

# ST PAUL'S NEWS

November 2025



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## SERVICES

### Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> Nov

#### All Saints

#### Fourth Sunday before Advent

- 10.00 am Parish Eucharist (CW)  
President & Preacher: Rev. Nicholas Burton
- 10.00 am Family Service at the Church Centre + Zoom  
Lead: Liz Goddard  
Link: Rosemary Romano
- 6.30 pm All Souls for the Faithful Departed  
Minister: Tim Harrold  
Preacher: Daphne Pilcher

### Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> Nov

#### Remembrance Sunday

#### Third Sunday before Advent

- 10.00 am United Parade Service of Remembrance  
Ministers: Tim Harrold & Daphne Pilcher  
Preacher: Tim Cripps
- 6.30 pm Parish Eucharist (CW)  
President & Preacher: The Vicar

### Monday 10<sup>th</sup> Nov

- 9.00 am Morning Prayer at the Parish Church  
Minister: The Vicar

### Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> Nov

- 9.00 am Morning Prayer at the Church Centre  
Minister: The Vicar

### Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> Nov

- 11.30 am Said Holy Communion at the Church Centre  
President: The Vicar

### Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> Nov

#### The Second Sunday before Advent

- 8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)  
President & Preacher: The Vicar
- 10.00 am Parish Eucharist (CW)  
President & Preacher: The Vicar
- 10.00 am Family Service at the Church Centre + Zoom  
Lead: Wendy Anderson  
Link: Chris Bassett
- 6.30pm Compline – The Vicar

### Monday 17<sup>th</sup> Nov

- 9.00 am Morning Prayer at the Parish Church  
Minister: The Vicar

### Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> Nov

- 9.00 am Morning Prayer at the Church Centre  
Minister: The Vicar

### Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> Nov

- 11.30 am Said Holy Communion at the Church Centre  
President: The Vicar

### Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> Nov

#### Christ The King

#### Sunday next before Advent

- 8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)  
President & Preacher: The Vicar
- 10.00 am Matins  
Minister & Preacher: Rev. Nicholas Burton
- 10.00 am Family Service with Holy Communion  
at the Church Centre + Zoom  
President: The Vicar, Link: Viv Littlechild
- 4.00 pm Taize Service at the Church Centre  
Minister: Tim Harrold
- 6.30 pm Parish Eucharist (CW)  
Minister & Preacher: The Vicar

### Monday 24<sup>th</sup> Nov

- 9.00 am Morning Prayer at the Church Centre  
Minister: The Vicar

### Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> Nov

- 9.00 am Morning Prayer at the Church Centre  
Minister: The Vicar

### Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> Nov

- 11.30 am Said Holy Communion at the Church Centre  
President: The Vicar

### Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> November

#### Advent Sunday

- 8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)  
President & Preacher: The Vicar
- 10.00 am Parish Eucharist (CW)  
President: The Vicar  
Preacher: Daphne Pilcher
- 10.00 am Family Service at the Church Centre + Zoom  
Lead: Tim Harrold  
Link: Karen Miller
- 6.30 pm Hymns and Music for Advent  
Minister: The Vicar



## DIARY

### Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> Nov

- 11.30 am Communion to Mt Ephraim House  
- May Graves  
6.00 pm Youth Council meet in the Lodge

### Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> Nov

- 3.00 pm Communion to Chamberlain Court  
- Ginette di Palma

### Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> Nov

- 7.30 pm Living Hope group at 53 Southwood Road

### Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> Nov

- 10.00 am – 2.00pm Autumn Fayre

### Monday 17<sup>th</sup> Nov

- Police surgery – Mantle Lodge  
Times to be confirmed

### Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> Nov

- 11.30am Communion to Mt Ephraim House  
Lois Woodhouse  
7.30 pm Living Hope group at 53 Southwood Road

### Monday 24<sup>th</sup> Nov

- 8.00 pm PCC Meeting – Mantle Lodge

### Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> Nov

- 7.30 pm Living Hope group at 53 Southwood Road

### Wednesdays throughout the month

- 9.00 – 11.00 am Playtime at St Paul's at the Church Centre

### Thursdays throughout the month

- 12 for 12.30 pm Rusthall Lunch Club  
at the Church Centre



### Fridays throughout the month

- 12.30 – 2.00 pm Community Larder  
at the Church Centre

### Saturdays & Sundays throughout the month

- 10 am – 4 pm Choristers Café in the Lodge

## From the Registers



**At rest – the sympathy of the Parish is extended to the family and friends of:**

Thelma May Barden

**Baptism - we welcome as newly baptised members of the Church**

Lucy Annabelle Roper

## Magazine Deadlines

Please submit articles for the 2025/2026 magazines in accordance with the following deadlines.

December/January 2026 by 16<sup>th</sup> November

February 2026 by 18<sup>th</sup> January

March 2026 by 15<sup>th</sup> February

April 2026 by 15<sup>th</sup> March

May 2026 by 12<sup>th</sup> April

June 2026 by 17<sup>th</sup> May

The time between the deadline and magazine issue is to allow for typing, formatting, proofreading, and compiling the magazine. These all take time and have to be fitted around the volunteer editorial team's other commitments. We would therefore be very grateful if you would keep to the deadlines set. Please send items for publication to [magazine@stpaulsrusthall.org.uk](mailto:magazine@stpaulsrusthall.org.uk).

Magazines are posted on the Parish website by the 1<sup>st</sup> of the month. Photocopies of the magazine can be made available to those who cannot access the magazine online. Please contact Helen Reynolds at the Church Office (TW 521447) to arrange production and collection/delivery.



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## From the Vicarage

November 2025

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your continued support, prayers and partnership in God's mission and ministry. I really appreciate all that you do – and who you are.

I am currently in Conakry, in the Republic of Guinea attending the 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations of the Anglican Cathedral. It is a weeklong programme that starts on Monday the 27<sup>th</sup> of October, culminating in a Thanksgiving service on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> November. I arrived a few days earlier and I am using the time to visit some of the areas and the people I worked with as youth officer while we were here 27 years ago. One of the young people with whom I worked then is currently the Diocesan Bishop of Guinea and Guinea Bissau and the Archbishop of West Africa. He personally invited me. I am yet to meet with him as he is on annual leave. I will meet with him and other guests when the celebration starts in earnest on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> October.

In the meantime, the Cathedral is being renovated for this special celebration, and professionals are working flat out to get it ready in time.



One of the people that was with us during our time in Guinea (but won't be at the celebrations) is the now Reverend Dr Matthew Prior, a Tutor and Lecturer in Ethics at St Mellitus College. He recently published a Grove booklet entitled *'Has the Game Gone?'* – Moral and Missional Reflections on Sport. In his piece, Matthew states that the phrase 'The game's gone' is used to 'make a judgement of a sport's perceived decline, or as a response to its perceived corruption' (p.3.) His work reminded me of my time in Guinea, during which we used sports – football to be specific, as an outreach and missional tool. Partly as a way of publicising an upcoming Bible camp, we organised a football tournament in memory of the first Guinean Bishop of the Diocese of Guinea. Youths/young people from the various Churches in Conakry were invited to enter a team for a nominal fee, with the winning team receiving the

Willie Yaneh Thomas Macauley Cup plus a monetary prize and the runner up having just a monetary prize. It was quite a 'crowd puller' and every team wanted to win the coveted novel cup at the inaugural tournament. To that end, some churches filled in players that had nothing to do with their churches, or who were Muslims. We had to devise a way of disqualifying 'inadmissible players' and we resolved that if a player's admissibility was questioned by any team or player, the organisers shall ask the questioned player to recite the Lord's Prayer. And, yes, I did have to use this a few times – and that was 27 years ago. This suggests that mixed motives and 'hidden agendas' are not really new phenomena in sport or, indeed, life. In a rather accepting way of mixed motives, St Paul stated that 'what does it matter? The important thing is that in every way, whether from false motives or true, Christ is preached' (Philippian 1:18).

I think that it does matter. And you may also want to ask whether it mattered if Muslims joined a Christian football team in order to win the coveted Cup. My response would be, 'what do you think'?



Ronnie

## Editorial for November 2025

What a nail-biter! Just as we formatted the magazine without a letter from Ronnie, who was trying to send his letter not From the Vicarage but from Conakry in Guinea on the west coast of Africa, just north of his birth country of Sierra Leone and experiencing internet connectivity problems, it suddenly arrived. We had had our own panic, despite the telephone and internet in the office being largely sorted out, when the photocopier was refusing to communicate with the office computer, but thanks to Paul Barter that was resolved and so we are able to bring you printed copies of the magazine. Phew!

November is upon us and we are well into autumn. 2025 is proving to be a 'mast year', when trees produce an unusually large number of fruits, nuts and seeds. Both Sue and my sister-in-law Jane are complaining of the vast numbers of acorns producing mess and skid hazards in their gardens. This occasional glut, a product of favourable weather conditions, helps ensure the tree's survival as the larger number of seeds increases the chances of successful germination as the bumper crop exceeds the appetites of seed eating animals. However, those animals, including birds, squirrels and deer, also benefit from the extra food.

The first events celebrated in November is All Saints Day on November 1<sup>st</sup> and followed by All Soul's Day on November 2<sup>nd</sup>. We will be marking both in our services on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> November. At St Paul's we always hold a special service to remember all those who have died and particularly those who have died during the previous 12 months. The Service for the Faithful Departed will be held on 2<sup>nd</sup> November at 6.30 pm.

Remembrance Day is 11<sup>th</sup> November, with services in church held on the nearest Sunday – the 9<sup>th</sup> this year. The day recognises the end of hostilities of WW1 on 11 November 1918, but it is now used to remember all those who have died in conflicts. The poppy is used as a symbol of remembrance and the large knitted poppy collage will be going up on the Church Centre wall, replacing our 175 Anniversary floral banner. However, in recent years the use of life-size soldier silhouettes have been a very poignant way of demonstrating just how many have lost their lives. The Standing with Giants installation consisting of nearly 1500 figures was displayed in Normandy this summer, but is returned to the UK and can be seen at the Royal Armouries, Fort Nelson in Portsmouth until the New Year. The photograph on the cover is of the installation while it was in Normandy.

6<sup>th</sup> November is National Saxophone Day – if you came to the Soirée you will have noticed that we have many saxophonists in the choir. 6<sup>th</sup> November is the birthday of Adolphe Sax who invented the saxophone. After working on improvements to the clarinet, he wanted to produce a brass instrument which had the agility of a woodwind instrument. He made his new saxophones in a variety of sizes, so they have different note ranges, just as singers do. The most common sizes are in fact soprano, alto, tenor and baritone, as demonstrated at the choir's Soirée last month, but larger and smaller saxophones exist for special purposes. The loud volume produced has made them popular in military marching bands, but they are a very versatile instrument used solo or in ensembles and orchestras, for classical, jazz, pop and rock music.

St Paul's annual fundraiser is the Autumn Fayre, which will be on 15<sup>th</sup> November. Read more about it further inside.

BBC annual Children in Need Day is on 21st November – raising money for children's charities across the UK. Pudsey will be out in force.

Work on Upper Grosvenor Road has been going on for months but much more of the project than expected has been done and so it has been decided to keep going with the work planned for the new year without a break. The roadworks needed to update the gas mains will be heading towards the town centre from Grosvenor Bridge.

Targetfollow have announced their intention to sell Tunbridge Wells and Rusthall Commons. As our churches both sit within the commons area we will await developments with interest, but fortunately many protections for common land exist in law.

The new Archbishop of Canterbury has been announced at last and it's a woman! You can read more about the Right Honourable and Right Reverend Dame Sarah Mullally in the magazine. St Paul's has a long history of supporting women clergy, but sadly elsewhere some still need convincing. Dame Sarah experienced misogyny when she became Bishop of London so I am sure she will cope, and she will have the support of her Suffragan Bishop of Dover, the Right Revd Rose Hudson-Wilkin, for a little female solidarity.

The next edition of the magazine covers both December and January, so please think ahead and let us know of any events planned for the New Year. The deadline for articles is 16<sup>th</sup> November.

**Deborah Bruce and Sue Hare**

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## Churchwarden's notes



October has been a very busy month with our Harvest festival service and our choral evensong followed by a soiree concert with food and music.

We would like to thank the choir for all the hard work they put into the services and the concert.

Thanks go to the Guides for running the Harvest service and giving us the history of the church with splendid displays of dress of the time.

We would also like to thank the flower team for the wonderful floral displays in the church and for the associations that provided displays.

We have had a leak in the choir vestry for the last couple of weeks. We thought that it was the roof leaking but, after investigation, we have found that there is a leak from a water tank. We are in the process of trying to find why it is leaking.

As usual we are looking for volunteers for the flower team, if you are able to help, please talk to Jill McAllister.

A reminder that May will be standing down as warden next year if anybody is interested in taking on this role please speak to Ronnie, May, or Chris. Come and work with us so you can see what the role entails.

**May and Chris**

## Christmas 2025

### An Appeal from the Flower Team

This Christmas, continuing our anniversary celebrations, we thought we might do something a little different to decorate the church by having Christmas Trees as a major element of our decorations and displays. We have already spoken to various organisations who have agreed to create displays in some of the windows. If your organisation or family would also like to participate please speak to me.



We don't want any windows to be left out, so the Flower Team will decorate any gaps and for this I need some help. If you are thinking your existing artificial tree looks a bit sad and needs replacing, could you consider donating the old tree, and any other surplus decorations you no longer need, to the flower team please. It will not be possible to run electricity to every window, so tree lights will need to be battery powered and we would be grateful for the donation of these too.

Our Harvest festival arrangements were a marvellous example of not only your generosity in giving flowers, greenery, vegetables etc., but of the coming together of so many of you to create the terrific displays so admired by all who attended church on Harvest Sunday.

How wonderful it would be to continue the spirit of togetherness enjoyed by all when creating the displays for this Christmas.

**Jill McAllister**

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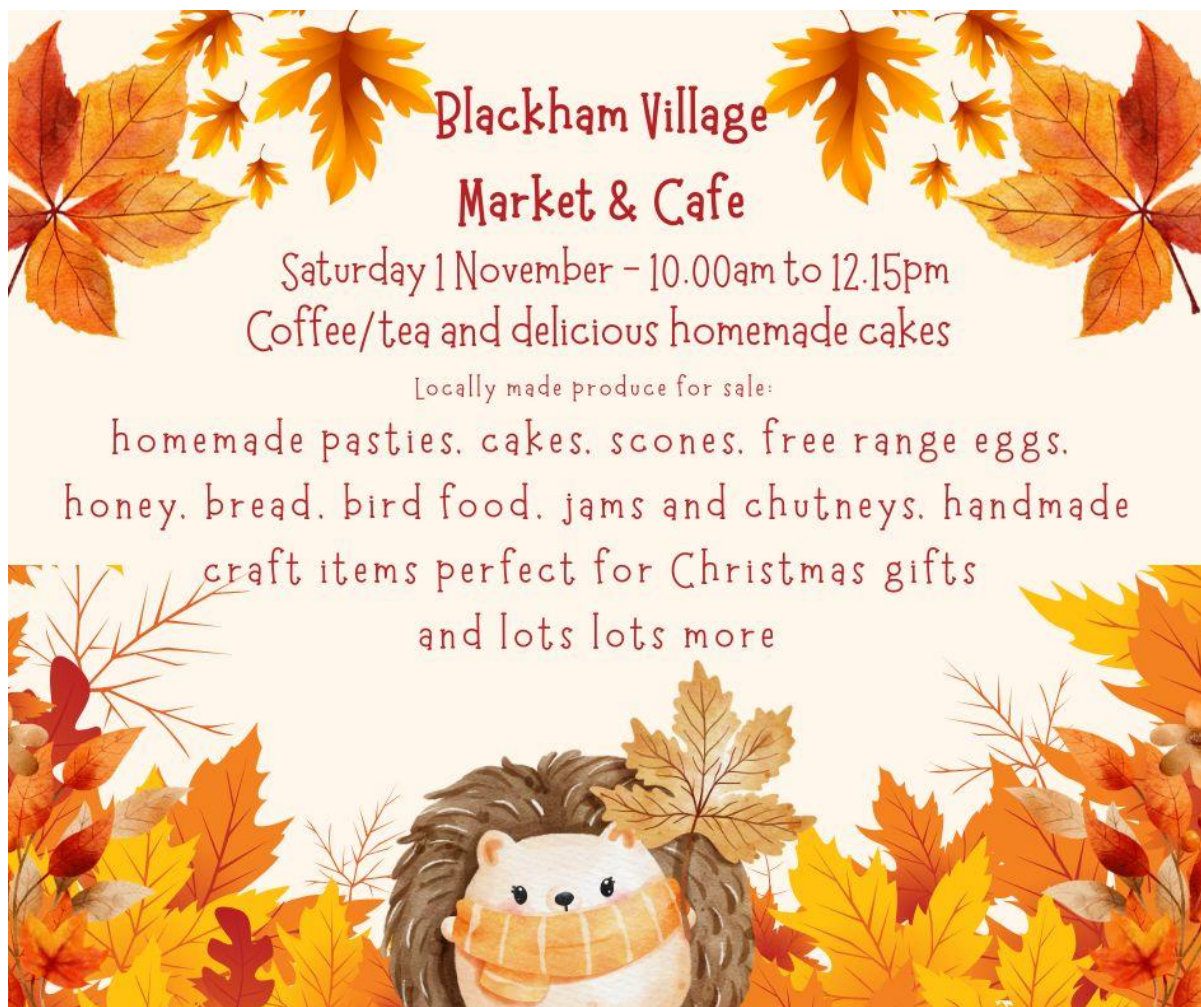
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## New Archbishop of Canterbury



Finally the wait is over – the next Archbishop of Canterbury will be Dame Sarah Mullally, current Bishop of London. She will be the first woman to take this role since the Church of England was founded in 1534.

Dame Sarah was born in Woking on 26<sup>th</sup> March 1962. She has 2 sisters and a brother. She married in 1987 and has a daughter and son. She has admitted to being dyslexic and says she finds some bible readings difficult because of this.

After leaving school she became a nurse, studying part time and taking up clinical positions at St Thomas' and the Royal Marsden. A BSc Science was added to her Registered General Nurse qualification, and later an MSc in Inter-Professional Health and Welfare Studies at London Southbank University. She quickly took on nursing leadership roles, moving from Ward Sister to Head of Practice Development and then Director of Nursing at the Chelsea and Westminster Hospital. In 1999 she was appointed as Chief Nursing Officer and Director of Patient Experience for NHS England.

In 2004 she resigned these positions to pursue a full time ministry, having already trained part-time and been ordained in 2001. She became a Dame in the 2005 New Years Honours List in recognition of her services to nursing.

As in the NHS, the Church of England quickly recognised her abilities and leadership roles followed. She taught ethics in Southwark and was involved in an Anglican clergy leadership programme. From 2012 to 2015 she was Canon Treasurer of Salisbury Cathedral and then became Bishop of Crediton, a suffragan bishop in the diocese of Exeter. That year she became the first female bishop to lead an ordination service. The following year she was appointed as one of ten bishops on the church's Bishops Reflection Group on Sexuality.

In 2018 she was selected as Bishop of London, which is the third most senior role in the Church of England and is accompanied by an automatic place in the House of Lords. In this role she was involved

as one of the clergy at the Coronation of King Charles III.

Dame Sarah's success in the selection of Archbishop of Canterbury was announced on 3<sup>rd</sup> October. She gave her first address from Canterbury Cathedral, acknowledging the fatal attack at a synagogue in Manchester the previous day. She declared that, "as a church, we have a responsibility to be a people who stand with the Jewish community against antisemitism in all its forms."

The process proceeds with election to the College of Canons expected by Christmas and legal confirmation of the appointment at St Paul's Cathedral on 28<sup>th</sup> January 2026. This will be followed by installation at Canterbury Cathedral in March 2026.

Dame Sarah's appointment has not been greeted with universal joy. The conservative evangelical Church Society have said that the appointment "creates additional problems with disunity in the Church of England and around the world". They also voiced concern about her views on same sex relationships. The Anglo-catholic group Forward in Faith have recognised the legality of her appointment, despite holding to their view that women should not be ordained. The international group Gafcon (Global Fellowship of Confessing Anglicans), chaired by the Archbishop of Rwanda said they received the news "with sorrow". However the Archbishop of Capetown described the appointment as "a thrilling development" and Bishop Emily Onyango, bishop in Kenya, says it is "a new dawn."

Dame Sarah has met all of these views before and tends to express her own views while remaining tolerant of those whose opinions are different. She obviously believes that women should be allowed to fulfil their calling as ordained ministers but accepted that many of her colleagues in London did not agree, with some churches in her diocese still limiting the roles for women 31 years after women's ordination was accepted. She has been involved in the church's policy decisions regarding both concerns regarding LGBT+ people in the church and abortion. She said "What we have to remember is this is about people, and the church seeks to demonstrate love to all, because it reflects the God of love, who loves everybody." She is pro-choice but voted against extension of legal abortion to full term in the House of Lords' vote earlier this year.

**Deborah Bruce**

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## Michael Richard Ball

5 May 1938 – 11 September 2025



Michael was a long-serving member of the choir and passionate attender of Evensong. He contributed to the parish magazine on many occasions but perhaps most notably in September 2010 when he wrote a long article promoting the Prayer Book Society, advocating for greater use of the Book of Common Prayer. I am very grateful to his family for allowing me to include details from his funeral service in this obituary.

**Deborah Bruce**

### The Eulogy

Dad had a tough upbringing, as so many of his generation did, losing his father aged 9 and being brought up by a working mother before there was much in the way of a welfare state. He was a small child in the second world war and remembered the rationing and the sense of fear and loss that particularly affected his Plymouth family who had their own version of the blitz. His immediate and extended family were clearly his lodestar throughout childhood and he spoke with pride of his mother, sister Elaine, all his cousins, aunts and uncles. He had clearly imbibed the Protestant work ethic and got into grammar school and then Durham university before a series of jobs including a long stint travelling around the world with the British Tourist Authority. He was thus unusually well-travelled and something of a linguist. That said, his stories of 'abroad' sounded like those of an anthropologist who had observed a peculiar culture at a distance and his travels seemed to have accentuated, rather than diluted, his English-ness; a phenomenon I've noticed myself. In Australia he left behind a legacy in the form of their first folk clubs in

Sydney and Melbourne, as well as several records featuring his concertina playing, which we are told are collectors' items.

The beginnings of the relationship with mum at a small boarding school in Somerset are still shrouded in mystery but Dad seemed to start a second, almost unrelated life as a teacher and father aged 39. Our early life was full of singing, instrumental music lessons, playing outdoors, swimming, cricket and football and lots of extra tuition from our teacher parents that gave us a head start in life. It is only later that you realise that not all kids get such lavish parental attention and it is hard to exaggerate the huge and life-long impact of that early attention on our skills and outlook. Dad knew first hand that life is tough and that hard work helps get you through, and inculcated that in us. It is fair to say we were privileged in that and many other ways, including being surrounded by a loving extended family.

There were dark times too. Our baby brother Harry died when he was 5 weeks old and our family never fully recovered from that. Then Dad lost his job at the school we went to and he, Fred and I all had to leave forthwith. Emotional and a degree of financial hardship followed and that was our own version of facing some of the challenges Dad had done growing up; our happy, charmed life was not unassailable. There was a recession and Dad seemed to struggle to hold on to teaching or other jobs which left us all feeling insecure and at times desperate. He viewed teaching as more than just a job and always tried to share his passion for the subjects he taught, with ingenious ways of increasing participation such as his rolling cricket over with multiple bowlers, or his heroic efforts to give deprived children the chance to sing on stage; but his eccentricity did not fit into the strait jacket of state education at the time and the particularly low standards of behaviour normalised in some of the local schools made his work hugely stressful. He was assaulted at work on more than one occasion. Troubled teenagers can be cruel and a subset of his ex-pupils thought it would be fun to target abuse at him and us, in the street and even at our home, for several years. I mention this because in later years he could be combative in relationships, and I think these horrible experiences in his 50s partly explain his outlook and the sense that the world was a hostile place.

On the upside, Dad's lifelong interest in music affected us all as we performed in every space imaginable, from the refined echelons of the Tunbridge Wells arts festival to the dank, grungy depths of folk clubs. He introduced us and our cousin Alex to the church choir with Alex taking that all the way to the Clare College chamber choir

and still using music to inveigle his way into expat communities abroad. Dad taught us about harmony and ensemble playing and encouraged the first forays into improvisation that later took on a life of its own as we all discovered the joys of playing jazz. Music was his way of getting a community together and clearly meant more to him than just the notes, and it's no coincidence that Jan, Fred and I will still drop everything to do a gig together, however distant and impractical. I know Dad loved watching us perform and it was great to share that with him right to the end.

Later on, retirement suited Dad down to the ground and one has to admire his industriousness in these years. He continued playing cricket until he was 78, a surely heroic sporting career. Not content to focus on his own game, he took every opportunity to bring up other players and organise coaching sessions and generally contribute to the cricketering community; again, not without his trademark eccentricity and a degree of controversial village politics to rival a plot from the Archers. He taught piano and organised the recording of five albums, featuring all of the family, members of Rusthall choir, and many local amateur musicians playing an eclectic and incongruous mix of musical styles, mostly arranged by him. Again, this project was about promoting the music he believed should be heard more and giving other people perhaps their first or only experience of recording. You can hear his albums online if you go to [bandcamp.com](http://bandcamp.com) and search for my name or his name. There were many other projects: writing for the parish magazine, campaigning for the book of common prayer, his family archive, never to be finished – all signs of an active and fertile mind.

He discovered dogs in retirement as well and we owned three Staffordshire bull terriers. While he never missed an opportunity to cause controversy – having them off the lead or challenging doggy access restrictions – they were a great way to forge connections and feed Dad's peculiar liking for talking at length to complete strangers. I gather that latterly our dog Boris was welcome in this church which is a credit to its inclusivity and which I know he appreciated.

He had several accidents and illnesses and in particular I think his car crash about 10 years ago affected his brain. Latterly he was diagnosed with dementia but I believe that the head injury sustained in the crash subtly damaged his frontal lobes. It is a well described phenomenon that frontal lobe damage can lead to disinhibition and a disregard for social norms and while Dad was always different and single minded, these traits increased exponentially after that crash. Sadly this

resulted in a lot of fallings out and combined with that embattled sense of the world against him, it meant he struggled to maintain the connections I know he craved. Even with us he struggled to express his affection without venting frustration, but we still managed to please him from time to time with our music, sporting achievements and gifts. He also found acceptance at this church and the Groombridge church and for that we are grateful. As Dad got frailer, and more impatient with the world, he had to give up more and more of these passions and connections, although he kept up his reading, writing and archiving almost until the end; sending us the message that making and preserving memories of family was his most important legacy.

The last two years were painful, physically and emotionally, and it was tragic to see Dad's world collapse in after his stroke in April. As his sole carer in the last years, mum bore witness and was with him till the end, despite the huge challenges that dementia brings, and while he received wonderful care from the dedicated nurses and carers in Hazeldene House, I am sure it was a relief to him that he passed away last month with us all around him.

We will remember Dad as a ball of energy, utterly committed to his religion, his passions and causes, often to a fault, but who doesn't have those? He gave us unique opportunities and made us who we are; we probably emulate him in more ways than we are aware. He set an example of integrity, of standing up for what you believe, of striving to do your best in all endeavours, of engaging in music and sport as means to create and bind communities, and of the enduring importance of family. We will miss him.

## **Tom Ball**

## **May Day**

We're going out to welcome in the May!"  
Dear God, I thought, he's serious. Sure enough, next you were briefing us on what to play. I hid, but Tom was made of sterner stuff and manfully, he armed himself with fiddle accompanying you out onto the lawn; and pretty soon that old Hey Diddle Diddle was ringing out into the Rusthall morn; and cringing from my vantage point I saw an audience of kids begin to gather along the kerb, expecting an encore - but all of this was too much for my brother: I laughed but shared his blushes as he beat a shambling and shamefaced retreat.

Another May, you said it was your dream

to take us to some folk-do in East Kent;  
 why must we bear the brunt of these mad schemes?  
 We grumbled - but at 4am we went.  
 And truly, it was like a dream, that dawn  
 we drove through - the first time we'd seen such light;  
 the morning headache, all those sleepy yawns  
 were worth it for a sky of virgin white.  
 Of course, we missed the dance - the thing you'd  
 planned  
 we'd see - but your wish was already granted:  
 a vision of this green and pleasant land  
 at its sweet best, in us forever planted.  
 You get the Dad you're dealt, you can't arrange  
 it - and we got you, and no, I wouldn't change it.

**By Fred Ball**

### A Musical Note



Thank you to everyone who joined us for Choral Evensong, followed by supper and the musical soirée on Sunday, 12th October. The choir had a wonderful time, and it was great fun to sing some new repertoire and to see the remarkable solo and ensemble performances from choir members. For those who couldn't attend, to give you a flavour, we had an incredible duet by Jess and Hannah from Little Shop of Horrors, Fergus as the Pirate King from Pirates of Penzance, Tom portraying King George III in a song from Hamilton, delightful solo songs from Brad and Lizzie, a saxophone quartet, vocal ensembles, and an excellent duet for organ and glockenspiel played by Alasdair and Fergus. The orchestra came together to play the Pink Panther (as always, somewhat under-rehearsed but hilarious), and Deborah delivered a fabulous rendition of "Are You Lonesome Tonight," with re-written words — it was absolutely brilliant. Anthony, Roland, and Alasdair were superb accompanists, and the entire evening was simply excellent.

Congratulations to our new Head Chorister for this academic year, Lia. She is an outstanding musician and a lovely person, and I know she will do an amazing job. Well done also to Aidan, Agnes, and Francis, who have been awarded their dark blue ribbons in recognition of their excellent

attendance and singing every week, and to Callan, Bella, Martha, and Teddy, who have been awarded their light blue ribbons as they are starting to make a great contribution to the singing now.

Of course, having a new head chorister means we had to say goodbye and thank you to our exceptional head chorister team from this year, Tom and Marcy, who now join the adult section. During a year when the choir have put on so many concerts and went on tour, their leadership was outstanding. They have become incredible musicians and have led by example with their dedication and musicality. In recognition of their remarkable achievements this year, they were jointly awarded the Celia Stone Memorial Award alongside the incoming Head Chorister, Lia, who received it after passing her Grade 8 piano exam at the age of twelve—a truly remarkable feat.



Please do come along to the Readings and Music for Advent service on Sunday 30th November at 6.30pm. This is an incredibly atmospheric service, and this year there will be several new anthems for the choir alongside familiar ones you will have heard us sing before, as well as congregational hymns for everyone to join in.

After Advent, our next major service will be Nine Lessons and Carols on Sunday 21st December at 6.30pm. This is set to be an excellent and joyful service, concluding with one of our favourite new carols, Nova Nova by Iain Farrington. Refreshments will be available after both the Advent and Nine Lessons services, so please do stay and join us for a drink if you can.

**Fiona Johnson**



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## Remember Advent

We are now in the season of remembrance and my aim for this month's contribution was to reflect on sacrifice in a troubled world. However, our Vicar, Ronnie has very kindly asked me to deliver an address on Remembrance Sunday so I have slightly changed tack but still with a theme of remembrance. It will be the first time I have climbed the pulpit steps for two and a half years so I hope I can remember my way. We have done a lot of remembering in our 175th year since consecration and our recent excellent pageant neatly captured all those years we have witnessed as a Christian community.

I wonder how many organisations wave goodbye to one year and welcome a new one in the same month. This year the Church of England welcomes a New Year on 30th November, which is the start of Advent and therefore a New Year in the life of the Church. The Anglican year begins with Advent Sunday, the fourth Sunday before Christmas, which falls in late November or early December. The readings from the Bible that we share in Church run on a three-year cycle, labelled Years A, B and C, so that the same readings should come around once every three years. On this occasion, we move seamlessly from Year C to Year A. Advent is a season of watching and waiting for Christ, characterised by sombreness and meditation. The colour purple is used at services to reflect abstinence and preparation, and the church, like Lent, is supposed to be sparsely decorated. In Advent we reflect on the contribution in Advent 1 (the celebration of the Patriarchs) in Advent 2 (the celebration of the Prophets) in Advent 3 (the celebration of John the Baptist) and in Advent 4 (the celebration of the Virgin Mary)

Remembering my childhood I recall that my Mother always used to recite from Advent Sunday until Christmas Day the nursery rhyme  
*'Christmas is coming, the goose is getting fat  
Please put a penny in the old man's hat  
If you haven't got a penny, a ha'penny will do  
If you haven't got a ha'penny, then God bless you!'*

The rhyme dates from Victorian times although some years after St Paul's was consecrated. It gives a Christian message that we should always remember that, no matter what our circumstances are, it is right to remember that someone may be worse off than ourselves, which is just right to be remembered in a reflective Advent.

The recommended readings (see below) take us back on a journey to such historical imprints and, at the same time, they invite us to make a journey

into the heart of our inmost being. This invitation is a way to remember and prepare ourselves to journey into the new season of Advent while being sensitive to the injustices around us. I hope to encourage you to reflect on what it means to prepare to receive the birth of God's Word in their heart in the context of our current injustices (of which there are many), and subsequently to demonstrate that Advent can serve to illuminate the direct correlation between the life of a Christian and the promotion of the Common Good just like the ancient nursery rhyme. Change and instability pervade reality at every level of life. Everything from the life and death cycles of nature to the unpredictability of politics, the weather, the economy and world affairs is, as we all know, changeable. Such changeable realities are often characterised by the imprint of geographical, social and generational trauma, both historically, and, as presently, unfolding before us in so many ways.

Isaiah, who writes in a time of exilic desolation, envisions and then proclaims a time when God's people will one day be free from captivity and free to return to a restored Jerusalem, to the beating heart of Judah, and to the very presence of God in the Temple. 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob, that he may teach us his ways and that we might walk in his paths.' Isaiah foresees a time when the repressive dark blanket of injustice will be lifted from God's people and they will once again be able to 'walk in the light of the Lord'.

Saint Paul, in his letter to the Gentile and Jewish Christians in Rome, echoes this sentiment some eight hundred years later while writing in a completely different period of history. Similarly, though, he writes at a time when the weight of injustice falls upon those earliest Christian communities who are suffering under Roman persecution. Saint Paul urges the Christians to awaken to a new reality which includes a new way of living, even in times of persecution. He implores the Christians to embrace their newfound faith wholeheartedly by urging them to 'cast off the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light'.

In a similar way, Jesus asks his disciples and ourselves to stay awake. We are to be alert to the uncertainty all around us and to the injustices which continue to oppress and dehumanise social groups. Chapter 24 of Matthew's Gospel captures the essence of the conversation Jesus has about the imminent persecution that would befall both the first disciples and the Christians of his own time.

Moreover, the Gospel passage shows a glimpse into that part of the conversation where Jesus

reminds his disciples about life before the flood in the Genesis account. That life, as he describes it, seems wonderful and joyous. Suddenly though, all things are changed and life goes from a state of flourishing to a state of alert and survival. We can recall, with the use of our own imaginations, how the ark became that place of refuge and safety in a time when the waters raged and consumed the earth and that ought to be easy given the parlous state of the world today.

As we stand in the season of remembrance and at the beginning of our descent into the richness of Advent, there is a golden thread which runs through all of our readings, however faint it may appear. The retelling of historical traumatic biblical narratives in all three readings may obscure the golden thread somewhat, but it's there if we look and listen within our hearts. History tells us so much although I don't think I am alone in thinking that we do not seem to ever learn from it.

The golden thread is the invitation to go within ourselves: to 'go up to the mountain of the Lord,' as Isaiah asks God's people; to go into the ark of our hearts that Jesus alludes to; to awaken to the awareness of Jesus in our being, of which Saint Paul writes. There in the heart we await the eternal birth of the Word of God who is being born in us eternally, as well as in history. All of our readings ask us to begin a new journey inwardly and to saturate ourselves in the divine source of love which fosters a compassionate heart.

Despite the changeability and injustices of our world, the heart is the place where stability and stillness remain untouched, and where compassion arises. The heart is the place which begins the virtues of wisdom, courage, faith, hope and love. It is a place where justice happens, and where the prophetic voice begins with a clear sense of direction, grounded in the love of God and the love for others. May your Advent be a time of prayerful and compassionate solidarity with those who carry the wounds of injustice, with those who live under the blanket of oppression, and with those who remind us that the Kingdom of God is still in the midst of a painful beginning. We need to remember where it all began.

**Tim Cripps**

Recommended Reading:

Isaiah 2: 1-5;  
Romans 13: 11-14;  
Matthew 24: 37-44.

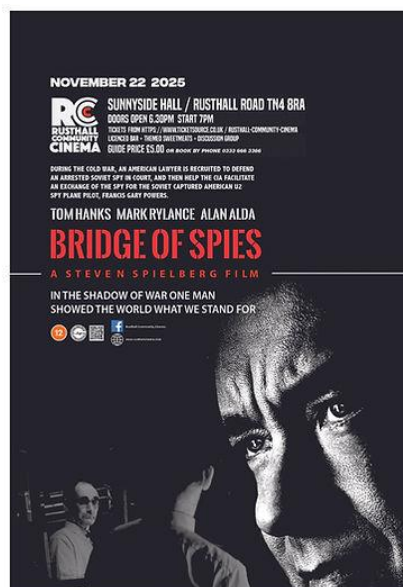


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### **A Room with a View (1985) Cert PG**

Doors open: 6.30pm Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> November  
Director: James Ivory  
Genre: Period drama, Romance  
Runtime: 1h 52 mins  
Starring: Maggie Smith, Simon Callow, Helena Bonham-Carter, Judi Dench



### **Bridge of Spies (2015) Cert 12**

Doors open: 6.30pm Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> November  
Director: Steven Spielberg  
Genre: Drama, History, Thriller  
Runtime: 2h 15 mins  
Starring: Tom Hanks, Mark Rylance, Amy Ryan

## Poems for November

With November come the rites of remembrance of those we have lost. These poems do not minimise our intense and lasting grief, yet offer the possibility, through our senses, of something beyond, of a deep connection with the Mystery, including those who have died.

**Susan Barber**

### *Extracts from In Praise of Air*

Let us bless the air,  
Benefactor of breath;  
Keeper of the fragile bridge  
We breathe across.

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Air, home of memory where  
Our vanished days secretly gather,  
Receiving every glance, word and act  
That fall from presence,  
Taking all our unfolding in,  
So that nothing is lost or forgotten.

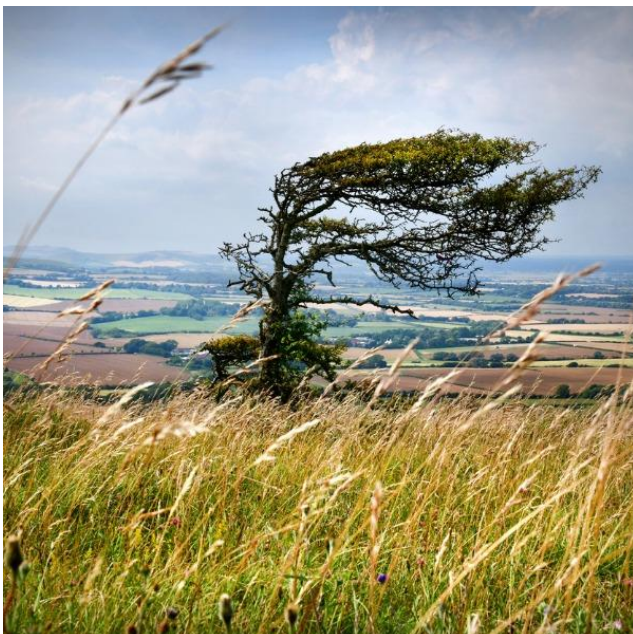
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Air: kingdom of spirit  
Where our departed dwell,  
Nearer to us than ever,  
Where the Gods preside.

.....

In the name of the air,  
The Breeze  
And the wind,  
May our souls  
Stay in rhythm  
With eternal  
Breath.

*John O'Donohue*



### **The Beaufort Scale**

*Service for the Faithful Departed, St. Paul's Church  
Rusthall, Nov 3<sup>rd</sup> 2024.*

A wind is molecules unsettled by  
a gradient of warmth and weight.  
*Light Breeze* is wind that rustles leaves,  
is felt upon your skin, and on  
the Beaufort Scale sits just above *Light Air*,  
which merely hints at ripples on the sea,  
and that a plume of smoke may slightly drift.

They walked, together but alone,  
towards the altar, where  
a host of candles had been placed  
on a table, in the shape of a cross.  
Unwilling to raise their eyes  
from the floor, or the task,  
each took the lighted taper in their turn.

She lit a candle, remembered him clearly  
and returned to her pew,  
unable by then not to watch  
as others focused wholly on  
the act of lighting, and sobbed  
or quietly cried, or appeared straight-backed,  
detached from or at one with the rite.

The smoke rose vertically at first,  
with barely a trace of drift.  
But as the vicar completed his prayer  
beside the burning cross, she felt the touch,  
the heat and innocence of all the dead  
in all the distant lands we pray for,  
Sunday after Sunday, on her face,

and fancied she heard the autumn leaves,  
not yet fallen, awaiting a first frost,  
rustling suddenly outside,  
beyond the stone walls and stained glass,  
whose images of Saviour, prophets and saints  
were dark and hardly visible  
against the night.

*Phil Vernon*

*(As many of you may know, this poet belongs to our  
congregation.)*

## Listening

My father could hear a little animal step,  
or a moth in the dark against the screen,  
and every far sound called the listening out  
into places where the rest of us had never been.

More spoke to him from the soft wild night  
than came to our porch for us on the wind;  
we would watch him look up and his face go keen  
till the walls of the world flared, widened.

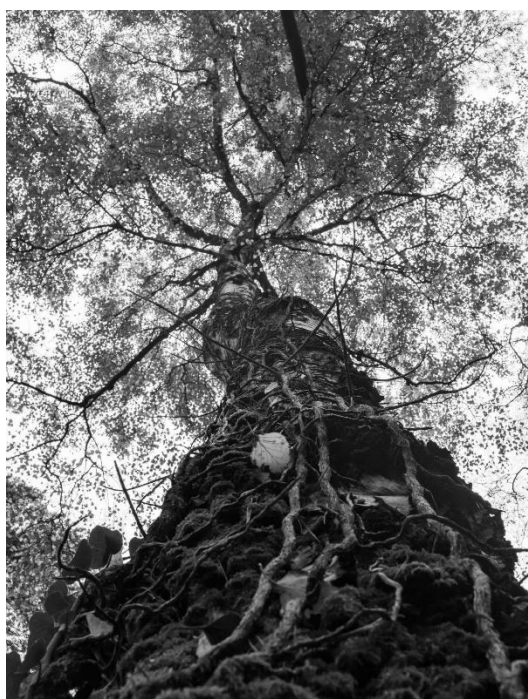
My father heard so much that we still stand  
inviting the quiet by turning the face,  
waiting for a time when something in the night  
will touch us too from that other place.

*William Stafford*

## Everything You See

Everything you see has its roots in the unseen  
world.  
The forms may change, yet the essence remains  
the same.  
Every wonderful sight will vanish, every sweet  
word  
will fade,  
But do not be disheartened,  
The source they come from is eternal, growing,  
Branching out, giving new life and new joy.  
Why do you weep?  
The source is within you  
And this whole world is springing up from it.

*Rumi*



## The Tomb of the Unknown Warrior

On the 11<sup>th</sup> November we will be remembering those who were lost in war. In our own Parish Church graveyard we have headstones of some who gave their lives in the conflicts. Many never had a grave for families to visit and grieve, however, they are all embraced and represented by one person, The Unknown Warrior.

At the west end of the nave of Westminster Abbey is this prominent grave and since the 11<sup>th</sup> of November 1920 visitors have paused to read the inscription and wonder who The Unknown Warrior might be. How did this one man come to represent all those who died?



This is the story of a clergyman from Kent. The year the First World War started, The Reverend David Railton was living in Folkestone and saw the young men destined for war flooding into the area.

By January 1916 David himself was on the Western Front, serving as a chaplain to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion of the Honourable Artillery Company, and saw that those who fought and died were, more often than not, buried in makeshift graves. His family remember him saying that one night, after a burial service, he went into a back garden for a moment's peace and saw a simple grave with a white wooden cross on which someone had written "an unknown British soldier". That started him thinking on who that person was and where he had come from. It worried David and he knew that it was causing pain and emptiness for those at home. Indeed, back home, there was an ever increasing need to honour the dead, many towns had suffered losing men and needed a focus for their grief.



In 1916 he saw the Battle of Jutland and the Battle of the Somme, the casualties were rapidly increasing and “war shrines” began to appear. Temporary, often elaborate, they would have rolls of honour and be sited at churches or town squares. There was a growing need to mark the sacrifice of so many young men. By the end of the First World War thousands upon thousands of young men had no known grave, even though they are remembered on memorials in Europe.

David Railton returned to Kent after the war and felt, with the nation, the great sense of loss. An idea he had been nurturing for some time became stronger, to find one fallen soldier, whose identity would never be traced, and bring him back to be buried with full honours in Westminster Abbey, he would represent The Fallen. The heart of the idea was that for anyone grieving, it could be their loved one.

The plan relied on the fact that the man chosen should never be able to be identified. A chaplain was appointed to go out with teams to bring back four bodies of British Forces soldiers from across the battlefields of the Somme, Aisne, Arras and Ypres. They were taken secretly to a place, checked that nothing could identify them, draped in Union Flags then Brigadier General Wyatt (general officer in command of British troops in France and Flanders and also Director of Graves, Registrations and Enquiries) chose one of the bodies by laying his hand on it. The other bodies were taken for burial and the chosen man then started the journey home.

Very early on the morning of 10<sup>th</sup> November 1920 his body was taken from the castle in Boulogne to HMS Verdun, piped aboard and laid on the Quarter Deck, guards posted with heads bowed. At Dover crowds waited, and he was carried ashore as a hero, to be taken by train to London.

In London David Railton was at the Abbey waiting, the flag he had used at the Front was covering the coffin as it had done for so many other men in the trenches. The procession made up of senior public figures led by The King paused for the unveiling of the newly built Cenotaph, all the things expected for a state funeral were in place for this ordinary man being brought to lay amongst Kings at Westminster Abbey. Hundreds of thousands of people crowded into the streets to catch a glimpse of the coffin and just as David had hoped, many were comforted that this could be their loved one.



The Reverend David Railton was an inspirational clergyman from Kent who could not and would not forget the men he left behind on the battlefields of the Western Front. He found a way to bring them all home.



**Elaine Bruce**

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## Common Sense

Either another anonymous Parishioner, or the same one as in September's, has put another article in the parish magazine, "On Rules and Principles" in October's issue. This one suggests something almost as worrying as the last: that we can't understand the bible.

The postmodernist, Derridan theory of language and meaning that the article proposes seems very similar to that of Lewis Carroll's Humpty Dumpty. Instead of Humpty Dumpty's words meaning exactly what *he* chooses them to mean when *he* uses them, in this version they mean exactly what *each of us* chooses them to mean when *we* hear them.

This thesis stands to blast any chance of anybody ever really meaning anything by what they say to smithereens, let alone what the bible says. Rather, anybody can simply choose what somebody else meant as they like it. Similarly, any governing rules and principles are subject to reinterpretation and constant moulding anew as a result of cultural changes and shifts in narratives.

This is a fantastic theory for postmodernist scholars, because it allows them to say absolutely anything whatsoever and still get paid for it. It's not so helpful for the rest of us. It's not even sensible on its own terms, because we can decide that it means something entirely different anyway. Neither can it stand as a principle, if it says that principles are never really one thing or another anyway.

I'd like to present a simpler theory of language and what the bible says that is certainly God's invention, but arguably a British discovery: *Common Sense*.

Words mean exactly what they do mean when anybody uses them. "Sausage" means sausage, "eggs" means eggs and "full English Breakfast" means the greatest dish on the planet. No decision that we make is going to change that, because though the words may be different in different languages, they're all used to talk about the same unchangeable, objective ideas.

In the same vein, there are some truths and principles that are just obviously the way things are: 1+1 is 2. Mum knows best. *Never put a Welsh cake in a toaster.*

No matter how high you fly with heady 20<sup>th</sup> century French postmodern philosophy, no deconstructivist reinterpretation of gravity will

stop you from coming crashing back down to the good old real world. Common sense is a great gift, because we've all got it, and it works even better the more we learn from experience and get wiser.

When hundreds (if not thousands) of ordinary people in 1<sup>st</sup> century Palestine claimed to have seen the risen Jesus with their own eyes, did they each somehow construct and then present a deep and complex symbolic narrative meant to touch on fundamental, nebulous spiritual features of human life, that apparently took decades to develop, in the space of a few minutes? Or did they just mean what they said – that they actually saw Jesus resurrected from the dead – which probably means he's God?

The Bible is so important because it clearly and simply gives us a simple and clear message: God gave up his only Son, Jesus Christ, to save us from sin and give us eternal life. It's good news. Let's give thanks that it's that simple – and that whatever happens – it's all going to be ok.

**James Woodhouse**

## A Question of Class

The Nawab of Pataudi was the only cricketer who played for both England and India. He played for England in the 1930's and after India gained independence in 1948 played for that Country. Under the Indian Independence Act those with head of State credentials were allowed to keep their titles until 1971. Thus, the Nawab's son of the same title was captain of India at 21 and was reckoned to be a very fine cricketer. In the days when cricket was a more or less an amateur sport cricketers had to have another way of earning money. So it was that a Captain of Australia, Ian Chappell, asked the Nawab innocently what he did for money. The Nawab replied 'Ian, I am a \*\*\*\*\* Prince'. Asked if the title had any advantages the Nawab replied 'Oh yes I arrived at Heathrow Airport and an immigration officer asked if there was anyone in England who could vouch for me and I cheerfully replied, Oh yes, Queen Elizabeth'. The immigration officer's response is not recorded.

**Tim Cripps**





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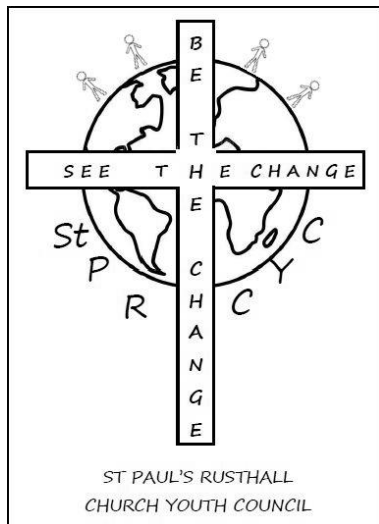
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## Scarecrows or are they???

Our October meeting was particularly lively with much laughter and a huge amount of fun. Once we had discussed our upcoming commitments namely Remembrance Service and our next 'cafe' stint, conveniently both on the same weekend, our focus turned to setting up the new 'Book and Puzzle Share' in The Lodge and creating our scarecrows for the Rusthall Scarecrow Festival. The theme was almost inevitably 'Beekeeping'. The girls were thrilled to be introduced to Doris (a mannequin who had been saved from the tip) and with great gusto and enormous creativity transformed her. We are, however, not convinced she will be safe from bees and can only hope they will be kind! In the meantime, the boys set to creating their scarecrows in the churchyard but could not resist the odd peep at Doris! These extraordinary creations will stand vigil opposite the church at the start of Happy Valley.

We are delighted and very excited to report that our 'Bees in The Churchyard' Honey completely sold out within three weeks. We sold 140 jars and are thrilled to hear how much our customers are enjoying it. We look forward to next year's harvest when we should be more experienced!

The Youth Council is busy, fun and flourishing. New members are always very welcome. We are also looking for enthusiastic and committed helpers. Please contact Angela (07779098026) or Jean ([stpauls.cyc@gmail.com](mailto:stpauls.cyc@gmail.com))

Next meetings:

Thursday 6th November. Remembrance with The Air Cadets

Thursday 4th December. The Samaritans

6 to 7.30pm in The Lodge. All children of secondary school age welcome.



## HOT PRESS!

Tragically we have to report Doris and her workers were maliciously torched during the night of Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> October. Police and forensics are investigating but the damage is done. The fire was clearly intensive as only ash was left and the mannequin melted. We are just hugely grateful that the fire did not spread further. Thanks must go to Jean Kerr and Chris who managed to salvage and re create two workers. RIP to the others.



## Autumn Fayre

### 15<sup>th</sup> November

The church's Autumn Fayre is rapidly approaching. It will take place at the church Centre on Saturday November 15<sup>th</sup> from 10 am - 2pm. To make it a success, a lot of help is needed.

Firstly, it is not too late to donate items to sell. The list of stalls includes cakes and savouries, hand crafted gifts, jams and pickles, books, chocolate and bathroom tombola's, the bottle stall, The Big Raffle, sweets in a jar and the Secrets Room (where young people can buy a present for their parents and friends and have it wrapped ready to give at Christmas). Donations can be left at the back of either church in the large boxes provided or bought to the Church Centre in the week beginning November 10<sup>th</sup>, during office hours. (Monday, Wednesday - Friday 10am - 1 pm).

Secondly, help is needed in the run-up to the Fayre, on the day and to clear away afterwards, ready for Sunday's Family Service. A team is needed to help get items out of the loft above the kitchen on Friday afternoon from 2pm. The hall and church will be available from 7pm on Friday evening for the setting up of stalls. Finally the building will be unlocked from 9am Saturday morning for the last preparations before the Fayre opens at 10am.

Thank you to all who have already volunteered to help but we can always use more helpers, especially on Saturday, the day of the Fayre, to allow everyone the chance to look around and spend their money, not just be stuck behind a stall all day.

If you can help at any time or you have heavy items that need collecting (NO BRIC A BRAC thank you) please contact me [Jeankerr@stpaulsrusthall.org.uk](mailto:Jeankerr@stpaulsrusthall.org.uk) or leave a message with Chris Dobson, May Graves or Helen Reynolds in the Parish Office.

Thank you

**Jean Kerr**

## Home Life in Old Testament Times

### Part 6

So far as shoes were concerned, the men would have worn a form of sandal on most occasions while very few of the women would have been able to afford even sandals, so going bare foot was not unusual. For headgear the men would have worn something which might be described as a 'stocking cap', but as time progressed turbans were quite normal. However, bearing in mind the heat, we can perhaps guess that some equivalent of the modern Bedouin keffiyeh was also used. This is a square of linen or wool, folded triangularly and fixed round the head with a cord. This protects not only the head, but also the cheeks and the neck.

Cloak, tunic, girdle, sandals and headdress completed the average Israelite's wardrobe. There was no form of nightshirt or nightdress. The Hebrew family stripped before going to sleep and then simply wrapped themselves in their outdoor cloaks.

It is reasonably certain that the average Israelite woman had a whole range of fairly cheap personal ornaments such as beads of semi precious stones, bone pendants, and bracelets, anklets and rings in both bronze and iron worn on her ears, fingers and nose.

In the case of hair, the men allowed their hair to grow long and thick. They also set great store by their beards which were regarded as a mark of manly dignity. This did not mean that there was no call for barbers because shaving off a beard was a sign of mourning and, as razors must have been very expensive, it is probably safe to assume that there was sufficient work for at least one or two barbers in every Israelite city. We don't really know a great deal about the hair styles of women. Some did have it long, but one or two tomb paintings suggests some had three or more rows of rather stiff curls across the forehead and fairly short locks at the side.

There was probably a good deal of over-lapping between the hair-dressing trade and the perfumer. There is little that the 21<sup>st</sup> century needs to learn about the use of hair-oil. For at least the better off, ointments, salves, oils and creams must have been almost as familiar and indeed a very necessary part of everyday life. Things don't really change much over the years. Workers certainly needed them as sunburn lotions and as a protection against flies and vermin. Apparently they learnt to tolerate lice, but flies they hated. Certainly, for those who had money to spend, the sweet spices and aromatic gums imported from Arabia were a

desirable defence against some of the rather more unpleasant smells of the time.

The Israelites knew little about sport such as we know it. In fact in the third and second centuries BC the athletic contests and gymnasia of the Greeks shocked the conservative Jews. However it is possible that the young men had wrestling matches which were known in Egypt.

Recreation was found in 'indoor' amusements such as feasting, music and dancing, which were, in fact, mainly enjoyed in the open air. From archaeological finds they did appear to take part in very simple dice and gaming boards. Their greatest pleasure appears to have been giving and receiving hospitality. Every possible excuse was taken for throwing a party – both for social and for religious occasions and, of course, they were a people who made little distinction between everyday life and religious life. Probably on arrival the feet of each guest would be washed and his head anointed with oil.

During Old Testament times all the great feasts were supposed to be held at the local sanctuary because all meat-eating was sacrificial in character. It is difficult to estimate how far this principle was disregarded, but it is evident that those who could best afford to eat meat would be the least likely to worry about its religious significance.

At an open-air feast the guests would sit on the ground round the mat which did duty as a table, and the meal would be taken picnic fashion. At more sophisticated banquets, held indoors, the food would be served on very low tables and the guests would sit on chairs or recline on couches.

The order of precedence among the guests was worked out with great deliberation and the chief persons of the feast were given the choicest – and often the largest – portions of food. At ordinary family parties men and women feasted together, but it would seem that the ladies were excluded from more formal gatherings.

With the wine-drinking – which is the literal meaning of the Hebrew for feasting – went music and dancing. The men and women danced separately in what must often have been an odd combination of exuberance, cabaret performance and religious ritual. No doubt, as today, the feasts ended nosily, with perhaps the older member of the party retiring to quiet corners to chat. The Hebrews were great raconteurs and their frequent comments on the wagging tongue show that they were not unaware of its dangers.

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## Activity Pages

St Andrew's Day is celebrated on the 30 November and he was a fisherman, so have a go at this fish related wordsearch. The words are written forwards, backwards, vertically, horizontally and diagonally. At the end you will be left with 12 unused letters. These will give you the name of a three lettered fish which is also called an Orfe and the name of a fish (two words) of nine letters which you might say has Kentish connections.

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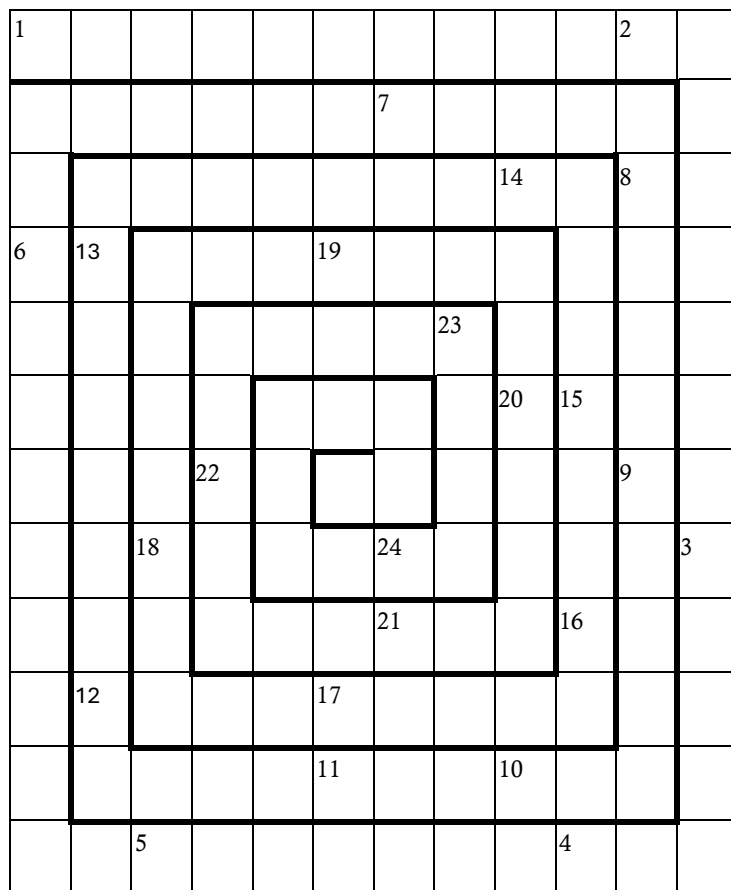
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 OYSTER  
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 RAINBOWTROUT  
 ROE  
 SHARK  
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 TUNA  
 WHELK

### Twenty Questions to Test You

1. In which country of the UK are The Mumbles
2. Who was Prime Minister from 1963 – 1964
3. Who was Popeye's girlfriend
4. Who officially opened the first Butlin's Holiday Camp in Skegness in 1936
5. Who was the Old Testament lover of Delilah
6. What is the national language of Pakistan
7. Where were the opening scenes of Chariots of Fire filmed
8. Where is the US gold stronghold
9. What name is given to the red rind Dutch cheese
10. Where is Mary Shelley – author of Frankenstein – buried
11. What is a Scottish raven called
12. For what type of postcard was the artist Donald McGill responsible for in the 1950s
13. What number is the Roman LXXX
14. What is tossed in Highland sport
15. What is the longest day in the year called
16. What name is given to the lion in The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe
17. What is Scotland's highest mountain
18. What is the official name for common salt
19. Damascus is the capital of which country
20. What is the traditional Scottish dish

This Crossword All about Saints is one where the last letter of an answer is the first letter of the next



#### Clues

1. This saint has a London hospital named after him
2. He 'looked out; in the words of a Christmas carol
3. First Christian martyr

4. This saint is connected to Santa Claus
5. Italian Christian hermit regarded as the foundress of the Benedictine Nuns
6. First Archbishop of Canterbury
7. King of East Anglia around 860AD
8. Patron saint of Wales
9. He was successively Abbot of Glastonbury, Bishop of Worcester and finally Archbishop of Canterbury
10. Little known saint connected with Eynesbury
11. The disciple who doubted
12. Bishop of Winchester who might be said to have weather connections
13. A Pharisee who came to Jesus by night
14. Known as the Patron Saint of the Romani people
15. Well known Bishop of Lincoln
16. She gave her name to a remote volcanic outpost in the South Atlantic ocean
17. Archbishop of Canterbury from 1093 – 1109AD
18. Sometime called the pearl of Scotland – wife of King Malcolm III
19. Lord High Chancellor of Great Britain in the reign of Henry VIII
20. The Greek Orthodox Cathedral in London is named after her
21. King of Wessex from 871 – 899 AD
22. Founded an order of Friars
23. Follower of St Francis of Assisi who founded an order of Poor Ladies
24. Mother of John the Baptist

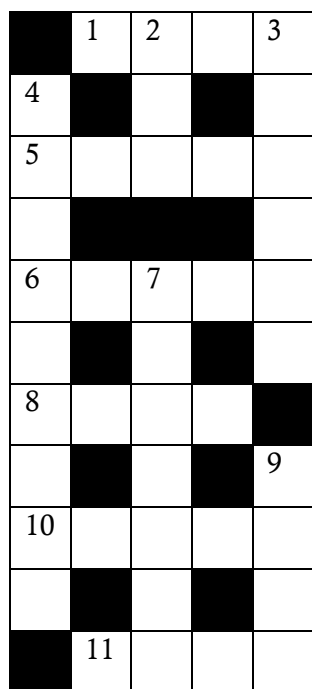
Answer the clues and the re-sort the third vertical column and you will get the name of an important day in November

|    |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |                                                               |
|----|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|---------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Known for the strength of his hair                            |
| 2  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Sister of Mary and Lazarus                                    |
| 3  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Disobeying God might call to mind a watery end                |
| 4  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | A Queen from here visited Solomon                             |
| 5  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Responsible for the 'Massare of the Innocents'                |
| 6  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Known today for the ancient 'Hanging Gardens'                 |
| 7  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | A Prophet – Priest who gave his name to an Old Testament book |
| 8  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Mother of Joseph                                              |
| 9  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Noted for saying 'Speak Lord for thy servant heareth'         |
| 10 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Child of Sarah and Abraham                                    |
| 11 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Third son of Adam and Eve                                     |

**Deduce the occupations** which existed in the time of Jesus. The Good News version has been used for the references.

- |   |                     |    |                      |    |                        |
|---|---------------------|----|----------------------|----|------------------------|
| 1 | Mark Chapter 4 v 3  | 6  | Luke Chapter 3 v 1   | 11 | Mark Chapter 12 v 28   |
| 2 | Luke Chapter 2 v 8  | 7  | Mark Chapter 2 v 14  | 12 | Luke Chapter 1 v 5     |
| 3 | Mark Chapter 1 v 16 | 8  | Luke Chapter 19 v 45 | 13 | Luke Chapter 4 v 23    |
| 4 | Luke Chapter 6 v 48 | 9  | Luke Chapter 7 v 2   | 14 | Luke Chapter 7 v 41    |
| 5 | Mark Chapter 6 v 3  | 10 | Luke Chapter 10 v 35 | 15 | Matthew Chapter 5 v 41 |

### Two Quick Crosswords to Try



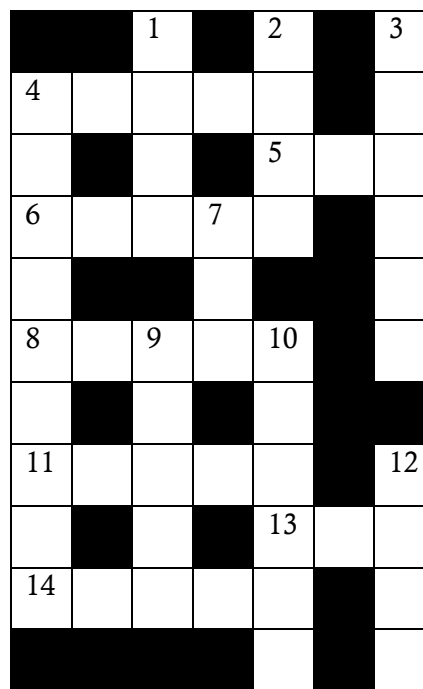
#### Crossword A

##### Clues Across

1. Front part of something
5. Den of badgers
6. Run away to get married
8. Mail
10. Difficult
11. Head of the chapter of a cathedral

##### Clues Down

2. Not in
3. Happens as a result
4. Someone who treats musculoskeletal disorders
7. Hidden meaning
9. Bone in the leg



#### Crossword B

##### Clues Across

4. Japanese poem of seventeen syllables
5. Spoil or disfigure
6. Might be ewe or ram
8. Appropriate or suitable
11. Adult stage of a winged insect
12. Placed on the floor in front of a door
13. Girl's name linked to Heather

##### Clues Down

1. US ten cent coin
2. Device using suction or pressure
3. Bad-tempered
4. An allergic body reaction to something like pollen
7. Slimy fish
9. Something which causes extreme sorrow
10. Guard at the Tower of London
12. Pack away neatly

## ANSWERS

### Word search

The 12 unused letters make up Ide and Dover Sole

### Twenty Questions to Test You

|    |             |    |                                  |    |                     |    |             |    |        |
|----|-------------|----|----------------------------------|----|---------------------|----|-------------|----|--------|
| 1  | Wales       | 2  | Sir Alec Douglas-Home            | 3  | Olive Oyl           | 4  | Amy Johnson | 5  | Samson |
| 6  | Urdu        | 7  | West Sands – St Andrews-Scotland | 8  | Fort Knox           | 9  | Edam        |    |        |
| 10 | Bournemouth | 11 | Cobie                            | 12 | Saucy Seaside Cards | 13 | Eighty      |    |        |
| 14 | Caber       | 15 | Summer Solstice                  | 16 | Aslam               | 17 | Ben Nevis   | 18 | Sodium |
|    | Chloride    | 19 | Syria                            | 20 | Haggis              |    |             |    |        |

### Crossword About Saints

|    |             |    |           |    |           |    |           |    |             |
|----|-------------|----|-----------|----|-----------|----|-----------|----|-------------|
| 1  | Bartholomew | 2  | Wenceslas | 3  | Stephen   | 4  | Nicholas  | 5  | Scholastica |
| 6  | Augustine   | 7  | Edmund    | 8  | David     | 9  | Dunstan   | 10 | Neot        |
| 11 | Thomas      | 12 | Swithun   | 13 | Nicodemus | 14 | Sarah     | 15 | Hugh        |
| 16 | Helena      | 17 | Anselm    | 18 | Margaret  | 19 | Thomas    | 20 | Sophia      |
| 21 | Alfred      | 22 | Dominic   | 23 | Clare     | 24 | Elizabeth |    |             |

### An important day in November

|   |         |   |        |   |        |    |       |    |       |   |         |
|---|---------|---|--------|---|--------|----|-------|----|-------|---|---------|
| 1 | Samson  | 2 | Martha | 3 | Jonah  | 4  | Sheba | 5  | Herod | 6 | Babylon |
| 7 | Ezekiel | 8 | Rachel | 9 | Samuel | 10 | Isaac | 11 | Seth  |   |         |

The word in the third vertical column is Remembrance

Occupations which existed in the time of Jesus

|    |           |    |                          |    |               |    |                 |
|----|-----------|----|--------------------------|----|---------------|----|-----------------|
| 1  | Farmer    | 2  | Shepherd                 | 3  | Fisherman     | 4  | Builder         |
| 5  | Carpenter | 6  | Ruler/Governor           | 7  | Tax Collector | 8  | Merchant/Trader |
| 9  | Servant   | 10 | Inn Keeper               | 11 | Teacher       | 12 | Priest          |
| 13 | Doctor    | 14 | Pawn Broker/Money Lender | 15 | Soldier       |    |                 |

### Quick Crosswords

#### Crossword A

##### Across

1 Fore 5 Setts 6 Elope 8 Post 10 Tough 11 Dean

##### Down

2 Out 3 Ensues 4 Osteopath 7 Obscure 9 Shin

#### Crossword B

##### Across

4 Haiku 5 Mar 6 Sheep 8 Aptly 11 Imago 13 Mat 14 Erica

##### Down

1 Dime 2 Pump 3 Virago 4 Histamine 7 Eel 9 Tragic 10 Yeoman  
12 Stow

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## The Gunpowder Plot

On 5<sup>th</sup> November we ‘Remember, remember’ Guy Fawkes and the Gunpowder plot of 1605. Poor Guy doesn’t really deserve such revilement as the leader of the plot was actually Robert Catesby. However, Catesby was killed during an attempt to arrest him, while Guy was caught red handed with the gunpowder in the cellars of the Houses of Parliament. He was the one tortured until he admitted his guilt and the only conspirator brought to trial, but although sentenced to be hung, drawn and quartered he apparently managed to ensure that his neck was broken while being hung, so that it was his already dead body that suffered the drawing and quartering. The prettier use of gunpowder to produce fireworks seemed a good way of celebrating this unsuccessful plot but recently lasers and drones have been used instead, which is surely a kinder way of celebrating for the many wild and domestic animals scared by the loud bangs.

### Deborah Bruce

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