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Hanham Methodist Church



In
Memory
of Those
Who
Died

*Blessed are those
who mourn,
for they shall be
comforted.*

Matthew 5:4

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We welcome all people to our church; you don't need to be a member to attend our worship.

Worship at Hanham Methodist Church

Worship at Hanham is traditional Methodist, in an informal and welcoming style. Hymn singing is led by our traditional pipe organ and we have a loop system for those who are hard of hearing. Notices, Service Sheets and the Church Magazine are all available in larger print and Services on CD are available for the housebound.

Everyone will be most welcome at any of our services.

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Word from the Minister

Dear Friends

Jesus said 'Nation will rise against nation and kingdom against kingdom' (Luke 21 v 10).

As we approach Remembrance Sunday which this year will fall on the 11th November itself I am reminded that it was said of the First World War that it would be the war to end all wars. Then I reflect on the above words of Jesus which sadly ring true and the fact that humanity always seems to have been at war in one way or the other and that since the end of the Second World War officially only one year has passed when a British serviceman or woman has not been killed in action. I remember being struck by this when I visited the National Memorial Arboretum in Staffordshire two years ago. I was once also deeply moved on a visit to New Zealand in 2005 when I came across an epitaph to six navy sailors who perished in 1845 which read:

*The warlike of the Isles
The men of field and wave
Are not the rocks their funeral piles?
The seas and shores their grave!*

*Go, stranger, track the deep,
Free, free, the white sails spread
Wave may not foam or wild wind sweep
Where rest not England's dead*

If only humanity could learn the futility of war and that in the words of President John F. Kennedy 'we all inhabit the same planet, breathe the same air and cherish our children's future'. We are all God's children! I also

recognize the supreme sacrifice of those who have laid down their lives for their friends and for their country and believe that they should never be forgotten. As I write this article two more deaths have been announced of serving forces in Afghanistan, a commando and a medic both in their twenties. When I think of this tragic loss of life I indeed pray for the day when people and nations, cultures and tribes will learn to live in harmony with each other and such costly sacrifice will no more be demanded. I also grieve and am angered by those whose mantras lie in violent oppression and extremism, religious or otherwise.

We should also not forget that this year is the thirtieth anniversary of the Falklands Conflict, a war that defined part of my teenage years. Three islanders, 249 British military personnel and 649 Argentinean military personnel died in the conflict, and without the acknowledgement of post traumatic stress disorder that exists today other veterans of that conflict have suffered greatly. It is stated that to date over 260 British veterans of the Falklands have committed suicide and it is a similar tale on the Argentinean side – a reminder if ever we need that war is brutal and its scars run deep.

In 1985 the rock band Dire Straits released the record and award winning album 'Brothers in Arms'. The title track is said to have been partly inspired by the Falklands Conflict. It represents the writer and lead singer Mark Knofpler's own reflection on the ultimate futility of war. In the end every soldier on each side must return to their **'their valleys and their farms'** so aren't we **'fools to make war on our brothers in arms'**. I am reminded of the testimony of two soldiers on D-Day, one aboard an allies landing craft and one manning a German Gunnery each confessing many years later that they were both praying God would somehow get them through the day so that they would be able to see their families again.

Let us then at this time of year remember the fallen of every conflict and in order that their sacrifice be not in vain ever work for peace and reconciliation and share in word and in action the gospel message which

itself is a call to peace and reminds us that we are all God's children deserving of respect and called to live not for ourselves but for one another and for a world which everyone can call their home.

Peace and Blessing

Andrew

Sunday's Services

November

4 th	10.45am	Rev Andrew Prout	Communion
	4.00pm	Messy Church	
	6.00pm	Rev David Hart	
11 th	10.45am	Mr Tim Lansdown	
	6.00pm	Rev Andrew Prout	Communion
18 th	10.45am	Missions	
	6.00pm	Missions	
25 th	10.45am	Rev Andrew Prout	
	6.00pm	Rev Henry Lewis	

November Dates

4 th Nov	Messy Church at 4.00pm
6 th Nov	Bible Study (Genesis Chapters 5 – 11) at 7.30pm
7 th Nov	Church Council at 7.30pm
10 th Nov	Messy Church Team Meeting at 10.30am
11 th Nov	Remembrance Day Parade Service at 10.45am
14 th Nov	Pastoral Committee at 7.30pm
24 th Nov	Christmas Fair at 10.00am (further details inside)
27 th Nov	Forward in Faith Group (TBC) at 7.30am

Christmas Fair; Saturday 24 November 2012

Our Annual Christmas Fair will be held on **Saturday 24 November opening at 10.00am and closing at 12.30pm.**

As well as your time we once again ask for your generous gifts of **Cakes** (for the Country Fare and two refreshments outlets), **Recycled Gifts** (those things you have which are in good condition but don't really want but no bric-a-brac please), **Pickles & Jams, CDs and DVDs** (no books or videos please), **Plants & Flowers, Cosmetics, Toys** and anything else the individual stallholders / providers request. We cannot accept mains electrical goods.

Stall holders will be contacted and asked to organize the staffing of their stall. We are also pleased to have people on the day simply available as cover to help and if you are willing to do this please let me know. **We will be setting up the halls and stalls at 2.00pm on Friday 23 November when you can bring your donations. We would welcome your help in setting up at this time as well as in the dismantling of the fair once it is finished.**

So do come along and enjoy the camaraderie and ambience of the occasion as well as good food and lots of things to buy. You can also meet Father Christmas and the Messy Church Puppets. The fair is a means both of outreach into the community and of raising money for the ongoing work of our Church. **Please put the date in your diary and make every effort to attend and also to invite neighbours and friends.**

Rev Andrew Prout

Message from the Editor

I have been passed a Cookery Book created by members of the congregation of All Saints Church, Godshell, Isle of Wight. Look out for recipes throughout the next few magazines.

Advent House Groups 2012

This year our Advent House Groups will have a musical theme which is a new departure for us.

The first week Andrew will talk about the Advent and Christmas hymns. The following week Natalie, our musical director, will talk about the hymns of Wesley and Watts, a subject she studied for her Masters degree. The final week we are all invited to talk about our favourite carol.

The dates and venues are:

Tuesday 27 November at 58 Greenbank Road

Wednesday 5 December at 4 Hunters Close

Thursday 13 December at 58 Greenbank Road

All meetings start at 7.30 p.m.

Please put these dates in your diaries

Tim Lansdown

Family Committee Chairman

Mary and Joseph Need Accommodation

Soon, Mary and Joseph will be looking for accommodation for 1 night during Advent.

If you would like to be a part of their journey around the area please contact Pauline Sampson as soon as possible.

This is a good way of getting to know people you see in church but do not have any conversation with. It is entirely up to the families taking part when you meet and for how long in the relaxed atmosphere of your own homes.

This time, leading to Christmas, as the figurines are passed from family to family brings to life the problems Mary and Joseph experienced before they arrived in Bethlehem for the birth of Jesus.

Please contact me on 0117 9492661 either to learn more about what is involved or get your names on the list.

The sooner I get names the easier it to match people with suitable dates; starting on Advent, Sunday 1 December.

There is also a list in the church vestibule where you can leave your details.

Pauline Sampson

Church Pianos

Following a survey of the church's pianos (which covered usage, condition and tuning) by the Property Committee and our Director of Music it was decided that the piano in Room 5 is no longer needed.

Should you want or know anyone who wants a piano, free of charge, please let me or any member of the Property Committee know. Unfortunately we cannot deliver.

This offer will close at Christmas 2012.

John Liddiard

Secretary, Property Committee

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Upcoming Events - Y's Men's Club of Hanham

Saturday 10 November - Quiz Night

Start Time: 7.00pm

Cost: £5.50 to include a hot meal

Amazing Prizes

Names to any Y's Man, Tickets will be on sale in church.

Friday 11 January 2013 - Sound of Music - Singalong Film Night

Come and join us for a really fun evening.

Pam Liddiard

Banana and Walnut Cake / Loaf

2 lb Loaf tin

4 ozs soft margarine

8 ozs sugar

2 eggs

2 bananas

8 ozs plain flour (sieved)

¼ tsp salt

¾ tsp bicarbonate powder

¼ tsp baking powder

1 tsp vinegar

1 tsp vanilla

3 ozs chopped walnuts

Method

Cream margarine & sugar together, add eggs (1 at a time). Beat well until fluffy. Cut up bananas and add to mix. Then add chopped walnuts. Sieve flour into a bowl and add salt, bicarbonate soda & baking powder. Add vinegar and vanilla. Pour mixture into bowl and fold in mixture. Should be fairly soft and smooth. Cook until springy to touch.

Christmas Fair 2012

Christmas Fair

Mission Committee Update!

Your Mission Committee has been planning some events for the next year and hope that you can join with them in supporting two new charities for 2012/13, home & abroad, whilst continuing our commitment to worthy causes in our Local area.

Christmas Card Tree

This will be appearing in the church in early December and you are invited to attach a card and make a donation to charity. Last year we raised over £100 in this way!

Gift Service 9th December

At this year's Gift Service we shall again be supporting "Home Start", they work with families, giving support & friendship during difficult times. Their focus is on the child up to 5 years and mums. All gifts of toys should be new and unwrapped. They also appreciate chocolates & biscuits for the family and "Smellies" for mum.

If you have any spare blankets we should be delighted to receive them for the work of the Julian Trust. Whilst towels & men's' clothes, especially warm coats would be much appreciated for the work at Midland Road.

N.B. We shall be happy to receive all these on 9th December.

Christmas Tea

On 16th December from 4pm, you are invited to a Festive Tea, this will lead into evening worship. Donations are invited to help pay for the operation, which will greatly enhance mobility for Jude, a local 4year old with cerebral palsy.

New Year Reflection

After some thought we have decided to hold a "Reflection" on New Year's Day 2013. You may remember that we discontinued these about 4 years ago through lack of support, however the idea was mooted again by

Worship Committee so we are happy to help. This may be a "One off", it depends entirely on you!

The church will be open from 2.30pm until 4.30pm on the afternoon of January 1st for reflection, with music and readings and light refreshments. Please feel free to join us for all or part of the time.

Shawl Ministry

Shawl ministry meets on the last Thursday afternoon of the month from 2.15pm until 4.00pm. Everyone is welcome to share a cup of tea or coffee, conversation and knitting or crochet. We can even help you improve your technique! We are currently knitting, blankets, scarves, hats & small garments and would be delighted to receive any unwanted wool. Please see Pam L or Pam B

Midland Road Methodist Centre

Our Church regularly supports Midland Road in its outreach to the city, at the moment they are desperately in need of helpers to work in the shop, if you think that you could help, please telephone 0117 955 5606. The centre is usually closed on a Monday.

Mission Sunday 18 November

This year, the morning service will include the distribution of JMA certificates and short presentations from both our charities for the year; "Bibles for Children" and "Worms"!!

We shall follow the service with a "Simple Lunch" in aid of Home & Overseas Missions. Please do your best to support this.

The evening service will be led by Rev. David Weekes, who will talk about the outreach of the New Room.

N.B. Both Janet for JMA & Muriel for Home Missions would be delighted to give you a box for collecting for these worthy causes.

Lastly, may I thank you for all your past support and pray that we as a Church may be able to continue our outreach into the local community and beyond.

Pam Blackmore

Mission Committee Chairman

Welsh Cakes

8 ozs flour
1/2 tsp baking powder
3 ozs fat
2 ozs currants
3 ozs sugar
Milk
1 egg

Method

Rub fat into flour, add all dry ingredients. Mix to stiff dough with beaten egg, adding milk if necessary. Roll out to 1/4 inch thickness. Cook on top of heated and greased drill boiler for 10 minutes, turning when one side is cooked.

Know what to do

The town's fire prevention officer was conducting a health and safety course at the local church. The officer said to the minister: "Now imagine this: it is a Sunday morning and you have a number of people, spread throughout your church building. Some are in the choir stalls, some are in the kitchen, and some are in the nave. Suddenly, a big fire breaks out. What are the first steps you would take?"

The minister thought carefully for a moment. "Really big ones," he said

Reflection on the Retreat

Seventeen of us gathered at church on the morning of October 6th for a Retreat Day entitled 'Unexpected Journeys'. The day was planned and delivered by Joan and proved to be a time of reflection, of prayer and of fellowship.

We heard of four unexpected journeys. Two were from Joan's personal experiences. One was based on the story of the women at the well whose physical journey was very brief but whose spiritual journey had a seismic influence on her life. The final story was of Ruth and Naomi who undertook difficult journeys over dangerous terrain and risked becoming social outcasts yet found God guiding and supporting them. Our thinking was helped by listening to the words of Eddie Askew that most perceptive of writers on biblical spirituality.

The day was interspersed with music and opportunity to visit several displays stationed around the sanctuary. To feed the inner person we enjoyed an excellent lunch and concluded the day with communion.

Our thanks for the day are due to Joan. I know only too well from personal experience the time and effort it takes to prepare for a service of worship that lasts an hour. To plan a retreat that lasted some five hours involves a great deal of work and we are indebted to Joan for the effort that she put in. I am sure all of us who attended found great benefit from the experience.

Tim Lansdown

Chairman of Worship Committee

Crossword

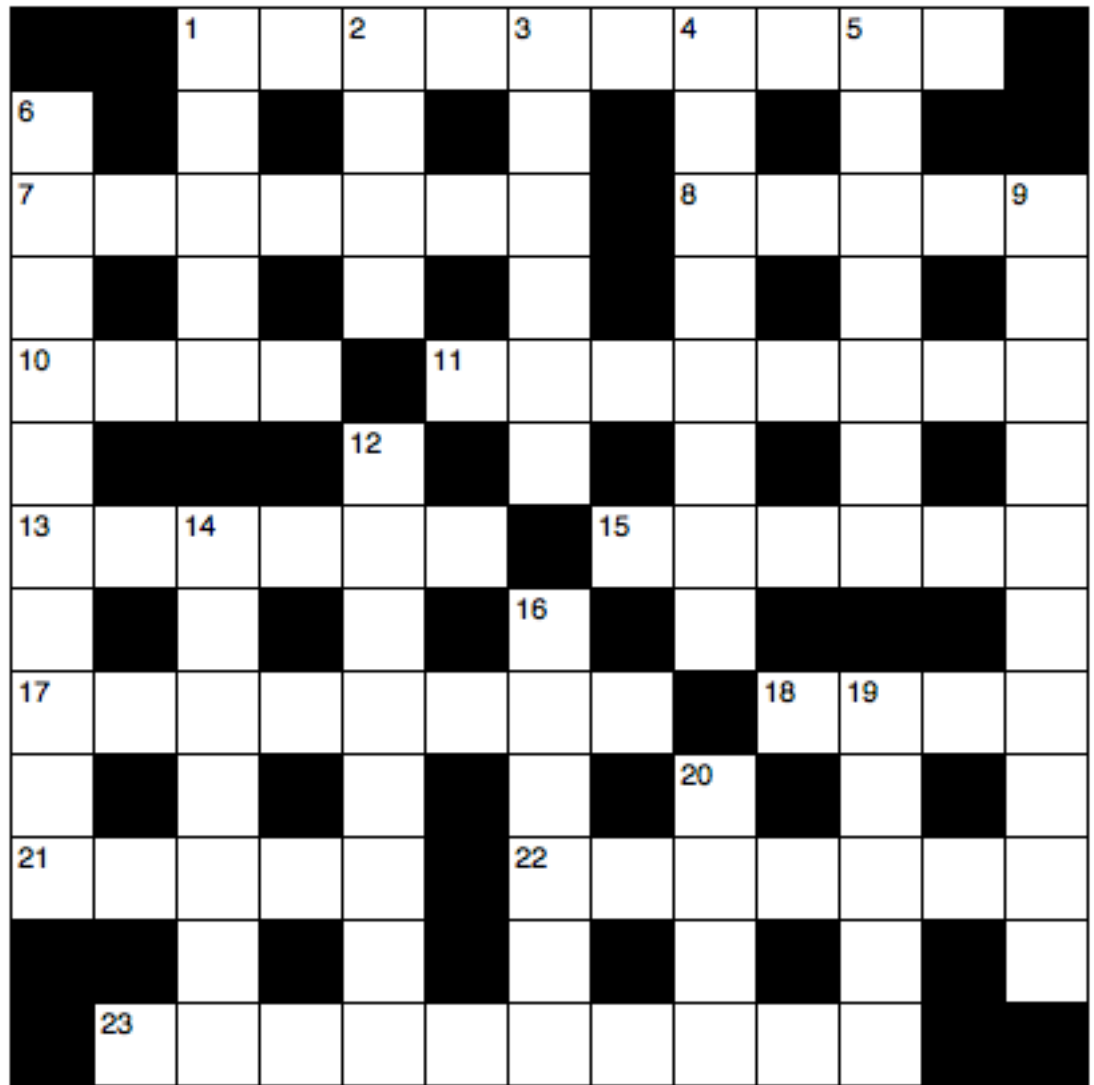
Across

- 1 He was replaced as king of Judah by his uncle Mattaniah (2 Kings 24:17) (10)
- 7 'Let us fix our eyes on Jesus... who for the joy set before him — the cross' (Hebrews 12:2) (7)
- 8 Relieved (5)
- 10 Impetuous (Acts 19:36) (4)
- 11 Surprised and alarmed (Luke 24:37) (8)
- 13 'It is — for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for the rich to enter the kingdom of God' (Mark 10:25) (6)
- 15 Directions for the conduct of a church service (6)

- 17 One of the acts of the sinful nature (Galatians 5:19) (8)
- 18 and 20 Down 'She began to wet his — with her tears. Then she wiped them with her — ' (Luke 7:38) (4,4)
- 21 'We will all be changed, in a flash, in the twinkling of an — , — the last trumpet' (1 Corinthians 15:51–52) (3,2)
- 22 'But he replied, "Lord, I am — — go with you to prison and to death"' (Luke 22:33) (5,2)
- 23 Third person of the Trinity (2 Corinthians 13:14) (4,6)

Down

- 1 He betrayed Jesus (Matthew 27:3) (5)
- 2 Paul's assurance to the Philippian jailer: 'Don't — yourself! We are all here!' (Acts 16:28) (4)
- 3 'Fear God and keep his



- commandments, for this — the whole — of man' (Ecclesiastes 12:13) (2,4)
- 4 The sort of giver God loves (2 Corinthians 9:7) (8)
- 5 Sun rail (anag.) (7)
- 6 Naboth, the ill-fated vineyard owner, was one (1 Kings 21:1) (10)
- 9 Paul said of young widows, 'When their sensual desires overcome their — to Christ, they want to marry' (1 Timothy 5:11) (10)
- 12 This was how Joseph of Arimathea practised his discipleship 'because he feared the Jews' (John 19:38) (8)
- 14 Mop ruse (anag.) (7)
- 16 Foment (Philippians 1:17) (4,2)
- 19 Where Joseph and Mary escaped to with the baby Jesus (Matthew 2:14) (5)
- 20 See 18 Across

Sudoku

Easy

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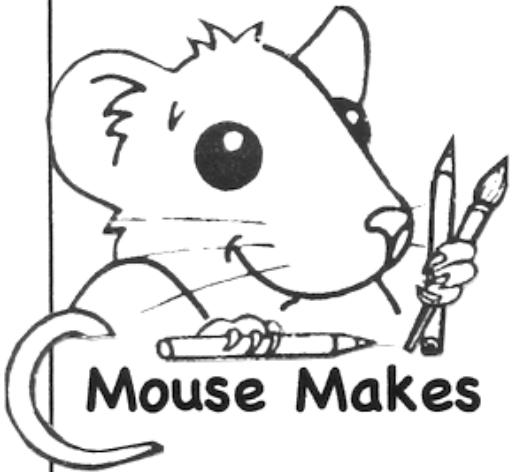
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Intermediate

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9	8					7		
		1					5	9
3		8			1			4
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For the Children – Mouse Makes



★ JESUS IS COMING! ★

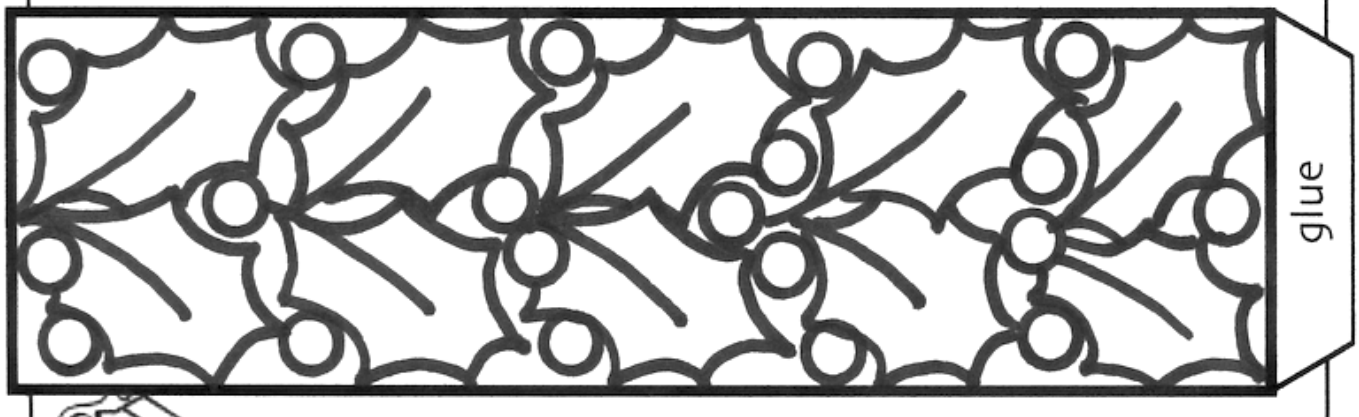
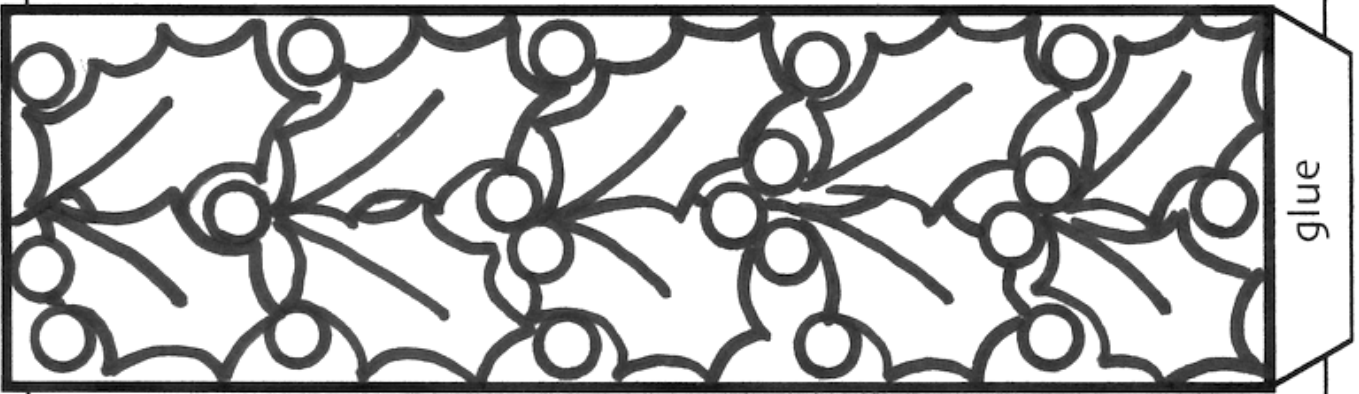
ADVENT is the time before Christmas when we celebrate the arrival of **JESUS**, God's Son, our Saviour. In Advent we also look forward with **HOPE** to the time when Jesus will return to us again. We give thanks for God's **LOVE** for us, the **PEACE** we have with God through Jesus and our **JOY** at being His children.

To make your Advent wreath cut out the strips of holly, colour, glue together and glue around a glass jar. Colour and cut out the candles. Glue one candle onto the jar on each Sunday in Advent.



On Christmas Eve light a real candle in the jar to celebrate the birth of Jesus.

HOPE ★ ISAIAH 40:5	JOY ★ LUKE 2:10-11	LOVE ★ JOHN 3:16	PEACE ★ ROMANS 5:1-2
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Signposts

November very much a time to remember as almost a hundred years ago the war to end all wars began. A time also to look forward in hope as the Advent time comes again.

This year dominated very much by the weather patterns from hose pipe bans and drought to pouring rain and flash floods as experienced by so many people, in a moment the torrent pouring down the hill street in Clovelly, so many people's homes damaged where it takes so long to recover. So a holiday where it only rained every day seems comparatively not too bad.

Across the world from drought and forest fire to war and famine, economic disaster and we might ask when will things change, who will show the positive way forward.

In all the difficulties and problems many have shown courage, concern, generosity and compassion in communities struggling to come to terms with the events which have taken place.

Jesus came to a world where poverty, hunger, power domination and greed existed as it still seems to today yet He showed the way that service and love can change the lives of people. That coming in hope and belief in His Salvation will overcome the wrong and evil in the world.

Arnold Wheeler

Crossword Answers

ACROSS: 1, Jehoiachin. 7, Endured. 8, Eased. 10, Rash. 11, Startled. 13, Easier. 15, Rubric. 17, Impurity. 18, Feet. 21, Eye at. 22, Ready to. 23, Holy Spirit.

DOWN: 1, Judas. 2, Harm. 3, Is duty. 4, Cheerful. 5, Insular. 6, Jezreelite. 9, Dedication. 12, Secretly. 14, Supremo. 16, Stir up. 19, Egypt. 20, Hair.

Pause for Thought

'Brothers In Arms' by Mark Knofpler

***The song of a dying soldier surrounded by his friends on the
battlefield***

A reflection on the futility of war

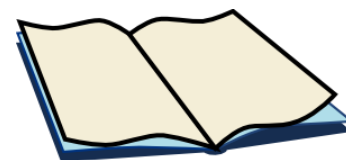
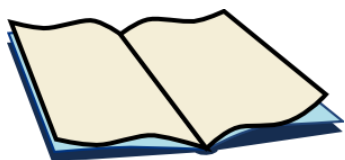
These mist covered mountains are a home now for me
But my home is the lowlands and always will be
Some day you'll return to me, your valleys and your farms
And you'll no longer burn to be brothers in arms

Through these fields of destruction, Baptisms of fire
I've witnessed all your suffering as the battle raged higher
And though they did hurt me so bad in the fear and alarm
You did not desert me my brothers in arms

There's so many different worlds so many different suns
And we have just one world but we live in different ones
Now the sun's gone to hell and the moon's riding high
Let me bid you farewell every man has to die

But it's written in the starlight and every line on your palm
We're fools to make war on our brothers in arms

Rotas – Doors and Books



Nov	4th	11th	18th	25th
am	P Webber J Tippett	M Frost W Frost	M Howe N Howe	M Golding M Stone
pm	W Stanford B Griffen	J Morgan M Morgan	A Angell T Lansdown	H Wheeler A Wheeler



Rotas – Flowers



4th	11th	18th	25th
Harry Dee	Pam Blackmore	Bill Frost	Free
Free	Pam Blackmore	Free	Free

Weekly Activities

You are invited to share in our services and activities as listed below.

If you would like an introduction to any of the groups / activities please contact the Minister or a Church Steward.

Details of further events inside.

Sunday

10.45am Morning Worship, Youth Church & Creche
4.00pm Messy Church (First Sunday of each month)
6.00pm Evening Worship

Monday

10.00am – 3.00pm Friendly Table
2.30pm Bright Hour
Evening Brownies, Guides & Rangers
Table Tennis

Tuesday

7.30pm Girl's Night In
(First Tuesday of the month, ask about venue)

Wednesday

1.30pm Mums & Toddlers
Evening Rainbows
7.30pm Wives Group (Alternate weeks)
Men's Curry Club (As announced)

Thursday

2.15pm Shawl Ministry (Last Thursday of the month)
Evening Boy's Brigade (Anchors, Juniors, Company & Seniors)
Brownies

Friday

7.30pm Y's Men (Third Friday of the month)
Men's Curry Club (As announced)

Saturday

9.30am Prayer Meeting (Second & Fourth Saturday of the month)
Coffee Morning