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Welcome!

From The Reverend Dr Chrichton Limbert Vicar of Christ Church Southgate

Welcome to *The Spire* magazine for November. We are at the time of year when we spend time remembering in different ways all those who have gone before. The season started on October 31st with All Saints in the morning and All Souls in the evening. The Requiem – with the music of Durufle – was when we brought to mind those we have loved and see no longer, knowing they are safe in God’s loving arms.

Sunday November the 14th will be Remembrance Sunday. We will include the Act of Remembrance within a special service starting at 10.30am to help the whole community remember and be thankful for those who paid the ultimate sacrifice.

This time last year we were preparing to have Bishop Rob of Edmonton come to lead our Remembrance service, but another lockdown meant that was all cancelled. I am delighted that this year we will finally be able to welcome Bishop Rob to celebrate, preach and confirm at

our patronal festival of Christ the King on November 21st at 10am. At the time of writing, we have 16 candidates preparing to take the step to be publicly confirmed in their Christian faith. This will be a hugely joyful celebration of our church community as we come out of the difficulties of the last 18 months. There will also be the usual wonderful evening concert from the choir at the very end of the church’s year, before the whole liturgical cycle starts again with the Advent Procession on Sunday 28th, 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 able to hold again to celebrate the coming among us of the Christ Child, from Christingle to the Christmas Eve Crib Service, with the legendary Nine Lessons and carols on Sunday 19th December.

This “normal” November allows us to give thanks

for those who have gone before us who have made us the people we are. The experiences of the last liturgical year have been unprecedented. We all had to be very flexible, but God's love still surrounds us all and the

Christ Child will still be born among us again at Christmas.

Every blessing.

Fr Chrichton

Weekly Services

Sunday 8.00 am Said Eucharist

10.00 am Choral Eucharist

6.30 pm Evensong

Tuesday 7.30 pm Said Eucharist

(Healing on First + Third week)

Thursday 12.30 pm Said Eucharist

All welcome



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Cover image: one of eight photographs found when we cleared the basement recording the dedication of the Garden of Remembrance by the Archdeacon of Hampstead on 2nd November 1969.

Meeting up with Old Friends

Most of us, in our everyday lives, are still struggling to work out what is safe and sensible for us to do and what is risky. We have learnt to put our trust in God as we become accustomed to doing a mental 'risk assessment' before setting foot outside the home. In addition to keys and money, we now check for masks and hand sanitiser. We are unlikely to even think about venturing out if the covid precautions where we would like to go are not up to our own personal standards.

We are all different and God loves us all. We may be anxious when finding others more lax, or strict, than ourselves about keeping safe. Just because we do not all have exactly the same opinions doesn't mean that we should be afraid of meeting up with old friends. It's even more rewarding than it ever was before Covid, but it does seem to involve more planning. Most friends understand the other's anxieties and are happy to err on the side of caution.



I know I have several friends I haven't met up with in person this year, and I feel guilty.



When visiting one old friend this month, we took time out to visit another old friend – Dippy. Dippy is the diplodocus cast that used to reside at the Natural History Museum in London. Dippy was the first exhibit encountered as you came through the front door. Dippy is now 'on tour' and was temporarily staying in Norwich Cathedral. On the day we visited, the exhibition was closed to the general public at 3 pm and then opened up to groups of school children. They would have followed the huge footprints on the pavement outside and explored displays about climate change

and food sustainability. The peace globe (a sculpture in the Cathedral where visitors can light prayer candles) helped us all to reflect on the world of today and tomorrow.

While visiting the rest of the beautiful Norwich Cathedral we could hear the cheers of the children as they responded to the comments of the scientist who was explaining the exhibits to them.

The prayer card given by the Cathedral helps us to thank God, in our own, quieter, way, for our wonderful world.

Hazel Miall

Norwich Cathedral - Peace Globe

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God of creation
as Dippy makes us marvel
on the wonder of life before our time,
we thank you for the wonderful world
you have given us:
help us to see the world through your eyes,
and to work together to return the world
to a place where all life thrives;
where waters run clear
and rain quenches the thirst of our crops;
where the wind brings freshness
and changes of weather;
where ice holds back the floods;
where sun and moon continue
to light up our lives,
and where the rainbow marks
your promise of love
and holds us together in our diversity. Amen

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Saint of the month: St. Martin, Feast Day November 11th

Martin was born to pagan parents in what is now Hungary in about 315. His father was a Roman military officer and tribune. As the son of an officer, Martin was also required to serve in the army. Once, when on horseback in the modern-day vicinity of Amiens he encountered a beggar. Having nothing to give but the clothes on his back, he cut his heavy officer's cloak in half, and gave half to the beggar. Later he had a vision of Christ wearing the cloak. After this vision he became a Christian and, at the age of 18, he was baptised.



Just before a battle, Martin announced that his faith prohibited him from fighting. Charged with cowardice, he was jailed and his superiors planned to put him in the front line of the battle. However, the invaders sued for peace, the battle never occurred, and Martin was released from military service. He became a hermit for ten years in the area now known as Ligugé. A reputation for holiness attracted other monks, and they formed what would become the Benedictine abbey of Ligugé.



When the bishop of Tours died in 371 Martin was the immediate choice to replace him. Martin declined, claiming unworthiness. Shortly after this, however, Rusticus – a wealthy citizen of Tours – claimed his wife was ill and was asking for Martin; when Martin arrived in the city, he was declared bishop by popular acclamation, and consecrated there on 4th July, 372.

Martin then moved to a hermit's cell near Tours. Other monks joined him, and a new house, Marmoutier, soon formed. He rarely left his monastery, but sometimes went to Trier to plead with the emperor for his city, his church, or his parishioners. Once, when he went to ask for lenience for a condemned prisoner, an angel woke the emperor to tell him that Martin was waiting to see him, and the prisoner was reprieved.

He died of natural causes on 8th November, 397, at Candes (today known as Candes-Saint-Martin) at the confluence of the Loire and Vienne rivers. At his request, he was buried soon after, on 11th November, in the 'cemetery for the poor'.

Cathy Dallman

References:

Textual material mainly from Wikipedia and *A Dictionary of Saints* by Donald Attwater.

Images; St Martin dividing his cloak for the beggar from <https://blog.obitel-minsk.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/10/p1ave8fq2ecf9trgimu1ie9tu23.jpg> and the cloisters at St Martin's Abbey in Ligugé from Tripadvisor at <https://media-cdn.tripadvisor.com/media/photo-s/10/9d/49/1a/visite-guideee-ouverture.jpg>

The Travelling Crib

Mary and Joseph are looking forward to getting indoors again!

After last year, when our "Travelling Crib" went on its meandering outdoor journey round the parish, Mary, Joseph and the donkey are hoping that this year they can find some shelter indoors and visit different people on the way to Bethlehem.

Please let me know if you are happy to have them stay with you and then pass them on to the next host family. The plan is that they will be blessed at the 10 am service on Advent Sunday, 28th November, and head off to stay with their first family, before arriving back at church in time for the Crib Service on Christmas Eve.

I hope many of you will, once again, 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 when the crib is handed over.



Each host should prepare a special place for Mary, Joseph and their donkey to rest.

Please speak to me to book your place on the travel itinerary. They will only set off if there are enough resting places on the long and arduous journey.

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Traditional Christmas Raffle 2021!

We are pleased to announce that after two years our Annual Christmas Raffle is back!

Tickets will be on sale at the back of church from Sunday 7th November following the main services up until the drawing of the raffle, which will take place as usual following the Nine Lessons and Carols Service.

1st Prize will of course be our usual 'Luxury Christmas Hamper' full of goodies for the winner to enjoy with friends and family over the festive season, along with further prizes (to be announced).



Ticket price: £2 per strip of tickets.

All proceeds will go to a worthwhile local charity.

Have you noticed the windows?

At Christ Church ...

- We have a large number of pre-Raphaelite windows made by Morris & Co
- These include designs across the entire period of the pre-Raphaelite Brotherhood
 - * Shown by figures and roundels, colours, and subject material
 - * Use of figures, models, and styles typical of the art and design in Morris & Co
 - * Windows by Dante Gabriel Rossetti, Edward Burne-Jones, William Morris
- There is a unique self-portrait of William Morris as St Matthew

I'm drawing your attention to the windows because I need your help with our new Christ Church Windows Project. Earlier this year, Enfield Council, together with the National Lottery Heritage Fund, developed a fabulous new opportunity in a call for projects that would celebrate and share Heritage in Enfield – 'Stories of Enfield'. They gave some excellent training sessions on how to think about the Heritage we want to share, and how to apply for the associated grants. On behalf of Christ Church, I applied for a grant to develop a project to celebrate and share our beautiful (and useful) pre-Raphaelite windows. This was successful!



We are now setting up a small project team, which will plan a calendar of activities and seek various contributors to deliver aspects of the project to share our wonderful windows with as many people in Enfield as we can. The Christ Church Windows Project will run until November 2022. It will, most definitely, put Christ Church on the map in Enfield!

The aim of the project is to explore the history, art, and craft of the windows, and to enable engagement with the characters, stories, techniques, artists, crafts, etc. that are associated with our collection:

- Talks and tours of the windows collection
 - * Live talks, online film of talks, signed and subtitled
 - * Guided tours of the windows and the church building
 - * Connections with other resources and experts – William Morris Gallery, V&A museum and talks by their experts
- New user-friendly, educational materials on the windows and the church itself
 - * Opportunities for young people to design and produce these
 - * Available in the church, in other Enfield locations, and on-line.
- Art and Craft practical sessions – run by volunteers or experts or local crafts-people
 - * At Christ Church and elsewhere in Enfield
 - * Workshops on the windows: colouring for young children, drawing and designing stained glass windows, making stained glass, photographing the windows, etc.
 - * Workshops/demonstrations of other Arts and Crafts activities: weaving, woodcarving, graphic design

- Engaging all of Enfield
 - * Sessions tailored for: children, families, elderly, house-bound, care-homes, student projects, school projects, disabled, other faith groups, coffee cake and windows for isolated people
 - * Learning – lots of opportunities for anyone to learn
 - * Writing booklets and leaflets, graphic design for posters, drawing, storytelling, photography, making stained glass, learning to become an exhibit guide

I hope this gives you a flavour of what we hope to deliver in 2022 to share our building and windows with as many people in Enfield as we can.

We would like to encourage participation of as many people as possible in different aspects of the project, for example perhaps students wishing to complete a project for their courses, or anyone with an interest in taking small groups on tours of the windows. The possibilities are there!

But first, we need a small, dedicated project team to plan this and to recruit and engage participants and facilitators for the activities. The small project team will not be running the activities themselves!

So, please have a think! Can you bring your ideas and commitment to plan this project for Christ Church? This will definitely not be a massive time commitment, and if we have enough volunteers, we can share things out easily. Please contact me directly, or ask Fr Chrichton, or ask the Wardens, or contact Caroline in the Church Office.

I very much look forward to hearing from you!



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Note from the Editors

Thank you, as always, for your contributions to this month's edition of *The Spire*. As usual, however, we are already looking ahead to the next one – the double 'Christmas edition', and our last copy. The deadline for this will be Tuesday 23rd November, ready for publication on 5th December. Please continue to send everything to the Office (even if you also send it directly to one or both of us). We look forward to hearing from you... let's make this Christmas one a real cracker!

Clare & Patricia

Social Responsibility Committee

The first **Vicar's Legendary Pre-Harvest Quiz** was sea-themed and very much enjoyed. The interval round involved building a lifeboat from a kit, and in the final stages a tie-break was supplied by Chris Limbert (our tame life boatman in Pembrokeshire) via a video link; this served to separate the top teams.

Congratulations to the 'Other Choir Team' for guessing nearest to 'when was the RNLI founded'? And many thanks to 'team vicarage' for all your hard work. CCA ran the bar on the evening and we are grateful to them for their donation of £300. As result & including proceeds of the sale of Judith's handmade eco-cards we are able to send £1,500 to the **RNLI**. This will fully fund one entire all-weather suit and set of equipment for a lifeboat crew member. A great result.



Thirty **shoeboxes** are about to begin their journey to **Operation Christmas Child**. Once again, many thanks for your generous contributions: hand knitted hats scarves and gloves, skipping ropes, pens, crayons, colouring books, balls, toys, toiletries, etc; and also money, £150, for the postage.

Thank you too for the huge response to our **Harvest Festival**. Demand is currently high from local homeless individuals and needy families for frequent supplies of food and toiletries. All of these goods have now been delivered to **North Enfield Food Bank** and **Homeless Action in Barnet**. We continue to have our collection box just inside the main church door – you can donate items at any time.

Cooking Champions based at St Peters Grange Park and **The Ark** run by St. John's Palmers Green are both supplying 400 cooked meals each week to local people. I feel sure we will be supporting them in the coming months, and we have plans to have our **Gift Tree** this year for users of The Ark. If you have spare time and energy, both charities are in need of helping hands.



Our stall continues at the back of the church, and we will soon have both Advent Candles and Christmas cards on sale. Sales of preserves will follow. Perishable Harvest produce, including fruit and vegetables, quince, apples and dried fruit, will appear as chutney, piccalilli, jelly and mincemeat in due course. Thank you also for the array of goods donated for our Christmas gift stall which will be available in December. Do please take time to have a look at our stall and help us to raise funds to help local charities over this Christmas time.

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Christmas Gift Tree

This year we are having a Christmas Gift Tree in church again to enable us to find special gifts for children and young people who have a very serious need at Christmas. We will be supporting The Ark at St John's Palmers Green.

This is a letter from the Vicar, Rev'd Julie Coleman, to explain their work.



Dear Friends,

Every year, charities and other organisations up and down the country collect Christmas presents for those who might not otherwise receive anything. This year we can see that demand has dramatically increased due to Covid-19 and the aftermath of serial lockdowns, the loss of jobs, homes, health and confidence.

The Ark at St Johns, Palmers Green grew from the first lockdown in March 2020, because there were many people who were plunged into poverty as a result of the pandemic. This year many families, the elderly, those isolated through mental health, etc. are facing Christmas on benefits, while those who were already below the breadline have sunk even further into poverty. For this reason, we are asking you to share a gift for those who seek refuge on The Ark.

The Ark caters for two women's and one men's refuge centres which have approximately 72 children - from new born to age 16. We also support families and the elderly who come for a hot meal, food, and clothes every Friday. In total there are about 125 young people. In addition to this, during the week we support people of all ages with mental health and addictions. Plus, we have become a local hub for collecting and delivering essentials for Afghanistan refugees.

The only way we are able to offer this free service is down to God's grace and people like you. If you can spare a gift at Christmas in the same way that God's gift of His Son Jesus spared us, we would be so very grateful.

With love in Christ and a huge thank you from Rev Julie.

The tree will be in church from Advent Sunday for three weeks with tags on it to take and buy a suitable gift of no more than £20. There will be tags for both boys and girls, from babies to teenagers. The gifts should be returned either unwrapped or in a gift bag to be matched up with families and refugees.

You have all been so generous in previous years so it is a great opportunity to be able to support such real need in our own local area.



Parish Life in Pictures

October 2021



Top row: Pre Harvest Quiz.

Middle row: new choristers

Bottom row: full skip after clearing basement; baptism of some of our confirmation candidates





Images from our Harvest Services in which we welcomed children from Walker School, Ashmole Academy and Little Oaks.

On the Sunday we had an interactive sermon and added the fruits of our eco labours to our fig tree branches

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Peter Holiday - A Personal Recollection



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irritated, but I thought "He's rather nice!"

As I got to know him, he was unlike any of my other boyfriends. He had no heartaches, friction with family members, hang-ups, chips on his shoulder or gloom about not being able to save the world. He was an only child in a loving and supportive home environment. His nickname among his friends was "Tigger" as in *Winnie the Pooh* and he tended to be the unathletic one who fell into the beck and went home dripping wet. He had started at the local primary school, won a scholarship to Tadcaster Grammar School and then gone on to Leeds University. At each stage he had been loved, supported and encouraged.

January 1964 I started work in the Registrar's Office at Leeds university. My duties included organising the committees which dealt with higher degrees and on my first agenda for the Masterships Committee (which looked after MAs) was approval of the thesis topic for P G Holiday: "The Sale of Royalist Lands in Yorkshire during the Interregnum," in other words how Oliver Cromwell confiscated the Royalist nobility's estates and how or whether they got them back after he had gone. Like any good Yorkshireman, Peter realised that it would be cheaper and give him more control if he typed his own thesis, so he bought himself a small Olivetti typewriter for about £25 and did it himself. A year later Mr Holiday and his topic transferred to a PhD and he gained his doctorate in summer 1966. When Peter started at University, he had plans to become a teacher, but was persuaded to stay on and do research. Coming up towards his doctorate, he applied for lectureships, but became disillusioned. Competition was keen and he was interested in so many branches of history that he didn't want to specialise. More and more about less and less didn't appeal to him, so he applied for University administrative posts and got snapped up straight away by Leeds.

He started work in the Registrar's office on the 1st of August. On the 2nd of August he came up to my office to look at some files. I shared a room with four other people. While Peter was there, every time anyone said anything, he capped it with a pun or a merry quip. I could see my companions getting more and more

He and I were never an item, never a courting couple; he never pursued me with flowers, gifts, cards, poems and protestations. He didn't ask me out. From time to time I might notice a film or a show which I thought he would enjoy and suggest that he came with me (in which case I bought the tickets). We'd have a good time together and I would think "Perhaps *he* will spot something and invite *me* out now" but it never happened. This didn't bother me too much. He was younger than me and just emerging from formal education later than many people, finding his feet, learning what it was like to earn and have a bit of money, and spreading his wings. He marshalled at car rallies and hill climbs with a group of male chums and became sub-warden at a hall of residence.

He had a lifelong love of steam trains. When he went to Tadcaster Grammar School, he travelled there by steam train every day. While he was working at Leeds University, he gave an interesting series of lectures (I know they were interesting; I went to them) for the Workers Educational Association. Their theme reflected Peter's preoccupations. They dealt with the development of the British railways network from the beginning through the 19th and early 20th centuries, the personalities of the pioneers and the legislation which governed the expansion. He knew his steam engines, could tell a Pacific from a Black Five for example, but they didn't grab his attention in

the way that railway history did. He never dreamt of being an engine driver. He did at one time build an ever-expanding model railway, but the interest was as much in the scenery, the modelling of rows of shops and the names and biographies of the imaginary people who owned them, as in actually running trains round the layout. He loved long distance train travel and we went on various trips, on the Trans-Siberian Railway coming up the spur from Beijing and across Mongolia, and on a fabulous trip down the Silk Road through Samarkand and Tashkent. We never quite managed the train through the Rocky Mountains.

In 1968 the Deputy Registrar at Leeds University was appointed Registrar and Secretary to Council at the Open University, and he head-hunted Peter to go and work with him. Peter was the twelfth person appointed, before the University moved to its Walton Hall headquarters in Milton Keynes, and he was heavily involved in its early development. His posts there included PA to the Vice Chancellor and Assistant Registrar.

I assumed that this would be goodbye but somehow we kept in touch through occasional phone calls and letters. Like all mothers, my mother eventually got very twitchy - "What's going on with you two?" - and we got engaged in September 1969, just after Peter's father's death in August. Mum had another twitch the following June. On the phone I told Peter that she was wondering if we had any plans... "I'll look in my diary," he said. "Yes, I have no meetings in the first fortnight in August, so we can get married on the 1st." Panic stations, but it happened. We had a lovely wedding and I moved down to the Open University

About three years later, Peter became restless and thought about working at a more conventional university. He was appointed Assistant Registrar at Aston University and we moved to Birmingham.

At Aston Peter had the first real crisis of his life. Things started well and he got on well with the Registrar who appointed him. Unfortunately, he retired and was replaced by a dynamic up-and-

coming young man, not much older than Peter. I think he considered Peter as being a bit brighter than himself and very much of a threat; anyway, Peter was completely sidelined and ignored. This had never happened to him before. He had always been cherished and encouraged and had responded like an opening flower. He had never had his heart broken. Growing up, he had liked girls, but not romantically. He infinitely preferred a book. He did attract a certain kind of intense, blue-stocking woman, who looked on him as good husband material, probably after a bit of training. One even told him at a party that, if someone gave her two gins, she would lose all inhibition and be game for anything - so Peter ensured that she only had one! He was unadventurous and had strong instincts of self-preservation.

Back to the Aston situation - the lack of approval hit Peter very badly and he sank into a deep but unacknowledged depression. His mood was black and full of inner rage. He was impossible to live with. He had always been a Christian, for example when he was growing up he was a server at Bardsey Parish Church and very keen, but his faith deepened immensely while we were in Birmingham. He credited God with lovingly and miraculously pulling him out of the pit of despair. His was always a private faith, which he didn't discuss with others, but it was very deep, real and sincere. One terrible evening we had an almighty row. He stormed out of the house a couple of times, banging the door, while I was in floods of tears. The following day he seemed to have realised that the remedy was in his hands and he started applying for a new job, doing anything within reason, anywhere. It was helpful that we didn't have a family and were free to move. In due course he landed the post of Assistant Registrar at North London Polytechnic in Holloway Road and we came to live in Southgate in 1982.

North London Polytechnic was a bit ramshackle. In today's terms it was "woke" and left-wing political. For example, Peter complimented a middle-aged clerical lady on "looking very nice today" - something he had done all his life to ladies of his mother's generation and been met with approval. This time the lady hissed at him

for making sexist remarks. When Peter started work there, he had no calendar in his office, so he found one we weren't using at home. It had a picture of a girl in a polo shirt and shorts in a sailing dinghy - quite respectable, I thought. A cleaning lady reported him to Personnel because he had a pornographic picture in his office. After he had been there a month, his boss, the Registrar, was moved sideways to an outpost for committing a minor but very damaging indiscretion and Peter became Acting Registrar, which was eventually confirmed. There was always some crisis at the Polytechnic. A student who led an exemplary life academically spent his spare time preaching white supremacy and Nazi-ism in the darker parts of London. This reached the national press and the "woker" parts of the Polytechnic wanted him thrown out - not possible on academic grounds. The Gay and Lesbian Group invaded an Academic Board meeting to complain that the Rugby Club had been beastly to them. The Polytechnic itself had a series of outside consultants and restructuring plans foisted on them because its standards and practices were so low. Peter gritted his teeth, hung in there, coped with everything and learnt a very great deal. Finally, he had had enough, so when the post of Academic Registrar and Secretary to Council at Queen Mary College in Mile End Road came up, he applied for it and got it.

He was at Queen Mary until he retired. Like all jobs, it had its sticky moments, but he was reasonably content there. His career had certainly equipped him to cope with any eventuality. One of his academic colleagues praised him for being "academic friendly" – in other words, if they were in a hole, Peter would do his best to dig them out tactfully. Another referred to him as "the jolly Registrar."

When Peter was interviewed at Queen Mary, he had just acted in one of Dora Collins' productions at Christchurch, so he mentioned amateur dramatics among his leisure activities. A member of the interviewing panel, John Ramsden, the History Professor who ran Queen Mary Players, took note and invited Peter to join (I don't think that was the only reason why

Peter got his job there!). Peter loved acting and had a nice line in kings, generals, old buffers, heroine's father and so on. He said it allowed him to meet pleasant, normal, well-motivated students; those who came to his office were scallywags, inadequate or in deep trouble. Peter retired with a range of projects.

He started piano lessons with my friend Jill and practised diligently. He never seemed to relax and play for pleasure but he was happy working on exercises and pieces and improving his skills.

He loved history - all ages, all eras. In many ways he was frighteningly like his mother, who was a bustling, energetic, inquisitive woman, keenly interested in her neighbours: were they good or bad? Clever or stupid (in her judgment)? Successful or not? Peter had the same interest, but on a wider scale, applying it to rulers, generals, dynasties, governments, and so on: were they stupid? Lucky or unlucky? Who did they marry? He was fascinated by dynasties and as a boy filled many exercise books with the family trees of rulers of all eras and countries. He liked people and events, not archaeology and artefacts, whereas my own tastes run to museums, objects and ruins.

When he was a boy, he read Leonard Cottrell's book on Ancient Egypt and the Pharaohs and was fascinated for the rest of his life. He couldn't study Ancient History at Leeds, and when he retired, he couldn't take a BA course in Egyptology because he already had a doctorate in History, but he got a diploma in Egyptology from Birkbeck College. He studied hieroglyphics but was frustrated at not being able to find an intermediate course. He had done the basics, but the advanced courses were a step too far.

For many years he was a governor at Freezywater St George's primary school near Enfield, suggested by the Deanery Synod. He enjoyed his governorship very much. He knew the world of education, albeit at a different level, he felt he could be useful, and, as a retired person, he was always available. He enjoyed helping with sports days and school outings and being thoroughly involved.

Above all, he enjoyed the friendliness and fellowship of Christchurch, of contributing as a sidesman, server, sacristan, Parish Council member. He felt at home. He particularly enjoyed Friday mornings, when he potted about, filling candles, cleaning chalices, setting things up, drinking coffee, chatting and socialising. That social time was very precious to him.

Peter was kind, sweet-natured, reasonably

generous (he was after all a Yorkshireman!), lacked hatred and malice, a wonderful friend and husband. He was very ill when he died, too ill to recover, but his death was gentle, peaceful and pain-free. May he rest in peace and rise in glory.

Jill Holiday

The collection at Peter's funeral in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support raised £400. Very many thanks!

Jill

Prayer of the Month

Many people find the darker evenings and shorter hours of daylight in our northern winters difficult. This year, what we see stretching before us in the future is as dark as it has ever been. Strangely though, even in the darkness, God's light never goes out... but we ourselves sometimes obscure that light and stand in its way when, really, we should be moving aside and doing everything we can to let the light to shine through. Of course, it can easily feel as if our solitary effort is too small to make a difference. Again though, we have to remember that we are not actually alone – we are part of God's bigger picture and this is a collective effort. Many, more recent Christian writers, thinkers and theologians have had similar thoughts. Maybe we can join our voices with theirs, praying that we might see the light, see the way, and do whatever it will take to repair the damage we have done to God's most precious gift.

O God, early in the morning I cry to you. Help me to pray and to concentrate my thoughts on you; I cannot do this alone.

In me there is darkness, but with you there is light; I am lonely, but you do not leave me; I am feeble in heart, but with you there is help; I am restless, but with you there is peace.

In me there is bitterness, but with you there is patience; I do not understand your ways, but you know the way for me. Amen.

[Dietrich Bonhoeffer, 1906-1945]

And now unto him who is able to keep us from falling and lift us from the dark valley of despair to the bright mountain of hope, from the midnight of desperation to the daybreak of joy; to him be the power and authority, for ever and ever. Amen.

[Martin Luther King, 1929- 1968]

Mr Fox

On a warm day I left the garden door open. Hearing strange noises upstairs, I went to investigate. I was about to climb the stairs when my unexpected guest appeared on the top step. He was clearly quite young with a really healthy bushy tail. He left at the first opportunity. I was fascinated and delighted by his visit and wished him well.

John Clarke



Stewardship

I am starting this report on a more positive note! I am very pleased to be able to report that during the course of last month there have been another five new additions to stewardship, each using our preferred donation method of the Parish Giving Scheme (PGS). A couple of donors currently paying by standing order are now also considering switching to the PGS. Any further offers to do this would be very welcome. Additionally, further one-off donations have been received and I thank all those concerned.



Donations using our contactless machine have also increased. It is worth noting, too, that it is now also possible to pay for goods from the sales table and our stained glass merchandise in this way.

I would also like to remind everyone that our bank, in line with most others, charges us for paying in cash and cheques. The charges are levied monthly at the rate of £1.50 per every £100 of cash deposited. For every cheque, irrespective of the amount, the charge is £1.50. Banking small cheques in particular is therefore very expensive and I discourage this payment method and ask those concerned to pay using the contactless machine, the charges for which are minimal. Even better – as I keep recommending – please consider making regular payments using the PGS; this also means you will be supporting Christ Church throughout the year, and not just when you come to services.

If you need any further information to help you decide how to join our Stewardship scheme please let me know, my telephone details are in the Directory of *The Spire*, my email address is mikestatistics@gmail.com

Mick Meur
Stewardship Recorder

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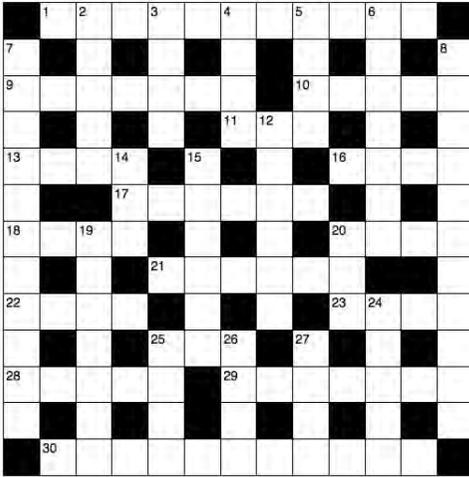
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NOVEMBER CROSSWORD



Down

- 2. 'We have a building from God, an eternal house in heaven, not built by — hands' (2 Corinthians 5:1) (5)
- 3. Uncommon excellence (Proverbs 20:15) (4)
- 4. 'You have exalted my horn like that of a wild ox; fine — have been poured upon me' (Psalm 92:10) (4)
- 5. — Homo ('Behold the Man') (4)
- 6. 'He has given proof of this to all men by — him from the dead' (Acts 17:31) (7)
- 7. 'Our — is in heaven' (Philippians 3:20) (11)
- 8. 'This is a day you are to —' (Exodus 12:14) (11)
- 12. Assault (Psalm 17:9) (6)
- 14. 'Jesus found a young donkey and — upon it' (John 12:14) (3)
- 15. Liverpool dialect (6)
- 19. 'Remember the — day by keeping it holy' (Exodus 20:8) (7)
- 20. Nineteenth-century German physicist after whom the unit of electrical resistance is named (3)
- 24. Nazirites were not allowed to eat this part of a grape (Numbers 6:4) (5)
- 25. 'If anyone would come after me, he must — himself and take up his cross and follow me' (Mark 8:34) (4)
- 26. Evil Roman emperor from AD54 to 68, responsible for condemning hundreds of Christians to cruel deaths (4)
- 27. See 18 Across

Across

- 1. In David's battle with the Arameans, 700 of these were killed (2 Samuel 10:18) (11)
- 9. 'No —, impure or greedy person has any inheritance in the kingdom of God' (Ephesians 5:5) (7)
- 10. City on the banks of the River Nile (5)
- 11. Stamped addressed envelope (1,1,1)
- 13. Taverns (4)
- 16. 'Be on your guard; stand — in the faith' (1 Corinthians 16:13) (4)
- 17. 'He will not always —, nor will he harbour his anger for ever' (Psalm 103:9) (6)
- 18 and 27. Down Where the magi came from and what guided them (Matthew 2:1-2) (4,4)
- 20. Ancient Celtic alphabet of 20 characters (4)
- 21. She married Esau when he was 40 years old (Genesis 26:34) (6)
- 22. A great-grandson of Noah (Genesis 10:7) (4)
- 23. Title accorded to certain Roman Catholic clerics (abbrev.) (4)
- 25. 'My house will be a house of prayer; but you have made it a — of robbers' (Luke 19:46) (3)
- 28. Annie (anag.) (5)
- 29. Plead with (Zechariah 7:2) (7)
- 30. Tenth foundation of the new Jerusalem (Revelation 21:20) (11)

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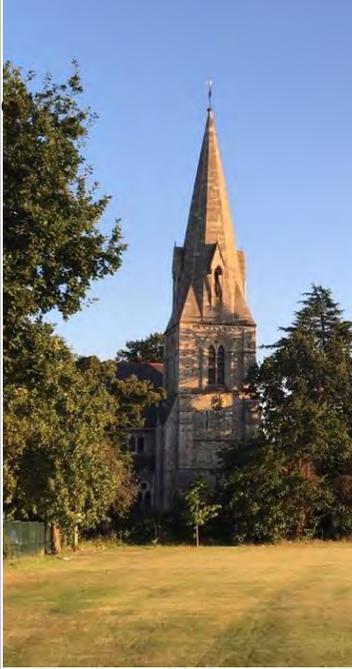
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