



# The Spire

The Parish Magazine  
 CHRIST CHURCH  
 Southgate

## November 2019



3 November  
 All Souls Requiem



10 November  
 Remembrance Service



24 November  
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# **Welcome!**

## **From The Reverend Dr Chrichton Limbert Vicar of Christ Church Southgate**



At the time of writing we are making final preparations for the funeral of Graham Stone, who sadly lost his battle with cancer in September. He was a much loved and respected member of our community who served in so many ways, from Sacristan to Churchwarden, and will be much missed. In the words of the Very Revd Dr David Hoyle, who was the Vicar here when Graham and Gina first came to Christ Church, "Graham was something rare. He had the ability to be so committed, and so serious when it was needed and yet never lost the fizz and bounce that made him such good company. He somehow created, so often, a sense of occasion, an intensity that I loved. He had the gift of encouragement. In recent years he has also shown us a deep courage that not many of us can muster." May he rest in peace.

The funeral service ends with a very familiar prayer of the Englishman John Henry Newman, who was canonised in the Vatican in October,

which is very appropriate to the season of commemorating and remembering that we are entering.

*May He support us all the day long, till the shades lengthen, and the evening comes, and the busy world is hushed, and the fever of life is over, and our work is done! Then in His mercy may He give us a safe lodging, and a holy rest, and peace at the last.* [John Henry Newman]

We start remembering on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> November with a double commemoration of All Saints in the morning (including the newest one – John Henry Newman), followed by All Souls in the evening with a requiem service with music by Fauré. It is very carefully called 'All' Souls so that it includes absolutely everyone who has gone before us in this church and community. Remembrance Sunday the following week on the 10<sup>th</sup> will include the Act of Remembrance within a special service starting at 10.30am, following the new pattern we started last year when remembering the end of

World War 1. This year our thoughts will turn to those who fell in World War 2, as we have just passed 80 years since the start of that conflict, and we start preparations for the national commemoration of 75 years since VE day in May 2020. Here at Christ Church we will be taking a full part in helping the whole community remember and be thankful for those who paid the ultimate sacrifice, as part of our commitment to be a beacon of God's love in the community.

At the end of the month on the 24<sup>th</sup>, we will celebrate our Patronal Festival with the usual wonderful concert from the choir at the very end of the church's year, before the liturgical cycle starts again with the Advent Procession, where we follow anew the whole story of Christ's time on earth. Please encourage all your neighbours, friends and family to come to the many different events we will be holding to

celebrate the coming among us of the Christ Child, from Christingle to Crib Service, with the legendary Nine Lessons and Carols on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December.

So, use November to remember and be thankful for all the people and experiences that have gone before us that moulded who we are, both as a group and as individuals, and then go forward to a new and exciting fresh start with the new liturgical year. This must, of course, include Fr David Hoyle, who takes up his new challenge as Dean of Westminster Abbey on 16<sup>th</sup> November. Our thoughts and prayers will be with him.

We will all watch and wait together again for the coming of the Saviour at Bethlehem and continue our job of sharing his love with all those around us.

*Fr Chrichton*

## Mary and Joseph are off again!



For the fifth time, we will be sending out the "Travelling Crib" on its journey round the parish and beyond.

Mary, Joseph and their donkey will be blessed at the 10am service on Advent Sunday, 1<sup>st</sup>

December, and will start their journey with the first family to host them overnight. They will then be passed onto a different home every day until they arrive back in church in time for the Crib Service on Christmas Eve.

This journey is a recreation of the difficult journey Mary and Joseph made from Nazareth to Bethlehem with only a donkey to carry them. But this year those who show them hospitality will be extra blessed, as each home

that they visit will be given a special angel to go on their tree, knitted by Sylvia Burt. Many thanks to Sylvia for these unique gifts.



I hope many of you will want to host our travelling crib this Advent. It is a lovely way to highlight the real meaning of Christmas and a chance for families to meet and reflect together in each other's homes. Each host should prepare a special place for Mary, Joseph and their donkey to rest with their own angel.

Please speak to me (email: [chrichton@waitrose.com](mailto:chrichton@waitrose.com), phone: 0208 882 0917) to book your place on the travel itinerary. The journey round our community will reflect our welcoming and hospitable church family as we prepare for the birth of the Christ Child this Christmas.

*Judith Limbert*

## Stewardship – update

### Parish Giving Scheme

The number in the **Parish Giving Scheme** continues to increase slowly, there are now 68 parishioners donating in this way and I thank those that have responded, especially a couple of donors that are new to our Stewardship Scheme.

The **Parish Giving Scheme** is a much more efficient way of paying from our point of view. There is a significant saving in administration time, it speeds up the repayment of Gift Aid and it has the option of a regular inflationary increase each year. This option enables us to increase the amount we receive without the need for an annual stewardship campaign and all the work such campaigns entail.

Please speak to me if you have been thinking of joining the **Parish Giving Scheme** for some time but have not yet done so. I have decided that for many the reason they have not switched is simply because they have been put off because of the perceived inconvenience involved in cancelling their existing standing order. I can assure you that it is not as much of a problem as you might think. Please do consider switching to this scheme – it really will be beneficial to Christ Church's finances and those that have the task of looking after them.

### Blue Gift Aid envelopes

These envelopes were introduced primarily for use by visitors to Christ Church or for additional donations by those already in Stewardship. Regular church attenders are encouraged to formally join the Stewardship programme so that you contribute towards the overheads which are still there even when you don't attend church every week.

REMEMBER our bank is now charging us for paying in cash. Every £100 we pay is charged at 1.5%. Last year we paid in almost £20,000 from the weekly collections at a cost of £300. We

have made progress in reducing this, but we need to reduce the cash paid in as much as possible. If you use the blue envelopes regularly please consider changing your donations to the **Parish Giving Scheme**.

**Parish Giving Scheme application forms, along with information sheets, are in the rack at the back of church. Please return them to me in the envelope provided, thank you.**

### Facts & Figures

Estimated giving by category in 2020 is as follows:

- **Parish Giving Scheme** £49,000 annually from 68 donors, average giving per month £60
- **Standing Orders** £14,000 annually from 36 donors, average giving per month £32
- **Cash** from blue envelopes and in the collection plate £14,000

*Mick Meur, Stewardship Recorder*



## Spire Style Guide

- 9 pt Calibri Font
- No complex formatting (i.e. don't insert pictures into your text, etc.)
- Ideally not more than 400 words, unless this has been invited, or discussed in advance
- Photos should be sent as .jpeg files
- Respect Copyright – always cite sources if you have quoted text or reproduced images from elsewhere (internet, books, etc.) .

## Have yourselves, a merry eco-Christmas...

"Aargh!" I hear you say, "Not already! The John Lewis ad hasn't aired yet!" Well if you really want to be 'green' at Christmas it might take a little extra thought and planning, so best start now.

Inspired by what I read in *New Scientist* from December 2018, here are just four points to consider:

### The Christmas Tree

Statistics show that an artificial tree need to be reused at least 20 times to become more eco friendly than freshly cut trees. Real trees should be sourced from the closest farm possible to reduce transport emissions. Growing your own tree is as good as 'being green' gets. You could replant it in a pot or the garden for re-use.

### Christmas Dinner

A vegan meal is the ultimate ethical experience but I think that whilst a few of us are vegan or vegetarian most of us are still meat eaters. The aim for us is to cut down and not eat meat every day. So, if we can't do without the turkey (poor thing) then we need to be good leading up to Christmas but also to cut down on meat generally when we can. We also must do whatever we can to prevent food waste. It's more important to do this than compost it afterwards. Plan meals carefully and be creative with leftovers.

### Wrapping Paper

A 2017 survey estimated that in the UK we throw away 108 million rolls of wrapping paper

each year. Goodness knows how many greetings cards are used. A large proportion of these products aren't recyclable due to a plastic coating and glitter. So, try and buy re-usable products. You can be creative with the decoration. Instead of bows and ribbons a sprig of holly or a herb could be used.

### Christmas crackers

Have you ever thought about the plastic waste created by Christmas crackers? They are less than single use as most of the time we just hold the prize in our hands for less than a minute and then throw it away. Think of the impact this has on landfill and the oceans as most of these plastic items are too small for recycling. John Lewis and Waitrose will stop selling Christmas crackers containing plastic from 2020. Please look for eco-friendly crackers. They are now available in many outlets.

So, just four points out of many to think about. Maybe soon these considerations will become second nature as the world fights for its preservation. If you have any eco-tips for Christmas, recipes for leftovers, please share them with the editor. The December issue of *The Spire* could be truly inspirational.

*Dear God, as we start to think of Christmas and the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ, help us to remember this scene in the most humble of circumstances, with no excesses, just love.*

*Lord, we ask that you keep us ever mindful of this as we make our festive choices.*

*Send the Holy Spirit to give us strength in this challenging world and be with those who struggle to survive in a world of extremes. Amen.*

Sandra Anderson



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# REQUIEM



Sunday 24 November, 6.30pm  
Christ Church Southgate, N14 7EG

The Choir of Christ Church Southgate

Richard Brain *conductor*

David Hinitt *organ*

Teresa Pearson *soprano*

Tom Castle *tenor*

Rose Martin *mezzo-soprano*

Edward Kay *bass*

*Also featuring*

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Bach Sinfonia Quartet led by Liz Partridge

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## Jesus' Commandment

Jesus' words in *John* speak of relationship: of love and true friendship. "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friend". [John 15:12-13] I'm sure that as Christians we all do our utmost to love and befriend one another as we're called to do; but the truth is that sometimes we succeed and sometimes we fail.

Our Church community, though, often does reflect the love of Christ. A couple of weeks ago I was very touched by kindness shown to me by a number of people here, when they knew I was upset. A hug, a kind word, shared concern, sharing of their own difficulties; and knowing they were praying for me, made me feel cared for and I gained a real sense of Jesus's presence.

The love of Christ is also reflected in what we do in and for our wider community: our work for the homeless, giving of gifts to those in need, pastoral work and so forth; all indicative of God's love.

Jesus's love for us is greater than we can imagine. His expression of this, clearly displayed in His death for us, goes way beyond our own capacities. But being loved by Him and by us being in Him, we can show our love and friendship to others. This doesn't need to be displayed necessarily in huge projects but in small gestures, of both giving and receiving.

If we are honest, we find loving some people far easier than others and for us, that's where the challenge lies.

But growing in God's love is enabling; constantly bringing to mind all He has done and all He does for us, is enabling. We should always remember that a few kind words can be extremely encouraging, comforting and meaningful. We're all more than capable of that.

Recently I've been speaking to some of our Parish Pilgrimage people who have just been to Holy Island. Hearing their stories inspired me to dig out some Celtic writings. I found the following verses entitled 'Love Remains Eternally' which I thought relevant:

As in the past  
It is now  
It will last  
It will grow  
It will be  
To eternity  
The Love of God.  
May it be so  
In ebb and flow,  
May it remain  
In wax and wane,  
The Love of God  
It shall be  
To eternity

Father attend  
Jesus befriend  
Spirit defend  
By sea  
By shore  
Evermore  
By land  
By sea  
Let it be  
Evermore  
Let it be  
Eternally.

And finally, I'll finish with some words from Mother Teresa: "If you don't have love for one another, then how can you love Christ?" These words of Jesus, *Love one another, even as I have loved you*, should not only be a light to us, but they should also be a flame consuming the selfishness which prevents the growth of holiness. *Jesus loved us to the end*, to the very limit of love: the cross. This love must come from within, from our union with Christ. It must be an outpouring of our love for God, in one family, a family with the common Father, who is in heaven. Loving must be as normal to us as living and breathing, day after day until our death."

Jackie Anderson

## WHAT WE SING IN CHURCH

### *For all the Saints (New English Hymnal, No. 197)*

On November 3rd we will be celebrating All Saints Day and I expect we will sing this hymn – a processional hymn written in 1864 by the Anglican Bishop of Wakefield, William Walsham How. It seems a very popular hymn and most people enjoy singing it.

Top saints such as Peter and Paul have their own special feast days and so on All Saints we remember all those many unsung saints, some still alive, who have witnessed to the love of God through their lives. The whole theme of the hymn is that of a battle in which we and the saints are all involved. In this battle we have communion with the saints who have fought for the good in the past. They will inspire us and show us a living example.



[Stained glass from All Saints Episcopal church, Jensen Beach, Florida.]

In verse 1, we thank God for the lives of the saints and acknowledge that it has always been a battle of good against evil and continues to be so.

Verse 2 speaks of Jesus being the saints' rock, fortress and captain in the well-fought fight and that his light shines through the darkness with which they are surrounded.

Verse 3 speaks of ourselves as Christ's soldiers and prays that we may fight as those who fought of old. St. Paul in his letter to the Ephesians (Eph. 6) tells his readers to put on the whole armour of God.

Verse 4: we are all in one communion and fellowship. I especially like the lines 'We feebly struggle, they in glory shine. Yet all are one in thee for all are thine.' This summarises the whole feel of the hymn for me.

Verse 5 speaks of a fierce battle against evil, and when we fear that we are losing we hear 'a distant triumph song' – which is that of the saints who went before us and so we are able to fight on.

In verses 6,7 and 8 the writer refers to faithful warriors who can rest in paradise until the ending of the days ushers in a 'yet more glorious day'. And then all the saints will rise as the King of Glory comes to them.

And finally, in verse 8, the hymn writer speaks of all Christians (a countless host) streaming into the Eternal City of God through gates of pearl (Rev 21:21) singing praises to the Trinity – the final outcome we hope for us all.

*Cathy Dallman*

# PSALM

Project for Seniors and Lifelong Ministry



## Workshop Report: *If it sounds too good to be true...*

This was another interesting and informative workshop, focusing on recognizing and coping with potential scams, and staying safe. The day began with a presentation by the Revd Lizzie Baughen on the variety of scams and frauds that are out there and how best to respond. We heard about 'distraction' burglaries (both in the home and outside); the all too familiar phone calls telling you there's a 'problem' with your internet connection/bank account/pension; letters, calls or emails advising you of an 'inheritance' from a long lost relative or drawing your attention to an 'unpaid' invoice...

Dealing with these, the bottom line is: **never** reveal your name. When answering a call from an unrecognized number, when they ask if it's you, ask **them** who is calling. If they ask you to identify yourself... **don't** – instead, ask **them** to identify themselves first. When they press you for a quick response to an offer, ask for their name and number; tell them you'll call back. All common sense, but it's so much easier said than done! And when you open an email from an unrecognized source, **never** open any attachments. If people are genuine, they will get back to you. A simple response is: 'I'm sorry, it's not convenient to talk at the moment' and hang up. You can also ask them to 'take this number off your call list'.

During the day, we met and interacted with parishioners from other London churches, reading quotations from the Book of Psalms about vulnerabilities and feeling safe, chuckling over 'fraud' cartoons, and discussing a couple of heart-breaking case studies.



We were also warned about information revealed in simple news reports.

Consider this: *At St Mary's church fair this year, it was Dr Phil Smith and his Labrador Poppy who won first prize. "Poppy is like a third grandchild to me," said Dr Phil.* We guessed Phil is: an older person (may have pension, savings), may live alone (easier to 'befriend', 'help'), could go to church (house empty at service times, and dogs often respond to people who use their name). But at the same time, of course, it's important not to push everyone away, to be able to strike a balance, to recognise and accept the kindness of strangers... they're not all out to get you. (What a difficult world we live in!)

Useful contacts include:

**Action Fraud** on 0300 123 2040 or [www.actionfraud.police.uk](http://www.actionfraud.police.uk)

**Citizens Advice** on 0300 234 2040 or [www.citizensadvice.org.uk/about-us/contact-us](http://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/about-us/contact-us)

**Get Safe Online** at [www.getsafeonline.org](http://www.getsafeonline.org)

**Financial Fraud Action UK** at <http://www.financialfraudaction.org.uk>

**Think Jessica** at [www.thinkjessica.com](http://www.thinkjessica.com) (a charity protecting the elderly and vulnerable from crime; an excellent website)

**Friends Against Scams** at <http://www.friendsagainstscams.org.uk/>

The next PSALM workshop, on 16<sup>th</sup> December, will have a Christmas-related theme. I'm sure many of you would enjoy these events – we have two subsidized places (£8) available. Do join us.

Patricia Ashby

## Prayer of the month

Born in France during WW1 to a New Zealand father and an American mother, Thomas Merton [1915 – 1968] grew up a 'catholic' in every sense of that word. A political activist, ardent supporter of civil rights, and prolific author, during WW2 he converted to Roman Catholicism and became a Trappist monk, living and working in the Abbey of Gethsemani, Kentucky (USA). Towards the end of his life, he moved to Thailand to study Zen Buddhism and he died near Bangkok. The following prayer is one of Merton's prayers and seems especially suited to us in the present political climate – whichever way things go (or have gone) by the time November's *Spire* comes out, some of us will still be 'lost', 'shocked', 'confused', 'uncertain'... Our one constant, as Merton knew, is God.

*My Lord God, I have no idea where I am going. I do not see the road ahead of me. I cannot know for certain where it will end. Nor do I really know myself, and the fact that I think I am following your will does not mean that I am actually doing so.*

*But I believe that the desire to please you does in fact please you, and I hope that I have that desire in all that I am doing. I hope that I never do anything apart from that desire. And I know that if I do this you will lead me by the right road though I may know nothing about it.*

*Therefore I will trust you always. Though I may seem to be lost and in the shadow of death I will not fear, for you are ever with me and you will never leave me to face my peril alone.*

*Amen.*

## Note from the Editors

Another busy month with a number of interesting activities and events to report. As always, we're grateful to you for submitting copy on time – late copy continues to be difficult to manage on account of the schedule we have to follow, but we do understand when there is sometimes no choice and we will always do our best.

We would encourage you to keep contributions on the shorter side – 400 words usually easily fills a page and not everything needs to be that long. It can sometimes be a struggle to fit everything and everybody in! So, anything **you** can do to manage the length of what you have written is much appreciated – that way, we can make sure that everybody has a fair chance of being published. Maybe aim for 350 words at first... that way, you can afford to run over a little without squeezing others out. Also, please type your name at the bottom of what you have written – anonymous copy often means extra emails between ourselves to discover the author. If we need to contact you about changes, we both need to know who you are. (If you want your contribution to be anonymous, just ask us.)

A final word: could you please remember to always send your contributions to the office. Thank you!

*Clare & Patricia*



# *Parish Life in Pictures*

## *October 2019*



As part of our Harvest celebrations we welcomed children from Walker School and Little Oaks. On the Sunday we had an interactive sermon and the presentation of the harvest gifts. The gifts were then distributed the following week or turned into chutney etc.



As part of the Harvest Festival Fr Chrichton blessed our bees, pictured to the right are two of our beekeepers Youla and Nick



New shrubs and lots of bulbs were planted ready for Spring

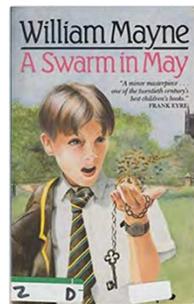


Talkies Cinema: Dave Hinitt gave another virtuoso performance to a packed church accompanying *Nosferatu*

## A bee in my bonnet

The introduction of beehives into the Christ Church garden brings to my mind not only such biblical references as Judges 14:7-9 (Samson and the swarm of bees and honey in the carcass of a lion), or apian imagery in the works of classical authors such as Hesiod, Xenophon and Virgil; or music: *The bee – Die Biene* – a ‘perpetuum mobile’ for violin by François (not to be confused with Franz) Schubert; or, stretching a point, Aristophanes’ *The Wasps*, with music by Ralph Vaughan Williams written for the Greek Play at Cambridge in 1909.

Before all of these, for me, comes William Mayne’s wonderful children’s book, *A Swarm in May*, originally published in 1955 and, quite rightly, described by a reviewer in *The Sunday Times* as ‘pure joy’. It is set in a cathedral choir school – a thinly-disguised Canterbury, where Mayne himself was a pupil, and on which Walter Hodges bases his superb illustrations – and is the first of a series of four, the others being *Choristers’ Cake* (1956), *Cathedral Wednesday* (1960) and *Words and Music* (1963). In *A Swarm in May*, John Owen, finding himself the youngest chorister because Crew (the actual youngest) has mumps, is reluctant to take on the traditional role of Beekeeper, which entails singing a solo in the cathedral at a special service. But when he and some friends explore one of the cathedral towers without permission, Owen makes a discovery that changes his mind and also solves a mystery for which there had been no explanation for hundreds of years.



As Julia Eccleshare has written, the book ‘weaves the revival of an old tradition into a contemporary school story, showing how the past can influence and give strength in the present. Mayne captures the delicate balance between the mundane, temporal demands of everyday boarding-school life and the almost magical qualities of the music and the space of cathedral life. [It is] deftly humorous in ways that lifted it well beyond the run of school stories, [with] Mayne’s hallmark elliptical style, dotted with jokes (Latin puns in the case of the choir school stories).’

*A Swarm in May* was hailed as a ‘minor masterpiece ... one of the 20th-century’s best children’s books’ by Frank Eyre in *British Children’s Books in the Twentieth Century* (1971). Like many of his subsequent titles it also embodied Mayne’s powerful sense of place and how the physicality of a building or landscape affects children.

It is said that Mayne’s books are often read more by adults than by children. I loved *A Swarm in May* as a child and I continue to love (and reread) it as an adult.

Garry Humphreys



[Cartoon of a bee dance by John Clarke]

# DIARY DATES

**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 6.30 pm**  
**All Souls Requiem**

Join us for a Requiem Mass to remember and celebrate our departed loved ones



**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> November 10.30 am**  
**Remembrance Service**

A traditional service of thanksgiving and commemoration for the fallen, featuring the laying of wreaths and the two minute silence



**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> November 6.30 pm**  
**Patronal Festival Concert**

Come and celebrate our Patronal Festival of Christ the King by hearing our famous choir sing the Mozart Requiem, and featuring a string quartet led by Liz Partridge



**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 6.30 pm**  
**Advent Procession**

Set off on the road to Christmas with our traditional Candlelit Advent Procession service, featuring beautiful music from our renowned choir and seasonal readings



## Social Responsibility Committee Report

You may still have time to get a handmade poppy from our stall in church to wear on Remembrance Day.



At the **Lunch Fellowship** in October Fr Chrichton and Judith gave a very interesting talk, with photographs, of their summer rail trip to Italy. They chose to spend the proceeds in the children's corner.

The next Lunch is on 13<sup>th</sup> November when Lynda Corcoran will talk about Tearfund. Please remember the cost is now £5, plus £1 for a raffle ticket.

At the **charities lunch** in October we raised £250, which included two donations, for Mary's Meals. £14 enables this charity to provide one meal for one child every school day for a year. Our next lunch is on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November when we will serve Chicken Casserole & raise money for Richard House Hospice. We gave to them earlier in the year & the craft club are selling strings of knitted lanterns from our stall to raise more money for this cause.

From Advent Sunday we will have a **gift tree, stalls & raffle** in church:

- Gift labels this year are supplied by Kids Out and gifts will be going to local refugee children.
- Our stalls & raffle this year will be in aid of NET Patient Foundation in memory of former churchwarden, Graham Stone, who died at the end of September.
- The raffle will be drawn following Nine Lessons & Carols service.

If you have any unwanted gifts or saleable items please leave them on the back pew clearly labelled.

*Hilary Meur*

## Stamps

Christmas is coming... Please remember to save your used stamps from the envelopes that are used to deliver your cards – British and overseas are all equally valuable to the RNIB. **BUT...** they are only of value if they are carefully cut off with a **1 cm margin all round**. When torn from the corner of the envelope (and we all do this sometimes – it just seems quicker and easier), this border is often lost. The stamp then is useless. I sort and check all the stamps before packaging them ready for donation; anything without the stipulated border has to be thrown away.



**Reject**



**Donate**

Thank you! *Patricia Ashby*

## 'This is all about donkeys'

I know my October Spire article was dedicated to animals. Nevertheless, dear Christ Church readers, I have been very moved by the plight of donkeys. Our blessed Lord Jesus Christ rode into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday on a colt donkey – a 'symbol of Peace'.

I've always tried to support things. Among some very old photos of my childhood, I once found a picture of myself on a dear, wonderful donkey – at the seaside. Used to be just the thing – à la mode – donkey rides the seaside! Can you remember this? Great fun!

Now what prompts all this talk about donkeys, you may ask or indeed wonder! Well, now, I pray for and support **The Brooke** (see [www.thebrooke.org](http://www.thebrooke.org)) and **Spana** (see [www.spana.org](http://www.spana.org)) – two charities that support working animals (horses, donkeys and mules) in the poor countries of the world.

Not long ago, **The Brooke** sent me a letter about a terrible procedure dear, lovely donkeys were being made to undergo – skinning them and other terrible things. Sorry to have to tell you about this, but I was greatly moved by this injustice. My wish is to help rectify it on behalf of the donkeys. **The Brooke** appealed for money to help get this business stopped! Could you pray about it, dear Christian! I ask this of you.



As a Christian and a vegetarian – nay campaigner – I have and do support a lot of worthy causes. I have supported **TearFund** and **Compassion UK**, etc. During August I raised over £200 with my 50 mile sponsored exercise.

This November, I am giving a talk and showing a **TearFund** film. If you are interested and would like to come, it will take place at the Lunch Fellowship – Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November, at 12 pm.

To conclude – it has been lovely sharing all this with you my Christian brothers and sisters. I hope you have a good winter and spring. God bless you all – always. I pray for many of you. Please pray about the donkeys and **The Brooke** – to get the horrific 'skinning donkeys' trade stopped! Thank you with all my heart. As well, please come to the Wednesday Lunch Fellowship Talk and Film with a sandwich lunch. 'This is about Harvest.' God bless.

*Lynda Corcoran*

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## **News from the committees**

No committees met in October before *The Spire* copy deadline, although Parish Centre will have met on the 22<sup>nd</sup> and a flurry of activity is scheduled during November. Plant & Fabric, however, noted that the delay in removing the scaffolding was caused by the wet weather – all scaffolding should be gone by the time the November magazine appears.

*Patricia Ashby*

## **THE LUNCH BOX!**

### ***Charity Lunches***

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**30 November**

### ***Lunch Fellowship***

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with a talk, quiz or a discussion.  
Everyone welcome – Come and join us!

**13 November  
11 December**

NOVEMBER 2019 CALENDAR					
NOVEMBER	Day	Eucharists	Other Services	Liturgical Colour	
Friday	1	All Saints Day		8.30am (Morning Prayer) 5.30pm (Evening Prayer)	White
Saturday	2	Commemoration of the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day)	9am (said)	8.30am (Morning Prayer)	Purple
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>All Saints and All Souls</b>	<b>8am (said); 10am (sung) 6.30pm (Requiem)</b>		<b>Gold/Purple</b>
Monday	4				Red
Tuesday	5		7.30pm (said) Including Healing and Wholeness	5.30pm (Evening Prayer)	Red
Wednesday	6	<i>Leonard, Hermit, 6th cent. William Temple, Archbishop Teacher of the Faith, 1944</i>	11am (said)	8.30am (Morning Prayer) 5.30pm (Evening Prayer)	Red
Thursday	7	Willibrord of York, Bishop, 739	12.30 (said)	8.30am (Morning Prayer) 5.30pm (Evening Prayer)	Red
Friday	8	The Saints and Martyrs of England		8.30am (Morning Prayer) 5.30pm (Evening Prayer)	Red
Saturday	9	<i>Margery Kempe, Mystic, c.1440</i>	9am (said)	8.30am (Morning Prayer)	Red
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>Remembrance Sunday</b>	<b>8am (said)</b>	<b>10.30am Service of Remembrance 6.30pm Choral Evensong</b>	<b>Red</b>
Monday	11	Martin, Bishop, c.397			Red
Tuesday	12		7.30pm (said)	5.30pm (Evening Prayer)	Red
Wednesday	13	Charles Simeon, Priest, Evangelical Divine, 1836	11am (said)	8.30am (Morning Prayer) 5.30pm (Evening Prayer)	Red
Thursday	14	<i>Samuel Seabury, Bishop, 1796</i>	12.30 (said)	8.30am (Morning Prayer) 5.30pm (Evening Prayer)	Red
Friday	15			8.30am (Morning Prayer) 5.30pm (Evening Prayer)	Red
Saturday	16	Margaret, Queen, Philanthropist, 1093 <i>Edmund Rich, Archbishop, 1240</i>	9am (said)	8.30am (Morning Prayer)	Red
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> before Advent</b>	<b>8am (said); 10am (sung)</b>	<b>6.30pm Choral Evensong</b>	<b>Red</b>
Monday	18	Elizabeth, Princess, Philanthropist, 1231			Red
Tuesday	19	Hilda, Abbess, 680. <i>Mechtild, Béguine, Mystic, 1280</i>	7.30pm (said)	5.30pm (Evening Prayer)	Red
Wednesday	20	Edmund, King, Martyr, 870. <i>Priscilla Lydia Sellon, a Restorer of the Religious Life in the Church of England, 1876</i>	11am (said)	8.30am (Morning Prayer) 5.30pm (Evening Prayer)	Red
Thursday	21		12.30 (said)	8.30am (Morning Prayer) 5.30pm (Evening Prayer)	Red
Friday	22	<i>Cecilia, Martyr at Rome, c.230</i>		8.30am (Morning Prayer) 5.30pm (Evening Prayer)	Red
Saturday	23	Clement, Bishop, Martyr, c.100	9am (said)	8.30am (Morning Prayer)	Red
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>Christ the King</b>	<b>8am (said); 10am (sung)</b>	<b>5.45pm Said Evensong 6.30pm Christ the King Concert</b>	<b>Gold</b>
Monday	25	<i>Catherine, Martyr, 4th cent. Isaac Watts, Hymn Writer, 1748</i>			Red
Tuesday	26		7.30pm (said)	5.30pm (Evening Prayer)	Red
Wednesday	27		11am (said)	8.30am (Morning Prayer) 5.30pm (Evening Prayer)	Red
Thursday	28		12.30 (said)	8.30am (Morning Prayer) 5.30pm (Evening Prayer)	Red
Friday	29	<i>Day of Intercession and Thanksgiving for the Missionary</i>		8.30am (Morning Prayer) 5.30pm (Evening Prayer)	Red
Saturday	30	Andrew the Apostle	9am (said)	8.30am (Morning Prayer)	Red

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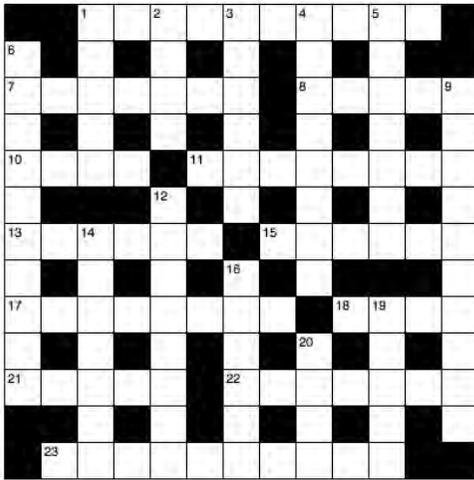
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**NOVEMBER CROSSWORD**



**Across**

- 1 He was replaced as king of Judah by his uncle Mattaniah (2 Kings 24:17) (10)
- 7 'Let us fix our eyes on Jesus... who for the joy set before him — the cross' (Hebrews 12:2) (7)
- 8 Relieved (5)
- 10 Impetuous (Acts 19:36) (4)
- 11 Surprised and alarmed (Luke 24:37) (8)
- 13 'It is — for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for the rich to enter the kingdom of God' (Mark 10:25) (6)
- 15 Directions for the conduct of a church service (6)
- 17 One of the acts of the sinful nature (Galatians 5:19) (8)
- 18 and 20 Down 'She began to wet his — with her tears. Then she wiped them with her —' (Luke 7:38) (4,4)
- 21 'We will all be changed, in a flash, in the twinkling of an —, — the last trumpet' (1 Corinthians 15:51–52) (3,2)
- 22 'But he replied, "Lord, I am — — go with you to prison and to death"' (Luke 22:33) (5,2)
- 23 Third person of the Trinity (2 Corinthians 13:14) (4,6)

**Down**

- 1 He betrayed Jesus (Matthew 27:3) (5)
- 2 Paul's assurance to the Philippian jailer: 'Don't — yourself! We are all here!' (Acts 16:28) (4)
- 3 'Fear God and keep his commandments, for this — the whole — of man' (Ecclesiastes 12:13) (2,4)
- 4 The sort of giver God loves (2 Corinthians 9:7) (8)
- 5 Sun rail (anag.) (7)
- 6 Naboth, the ill-fated vineyard owner, was one (1 Kings 21:1) (10)
- 9 Paul said of young widows, 'When their sensual desires overcome their — to Christ, they want to marry' (1 Timothy 5:11) (10)
- 12 This was how Joseph of Arimathea practised his discipleship 'because he feared the Jews' (John 19:38) (8)
- 14 Mop ruse (anag.) (7)
- 16 Foment (Philippians 1:17) (4,2)
- 19 Where Joseph and Mary escaped to with the baby Jesus (Matthew 2:14) (5)
- 20 See 18 Across

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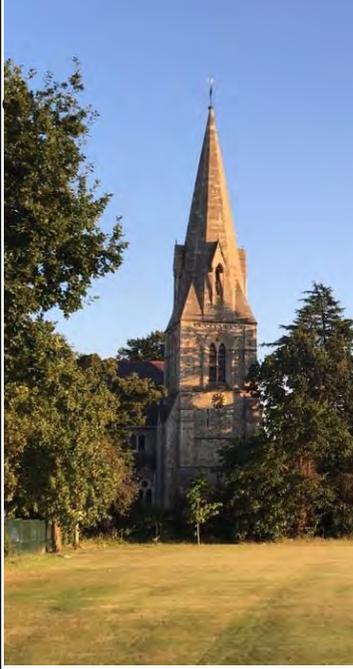
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