthew 25: 14 - 30
22nd	Ephesians 1: 15 - end	Matthew 25: 31 - end
29th	1 Corinthians 1: 3 - 9	Mark 13: 24 - 37

Meru's Answers

Riddle: Lovely and round, I'm shimmery white, grown in the darkness, a lady's delight.
What am I?
Answer: A pearl
Riddle: Two mums and two daughters went out for dinner and each ate one portion. Only three portions were eaten in total, how is this possible?
Answer: It was a grandmother (who is a mother), a mother (who is a mother and a daughter), and a daughter who went out for dinner.
Riddle: What breaks yet never falls, and what falls yet never breaks?
Answer: Day and night
Riddle: People knead me to buy things. What am I?
Answer: Dough



Please send any material for inclusion in the December Lawton Light!
By 10th November
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Services & Speakers November 2026

	8.30am	10.45	6.00pm
	All Saints' Day		
1st	Holy Communion	Holy Communion	Memorial Service
	Heather Kemball	Heather Kemball	Heather Kemball
	Remembrance Sunday		
8th		Praise& Prayer	Holy Communion
		Margaret Cruxton	Margaret Cruxton
	2nd before Advent		
15th	Holy Communion	Holy Communion	Evening Prayer
	Heather Kemball	Heather Kemball	Heather Kemball
	Christ the King -Toy Service		
22nd		Praise & Prayer	Holy Communion
		Bev Boulton	Bev Boulton
	Advent Sunday - Posada Commissioning		
29th		Holy Communion with Healing	Taize
		Margaret Cruxton	Margaret Cruxton



November 2026 Rotas

Date	Time	Service	Readers	Prayers
1st November	8.30am	Holy Communion BCP		
	10.45am	Holy Communion CW	Pat Lancaster	Margaret Cruxton
			Paul Cruxton	
	6pm	Memorial Service	Ken Newton	Service Prayers
			Chris Hollins	
8th November	9.00am	Messy Church		
	10.45am	Praise & Prayer	Helen Mottram	Alan Kemball
			Janet Parker	
	6pm	Holy Communion CW	Harold Dowler	Heather Kemball
			Chris Preston	
15th November	8.30am	Holy Communion BCP		
	10.45am	Holy Communion CW	Margaret Mellor	Ruth Griffiths
			Paul Cruxton	
	6pm	Evening Prayer	Ken Newton	Harold Dowler
			Chris Hollins	
22nd November	10.45am	Praise & Prayer	Simon Pinkstone	Jane Baker
			Di Williams	
	6pm	Holy Communion BCP	Harold Dowler	Service Prayers
			Chris Preston	
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