

BrindleVoice

November
2021

Greater love hath no
man than this.

John 15:13



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Lest We Forget The Fallen of Brindle

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**They shall not grow old, as
we that are left grow old:
Age shall not weary them,
nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the
sun and in the morning
We will remember them.**

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From the Book of Remembrance

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Those We Love But See
No More



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1st	Alban Yates	1969
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	Lawrence Patrick Coane	1975
4th	Elizabeth Helen Reid	2018
13th	Paul Joseph Ingram	2019
15th	Elsie Stott	1996
16th	Edith Hindle	1995
17th	Brian Morris-Ashton	2019
19th	Alice Grice	2014
22nd	Thomas Nicol	2011
	Philip Holt	2017
26th	Amanda Ellen Morris	2002
28th	William Butler	2006
	Gordon Jones	2016

If you would like to put a name in the Book, please ask for a form from one of the Church Wardens. Thank you.



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7th Mrs S Cowburn

14th Joan Ingram

21st and 28th Pat Holt

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Life Events October

Holy Baptism:

2nd	Olivia Anne Atkinson
3rd	Arthur Rounding
	Samuel John Wilson
17th	Harry John Speakes
	Brody Alexander McMahon
24th	Lottie Eunice Elizabeth Fish
30th	Alba Rae Lowe
31st	Layla May Ashrafi

Holy Matrimony:

10th	Alan Peter Ramsden and Rebecca Mary Whyte
23rd	Jack Oliver Webster and Chelsea Rebecca Coyne

Funeral:

4th	Barbara Pearl Talbot
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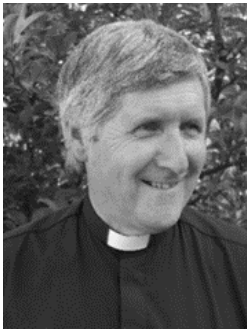
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Wired to the Moon



Dear friends,

I never tire of the rhythm of the seasons and in particular the church seasons. We are leaving the long season (22 weeks) of ordinary time – the time between the

Ascension and 4 Sundays before Advent. Within that time we celebrate All Saints when we remember all who have lived the life worthy of eternal life – not just those we see within our stained glass windows.

Then we celebrate Christ The King. A timely reminder that we are to prepare during Advent for the coming of The King of Glory, Jesus our Saviour and for His coming again. It is a time for us to reflect further on our relationship with God such that when the time comes to celebrate His birth, we are ready to celebrate the true meaning of Christmas.

We Will Remember Them

But first, we deal with remembering. Remembering especially those who have made the supreme sacrifice in conflict and those who have served and are serving our country. This year marks the centenary of the Royal British Legion who are far greater than selling poppies – worthy though that is.

The Legion was founded on 15 May 1921, when representatives of the four national organisations of ex-Serviceman came

together at the Cenotaph to create the British Legion. Born in the aftermath of the First World War, the charity's founding mission was to fight for the rights of those who had given so much and come back to so little. We will have a small display in church thanks to our good friends Davie Macallan and James Ingham and we will welcome them together with Jacqui and Agnes for our Act Of remembrance on the 14th November. The service starts prompt at 10.45am.

These days I have resorted to my 'Little Black Book' to help me remember – to remember minutiae – and to remember important matters. This is all very well but I then have to remember to read the contents and then hopefully respond. Thank goodness we don't have to resort to a LBB to remember those who made the supreme sacrifice and those who are living now with the scars of conflict

They shall not grow old as we that are left grow old. Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn. At the going down of the sun and in the morning, we will remember them.

The Nativity

Just looking ahead beyond November and allow me to take this opportunity to highlight one particular event and that is the Nativity. In years past we have rejoiced in a full church witnessing our Sunday School present the story of the birth of the Saviour. This year, we are unable to accommodate more than 120

(remembering that the stage takes up space for around 50 people) and it has been decided that **admission will be by ticket only and those tickets will be offered to the families of the children taking part.** The Nativity will be Live Streamed so those disappointed at not being able to attend will be able to watch via Zoom. The Nativity will be recorded and available via our YouTube Channel.

I trust the reason behind this reluctant decision is understood.

Be Prepared

The season of Advent begins on the 28th November. In addition to the 10.30am service of Holy Communion, we will offer an Advent Carol Service at 6.30pm and as in previous years we will be joined by our friends from Holy Trinity Hoghton and All Saints Higher Walton and Rev'd Bryn Naylor curate of the parishes will offer an Advent reflection.

As we journey through Advent, the Wednesday evening services will look at the themes of Advent through the eyes of visiting speakers. More information will be available through the weekly notices.

Rector's Grump

It is very difficult to uphold the true reason why we celebrate Christmas. There is so much media hype fuelled by the retail sector, that one could be forgiven for thinking that it isn't Christmas without lavish spending – The irony being this is diametrically opposite to the circumstances in Bethlehem. Of course there are many attendant challenges to the truth of Christmas and some do enrich the essence of the season, so may we strike a balance such that when we celebrate Christmas, Christ is at the centre.

Confirmation

If you are in Year 6 or above and wish to be confirmed, please complete the list now at the back of church, or have a word with Sam or myself. As noted previously, we hope classes will start in January with the service of confirmation in March. Adults considering confirmation are VERY welcome to have a word with me.

And finally, mindful of those in our parish family who are unwell at this time, be assured of our thoughts and prayers.

Much Love,

Services November

3rd	Service of The Word	6.30pm
6th	Holy Baptism	11.00am
7th	Holy Communion	10.30am
	Holy Baptism	2.00pm
	Holy Baptism	3.00pm
10th	Service of The Word	6.30pm
14th	Service of The Word	9.00am
	Act of Remembrance within Holy Communion	10.45am
	Holy Baptism	2.00pm
17th	Service of The Word	6.30pm
21st	Holy Communion	10.30am
	Holy Baptism	2.00pm
24th	Service of The Word	6.30pm
28th	Service of The Word	9.00am
	Holy Communion	10.30am
	Holy Baptism	2.00pm
	Advent Carols	6.30pm

December

1st	Service of The Word	6.30pm
5th	Holy Communion	10.30am
8th	Service of The Word	6.30pm

Little Cuckoos – Remembrance Sunday

is a special day when we remember the soldiers who have died in war and we think about the sacrifice they made, so that our country could be a safe place to live.

On Remembrance Sunday, people choose to wear poppies on their coats to show that they remember the soldiers and are grateful to them.

Sunday School have been making these colourful poppies to wear on Remembrance Sunday.



Perhaps you could try making a shadow lantern for Remembrance Sunday. The instructions to make one are on this page and some helpful design templates can be found on the next page.

Happy crafting!



Resource

Remembrance Lanterns

Should look a
little like this when
you're done!



You will need:

- 1 jam jar (empty and clean)
- Red tissue paper
- PVA glue
- Masking tape
- Paint brush/glue spreader
- Black paper or card
- Scissors or a craft knife
- Newspaper/cutting mat
- Template (see following pages)
- T-light/small candle

Ages 5-11:

Cut out the templates first and use them to trace around. Use scissors to cut the black paper and choose one of the more simple silhouettes for your lantern.

Ages 11-18:

Print the templates onto copy paper. Use a craft knife to cut the black paper, choosing a more challenging silhouette or create your own.

Instructions:

1. Cover the table with a cutting mat or newspaper.
2. Tear/cut your tissue paper into small pieces about 2cm square.
3. Stick your tissue paper onto your jam jar, covering the whole thing. Make sure there are no holes/gaps in your tissue paper layer.
4. Choose which template you are going to use and either trace around it to show you where to cut your black paper (ages 5-11) or, if using a craft knife: lay the template onto the black paper and stick the two layers to your cutting mat with small pieces of masking tape.
5. Carefully cut out your silhouette.
6. Stick your silhouette onto your jam jar with a thin layer of PVA glue.
7. Allow to dry.
8. Place candle inside jar and light.

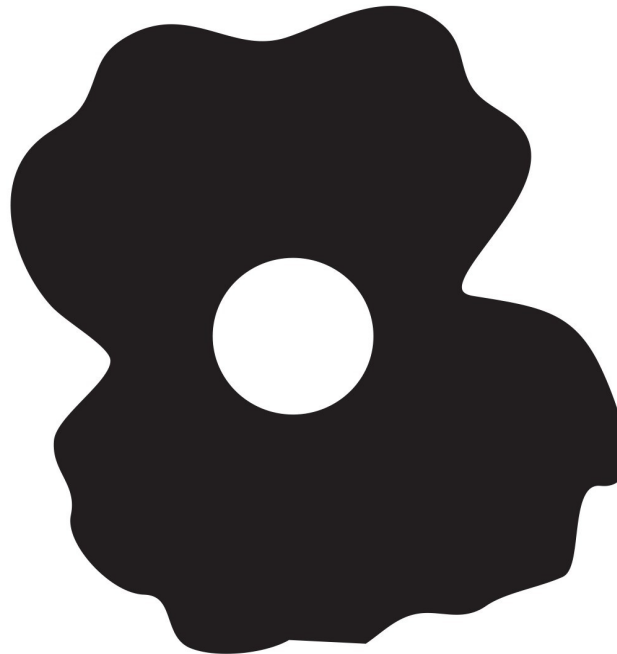
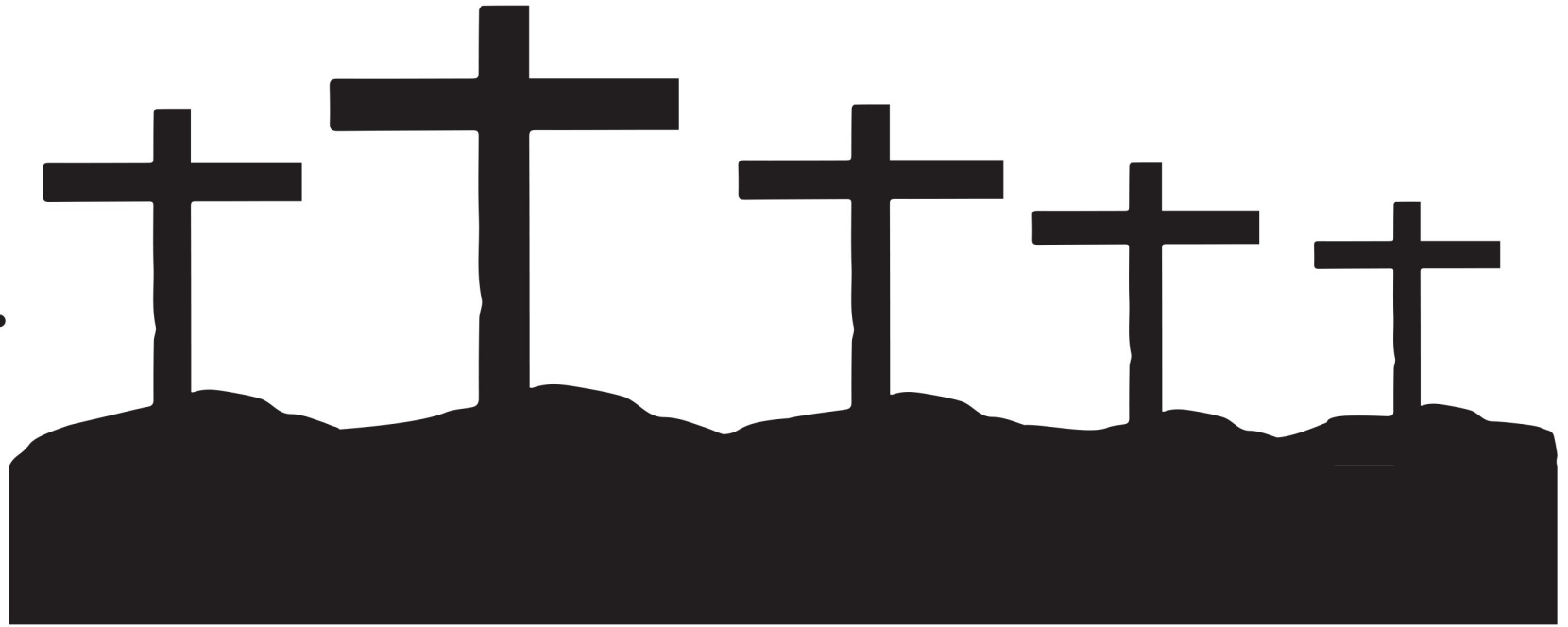
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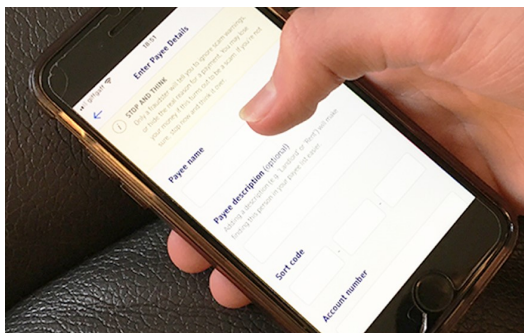
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Poppies, Red and White

We are all familiar with the red poppy being worn as a remembrance of the casualties not just the two world wars, but of any conflict. Like many people, I was unfamiliar with the significance of white poppies, which are occasionally seen at Remembrance Day services. At a very informative talk at the Brindle Historical Society meeting on Monday 1st November (rescheduled from 18 October), any misunderstanding or confusion was dispelled by our speaker, Mr Alex Houghton, from Chorley.

Alex explained that poppies had been sold to raise money for charity since well before the First World War and money raised from such sales was often distributed to military charities, but not exclusively so. After the war four organisations were independently formed to help veterans of the conflict but it was not until 1921 that Earl Douglas Haig was influential in bringing them together to form a single organisation, the British Legion (now the Royal British Legion), which existed to help war veterans and their dependents.

At the talk Alex brought along two poems, which were beautifully read by one of the Society's members Angie Livingstone. The second poem, 'In Flanders Fields', is well known to all, and describes the red poppies growing amongst the war dead on the battlefields. After the war rituals of remembrance were established including the erection of war memorials, the moments of silence and memorial days. At that time, thanks in part to the poem, poppies became a universal symbol of such rituals.

By the 1930s people were aware that further conflict was brewing in Europe, and certain movements were established to oppose such conflicts. The Co-Operative Women's Guild was one such organisation whose members wore white poppies to give out a message of 'no more war'. The Guild



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stressed that there was no conflict between the wearing of white poppies and the traditional red poppies: the red simply signified remembrance and the white an appeal for peace. Both were often worn side by side.

Unfortunately, this message never really got through; and even today wreaths of white poppies left at Remembrance Day services can cause controversy and are occasionally vandalised. However, the same meaning is ascribed to the poppies today: red for

remembrance, white for peace.

Our final talk of the year will be on Monday 15th November when Mr Dave Southall will talk to us about "Technological dead ends – ideas which have gone nowhere". As usual, the talk will start at 7.30 pm in the Community Hall and will be free to members and just £3 for guests including refreshments. See our website and Facebook for further details.

Bernie Kellett

Brindle Over 55's (BOFFS)

BOFFS Will meet on Monday 8th November at 2pm in Brindle Community Hall. There will be entertainment from Neil Smith, 'Travels in Russia with a guitar' followed by the Annual General Meeting. All are very welcome.



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A Lancashire resident received such an email headed 'UK Digital Covid 19 certificate – your NHS order has been dispatched'. The email asked the resident to click to 'accept the invitation'. A closer look showed the email had been sent from an email address in Japan, nothing to do with the NHS! Remember: the NHS App is free, the NHS Covid pass is free and the NHS will never ask for payment or for financial details. For information on how to get your free NHS Covid Pass visit www.nhs.uk/nhscovidpass.

TAX SCAMS

HM Revenue and Customs (HMRC) is warning students and young people to be aware of potential tax scams when taking up part time jobs. Being new to interacting with HMRC and unfamiliar with genuine contact from the department can make them vulnerable to scams. In the past year almost one

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Nearly half of all tax scams offer fake tax refunds, which HMRC does not offer by SMS or email. The criminals involved are usually trying to steal money or personal information to sell on to others. HMRC advice is to be wary if you are contacted out of the blue by someone asking for money or personal information. If in doubt, do not reply directly to anything suspicious. Instead, contact HMRC through www.gov.uk and search for 'HMRC scams'.

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This scam is most likely to catch out people who are expecting the delivery of a parcel. Avoid clicking on any suspicious links and if in any doubt check directly with the parcel delivery service and check their website for information on current scams.

That's all for this month. Keep safe and well!

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