

The Bewsborough Parish Post

A newsletter for the Churches in Barfrestone, Coldred, Eythorne & Elvington with Waldershare, Shepherdsweil and Whitfield

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A November Contemplation

by Jenny Groombridge

November is a time of remembrance and reflection and for me it is the ending of the year – the calm before the ‘storm’.

Of course, 31st December is the end of the calendar year but I find December to be a time of frenetic activity for all of us – School Nativity plays to attend, parties and get-togethers with friends and colleagues (that is until this time of Covid 19), cards to write, presents to buy and wrap, and of course food to purchase and prepare. It is also a wonderful time, when normally and hopefully now with social distancing, we can escape from the hustle and bustle to remember, in our church services, the true meaning of Christmas.

So November is a time for personal and national reflection, to look back over the past year – and what a year! But we can still, each in our own way, engage in this month as it begins with All Saints’ Day: ‘giving God solemn thanks for the lives and deaths of his saints – including those who are famous or obscure.’ Together with All Saint’s Day there is All Souls’ Day – our commemoration of the Faithful Departed – when we can come together or at home, in remembering and honouring our loved ones, lighting candles and praying with thanksgiving. It will be a particularly poignant time this year as we remember all those who have died from the Covid 19 virus.

At this time of writing, will we be able to join together at our War Memorials on Remembrance Sunday?

Will the Armistice Day service in London go ahead – sadly possibly without our Veterans taking part? But we will remember, we will reflect, as we find new ways to express our thanks to those who lost their lives and those who were badly injured, in fighting for our country in all conflicts.

This has been a very difficult year, so much pain and sorrow but also wonderful acts of compassion and love.

In the hymn by Timothy Dudley-Smith, “Fill your hearts with joy and gladness” a verse goes:

Praise the Lord, his people, praise him!
Wounded souls his comfort know.
Those who fear him find his mercies,
Peace for pain and joy for woe;
Humble hearts are high exalted,
Human pride and power laid low.
Praise the Lord, his people, praise him!
Wounded souls his comfort know.

And from Psalm 121

“the Lord shall watch over your going out and your coming in, from this time
forth for evermore.”

In this time of reflection and remembrance may you always feel the presence of God’s love and our companionship on our journey in faith.

Fearing God?

by Revd Stewart Carolan-Evans

The Fear of the Lord is the Beginning of Wisdom.

Psalm 111:10; Proverbs 1:7 and 9:10 and more.

One of the privileges and joys of ordained ministry is presiding at weddings. I'm glad to say that despite the covid-19 crisis couples are still enthusiastic to be married so I've been afforded this privilege several times over the passed few months. On one notable occasion the bride was a



serving police officer. Following the service I had the opportunity to speak with one of her colleagues. It was clear from our conversation that respect for the law and those that enforce and police the law has diminished somewhat in recent decades. Assaults on police officers although never unknown, (being a police officer has always meant putting oneself in harm's way from time to time in the service of society) are increasing in frequency and severity. We mused for a moment on what the causes of this may be. She paused a moment, "tell me", she asked "do you preach much about the fear of God. We teach our children to be courageous but is that the same as teaching them to fear nothing at all, we need to teach them to be fearful too". I thought for a moment. "No" I responded "I don't think I've ever preached on the fear of God". Thoughtful I returned home. In my 55 years I've not had much interaction with the police. I recall in my early 20s I attended the occasional football match. These were often policed by officers on horseback and others with police dogs. The horses were large and imposing, the highly trained dogs seemed to be set to what one might describe as 'intimidating growl mode'. Yes me and my fellow fans certainly feared these.

I turned to my bible, we are entreated to "fear the Lord" or to be in "fear of the Lord" on 109 occasions (see above for some examples) compared to "love the Lord" or "love of the Lord" on just 18 occasions (NRSV). Of course we rightly emphasise Love in the context of our services and our lives as Christians. The summary of the Law is used in our confession each week (Matthew 22: 37 - 40.) Weddings commence with the words "God is Love, and those who live in love live in God and God lives in them" (1 John 4:16). So God can be described as 'love' but God is not and does not embody fear. Nonetheless the above statistic alone means the police officer's question warrants an answer.

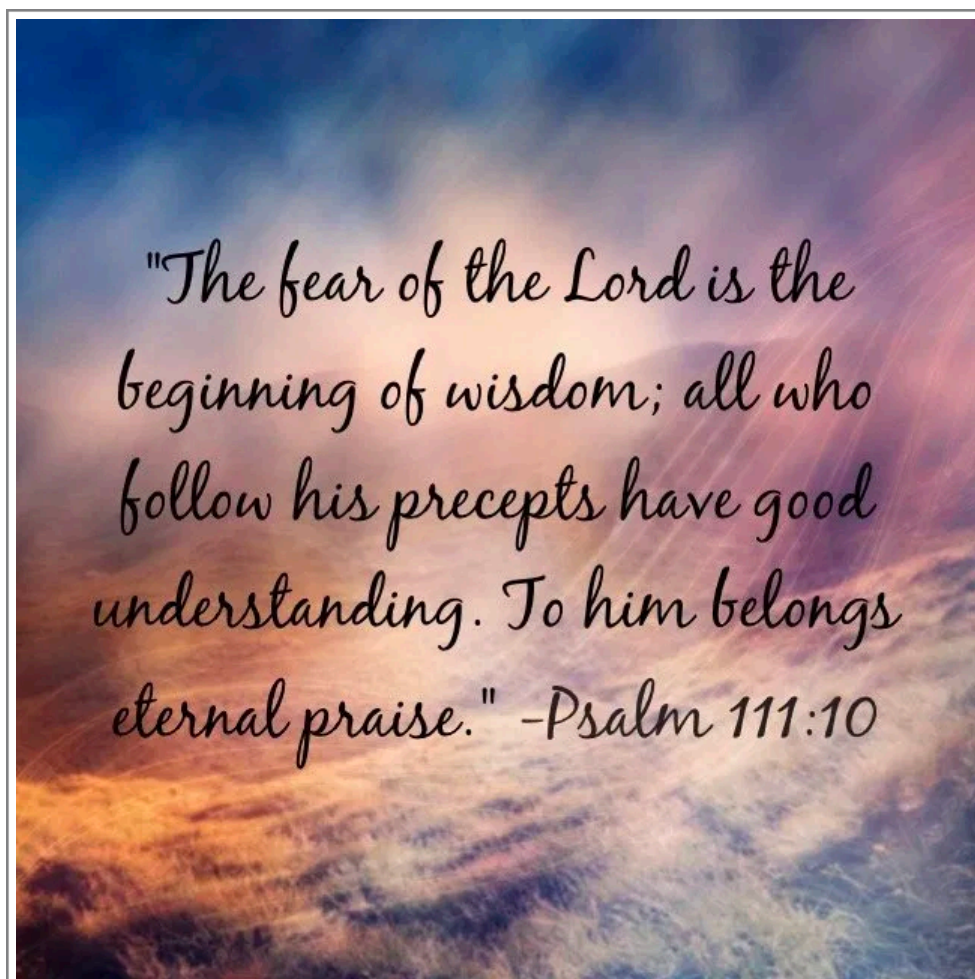
So what is this fear then? There are of course many definitions of fear. The real fear I experience when standing near a precipice. Some reading this may fear spiders. In these tough times many fear losing their health or livelihood. One of my nieces has an unaccountable fear of clowns. These are anxieties and phobias, some rational and some not so, that are part of the common experience of being human. Such fears generally solicit servile reactions, running, hiding, shrinking. It seems we are not entreated to fear God in the same way we may fear a charging bull.

How then are we to fear God? Pope Francis said "The fear of the Lord, the gift of the Holy Spirit, doesn't mean being afraid of God, since we know that God is our Father that always loves and forgives us". He goes on, It "is no servile fear, but rather a joyful awareness of God's grandeur and a grateful realization that only in him do our hearts find true peace." The Anglican Theologian C.S. Lewis (the person that wrote "The Lion the Witch and the Wardrobe", hence the picture of the lion) wrote that fear of the divine is not a fear that one feels for a tiger, or even a ghost. Rather, the fear of the divine, is one filled with awe, in which you "feel wonder and a certain shrinking".

So fear of the Lord is not something that shrinks us back but something that drives us on.

It seems the police officer was right, we need to teach our children (and ourselves) to be fearful as well as courageous. The lion in the picture is not showing his teeth, he doesn't have to, after all you know they are there, you also know that he will not use them on the things he loves. None the less he is still a lion and thereby very much more powerful than we are. He may on occasions use his teeth, but only on our ego and our pride. If our ego and our pride is all that we have, all that we are, it will be a savage bite indeed. If however our ego and our pride is all that stands between us and Him it will set us free.

That knowledge, wisdom, inspires us to rely on his greater strength rather than on our own. I started with "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of Wisdom", that is correct, love however is wisdom's completion.



The Bible

by Revd. Michael Hinton

As many of you know Michael died in late October 2020. This article was written by him earlier in the year; and as we celebrated Bible Sunday last month this is being shared to once more encourage us all to 'Get Stuck In!'

If one follows the prescribed Bible readings for the day in the Anglican lectionary one is led through the whole Bible in the course of three years: only a few passages – for example lists, or passages so objectionable as to be unsuitable for public reading – are omitted. To read the whole of Scripture in this way is a useful discipline; otherwise one is tempted to confine oneself to material which is familiar and congenial and which paints the picture one wants to see.

But the more one studies the Bible as a whole the more it becomes apparent that it is the Word of God only in a special and particular sense. There are Old Testament books in which God is represented as being vengeful and arbitrary, and books from which He is almost or completely absent. The prophets sometimes prophesied incorrectly, and the historical books are a confusing mixture of fact, myth and legend.

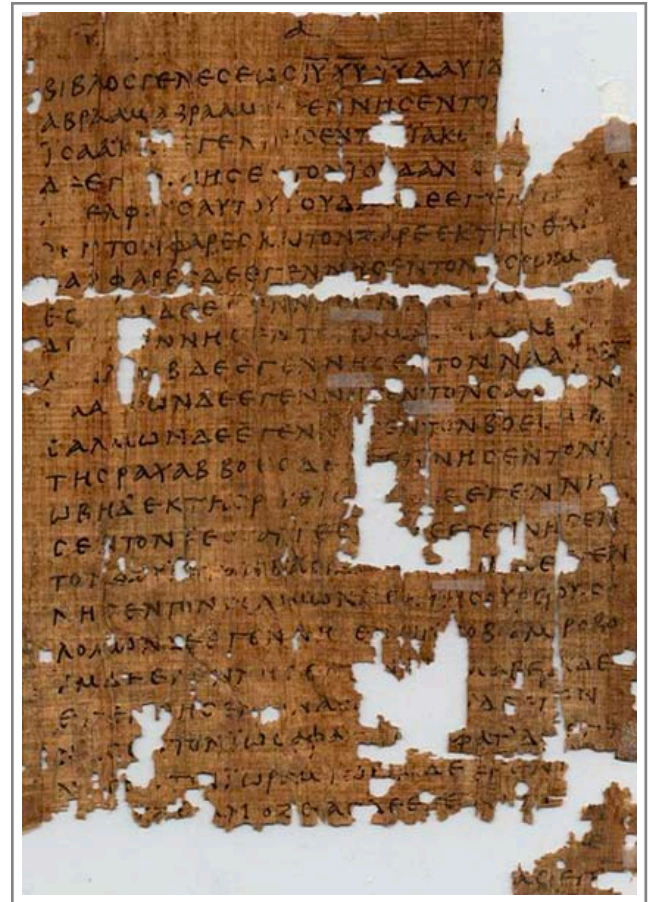
The New Testament too is open to objection. The book of Revelation is full of a destructive imagery which has led many Christians astray. The letters display the flaws as well as the virtues of their authors. Even some of Jesus' reported teaching differs so much from what else we know of it that we are bound to consider it with suspicion.

How then can we place reliance on a book which is in many ways an unsatisfactory guide to faith and conduct?

Only, in my view, if we read it critically, realise that the text may sometimes be corrupted or its writers in error, and if we reject teaching which is unworthy of the central message of love which Jesus lived and died to proclaim. There is precedent for doing all this in the Bible itself: Jesus quite often rejected or modified the teachings of the Old Testament.

Be suspicious then, when someone uses as a knockdown argument: 'The Bible says...'. Much of what the Bible says is contradictory or untrue, and particular passages must always be considered in the light of the Bible as a whole, in the light of the teachings of the church and in the light of one's own understanding and conscience.

The Bible is the most important and valuable book ever written and an indispensable companion on our Christian journey, but it must always be handled with care and discrimination.



My Favourite Hymn

by R.D Palmer

(from a letter sent to Revd. Sean Sheffield)

On the subject of favourite hymns there can be only **one** that sets out a blueprint of a Christian life.

John Greenleaf Whittier's "**Dear Lord and Father Of Mankind**"

John Greenleaf Whittier (1807 - 92) was the son of an American farmer, who was, through poor health, unable to undertake physical work. But was a writer of respected poetry, but was of a shy, retiring personality. His sister put his name forward in a competition and from then on he became widely known.

In **Verse One** we ask forgiveness of our foolish ways. Ask to be reclothed in our rightful minds. To seek purer lives, in thy service in deeper reverence praise.

In **Verse Two** let us hear the gracious calling of the Lord and rise without a word and follow thee.

In **Verse Three** in the calm of the hills above Jesus knelt to share with these thee the silence of eternity. Interpreted by love [**such deep and profound words!**]

In **Verses Four and Five** as they are written.

R.D Palmer writes - I have sat through many long (and boring) sermons, being, I am sure on occasion the only one left awake! I have thought what has all that done for me, and have to admit nothing.

It's the words of hymns that for me say so much more!



Dear Lord and Father of mankind,
forgive our foolish ways;
re clothe us in our rightful mind,
in purer lives thy service find,
in deeper reverence, praise.

In simple trust like theirs who heard
beside the Syrian sea
the gracious calling of the Lord,
let us, like them, without a word
rise up and follow thee.

O Sabbath rest by Galilee,
O calm of hills above,
where Jesus knelt to share with thee
the silence of eternity,
interpreted by love!

Drop thy still dews of quietness,
till all our strivings cease;
take from our souls the strain and stress,
and let our ordered lives confess
the beauty of thy peace.

Breathe through the heats of our desire
thy coolness and thy balm;
let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;
speak through the earthquake, wind, and fire,
O still, small voice of calm!

Back to Church!

by Marguerite Mower

Thoughts after participating in a live service at St. Andrew's, Shepherdswell.

Of course, on entry the inevitable hand sanitise and a note made of your details.

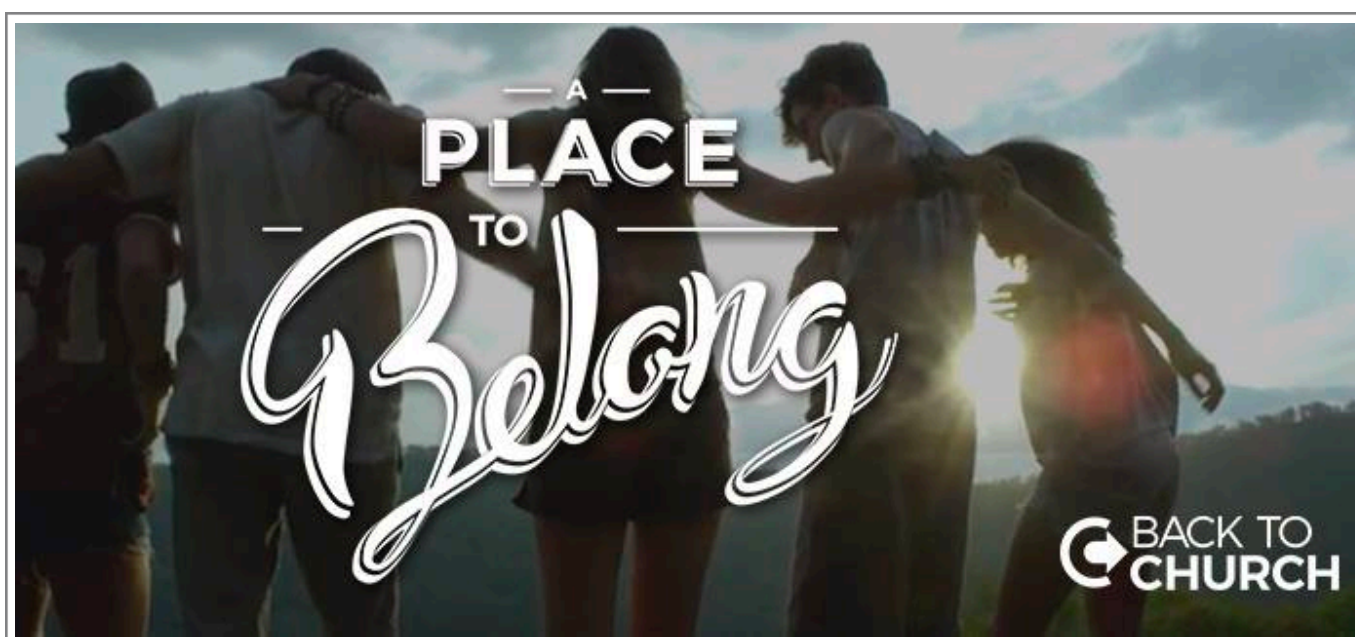
Yes, the masks, making it difficult for me to work out at times who people are.

Social distancing, but how good to be with people I hadn't met for months, though I had seen them on Zoom and to be in the familiar building with others from different parts of the parish who had also come to worship and praise God together.

At home later, I tried to work out why it had felt so special and I realised that it was because I was finally able to join my voice with others as we prayed together. I could hear other voices with mine. We can't sing, which is a great sadness, but we can use our voices fully and heartily, and, above all, together in the responses and the other prayers.

I realised that I had not prayed aloud for some time. I had read Harvey's prayers in my head, though I had occasionally tried to sing the hymn if I thought I knew it well enough to do that. I have alone in my spare room where the computer lives, raised my voice with other familiar ones in the 'Zoom' services, but to be able to hear my voice at last in unison with many others round about me, was a very special experience.

What a privilege!



Remembrance - Hope

by Revd. Sean Sheffield

Monday 24th September 1990, a day etched into my memory. Sitting onboard HMS Newcastle in silent shock, stunned, immobilised by the message I had just received. The message had been short, "PCT Sheffield, you need to be ready and prepared to go to war". As the shock slowly ebbed away the realisation dawned that I could be deployed to the Gulf, and I was overwhelmed by fear and a deepening sense of my own mortality, facing my possible death in a conflict many thousands of miles away. And yet, despite this terrifying thought, I knew this is what I had been trained for, this is why I had joined the Royal Navy. This was something bigger than I. I could at a moment's notice be off to defend those that were unable to defend themselves, to be part of a military action that at its heart sought to bring peace to a terrible situation. But for the 3 weeks I waited for the final draft chit, I felt utterly hopeless; I was not a Christian and so for me if I went I either lived or I died, there was nothing else.

On the 11th November 1920, 100 years ago this year, the Unknown Warrior was buried in the Nave of West Minster Abbey. The body of this unknown soldier was taken to a chapel in St. Pol sur Tenoise, in the Pas de Calais and placed in a coffin and would have come through Dover on its way to London. King George V placed a wreath of red roses and bay leaves on the coffin along with a card, which read "In proud memory of those Warriors who died unknown in the Great War. Unknown and yet well-known; as dying and behold they live."

100 years on from that important, symbolic event, we remember those who perished in the bloody battles of that war. Those who went, went knowing what awaited them, yet went. Men who carried with them their rifles, their kit, their rations and a small army issue Gospel of Saint John (pictured to the left).

This small book, another symbol, this a visible sign of their faith; a faith they carried not based on an institution or religion but one based on a relationship with a God of hope, a God of hope who carried those men through the toughest most difficult times of their lives. A God of hope who carried them after death.

Of course we will also remember and pay tribute to the men and women of the Second World war generation, of countless other wars and conflicts; and of course to those of today's, who have served and sacrificed to defend our nation.

Our remembering will be different this year, we may not be able to gather as village communities in our Church buildings to give thanks, to remember and to pray for those still affected by the horrors of war. We may not be able to gather around memorials as we read the names of those lost to our village communities. Those lost alongside millions of others who have fought for liberty, freedom, life and hope. Those lost in countless wars and conflicts that have been raging around our world, for all but 26 days since the end of World War II. Yes, only 26 days peace has been known around the globe in the past 72 years.



PCT Sean Sheffield
February 1990



But we will still remember men and women whose lives were full of promise, full of potential, full of dreams, full of hope.

God calls us to hope – the hope of Christ’s power and resurrection, the hope that we can change and that the world can change, and the hope that we will be saved. We believe in both memory and hope because we believe that these things come from God. A God who created the world must surely remember everything and everyone in it, and a God who sends his son to save the world must surely, clearly have hope for the future.

Hope is therefore not some fuzzy, abstract, wishy washy concept, but it is real and its name is Jesus Christ. It isn’t a dead hope but a living one, and it’s not just for our future redemption, but also for our present redemption and our abundant life. And as we look to the resurrection of Jesus we gain a true, full and rich perspective for recovering our hope as we journey, and yes....sometimes stumble through the tragedies, troubles, trials, and tribulations of life.

But in the end, it’s the Lord’s love for us that fills our hearts with hope. Whatever we’re going through, let the love and mercy of God fill us with hope to see us through the dark times and into the light and love of Jesus Christ. There is a hope for our world, and that hope is Jesus Christ Who rose from the dead and is alive.

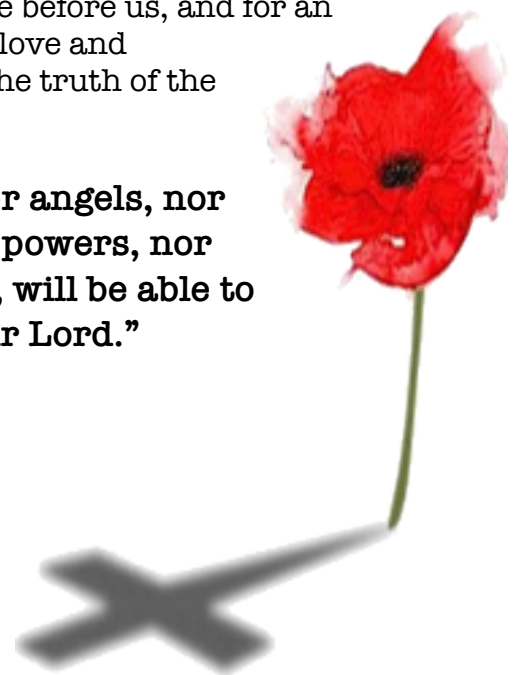
Remembrance Day is also a time that can confront us with our own mortality, reminding us that each one of us one day will die. Yet when we are faced with this, our own mortality we should also set our remembrance alongside the faithfulness of Christ who suffered and died on the cross, suffered and died for us. Suffered and died yet was raised from the dead, which is our ultimate cause for hope, as we read in St John’s gospel ‘This is the will of the Father that all who see the Son and believe in him may have eternal life.’

And so, God’s ultimate promise for us is that God will dwell with us, and as we dwell with God, there will be no more mourning, no more crying, no more pain. That although our physical body perishes our spirit lives on forever in Christ’s eternal Kingdom.

So, we remember and we pray God’s blessings on those gone before us, and for an enduring Hope in our own lives. And as we remember with love and thanksgiving let us take strength, hope and courage from the truth of the Gospel and from the triumphant words of St Paul:

“For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

Amen

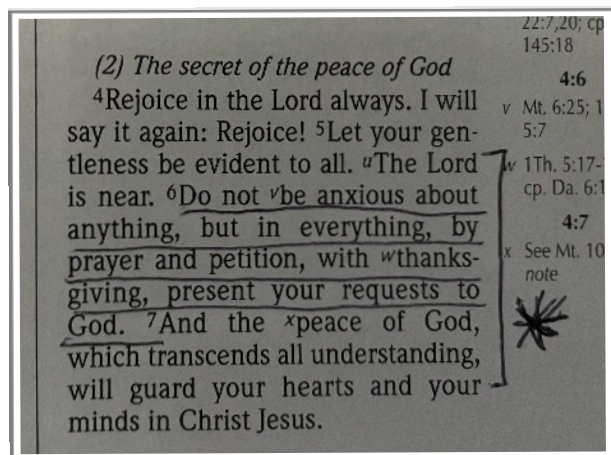


Let Us Pray (Calling all Saints!)

by Revd. Philip Buss

When Paul wrote his letter to church members at Philippi he addressed all of them as “saints” - not just a few of the congregation who deserved such a title, but all of them without exception. All who believed the Gospel and put their trust in Christ were separated from the kingdom of this world and belonged to God and therefore were “holy” because they were His.

They were at different stages on their pilgrimage but nonetheless “saints”. At the end of his letter he encouraged them in this way,



“Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your request be made known to God.” (Philippians 4:6)

The Roman world was a dangerous place for the new Christians and in addition they had to cope with Jewish follow up teams to Paul’s work who told them they had to become true Jews, as well as believing in Christ, to be circumcised and to keep all the laws of the Jewish faith. And Paul tells them “not to worry”.

I wonder if Paul would say the same to us what with the pandemic, the COVID-19 plague, on the verge of Brexit (with or without deal), shops shut, businesses folding, jobs lost and socialising very difficult. No singing in church (at least we can go if we're fit), numbers prescribed for weddings and funerals.

Don't worry! Pray about everything! Be grateful!

Easy enough to say or write but far harder to do. But it works. I believe Paul **would** say the same to us today.

Every time we have food or a drink, every time we hear of kindness shown, every night’s sleep, every phone call from a family member, every time a letter comes through the door, every uplifting TV programme, every good book or magazine read, every happy memory recalled, every prayer answered, every person getting better, every new discovery, let us thank God for each and every one, along with our prayers that they will continue.

1] Let us pray for our world, for wise and just rule in every corner, for relief from hurricanes, forest fires, droughts and floods. For all agencies doing their utmost to help those whose lives have been shattered, let us praise God for what they've achieved against all odds.

2] Let us pray for the church, especially for those persecuted for their faith and discriminated against; for Christians in Iran, India, China, North Korea that they may be upheld, provisioned, protected and welcomed as equal citizens. Meantime let us pray praise God for their faithfulness, fruitfulness and resilience.

3] Let us pray for our government in these critical days, for wisdom and righteousness about their policies and discourse and for more prayer and support for this country from its citizens. If these times are unprecedented it means simply that there is no precedent to help no formula to reapply. Let us thank God for all those doing their best they can with the little with the light they have and the energy they expend.

4] Let us pray for the NHS as they face the 2nd wave and for all the biotech companies involved in the race for a vaccine and insight into the repercussions of the coronavirus. For all researchers, all doctors, nurses and therapists, all social workers and paramedics and let us thank God for all working flat out for remedy and relief and doing much good.

5] Let us pray for our local community and all those keeping vital services going and shops and schools open. Let us pray that the church will wake up in the face of this situation and use every means to keep contact with and companion for all. It may be a once in a lifetime occasion for good or for ill. Let us thank God for every new avenue open and every change for the good .



**“Prayers and praises go in pairs,
they have praises who have prayers.”**

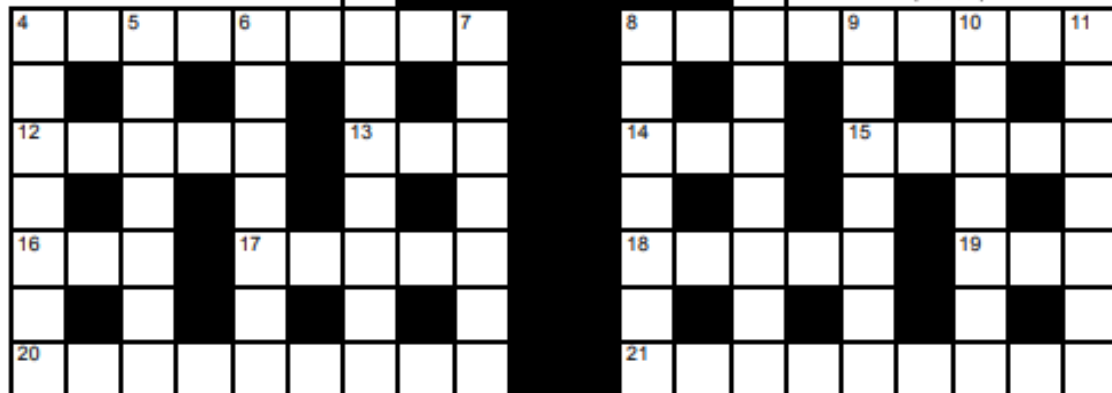
Let us be modern “saints” whoever we are and wherever we go and whatever we do.

Amen

Puzzle Corner

Across

- 1 Donkey (3)
2 Jesus' Father (3)
4 One of the twelve (9)



- 8 Didn't believe in resurrection (9)
12 One of David's warriors (5)
13 First word of the Lord's Prayer (3)
14 New Testament name for Noah (3)
15 Wish harm upon (5)
16 Hole in the ground (3)
17 Adversary (5)
18 Savour (5)
19 First woman (3)
20 Mother of John the Baptist (9)
21 Family of priests (9)
22 Third son of Jacob (4)
23 Hates (8)
26 Assurances (8)
30 Endured pain (8)
31 Return from the dead (4)
32 Intercessor (8)
35 Decorating (8)
39 Old Testament book of the Bible (4)
40 The prince of Rosh, Mesech and Tubal (3)
42 A wise insect (3)
44 Dwelling place of kings (6)
45 Make bigger (8)

Down

- 1 One of God's messengers (5,2,3,4)
3 1940s archaeological find (4,3,7)
4 Tread down (7)
5 Father of Jonah (7)
6 Very salty water bordering Israel (4,3)
7 Defensive structures (11)
8 Refuges (11)
9 Dirty (7)
10 Devout (7)
11 Pieces of money (7)
24 Used to listen (3)
25 Used to see (3)
26 Positions (5)
27 Made available (7)
28 Snake (7)
29 Destroyed along with Gomorrah (5)
33 Finish (3)
34 Possess (3)
35 King of the Amalekites (4)
36 Last letter of the Greek alphabet (5)
37 Almost sacrificed by Abraham (5)
38 Present (4)
41 Unfasten (4)
43 Fish traps (4)

by Philofogus

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Solution from October Issue

Across: 1 Shekel, 4 Appeared, 10 Ephesians, 11 Cubit, 12 Rare, 13 Meditation, 15 Raisins, 16 Nathan, 19 Agreed, 21 Torches, 23 Atonements, 25 Baal, 27 Glean, 28 Millstone, 29 Teachers, 30 Rashly.

Down: 1 Shearers, 2 Exhorting, 3 East, 5 Passion, 6 Enchanters, 7 Rabbi, 8 Doting, 9 Bakers, 14 Nineteenth, 17 Ashtaroth, 18 Psaltery, 20 Dreamer, 21 Tittle, 22 Taught, 24 Omega, 26 Asia.

Surprising Chocolate Mousse

by Karen Carolan-Evans

Serves 6 for a dairy free, wheat free, nut free but not flavour free feather light whipped dark chocolate concoction, with a surprise!

Let's get
COOKING

Ingredients:

8oz Plain Chocolate*
2 tablespoons of Oat Cream
1 or 2 teaspoons of Wasabi (to taste)
4 large eggs

Method:

- 1: Break the chocolate into small pieces into a glass bowl. Add the oat cream. Put in a microwave on 'high' setting for 45 secs - stir the melted chocolate until smooth. Cool to room temperature**
- 2: Separate the eggs. In another bowl *** whisk egg whites to peak**** - put in the fridge.
- 3: In yet another bowl whisk the egg yolks with the wasabi, then add to the room temperature chocolate / cream mixture.
- 4: Gently fold in the egg whites until smooth and even. Spoon mousse into individual dessert glasses. Leave in refrigerator for at least one hour.
- 5: Decorate with fruit or mint leaves. Serve. Challenge your guests to guess the mystery ingredient.
- 6: Enjoy!



Tips:

- * Co-op Fairtrade Dark Chocolate 150g bar is good value and excellent chocolate.
- ** Really must be room temperature or cooler.
- *** Ensure the bowl is scrupulously dry.
- **** So when gently dropped it stands to a peak.



November tends to be a busy month for many, and there are a number of things that will be going on around the Parish. Please make a note of anything that you are interested in and get in touch with Rev. Sean should you wish to see anything else happening.

Weekly Prayer

If you are able to join us on Zoom, please do, as we pray the morning and evening office throughout the week.

Morning Prayer (already happening on the days below)

Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday 7:45am

Evening Prayer (from 11th November)

Wednesday, Friday and Sunday 6:00pm (unless Evensong is scheduled, please check the service schedule)

Contact Revd. Sean to be added to the Daily Prayer email/WhatsApp link to receive the Zoom meeting room details. Sean's contact details are all detailed on the last page of this issue.

Weekly Bible Study Lite - Dwelling in the Word

On Tuesday afternoon and evening, from the **24th November**, Revd. Sean is starting weekly Bible Study groups online. This will be an opportunity for us to come together, share a time of fellowship as we read and explore the Bible together; dwelling in God's word, sharing thoughts, ideas and talking around Biblical themes. And also perhaps wrestling with scripture that has had us scratching our heads over the years!

The groups will run on Zoom initially, at **2pm and 7pm each Tuesday**, for about an hour or so. Coffee of course optional as you will need to bring your own (cake gratefully received in advance at the Vicarage!)

As you read in some ads:

“no experience necessary | all ages and abilities welcome!”

We hope over time that these groups will begin to meet face to face as social distancing and guidelines are relaxed. Why not come along and spend some time with others digging into God's word. In the words of Revd. Sean on Bible Sunday... “Get stuck in!”

Please contact Revd. Sean to sign up and for Zoom meeting details.



Remembrance Sunday - 8th November

Our usual services and events in our village will be very different this year as we adhere to social distancing guidelines and restrictions. However, there will be services or short acts of Remembrance in each of our village communities this year, although they are by invitation only where wreath laying would normally take place.

We are hoping to live stream the short community acts of remembrance to the village Facebook Pages for Eythorne, Shepherdswell and Whitfield. Please check locally for details or speak to Churchwardens or Revd. Sean. Details of events are also on page 14.



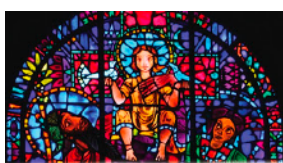
Our village Primary Schools of Eythorne & Elvington, Sibertswold and Whitfield are also helping us mark Remembrance by having all of the children paint poppy stones. These stones will be used to mark where people may have been standing around the memorials in the villages on the morning of the 8th November, and will also be hidden around the villages for people to find.

Why not look for one and take it up to the memorial in the afternoon of the 8th November, or in the week beyond, another way for us to remember those who gave their lives in the pursuit of freedom and of peace.

Set Bible Readings for Sundays in November

Sunday November 1st	Sunday November 8th	Sunday November 15th	Sunday November 22nd	Sunday November 29th
Revelation 7: 9-17	Wisdom of Solomon 6: 12-16	Zephaniah 1: 7, 12-18	Ezekiel 34: 11-16, 20-24	Isaiah 64: 1-9
Psalm 34:1-10	Psalm 70	Psalm 90.1-8[9-11]12	Psalm 95:1-7	Psalm 80.1-8,18-20
1 John 3: 1-3	1 Thessalonians 4: 13-18	1 Thessalonians 5: 1-11	Ephesians 1: 15-23	1 Corinthians 1: 3-9
Matthew 5: 1-12	Matthew 25: 1-13	Matthew 25: 14-30	Matthew 25: 31-46	Mark 13: 24-end

Other Resources




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For Morning Prayer, Evening Prayer and Choral Evensong why not head over to the Canterbury Cathedral **YouTube Channel**



A free phone line of hymns, reflections and prayers

Sunday Worship

Sunday November 1st		ALL SAINTS DAY 4 before Advent	
09:00	St. Pancras	Eucharist	Revd. Sean Sheffield
10:30	Whitfield Village Hall	Village Praise	Derek Bilbrough Tina Parsons
10:30	St. Peter & St. Paul	Eucharist	Revd. Philip Buss Jenny Groombridge (Deacon)
10:30	Zoom Online	Morning Prayer	Richard Webster
14:00	St. Andrew	All Souls	not a led service
14:00	St. Pancras	All Souls	not a led service
14:00	St. Peter	All Souls	not a led service
14:00	St. Nicholas	All Souls	not a led service
Sunday November 8th		REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY 3 before Advent	
09:00	St. Nicholas	Eucharist	Revd. Sean Sheffield
10:15	St. Pancras	Eucharist	Revd. Brian Duckworth
10:45	Shepherdswell War Memorial	Act of Remembrance	Revd. Stewart Carolan-Evans
10:45	Whitfield War Memorial	Act of Remembrance	Revd. Sean Sheffield Derek Bilbrough
10:45	Eythorne War Memorial	Act of Remembrance	Revd. Nigel Richardson Jenny Groombridge
14:00	St. Peter & St. Paul	Remembrance & Art Installation	David Brandon
Sunday November 15th		2 before Advent	
18:00	St. Pancras	Evensong	Revd. Sean Sheffield
10:30	St. Peter & St. Paul	Eucharist	Revd. Sean Sheffield
14:00	St. Peter & St. Paul	Remembrance Art Installation	
10:30	Zoom Online	Prayer & Praise	Revd. Stewart Carolan-Evans
Sunday November 22nd		CHRIST THE KING Sunday next before Advent	
10:30	St. Andrew	Eucharist	Revd. Sean Sheffield
09:00	St. Nicholas	Eucharist	Revd. Stewart Carolan-Evans
10:30	St. Peter	Eucharist	Revd. Brian Duckworth
14:00	St. Peter & St. Paul	Remembrance Art Installation	
10:30	Zoom Online	Morning Prayer	Jenny Groombridge
Sunday November 29th		Advent 1	
10:30	St. Andrew	Eucharist - PATRONAL FESTIVAL	Revd. Stewart Carolan-Evans
09:00	St. Pancras	Eucharist	Revd. Sean Sheffield
10:30	St. Peter	Service of the Word	Derek Bilbrough & Team
10:30	St. Peter & St. Paul	Morning Prayer	Jenny Groombridge
14:00	St. Peter & St. Paul	Remembrance Art Installation	

Online Services & Home Visiting

We know for many that our online service each week is the only way that you are able to worship with others in the Parish, and also enjoy much needed fellowship. We do intend to continue what we offer online, however as we open our Church buildings for worship what we offer each week will change.

We hope that a mix of morning prayer, prayer and praise and live streaming (as Revd. Sean works out the 'gremlins' in the technology) will nourish and support those of you who are unable to come out at the present time.

Additionally, Revd. Sean would like to offer home visits, including Communion, for those who are missing this part of their worship. Please call him on 07710423432 so that he can arrange a visit with you. If you are concerned about a visit, why not just ring Sean for a chat!

Prayer Points

For the local team who are working on setting up a Community Welfare Shop in Elvington.

For all who are remembering loved ones at this time that have been lost, that God would be their comfort and their peace.

For those who are ill, still isolated, shielding or lonely. That God would heal, encourage and be ever present in times of distress.



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Advent Groups

Through December there will be the opportunity to journey together by joining online Advent Groups, details will follow this month in a mid-month newsletter update!

Christmas Baking

Marguerite writes:

“Use Fair Trade dried fruit for your cake or pudding!

I have 500g bags of raisins or sultanas at £3.30, or traditional dried fruit mix (raisins, sultanas, Currants and candied peel) at £3.60.

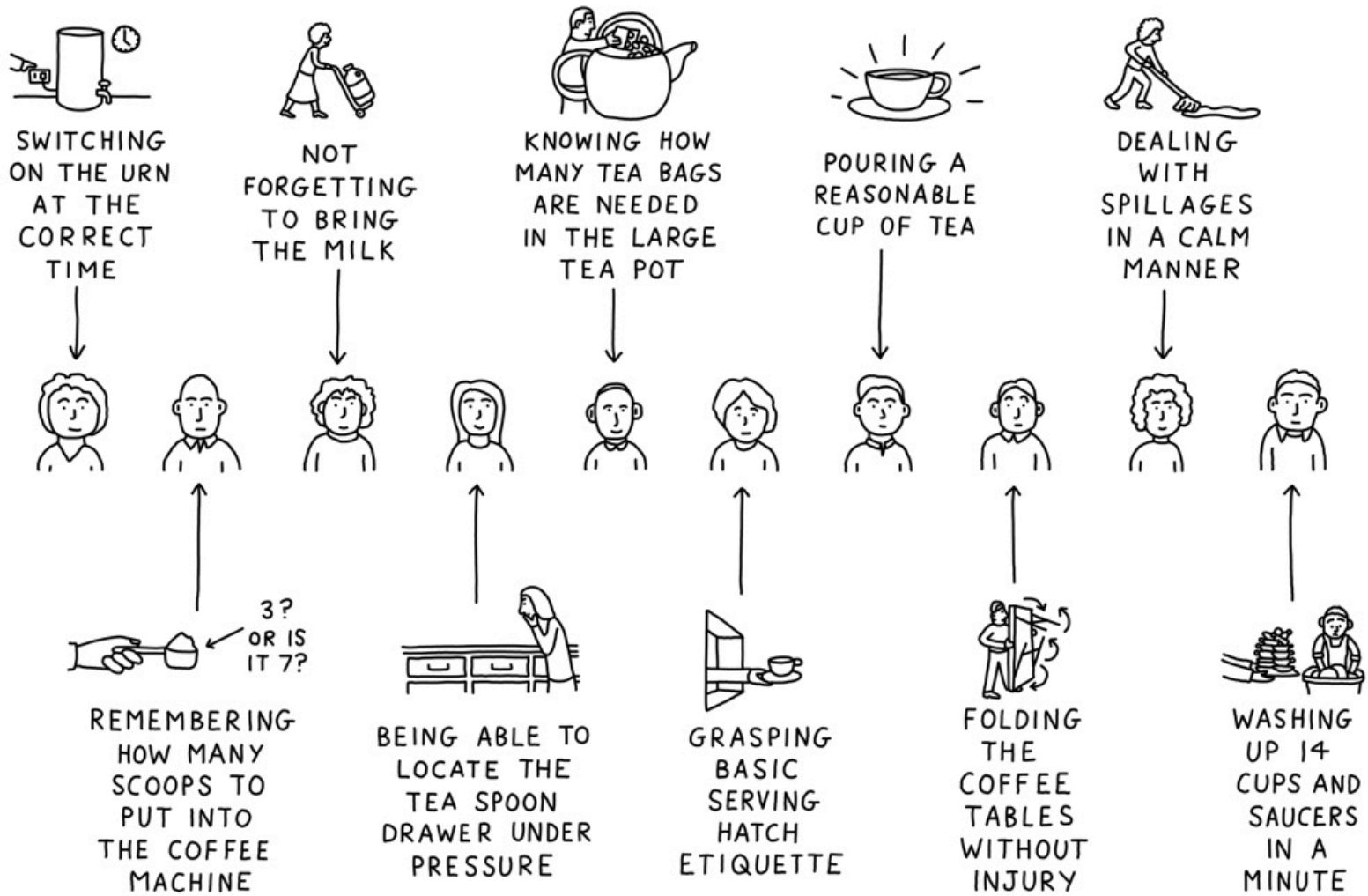
Buying Fair Trade gives producers a little extra that is to be spent on their community. Farmers' groups have bought lorries (which can be ambulances when needed), built community facilities and installed sanitation.

Please contact me on 830226 if you would like fruit or any other Traidcraft goody you may be missing.”

And finally.....

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