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Services for November 2022.

Come and join us at one of our services this month.

Holy Communion: A communion service with all-age features.
Family & Friends: An all age service full of fun activities.
Morning Praise: A service celebrating your favourite hymns.
BCP Evensong & Matins: Traditional services from the Book of Common Prayer.

	Farmborough	Marksbury	Stanton Prior
6th Nov.	**11.00am* Holy Communion**	**No Service**	**9.30am Morning Praise**
13th Nov. Remembrance Sunday	**start 10.50am* Remembrance Family & Friends** **6.30pm BCP Evensong**	**10.50am Remembrance**	**No Service**
20th Nov. Christ the King	**11.00am* Matins**	**No Service**	**9.30am Holy Communion**
27th Oct. Advent 1	**11.00am* Holy Communion**	**9.30am Morning Praise**	**No Service**

*** coffee is available from 10.30am for 11am service but will follow Remembrance service.**

Intercessions

Farmborough

6th Nov.: Chris Lovell.
13th Nov.: Tom Cook.
20th Nov.: Ann Swabey.
27th Nov.: Liz Ladd.

Readers

Farmborough

Chris Lovell, Becky Martin-Scott.
am Nicky/Charlie Stone.
Evensong Barbara Chard, Jan Jones.
Liz Ladd, Tom Cook.
Lisa/Kate Hegan, Ann Swabey.

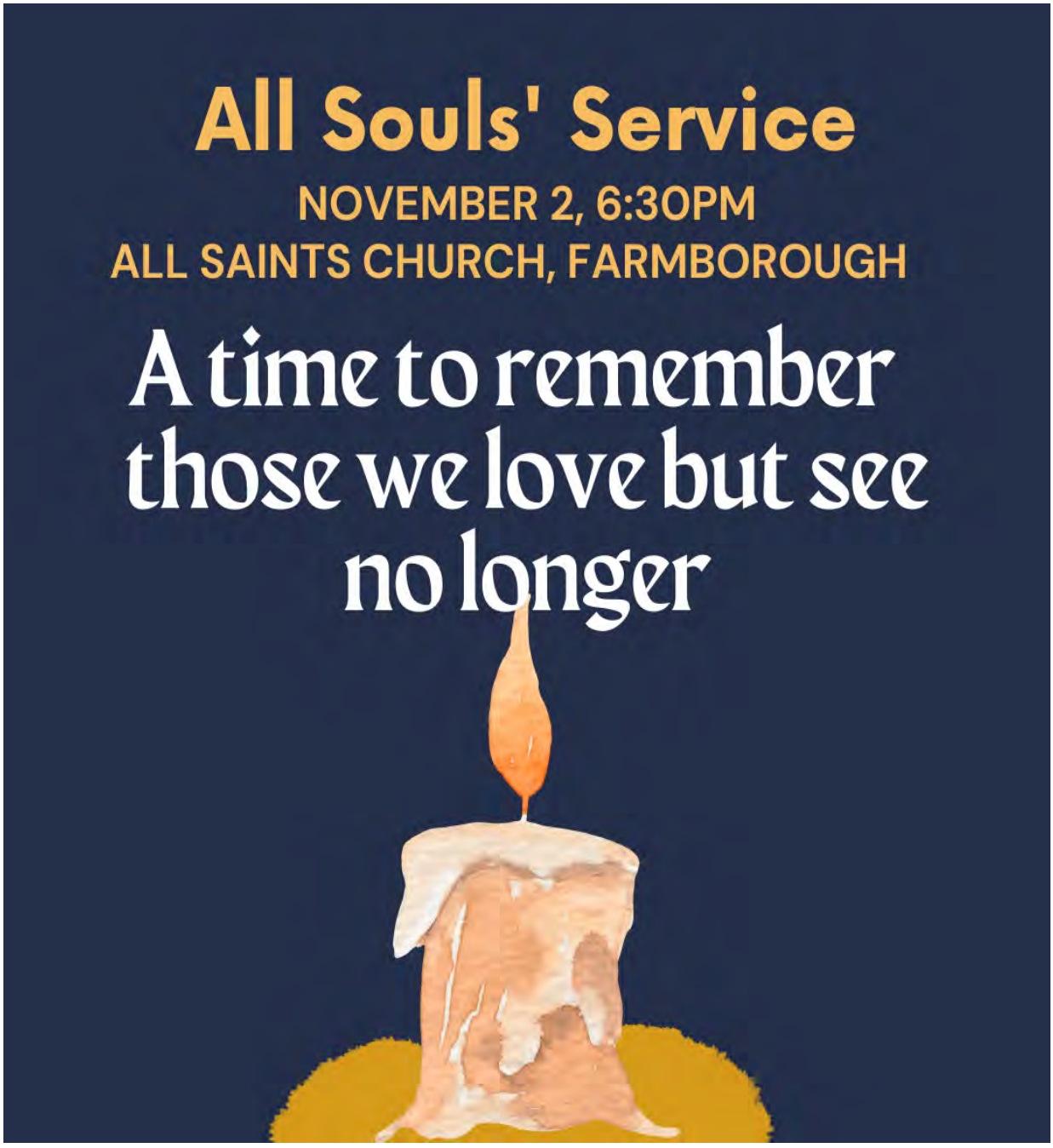
We are looking for volunteers to lead intercessions and deliver readings at our other churches. If you are interested, please contact or speak to Revd. Guy. Training will be provided.

All Churches are open each day for Private Prayer



Thank you to Janet Clayton & Jean Lloyd who arranged the flowers for services during October & a particular thanks to all involved in making Farmborough church so attractive for Harvest.

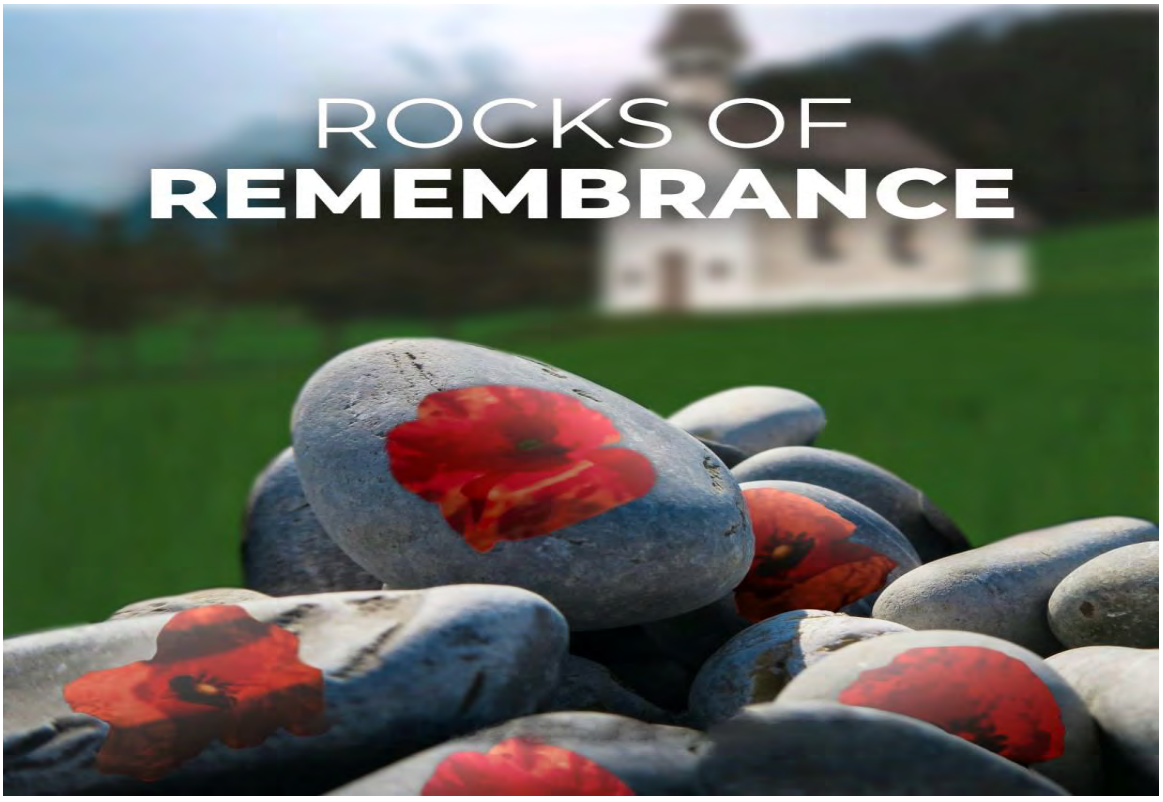
During November there are services as always everyone is welcome…
On November 2nd at 6.30pm..



Please do join this service when there will a time of quiet reflection to remember those still very much on our thoughts.

Remembrance services will be held on November 13th at 10.50am at All Saints Church, Farmborough & St Peters, Marksbury
All welcome, there will be a quiet time for reflection before the service starts.

If you cannot come but would like to mark remembrance day in any of the villages of this Benefice then we invite you to join in with our "Rocks of Remembrance".



To join in, just find a rock (there will be some available in our churchyards), then paint or use a sharpie pen to put a poppy on one side and then on the other side write the name of an active or former serviceperson or country in the midst of conflict that you would like to remember.
Then place the rock in the designated place in the churchyard during the week leading up to Remembrance day.
On Remembrance Day Revd Guy will pray for all those mentioned on the rocks.

Welcome to November's edition of Trio..

What's On..

EVENTS in the Benefice…



Farmborough 'Tuesday Teas' each week between **2.30pm & 4pm**, all welcome for a chat over a cuppa in Church.

MARKSBURY…

The next coffee morning is at 10.30am on Saturday 19th November,



Look out for all sorts of Christmas ideas, as well as coffee and a chance to meet with neighbours.

The team is Sally & John Muggleton, Sally Collins, Gill, Judy and Karen.

Please note the date for December: The coffee morning will be on the second Saturday, 10th December – plus the chance to make a Christingle for the Carol service on the 11th.



Thursday Teas are on November 10th in Marksbury Church at 2.30pm, with entertainment from a class from the school – a chance to get to know both children and parents – all are welcome.

Note the following date.. December 8th

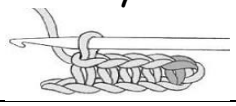
This month more bloopers, announcements and some 'smile lines!'

GOD BLESS

A little girl saying her prayers: "God bless Mummy, God bless Daddy, God bless my brother Tommy, God bless Granny – and God look after Yourself, 'cos if anything happens to You, we've had it!"

Activities in our halls during November.



Marksbury Arts & Crafts	Crafties. Enjoy an evening with like-minded people.	Nov. 2nd .	8pm – 10pm
Marksbury Just Sing!	Choir Jam. Sing for fun!	Nov. 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd & 29th.	8pm – 10pm
Marksbury 	Crochet Group	Nov. 9th & 23rd.	8pm – 10pm
Farmborough CAMEO	Cameo – usually a talk followed by a chat & coffee.	Nov. 1st.	7.30pm – 9.30pm
Farmborough 	Floral Art.	Nov. 14th.	7.30pm – 9.30pm
Farmborough 	Whist. Enjoy a game with others.	Nov. 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd & 30th.	7.30pm – 9.30pm
Farmborough 	Goodwill Club. Entertainment followed by tea & cake.	Nov. 10th & 24th.	2.30pm – 4.00pm
Farmborough SHARE Repair	Share & Repair Café A place to bring items, from electrical to sewing, for repair so reducing waste.	Nov. 12th.	10am – 12.30pm
Farmborough 	Bingo. Try your luck & have a cuppa as well!	Nov. 26th.	2.30pm – 4.00pm

There are also fitness/sport-related or children/youth activities, details on hall websites

http://www.farmboroughmemorialhall.org.uk/

https://marksburyvillage.wixsite.com/hall

Dates for your Diaries...

Saturday 29th October

Farmborough Church



Gift Day &

Coffee Morning



Saturday 29th October 10.30 – 12.00

HOMEMADE BREAD CAKES
PRESERVES RAFFLE

Drop in your gift day envelope
- stay awhile.

Mondays 31st October, 7th, 14th 21st & 28th November

All Saints, note venue Farmborough Hall, are offering a warm place to meet people & enjoy a hot soup lunch between 12noon & 2pm, please do come, we'd love to see you.



More information or for transport contact the Rector
Guy Martin-Scott revdguy@gmail.com 01761 754597

Saturday 5th November



WANNA DO

When I was young my parents told me what to do.
Now I am old, my children tell me what to do.
When will I be able to do what I want to do?

Saturday 26th November

Chew Valley Choral Society

Our autumn concert includes a beautiful selection of music including
Haydn, St Nicholas Mass
Pergolesi, Magnificat
Vaughan Williams, Three Elizabethan Part Songs
and music by Bach, Buxtehude and Monteverdi

Saturday 26 November at 7.30pm
St Andrew's Church, Chew Magna, BS40 8PW

Tickets: £15 (£6 for children and students)
Available through our website or on the door
www.chewvalleychoral.org.uk



...love the new notice board, Vicar...
...just not quite so sure about the wording...

Saturday 3rd December

Eco – Christmas Wreath Workshop

Farmborough Church

Saturday 3rd December 2.00pm



£28 - to include materials and refreshments

To reserve a place contact Catherine Taylor
01761 750840 catherinejanettaylor@hotmail.co.uk

WHAT HAPPENS THEN?

A little boy was taken Christmas shopping by his mother. He watched the escalator going down for several minutes, and then asked with concern:
"What happens when the ground floor gets full of steps?"

Saturday 3rd December

"Whisky Tasting" - Saturday 3rd December - Whisky Tasting Event featuring whiskies from across the different regions of Scotland with complimentary cheese board at Stanton Prior village hall. Tickets £20 available from Revd Guy (revdguy@gmail.com or 01761 754597)

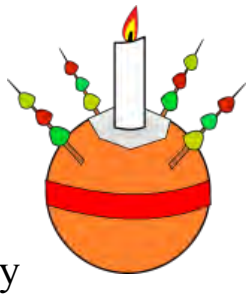


BARGAIN WITH GOD

A man was driving down the street worried because he had an important meeting and couldn't find a parking place. Looking up toward heaven, he prayed in desperation: "Lord, take pity on me. If you find me a parking place, I will go to church every Sunday for the rest of my life and give up whisky."

Miraculously, a moment later a parking place appeared.
He looked up again and said, "Never mind. I found one."

Sunday 11th December



This year's *Carol and Christingle service* will be on Sunday 11th December at 4pm in St Peter's Church, with the Marksbury Melody Makers brass band!



We look forward to having our very own band back again after all the Covid restrictions, thanks to Gary and Amanda, and all the players.

DON'T FORGET…



Finally, a reminder about postage stamps. Did you know that the first and second class stamps we've been used to for so long are being phased out, and won't be accepted after 31st January 2023?

The new larger stamps with barcodes will be the only valid ones, (although old special pictorial and Christmas stamps may still be used). So use up your old ordinary stamps, or exchange them through the Royal Mail Swap Out scheme.

LIFE AND DEATH

The vicar was preaching a powerful sermon concerning death and judgment.

In the course of the sermon, he said: "Just think – all of you living in this parish will one day die."

At this, a man in the front pew began to laugh quietly.

After the service the vicar demanded sternly what he had found so funny about his sermon.

The man replied: "I was just happy that I don't live in this parish!"

Letter & Reports



November is the month of remembering. From "Remember, remember, the 5th of November; gunpowder, treason, and plot" to the more poignant Remembrance Day you'd be hard pushed to forget these annual events.

We remember the gunpowder plot as a celebration of democracy, that although we might not always like what the government does, we value every person's right to vote for who represents them in the big decisions of our day. On Remembrance Day we remember why people gave their lives in two world wars and still give their lives today celebrating their courage and determination in the face of conflict. I think one of the reasons why we remember and celebrate these events is because they remind us that there are things more important than ourselves - democracy, justice, peace.

As I've been reflecting on remembering, I have asked myself "What's important for Christians to remember?" and I came to a similar reason as to why we remember bonfire night and Remembrance Day: it's important for Christians to remember to look beyond themselves. Christ was always seeking out others, putting the needs of others before himself, even dying for us. Christians are called to be imitators of Christ (Eph. 5.1-2) and those who share the gospel (Mt. 28.19-20) - I think the two go hand in hand. As we go through this month of remembering let us each remember to look beyond ourselves to the needs of others and to God who will give us the strength to do so. Amen.

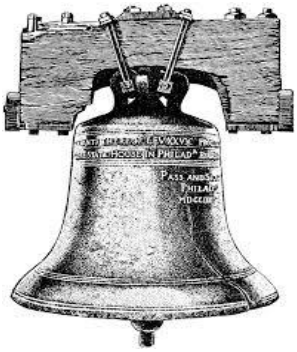
Revd Guy

QUOTES.. WITH WAR AND REMEMBRANCE IN MIND...

More than an end to war, we want an end to the beginnings of all wars. - Franklin D Roosevelt.

The true soldier fights not because he hates what is in front of him, but because he loves what is behind him. - G.K. Chesterton

THE BELFRY BULLETIN



TWO successful practices were held in October with Corston and Newton St Loe ringers, the first to be held at All Saints' since the 2019 lockdown and hopefully, the first of many. Wouldn't it be lovely to restore the monthly, Sunday afternoon, quarter peals, too? Well, I'm working on that one!

It was with great sadness we heard of the untimely death of Corston ringer, Debbie Parfrey. Debbie was a kind, unassuming and generous person who rang at All Saints' on many occasions. Those of us who had the pleasure of knowing and ringing with Debbie will miss her very much. We continue to hold husband, David, and daughters, Helena and Philipa, all bell ringers, in our thoughts and prayers at this sad time.

Few Parishioners would have known, or dare I say, remember, David Marshall, who was Rector at Farmborough from 1949 to 1972. Christopher, the eldest son in the Marshall family, also entered the ministry; he served his curacies at Leatherhead and Crewkerne before becoming Vicar at Long Sutton and finally Rector at St Andrew's, Wiveliscombe, an incumbency he held until his retirement. He also received a Prebend.

Chris learnt to ring at Farmborough and as an accomplished bell ringer and former Ringing Master of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association of Church Bell Ringers, celebrated his 90th birthday on October 6 when, seven of his bell ringing friends together with son, David, rang a quarter peal of Grandsire Doubles and Triples (30 changes of Doubles with bells 6,7 and 8 covering and 1260 of Triples) at St Michael's Church, Milverton. Congratulations Chris on being 90 years young and thank you for many years of service to the church and bell ringing.

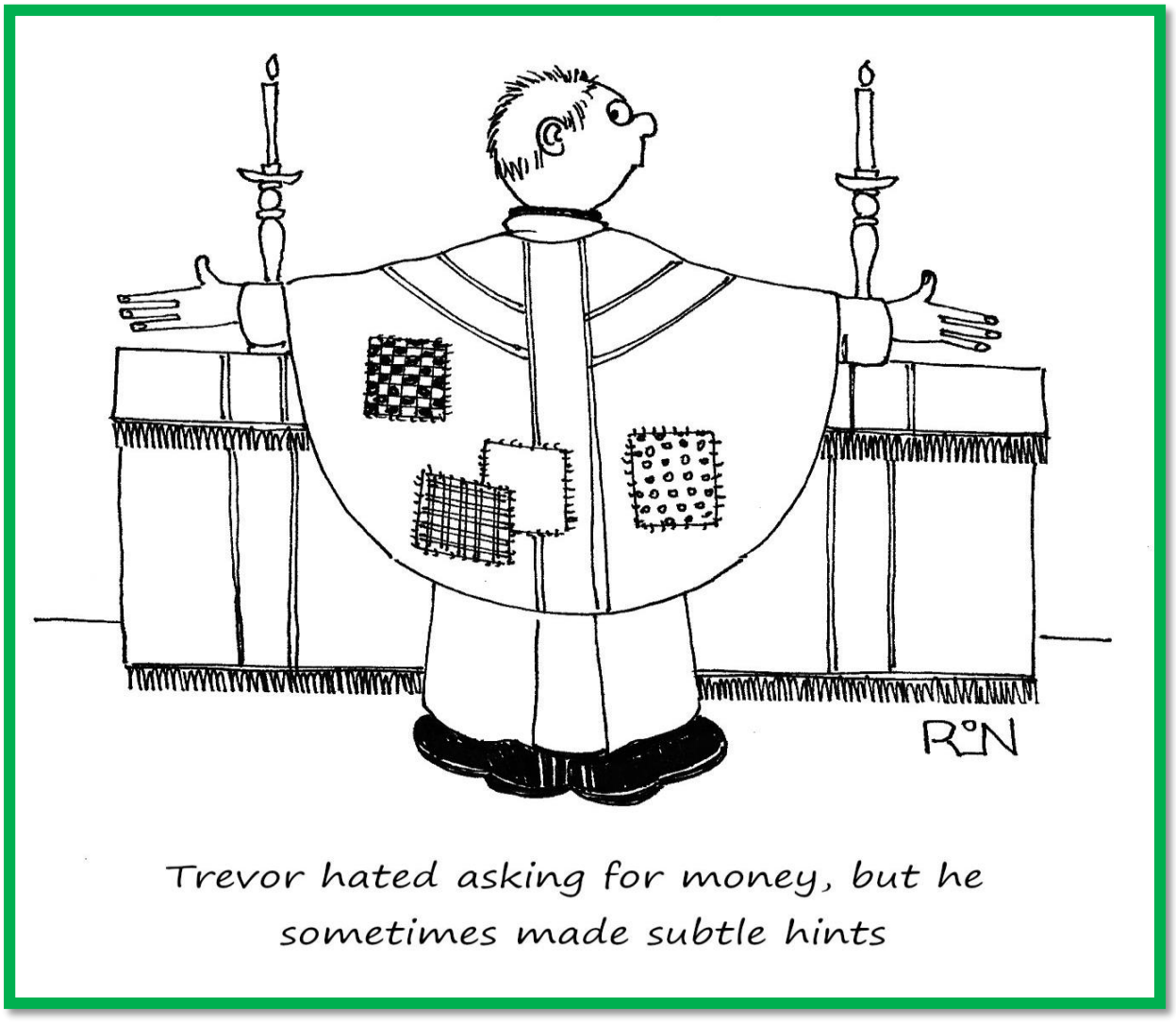
Patrick Bridges. ***Tower Captain***

QUIET

A Sunday School teacher asked her children: "And why is it necessary to be quiet in church?"
One little girl replied helpfully: "Because people are sleeping."

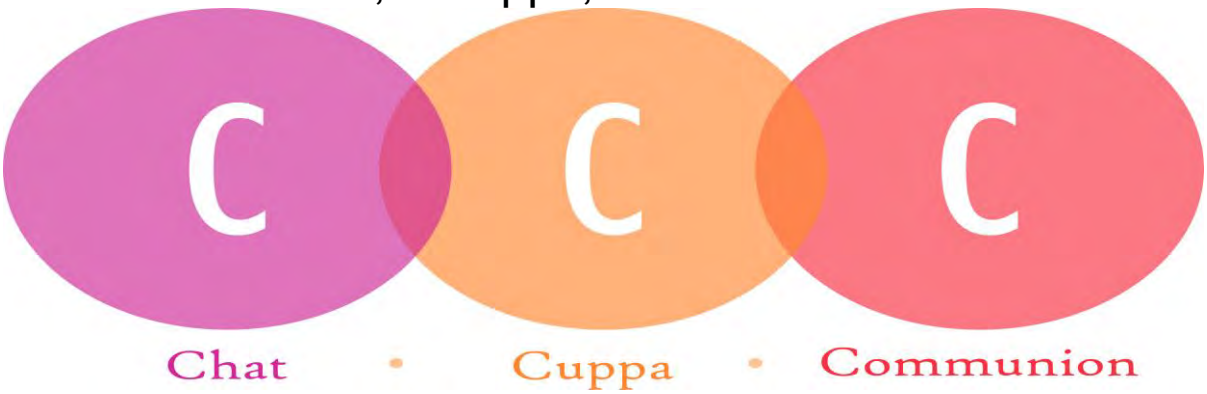
FLAG DAYS FOR NOVEMBER 2022

1st	All Saints' Day
2nd	All Souls' Day
11th	Armistice Day
13th	Remembrance Sunday
14th	King Charles III born 1948
21st	Christ the King
27th	Advent Sunday
30th	Andrew – Apostle and Patron Saint of Scotland



CHURCH NEWS...

Three C – A Chat, a Cuppa, Communion.



Although the worst of the pandemic is over and life is returning to what it once was I am aware that there are many in our communities who are remain isolated or lonely unable to come to social events or church services.

This may be because they are particularly vulnerable to COVID-19 or perhaps it is because the social activity they used to attend has now closed.

Whatever the reason, if you wish for some company over a cuppa or a service of home communion brought to you in the comfort of your house then please do contact me, I would love to visit you. Call me on 01761 754597 or email revdguy@gmail.com.

– Revd Guy

Enquiries

about baptism, confirmation and weddings contact Revd. Guy



and

if you have new neighbours also contact Revd. Guy so they can receive a copy of Trio & a 'hello' from the Church family.



CHRISTMAS CAKES 2022

Gill Hurley is happy to make cakes to order again this year in aid of Marksbury Church.
All cakes fully iced and decorated
gluten and/or dairy free versions if required



3" £6
6" £13
8" £21

Please send orders **by December 4th** to Gill Hurley 07779315519,
leaving your name and contact number,

Thank you.....



To those who supported the Farmborough Eco Fair **held** on **Saturday 1st October**

The informative displays & practical demonstrations linked to looking after our environment gave us ideas of ways to take actions further in the future. Chris Lovell.

Thank you to all who supported Marksbury October 15th coffee morning, when we raised **£179**



Thursday Teas

It was delightful to welcome Puddle class and many families and friends in October. The talented reception children entertained us with a song and their artwork. JH

Remember...

North East Somerset & Bath Methodist Circuit
Area Minister: Revd. David Winstanley Tel: 01761 439 934
40 North Meadows, Peasedown St.John, Bath BA2 8PS
Information if required at present can be obtained from
Revd.David Winstanley via e-mail:- dwin64@hotmail.com

Thank you… from Farmborough Memorial Hall Committee & dates for 2023!!…

The Craft & Gift Fayre supporting Farmborough Hall & RUH on October 15th run by Farmborough Hall Committee was another success.
As Anita Eatherden[organiser] said 'the support was brilliant which the stall holders really appreciate, we made **£971.50** for Hall funds which will help towards replacing stage curtain tracks & the backdrops, we also made **£200** on the cake stall for the RUH.
We would like to thank all those who donated cakes & other goodies, the generosity of supporters was fantastic & particular thanks goes those residents who are not on the Hall Committee but were very much involved in the running of the day'.

2023 events..

January 28th Quiz & hot supper is back, more details next issue, start getting your team!

October 21st the Christmas Craft & Gift Fayre.

Sally Davis [Chairman of Hall cmt]

Marksbury Prayer Diary.



Prayers in November: We pray for the whole village, with special emphasis on the area from the Green, down the hill to the Vale, and around the school.

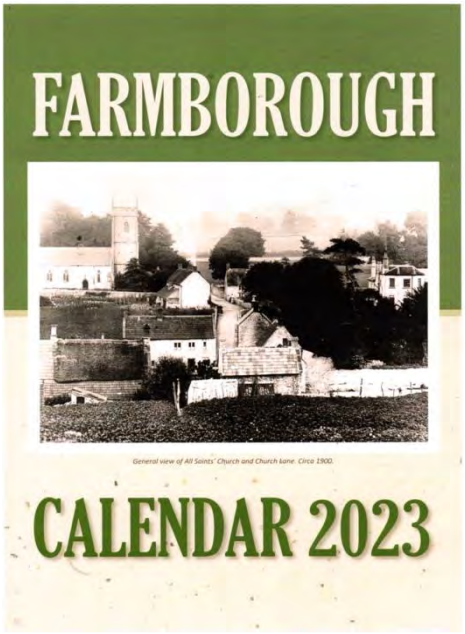
If anyone has a particular need for prayer (which will be treated confidentially), please contact Revd Guy (754597) or Judith (470317).

WHERE?

A rather long-winded preacher was dealing with the Old Testament prophets, one by one.
"And now," he propounded, "we reach Isaiah. Where shall I put Isaiah?"
At that, a little man in the front row stood up. "He can have my seat. I am going home!"

Farmborough's iconic 2023 calendar is available NOW!

This unique wall calendar is on sale and may be ordered direct from Patrick Bridges or purchased at the Community Shop.



Printed on uncoated card with a 350gm cover and backboard, each calendar contains historic pictures of the village dating from 1900 with a month to view grid. Priced at £6, they're an absolute bargain.

To order your copy of this iconic A4 document, contact Patrick at 79 Church Lane or call him on 01761 471074, mobile 0797 5655 989, email p.bridges104@btinternet.com or send a text.
When placing your order, please remember to leave your name, address and contact telephone number.

Order your copy today, you won't be disappointed but hurry, availability is limited.

BIBLE STORY

The minister called all the children up to the front for the weekly Bible story. She said, "The man named Lot was warned to take his wife and flee out of the city, but his wife looked back and was turned to salt."

Very concerned, one youngster asked, "What happened to the flea?"

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https://www.farmboroughchurchprimary.org.uk/
https://www.marksburyschool.org.uk/



The Christian Value focus this term is

THANKFULNESS

Marksbury school joined Thursday Teas in October at church, it was Puddle's turn to meet up with their parents, carers and members of the school community. The children sang and very proudly shared their work. They had been exploring paint and created some autumn pictures.
School would like to thank Judith for the scrummy treats and everyone for making us feel so welcome. It is easy to forget how much our new reception children have achieved this term!



WIFE

A Sunday School teacher was teaching how God created everything, including human beings. One little boy seemed especially intent when she explained how Eve was created out of one of Adam's ribs.
Later in the week his mother noticed him lying down as though he were ill.
The little boy explained worriedly: "I have a pain in my side. I think I'm going to have a wife."

At Farmborough Year 6 had a fantastic time away on their annual residential at The Beacon outdoor activity centre on Exmoor near Lynton. They took part in a lot of great activities including archery, climbing, crate stacking, team challenges and a thrilling zip wire across a valley. They also got to spend time in the Valley of Rocks, Lynton and Lynmouth, which included a trip on the cliff railway and shopping for souvenirs. All of the children did extremely well at not just participating in the activities, but also in being away from home and having to be more independent. A lot of valuable life skills were learnt and a great deal of fun had as well.

Mr Roberts congratulated everyone for creating so many memorable moments and thanked Miss Newton, Mrs Hobbs, Mrs Pope and Miss Cahalan for their hard work in leading and looking after them all so tirelessly.



QUOTES
WITH OUR CHRISTIAN PILGRIMAGE IN MIND...

Sometimes people think of church as being like a giant helicopter. They don't want to get too close in case they get sucked into the rotas. - *Milton Jones*

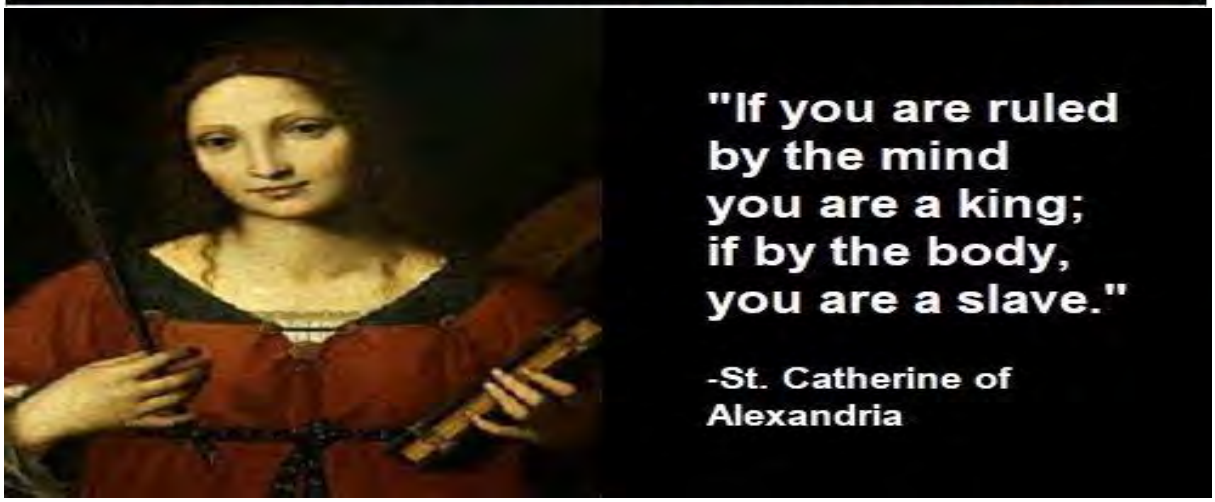
For every step you take towards God, God takes two steps toward you; and if you come to God walking, God comes to you running. - *James Martin*

There are only two ways to live your life. One is as though nothing is a miracle. The other is as though everything is a miracle. - *Albert Einstein*

For all the Saints



Spotlighting a brave life this month



It is fitting that the feast day of **Saint Catherine** is in November. Most of us know that the Catherine wheel firework was named after the fourth century martyr, Catherine, who was tortured on a wheel. she was both a princess and a noted scholar who became a Christian around the age of 14, converted hundreds of people to Christianity and was martyred around the age of eighteen. According to tradition, Catherine protested against the persecution of Christians by the emperor Maxentius. Maxentius brought in 50 philosophers to convince her of the errors of Christianity. After prolonged debate some of these philosophers were converted by Catherine, but all were killed because of their failure to silence her. Catherine even refused a proposal of marriage from the emperor himself and consequently was thrown into gaol. She then converted many fellow prisoners and gaolers. Maxentius was furious and ordered her to be tied to a spiked wheel. The wheel broke and Catherine was subsequently beheaded. She is venerated by Christians across the world and through history.

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Around the Diocese

The Manna magazine which includes the Bishop's letter is available using the following link…

https://www.bathandwells.org.uk/content/pages/documents/manna-a5-nov-2022-spreads.pdf



Interview: We heat, you eat

The Benefice of Street, Walton and Compton Dundon is one of the churches living out Bishop Michael's charge, offering a warm space and food to those in need. Rector Ana Lawrence explains.

How did 'We heat, you eat' come about?
We wanted to respond practically to the 'cost of living crisis' in our local community. 'We heat, you eat' is a great way of using our building to do just this.

What are you offering?
Every Saturday, from 11am to 3pm, we can offer a warm and comfortable building, free wifi and parking, disabled access and easy pedestrian routes from the centre of Street. There are comfy chairs and the space to spend time either chatting, playing games or simply find a quiet corner to work or do homework.

What about the food?
Will also be offering a simple hot meal, with guests invited to pay what they can as a donation to cover costs, but there will be no obligation to pay.

Who is it for?
The invitation is open to everyone, not just those who go to church regularly. People can come as often as they want and are welcome to stay for as long they like; they can pop in for half an hour, or the whole afternoon if they wish.

How do you see 'We heat, you eat' developing?
In the future we hope to be able to offer other things our guests need and want including possibly craft activities or a Saturday film.
Many churches are opening their doors for those struggling with their heating bills. Find out more at bathandwells.org.uk/warm-spaces.

News in brief.

Learning lessons of the past



The Church of England has published the findings of the national safeguarding Past Cases Review 2 (PCR2). The Diocese of Bath and Wells, along with dioceses across the country, has shared a summary of its report. Bath and Wells has already started to action the recommendations in the report submitted by its independent reviewers and continues to strive to be a safer church for all.

Church volunteers transform charity garden



Volunteers from St Francis' Church, Keynsham spent a day refurbishing the overgrown RICE Centre garden, to make it a more spacious and attractive relaxation space for patients, families and staff to enjoy. Local charity RICE (the Research Institute for the Care of Older People) has been providing support for the past six years to a member of St Francis' Church who has dementia.

Follow the Star this Christmas

The Church of England's 'Follow the Star – The Great Invitation' campaign for Christmas 2022 encourages all our churches and all our churchgoers to invite their neighbours and their communities to an in person gathering this Christmastime where they can hear the Christmas story and be welcomed into the love of Jesus.

There are resources for churches to use where they are, and also 12 daily reflections, available to access in a range of ways, from Christmas Eve.

Find out more at churchofengland.org/advent-and-christmas-resources

Adlestrop

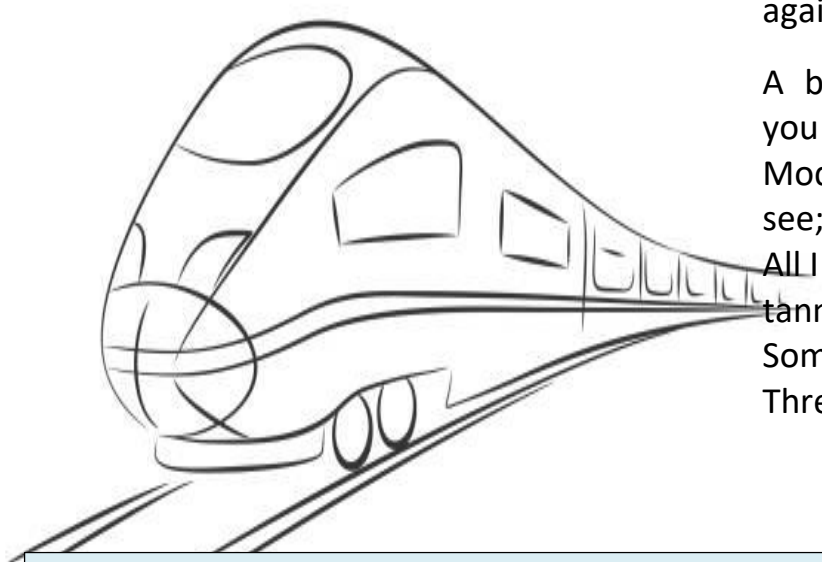
by Edward Thomas

Yes, I remember Adlestrop -
The name, because one afternoon
Of heat the express-train drew up there
Unwontedly. It was late June.

The steam hissed. Someone cleared his throat.
No one left and no one came
On the bare platform. What I saw
Was Adlestrop - only the name.

And willows, willow-herb, and grass,
And meadow-sweet, and haycocks dry,
No whit less still and lonely fair
Than the high cloudlets in the sky.

And for that minute a blackbird sang
Close by, and round him, mistier,
Farther and farther, all the birds
Of Oxfordshire and Gloucestershire.



Aldewhat?

by Tiresias (Roger Green)

Adlestrop? I don't remember the name.
When high speed trains make unscheduled halts
It's such a bore. They spend millions of pounds
And still can't stop them developing faults.

It was hot, you say? I've no idea -
Rolling stock's air-conditioned these days,
And the weather always seems threatening
Through tinted glass and double glaze.

Haycocks and meadowsweet? I wouldn't know.
I've never looked outside the train,
Just drank canned beer from a plastic cup
Until the damned thing started again.

A blackbird sang? Look, where've you been?
Modern coaches are sound-proof see;
All I could hear was the guard on the tannoy
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4	5	7	1	9	3	2	8	6
8	3	2	4	6	5	1	7	9
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5	1	8	9	3	2	6	4	7
7	4	3	6	5	1	9	2	8

Easy Sudoku

2	3	8	5	7	9	6	4	1
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4	6	1	9	5	7	8	3	2
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7	2	5	8	6	3	9	1	4

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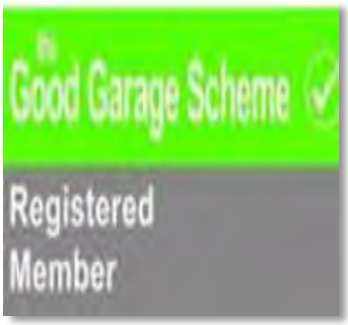
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