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November 1st is known as All Saints Day, when the church particularly remembers all those who in the past demonstrated what the Christian faith means, or stood up for it even though it meant that they were killed. Some were ordinary people and some were kings or queens, but all of them lived good lives that were remembered.

November is a month for remembering a number of different saints, but on 11th November we remember all those who died during the two world wars, fighting to preserve our right to be free to be the people we want to be. You will see lots of people wearing a red poppy, which has become a symbol of remembrance and a sign of respect. These poppies are sold by the British Legion to raise funds to help injured soldiers and their families.



Make yourself a poppy & leaf decoration:

To begin – make a base from a paper plate or draw round a small plate onto card. Cut out the centre if you wish.

Collect as many fallen leaves as you can to stick round the rim of the plate. If you can't get real leaves, draw some yourself or draw round your hand onto different coloured papers and cut them out. (See Figs 2 & 3)

To make the poppies, copy the shape below or cut it out and draw round it onto red paper.

Then cut out the circle in black and fringe the edges. Stick the circle to the centre of the poppy. Make as many poppies as you like and stick them onto the leaf wreath. Hang up as a reminder of Remembrance Day.



Fig 1



Fig 2

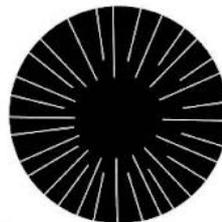
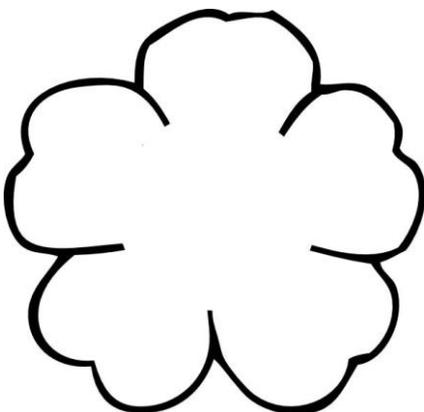


Fig 3

Oranges & Jumping Anvils



Have you played the game of “oranges and lemons”? The rhyme you sing begins:

“Oranges and Lemons say the bells of St Clements!” This refers to St Clement Dane Church in London. They had a tradition of oranges being handed out to children who attended a service there on St Clements Day, **November 23rd**.

Traditionally St Clement’s Day was an extra holiday between All Hallows Day and Christmas and was adopted by the blacksmiths because of the way St Clement died, being tied to an anchor and drowned. The celebration was a day of fun and laughter with someone dressing up as Old St Clem and a parade around the town. All the money collected was used for a local feast.

Blacksmiths would also traditionally ‘fire’ their anvils in order to test them for weakness that might cause it to break. This was a noisy and dangerous occupation! Gunpowder was poured into one of the holes in the anvil and plugged with a fuse. The explosion was loud and could result in the anvil jumping off the ground.



They just might have overdone it with this one!

The Season of Advent

Everyone is already talking about Christmas, but first we have ADVENT. According to our everyday calendars, December is the last month of the year, but in the church, the new year begins on Advent Sunday, which has to be four Sundays before Christmas Day, so it usually falls in November. This year it will be on 28th November. Advent means ‘coming’, and we need to prepare for the coming of Christmas. Many churches mark this time with an Advent Wreath. This will be a circle of greenery around a group of candles, either four or five. They may be four red candles with a white one in the middle, or three purple ones, one pink one and a white one in the middle. One candle is lit on Advent Sunday with an extra one being lit in each of the following weeks. What do they mean?



1st candle stands for HOPE – the hope of Christ coming.

2nd candle stands for LOVE –and remembers Mary and Joseph making the journey to Bethlehem.

3rd candle will be the pink one and stands for JOY – the joy of the shepherds hearing the news of Christ’s birth

4th candle stands for PEACE – a reminder of the angels words of peace

5th candle, the white one – stands for Christ himself and is lit on Christmas morning

Advent Wordsearch

Advent Wreath Candles Purple Hope
Peace Joy Love Mary Joseph
Jesus

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