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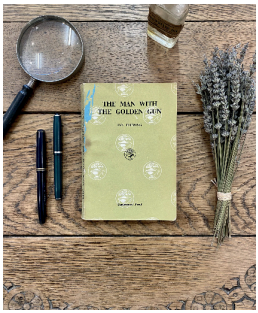
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Thought for the Month

Blessed are the Peacemakers…

You are probably familiar with the old rhyme, 'Remember, remember the fifth of November, gunpowder treason and plot'. This poem used to be recited by children (I suspect this is a thing of the past) as Guy Fawkes night approached. The words commemorate the failed Gunpowder Plot of 1605 when Guy Fawkes and his accomplices attempted to blow up the Houses of Parliament, and they are actually part of a much longer poem that you might like to look up on Google.

But of course, November is also the month when we pause to remember those who have died as a result of war and conflict. Remembrance Day commemorates the end of hostilities in the First World War at 11 am on 11 November 1918 and honours all military personnel who have died in service both in the First World War and in subsequent conflicts. The tradition evolved from Armistice Day, first observed in 1919 to mark the one-year anniversary of the end of WWI. King George V requested a pause for two minutes of silence, which became a central feature of the observance. The day serves not only as a time to reflect on the sacrifices made by service personnel but also to recognize the wider human cost of war.

Most countries have a national symbol that honours the lives lost in violent conflict. Here in Britain we traditionally wear a red poppy, but in France people wear a blue cornflower and the national remembrance symbol of India is a bright yellow marigold. Back in the UK, Purple Poppy Remembrance Day is observed on 24 February and commemorates animals (including horses, dogs, pigeons and even camels) that served and died in wartime.

In 1914 the writer HG Wells described the First World War, which had only just commenced, as 'the war to end all wars'. He hoped that it would lead to a new world order that would make future wars impossible. Sadly we know that this was not the case as our world seems more troubled than ever – surely not how God intended us to live. I leave you with this poignant poem written by Wilfred Owen in 1917, his *Anthem for Doomed Youth.* Wilfred Owen was himself killed in action on November 4, 1918, just one week before the Armistice.

What passing-bells for these who die as cattle?
Only the monstrous anger of the guns.
Only the stuttering rifles' rapid rattle
Can patter out their hasty orisons.
No mockeries now for them; no prayers nor bells;
Nor any voice of mourning save the choirs, –
The shrill, demented choirs of wailing shells;
And bugles calling for them from sad shires.
What candles may be held to speed them all?
Not in the hands of boys but in their eyes
Shall shine the holy glimmers of goodbyes.
The pallor of girls' brows shall be their pall;
Their flowers the tenderness of patient minds,
And each slow dusk a drawing-down of blinds.

Let us all pause to remember this Remembrance season not only those who have lost their lives serving their country, but all those who still suffer because of our apparent human inability to live in peace with one another. Blessed are the peacemakers.

Reverend Karen Crowhurst

Articles for the Magazine are always welcome!

We are always pleased to include poems or articles written by a readers of the magazine. Have you read a good book, or been to an interesting place or event and would like to share your experience with others? The editor would be very happy to receive written contributions by email: editor.shanklinchimes@gmail.com

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OUR CHURCH SERVICES IN NOVEMBER



You are warmly invited to join us for our Sunday Worship at 10.15am unless otherwise stated



Sunday 1st November - All Saints Day

Holy Communion

Reverend Karen Crowhurst



Sunday 8th November - Remembrance Sunday

9.30 am - SERVICE OF THE WORD

Reverend Tony Richards



10.45 am - CIVIC ACT OF REMEMBRANCE AT SHANKLIN WAR MEMORIAL

Sunday 15th November - Second Sunday before Advent

Matins

Reverend Karen Crowhurst

Sunday 22nd November - Feast of Christ the King

Holy Communion

Reverend Karen Crowhurst

Sunday 29th November - Advent Sunday

Holy Communion

Reverend Barry Downer

PRAYERS FOR THE MONTH

The Sunday and Special Collects for this month
(with endings omitted)

1st November - All Saints Sunday

Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship
in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord:
grant us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living
that we may come to those inexpressible joys
that you have prepared for those who truly love you…

8th November - Remembrance Sunday

Almighty Father, whose will is to restore all things
in your beloved Son, the King of all:
govern the hearts and minds of those in authority,
and bring the families of the nations,
divided and torn apart by the ravages of sin,
to be subject to his just and gentle rule…

15th November - Second Sunday before Advent

Heavenly Father,
whose blessed Son was revealed to destroy the works of the devil
and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life:
grant that we, having this hope, may purify ourselves even as he is pure;
that when he shall appear in power and great glory
we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom;

22nd November - Christ the King

Eternal Father, whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven
that he might rule over all things as Lord and King:
keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace,
and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet…

29th November – Advent Sunday

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness
and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life,
in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility;
that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty
to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal…

FESTIVALS IN NOVEMBER

From the Church of England Calendar

1 All Saints' Day

2 Commemoration of the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day)

3 Richard Hooker, Priest, Anglican Apologist, Teacher of the Faith, 1600

3 Martin of Porres, Friar, 1639

6 Leonard, Hermit, 6th century

6 William Temple,Archbishop of Canterbury,Teacher of the Faith, 1944

7 Willibrord of York, Bishop, Apostle of Frisia, 739

8 The Saints and Martyrs of England

9 Margery Kempe, Mystic, c.1440

8 Remembrance Sunday

10 Leo the Great, Bishop of Rome,Teacher of the Faith, 461

11 Martin,Bishop of Tours, c.397

13 Charles Simeon, Priest, Evangelical Divine, 1836

14 Samuel Seabury, first Anglican Bishop in North America, 1796

16 Margaret,Queen of Scotland, Philanthropist, Reformer of the Church, 1093

16 Edmund Rich of Abingdon,Archbishop of Canterbury, 1240

17 Hugh,Bishop of Lincoln, 1200

18 Elizabeth of Hungary, Princess of Thuringia, Philanthropist, 1231

19 Hilda,Abbess of Whitby, 680

19 Mechtild, Béguine of Magdeburg, Mystic, 1280

20 Edmund,King of the East Angles, Martyr, 870

20 Priscilla Lydia Sellon, a Restorer of the Religious Life in the Church of England, 1876

22 Cecilia, Martyr at Rome, c.230

23 Clement,Bishop of Rome, Martyr, c.100

25 Catherine of Alexandria, Martyr, 4th century

25 Isaac Watts, Hymn Writer, 1748

29 The Feast of Christ the King

29 Day of Intercession and Thanksgiving for the Missionary Work of the Church

30 Andrew the Apostle

November Skies

Than these November skies
Is no sky lovelier. The clouds are deep;
Into their grey the subtle spies
Of colour creep,
Changing that high austerity to delight,
Till even the leaden interfolds are bright.
And, where the cloud breaks, faint far azure peers
Ere a thin flushing cloud again
Shuts up that loveliness, or shares.
The huge great clouds move slowly, gently, as
Reluctant the quick sun should shine in vain,
Holding in bright caprice their rain.
And when of colours none,
Not rose, nor amber, nor the scarce late green,
Is truly seen, --
In all the myriad grey,
In silver height and dusky deep, remain
The loveliest,
Faint purple flushes of the unvanquished sun.

John Freedman

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our Harvest Festival Celebrations in October. A special thank you to everyone who made the Church look so beautiful








A Good Yarn

On the 3rd Monday of each month at 10.00am

Come and join our informal and friendly monthly knitting and crochet group in the Parish Room at St Blasius Church, Church Road, Shanklin.

Refreshments will be available.

From beginners to experts everyone is welcome.

Just bring along your knitting, crochet or needlework, no need to book a place. Come and meet new people or old friends and take time out to relax and enjoy a chat, learn new hints and tips or get started on that new hobby.

We look forward to seeing you there.



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Please join with your family and friends in supporting this special Christmas appeal by collecting the festive items shown here.

Every donation will make a difference and together we can help make Christmas that little bit easier for local people facing hardship this Christmas.

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Please bring your gift boxes to our church services at St Blasius on Sundays 22nd or 29th November.

Thank you for being part of our 12 Days of Christmas.

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The Autumn Robin

Sweet little bird in russet coat,
The livery of the closing year,
I love thy lonely plaintive note
And tiny whispering song to hear,
While on the stile or garden seat
I sit to watch the falling leaves,
The song thy little joys repeat
My loneliness relieves.

John Clare



Extracts from Recent Newsletters

By Jemma Powell, Assistant Principal

What a fantastic way to round off a busy and successful first half term! Our school has been full of excitement, learning, laughter and memorable experiences over the past few weeks, and we are incredibly proud of everything our children have achieved.

What a brilliant evening we had at our very first Light Rave! The hall was transformed with glowing light sticks, neon face paints and some seriously cool tunes. The children danced the evening away and had an absolute blast. Who knew we had so many little ravers in our school community? Thank you to everyone who helped make the event such a success.

Year 6 visited Shanklin Fire Station as part of the Restart a Heart campaign. This valuable experience gave children the opportunity to learn potentially life-saving skills and develop their understanding of basic emergency response. We are incredibly grateful to the team at the fire station for hosting such an engaging and important session.

Children in Years 4 and 5 enjoyed a wonderful visit from M&M Productions, who delivered a short theatre performance and workshop based on the classic story The Railway Children. The children were captivated by the performance and thoroughly enjoyed taking part in the interactive workshop activities. Experiences like these help bring books to life and inspire a love of literature.

And finally, our fabulous Harvest Festival. Standing in church and seeing our children sing, perform and reflect together genuinely had me bursting with pride. The confidence, respect and kindness shown by our children were a wonderful reflection of our school community. A huge thank you to our staff, families, Brian Harley from the United Reformed Church, and of course our fantastic children for making the celebration so special. A special thank you also goes to all the grown-ups who were so keen and eager to join in with the singing—it was a lovely way to mark the end of our Harvest Celebration!

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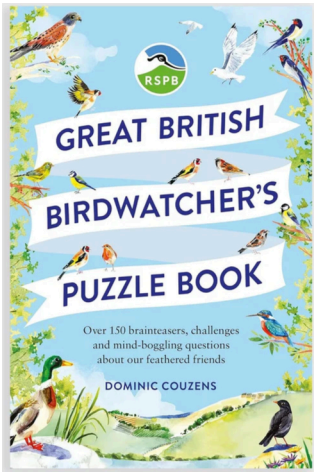
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Book Reviews

Thinking ahead about Christmas gifts. . .



RSPB Great British Birdwatcher's Puzzle Book

Publisher: Hodder and Stoughton
Format: Paperback
ISBN: 9781856754965
£8.99

This fascinating book is available from The Leprosy Mission Website and will really test your ornithological knowledge! It is full of incredible facts about a wide variety of birds and covers topics such as bird behaviour and migration. Can you tell your rook from a raven? Do you know the collective noun for a group of goldfinches? This book provides the answers to many questions about birds and their lives.

The book includes test of identification with illustrations of birds, crosswords, quiz questions and word-searches. There are also maps to investigate flight patterns. Buying this book helps the RSPB and The Leprosy Mission and will give bird lovers interest and enjoyment far into the New Year.



If you are looking for a little gift, these lovely bookmarks might be just the thing to choose. A set of 12 bookmarks with encouraging Bible verses and beautiful photography by Jonathan Leach. The bookmarks are blank on the back with space for a short message. Ideal to send in an envelope with a card, or perfect as a small gift.
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This simple telling of the Nativity Story by Juliet David would make a lovely gift for a little one.

The Nativity Story

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News from the Mothers' Union at St Blasius

Suzanne Cook
Branch Leader, St Blasius Church

At the end of September we welcomed Ian Coobs, a representative from The Children's Society, and his wife Deanne. Ian gave us an interesting and challenging talk about his work promoting awareness of the plight of children in their care.

One particular aspect is a new campaign called "Look Closer", which informs the public and other relevant agencies, how to spot the signs of exploitation or neglect. We were asked to keep a "keen eye" for; a child or young adult travelling late at night, being poorly dressed, looking lost, anxious or frightened, begging, appearing to be coerced or controlled by an older person, or under the influence of drink or drugs. We were advised to take immediate action by dialling 101 to report our concern. Places to "LookCloser" were motorway service areas, bus and train stations, outside schools, skate parks, amusement arcades; places where children and young people congregate. The Society provides specialist support with the help of appropriate government departments and private institutions, to empower young people to make positive changes, to rediscover their hope and thereby create a safe and secure environment for all children and young people. If you would like to know more about the Society's work, go to their website; www.childrenssociety.org.uk.

Our next meeting will be at 2.00pm on Monday, 23rd November, when we will have an Advent Reflection to be led by the Rev Karen Crowhurst, followed by tea and cakes. All are welcome to join us.

If you would like to know more about the work Mothers' Union, please call Suzanne Cook, Branch Leader, on 07484 714892 or check on their website: https://www.mothersunion.org.

We are always pleased to welcome newcomers.

Suzanne Cook, Branch Leader



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Wendy



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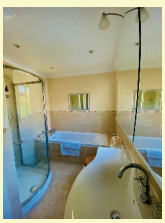
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