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Hello - I do hope all of you are keeping well and warm.

As you will see this month's magazine contains lots of information about forthcoming events. Peter has also produced a beautiful piece related to events following the passing of our Queen.

The Kent Wildlife Trust have also offered to provide some articles in the months ahead—so watch this space.

I have been passed some information about a publication called 'The Record' it was published, on a monthly basis, by the Cobham Village Club and printed by the Reporter (Harmer Street ) between 1929 and 1934. I am looking forward to viewing the documents on the CD; so far I have learned of a Whist Drive and Dance that took place on the 12<sup>th</sup> January 1929 with music being provided by parishioners playing the piano and drums and it sounds like a good time was had by all! I hope to bring you a little taste of Cobham's printed past in the future.

Have a lovely November!

As always - Tina



**COBHAM AMATEUR DRAMATIC SOCIETY**  
**Presents A Murder Mystery Evening**

**“Who killed the Hotel Manager?”**  
**by Chris Martin.**

A cold platter and dessert is included In the ticket.

November 16<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> at 8pm, Meadow Room, The Street, Cobham Kent DA12 3BZ.

Come on your own or with others and sit on a table of 6 to 8. Test your little grey cells to find the clues to the murderer. The bar opens at 7.30pm and then in the intervals.

Tickets £15.00 Box Office - 07552665588 - opens 17<sup>th</sup> October 2022



You are invited to attend a Christmas Door Wreath Workshop at the Meadow Room, Cobham on Tuesday, 13<sup>th</sup> December from 10.00 am - 2.30 pm.

This will be a fund-raising event in aid of St. Mary's Church Room. Tickets are £25.00 and include all necessary materials, i.e.

Mechanics: 12" Naylor Base Ring, fixing and wires. Foliages: Skimmia, Fir, Variegated Holly, Cupressus, Ivy, Christmas Box Decorations: Cones, dried oranges, cinnamon sticks, berries and baubles.

Please bring a small kitchen knife, floristry or kitchen scissors and a towel or cloth to work on. Include your favourite items such as ribbons, faux flowers, mistletoe, birds, bells or stars to add a personal touch to your work.

Tea, coffee and cakes will be served but please bring your picnic lunch. There will be a floristry sales table.

We can only offer 24 places and so please reserve your seat. Enjoy!  
(This will be a cash only event)

Sue Arnott (07783 285105) and Su Rowe (07557 990944)

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## **BELL RINGING by Peter Hartley**

The Nation has mourned the death of Queen Elizabeth II and we have shared in the grief of the new King and the Royal Family and shown them our loyalty and support whilst they have been called to grieve in public. Especially in the last twenty years the long-standing plan “London Bridge” on the death of the Sovereign has been worked on to ensure the myriad of detail fully involves all the agencies of the State. This careful labour has borne fruit with the magnificent and moving scenes we have witnessed. We have seen those who have a proper and visible public role to play. But there is a vast array of people who work away willingly though often unseen – the chair arrangers, the crush barrier providers, the street cleaners, the riggers of the media now properly an integral part of state ceremonial. There are the posties, transport drivers, caterers, first aiders and volunteer marshals who have looked after the general public now also a proper dimension of state ceremonial. Park keepers have laid out flowers, blankets and water has been provided. The police and security services have kept us all safe. So many and very many more ensured all honour was properly paid to the late Queen.

I have been asked for a little detail on what our unseen but heard band of Cobham bell ringers did on the death of Queen Elizabeth II for we have tried and wanted to play our part in the national thanksgiving for the life and long reign of our quietly remarkable Queen. We had guidelines of ringing protocol from the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers, drawn up in accordance with “London Bridge”, and helpfully all towers were asked to do their best. We did.

On Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> September following the announcement of the Death of The Queen the flag was flown at half-mast on the church tower and a bell was tolled 96 times.

The next day, as directed, the tenor bell, the heaviest and deepest sounding, was tolled half-muffled from Noon to 1.00pm. A muffle is a leather pad strapped to one side of the clapper so that the bell sounds softly and loudly alternatively.

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At 7pm we rang fully-muffled with the tenor open at backstroke. This is only ever done on the death of the Sovereign. Bells 1 to 5 have muffles on both sides of the clapper with the heavy tenor still only half-muffled. So only every 12<sup>th</sup> bong is loud with each cycle of handstroke and backstroke. We rang Rounds (1 2 3 4 5 6 1 2 3 4 5 6) and calling the bells into Queens (1 3 5 2 4 6).

On Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> September for the Accession Council and Principal Proclamation the flag was raised to full-mast for 24 hours and all muffles were removed. We rang Rounds, Queens and Kings (5 3 1 2 4 6) and some method ringing (changing patterns or order) with the bells open in celebration of the new Reign of King Charles III.

On Friday 16<sup>th</sup> September at the Vigil of the Princes we rang a fully-muffled Quarter Peal of Grandsire Doubles in final tribute to the late Queen. The tenor bell always remains half-muffled or open at backstroke giving a loud steady rhythm every 12<sup>th</sup> sounding.

For Sunday Service ringing fully-muffled we rang Rounds, Queens and Kings.

On Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September for the State Funeral, with our bells fully-muffled, from 10am to 11am Rounds were rung and for the last 10 minutes each adult Cobham ringer tolled the tenor for a minute.

The next day with the ending of National Mourning the flag came down and the muffles came off.

Our lovely Band of Cobham Ringers of Byron Aldous, Christian Antrobus, Stuart Edwards, Florence Hemp, Martha Hyde, Mike Hyde, Nigel Pagram, Simon Williamson and me had willingly and with pride played a part in an historic moment marking, with many emotions, the ending of a Second Elizabethan Age.

And in St. George's Chapel, Windsor Castle I had attended The Committal of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II and had bade

a loving farewell to my Queen,

a grateful farewell to our Queen,

and a world-wide farewell to The Queen.

**Postscript :** Times are always changing.

In this year of very significant change a visiting band of bell ringers plan to ring a full peal at Cobham on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> November between approximately 10.30am and 1.30pm consisting of 5,040 changes.

## **SOLE STREET WI**

Sole Street WI members have been much pre-occupied of late preparing for the sale at the WI CHRISTMAS FAIR ON 19 NOVEMBER at Meopham village hall. It has been, one imagines, much like the frenzy of pre-Christmas activity in Santa's workshop! There has been a strong eco-influence in materials used eg sachets of natural spices for mulled wine, bags of cedar roses, pinecones & acorns, paper bead necklaces, green table decorations, packs of gift cards up-cycled from Christmas cards, home grown fruit jam. Individual members are sewing children's aprons, toy sacks, Christmas stockings, wine bottle bags and making Santa sweet sledges. However the true pinnacle of creativity has been in the creation of tree decorations, whether it be decorative bejewelled eggs or the glass fusion decorations workshops (pictured below) made by recycling glass & heating in a kiln to 600 degrees.



**CHRISTMAS CAROLS & LIGHTS OF LOVE** on **SATURDAY 17th DECEMBER** will be a community event organised by our WI and the Local Funding Group in aid of the St Mary's Church Room with the opportunity to make dedications to loved ones.

Our scheduled speaker for our November meeting to be held on 22nd at 7.30 pm in The SMCR is a member of the Forestry England team who will be giving us an update on Jeskyns Woodland where our members hold weekly walks, followed by very convivial chats over hot chocolate at the Jeskyns cafe hub !

For further information on this and all our activities please contact our President, Yvonne tel 01474 813455.

Molly Isaacs

## North Kent Embroiderers



Our last meeting included an excellent talk by Lydia Stonely of [www.pollyhadadolly.co.uk](http://www.pollyhadadolly.co.uk) Lydia used lots of different dolls to illustrate what she was saying and all her work was beautiful. She began making dolls' clothes at the age of ten, when she was given a sewing machine, but went on to read Industrial design at Brunel. She worked for several big companies until she was expecting her first daughter, when she

started dressmaking, which fitted in better with looking after children. She then began making dolls for her daughters and was "hooked".

Although the basic process is the same, there is a lot of variation in her work because each doll is unique and personalised. Lydia makes them according to the information given by parents. All her dolls are based on North European dolls and have been inspired by the work of Rudolf Steiner (1920's).

The dolls' bodies are made using sheep's wool from British breeds. This means that it is sustainable, the doll is warm to hold, it is anti-bacterial and can be washed.

Lydia showed us and explained how the head and other body parts are made from the wool, and how she then covers it with very stretchy material, using a variety of skin shades. She also explained how she embroiders the eyes and mouth, to create 'simple' faces, and uses beeswax crayon to colour the cheeks/ put freckles on.



Hair is either crocheted and attached, shown by a different colour fabric, or by needle felting of the 'body wool'.

Finally, she explained how she is required to do Certified Safety Testing on each doll – for flammability, washing, strength of seams etc and to ensure that no pins or needles are left in the doll's body. She gets help with this through the Toy Makers Guild.

Thank you, Mary, for your input on this report.



If you would like to join our group or would just like to find out a bit more about us then please look at our website <https://northkentembroiderers.co.uk/> or email us at:

[ifo@northkentembroiderers.co.uk](mailto:ifo@northkentembroiderers.co.uk) or contact 01474 324734

Happy stitching, Karen (All links and photographs used with permission.)

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We have all been looking forward to our Autumn Show on 5th October; looking forward to seeing lots of beautiful art and craft work and some amazing photographs of the sky. Well, we were not disappointed. There were 22 art entries adorning one wall of the Meadow Room, and in front of these were tables laden with magnificent craft work, including greeting cards, quilting and patchwork, tailoring, embroidery, knitting and crochet, and lots of other techniques. Another two tables were full up with all sorts of beautiful work that members had decided not to enter for judging but which were equally delightful. Jenny Way judged the craft entries and commented on the high standard and quality of all of the work that she had been asked to judge; but the art, photography and painted cards were judged by our members.

The Dorothy Kemp award for most points in the Crafts section went to Sue Pagram, with Liz Hulf in second place. The judge's choice went to Kaye Wren for her beautiful and intricate three-dimensional embroidery of an Australian Blue Wren.

The Irene Brierly plaque for the best art entry went to a glorious and really colourful painting by Ruth Vinall entitled "The Swan Family". Our members chose Liz Hulf's photograph of a beautiful sunset as their favourite and the award for their choice of painted card went to Jenny Brooker.

We were delighted to see so many of our members and visitors at the meeting and they were all full of praise for the quality of the work that was on display. We are also extremely pleased to be welcoming new members. Most of our "groups" are now meeting again, although the craft group chose to meet via "zoom" at their last meeting (something that many of us have now become familiar with over the past few years). The "Knit and Natter" group (led by Jill Beety), which has been meeting regularly throughout the pandemic, is now offering to make knitted and crocheted items, which will help to keep everyone warm through the winter. Members of the Needlework Group are doing some Hardanger embroidery. The art group will be painting "Autumn". The Lunch Club is also going strong and we have a new crochet group, which will meet for the first time in November. The "Read and Rabbit" book group will be continuing with their monthly meetings and there may be a new book group starting soon.

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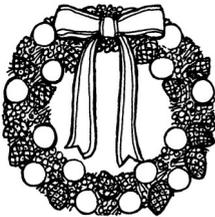
We are all looking forward to our next W.I. meeting on Wednesday 2nd November, when we will have our annual “make”, which this time will be a Christmas card and before the meeting there will be the ever popular “ploughman’s lunch”. New members are always welcome, or you can come along as a visitor for which we charge £2 to cover the cost of tea and cake. We meet on the first Wednesday of the month (except August) from 2pm until 4pm at the Meadow Room. Contact our secretary, Jenny Brooker for details. (CobhamLuddesdown@wkwfi.org.uk or telephone 01474 362501

### **THE TUESDAY POP-IN**

Meetings are held at the Leather Bottle on the second Tuesday of the month from 10.30 till 12 noon; everyone is welcome to join us for a relaxed chat and coffee.

Next pop-in Tuesday 8th

CONTACT: MARY PALMER - 01474 816788



### **CHRISTMAS BAZAAR!**

**The Meadow Rooms.**

**Saturday 26th of November**

**10:30am– 1:30pm**

Teas, bacon rolls and cakes, raffle, tombola hot mince pies, Christmas cards, plants, wreaths, home preserves, crafts, gifts and many more stalls

**Don't miss out! Adults 50p children go free!**

**LUDESDOWN SOCIETY**  
**CHRISTMAS PARTY**

**Saturday 3rd December 2022**  
**in Luddesdown Village Hall**

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**6pm onwards for all ages**  
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**LUDESDOWN SOCIETY**

**NEW YEAR'S DAY WALK**

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> January 2023**  
**at Luddesdown Village Hall**

**Walk starts at 11am (Dogs welcome)**

**Mulled Wine before we set off**

**Soup & Baked Potatoes when we Return**

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**Tel 01474 391644**

**Cobham, Luddesdowne and Sole Street**  
**Church Services during November**



**Sunday 6th November**

**10:30am Holy Communion, Luddesdowne**

**Sunday 13th November**

**Remembrance Sunday**

**10:00am Act of Remembrance, War Memorial, Cobham**

**10:30am Remembrance Sunday Service, Cobham**

**5pm Remembrance Sunday Service, Luddesdowne**

**Sunday 20th November**

**10:30am Holy Communion, Luddesdowne**

**Sunday 27th November**

**10:30am Family Service with Baptisms, Cobham**

***(Followed by a short form of Holy Communion)***

**Midweek services**

**9:30am Sole Street Church Room**

**2nd Holy Communion in church**

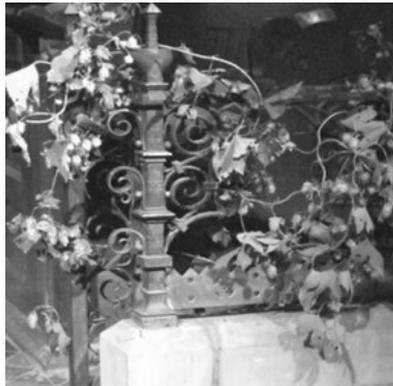
**9th, 16th, 23rd and 30th Informal Morning Prayer**

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In September our Queen passed away and we changed two of our services during the time of mourning, one was held in Luddesdowne church on the 11<sup>th</sup> which was taken by Rev'd David Scott, at which David asked if anyone would like to share their memories of The Queen, and five people in the congregation responded sharing their stores, which confirmed what so many others have said about The Queen's being interest in people and her sense of humour. The other service was in Cobham on the 18<sup>th</sup> taken by Rev'd Elizabeth Chapman. We are grateful to both clergy for taking these services. Bell 6 was tolled at Luddesdowne church on Friday the 9<sup>th</sup> at 12 noon, and on the 19<sup>th</sup> for an hour from 10am before our Queen's funeral service. Also all 6 bells were rung on the 11<sup>th</sup> at 1pm for the Royal succession.

We had our churches open at various times for anyone to come and sign the condolence books, to light a candle, to have a time of quiet, reflection and/or prayer, and some people left flowers by the Jubilee Tree in Luddesdowne churchyard. For those of you who came into our churches during these times we hope you found it helpful.



On the 25th September Luddesdowne had their Harvest Festival service, at which the fresh produce that was on display and brought to the service went to the Ellenor Hospice, we were able to take two carrier bags, a plastic tray full and a large box full. The packets and tins went to the Foodbank and Sue and Colin had a car load full (95.5kilos / 210lbs). Our thanks to Holly for spreading the word on Whatsapp as we found produce at the church that morning. Thank you to all who donated.

The service was conducted by Rev'd Keith White and the collection was given to Tear Fund towards the Pakistan Emergency Flood Appeal, which we were able to send an amazing £640.00. A letter of thanks is on P.19 A big thank you to Sue and Elizabeth for decorating the church, making it look wonderful in the church and in the porch.



### **Christmas Services**

We would like to let you know about our Christmas services in December, so you can add them to your diaries.

4<sup>th</sup> – Christingle, 11<sup>th</sup> – Nine Lessons and Carols,

18<sup>th</sup> – Carols by Candlelight, There will a collection taken for charities at this service.

There will also be services on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, further details will be in the December magazine. We hope you will be able to join us as we celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ.

## LETTER OF THANKS FROM TEARFUND.

Dear Friends

**Thank you so much for your gift of £640. Your support will make an immediate difference to people suffering because of the floods in Pakistan.**

'In the beginning the water came very slowly, so we didn't realise how serious the situation was,' says Naseebo, a 43-year-old mother of five from south Punjab. 'Then very suddenly the water was overwhelming.'

'Initially the roof of my house was dripping with the rain but it could not sustain the pressure of the heavy rains and eventually it collapsed. We managed to take a few items from home, but the flood has left me and my family with basically nothing.'

Tearfund's local partner is providing families like Naseebo's with cooked food, safe drinking water and tents. 'Without that help, I really don't know what we would have done,' says Naseebo. '[They] made sure we were safe. Without them I don't want to think about what could have happened.'

**On behalf of the people we serve, thank you. Your donation is a lifeline to families living in desperate need due to the crisis in Pakistan. The vital work of our local Christian partners is only possible thanks to the support of people like you.**

Please continue to pray for the people of Pakistan. Thank you again for joining us as we follow Jesus where the need is greatest.

Yours in Christ



Sarita Simak  
Donor Care Team



### **Luddesdown & District Rights of Way Group.**

We are a small friendly group that usually walks from The Cock Inn, Henley Street, Luddesdown, Gravesend DA13 0XB, at 11am on Wednesdays. We walk at a gentle pace for some 90 minutes in beautiful countryside. Occasionally we lead weekend walks.

With four Socials a year in Luddesdown Village Hall and a twice yearly Newsletter, we would be delighted if you joined us for a walk or two. Becoming a member costs £7 per person a year.

Please contact Walks Co-ordinator Janet Ferguson, preferably by email [janetferguson@hotmail.fr](mailto:janetferguson@hotmail.fr). Or Chairman Gerry Minister on 01474 813 376.

**Meopham Library Writing Group** meets again on **Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2022** at 10am until midday, with a break for tea and coffee at about 11am. Everyone is invited to write a short story, poem or article, using less than 1,000 words, based on a writing theme such as “Bottled” or “Dead End”. There is also a writing challenge every month and a Rolling Story every other month, in which as few words as possible are used in a sentence or story.

Anyone who is interested in creative writing, is very welcome to join our small, friendly group. Many people enjoy writing about their memories, which are really appreciated by their family and friends, but writing can also be very therapeutic when facing difficult times.

Some people in the group are beginners, but others are more experienced writers who have already had their stories, articles and poems published in magazines or books.

The following writing group meetings will be on 1<sup>st</sup> December, 5<sup>th</sup> January and 2<sup>nd</sup> February. For more information about the group, please ring **01474 813379** or just turn up at Meopham Library on the first Thursday of each month.

The **1<sup>st</sup> South Street Boys Brigade and Girls Association Company** meets every Friday at South Street Baptist Church, Wrotham Road, DA13 0QJ, next to Hope Hill Scout Camp, from 6pm until 7.30pm during term time. Boys and girls aged 5-18 years old are very welcome to come and join in the fun, which includes challenges, badge work, team games, craft, cooking and outdoor activities. The weekly subscription is £2 and the uniform is a blue T-shirt and a blue sweatshirt with badges.

The **Remembrance Day Service** at Meopham War Memorial is on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> November at 3pm.

For more information, please visit the church website at: [www.southstreetbaptist.org.uk](http://www.southstreetbaptist.org.uk) or ring 01474 813379

To find out more please visit the Boys Brigade website at: **www.BOYS-BRIGADE.ORG.UK**

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The **Boys Brigade Water Activity Centre** in Tonbridge has recently bought new canoes, kayaks and stand up paddle boards. A team of fully qualified leaders supervise the water activities. For more information please visit the **Water Activities Centre Website** at [www.thewac.org.uk](http://www.thewac.org.uk)

**FRIDAY CLUB** is for families with children aged about 3-6 years and it also meets every Friday from 4.30pm until 5.30pm at South Street Baptist Church. There are lots of different toys, Lego, construction toys, board games and creative activities. Older and younger siblings are also welcome and it is only £1 a family. Please visit the Church website at [www.southstreetbaptist.org.uk](http://www.southstreetbaptist.org.uk) or ring **01474 813379** for more information.

## Cobham's Register

### Baptism

Mabel Jane Catherine ANSELL was Baptised on the 4th September 2022 in Cobham church. The service was conducted by Rev'd Canon Chris STONE. We welcome Mabel into the Church family.



### Funerals

**Brian George WALSH** was born on the 8<sup>th</sup> January 1933 and died on the 16<sup>th</sup> August 2022 aged 89 years old. Brian's funeral took place on the 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2022 at Thames View Crematorium. The service was conducted by Rev'd Canon Chris STONE. Our sympathy and prayers go to Brian's wife Jane, family and friends.

**Robert Howard GREENFIELD** (known as Bob, a member of Cobham Gardeners' Society) was born on the 17<sup>th</sup> January 1945 and died on the 6<sup>th</sup> August 2022 aged 77 years old. Bob's funeral took place on the 5<sup>th</sup> September 2022 at Thames View Crematorium. The service was officiated by Life Celebrant Scott LOWE. Our sympathy and prayers go to Bob's wife Caroline, family and friends.



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## November

Winter is on its way

Leaves are falling rapidly, and wind and rain are on the increase. Tender plants will need protecting from frost, gales and freezing rains. Move plants into the greenhouse, or into a sheltered spot, but if you can't, it is worth wrapping plants or pots in situ. Remember winter can be a tough time for birds in terms of water and food, so keep supplies well topped up.

### RHS - Top 10 jobs this month

- 1 Clear up fallen leaves - especially from lawns, ponds and beds
- 2 Raise containers onto pot feet to prevent waterlogging
- 3 Plant tulip bulbs for a spring display next year
- 4 Prune roses to prevent wind-rock
- 5 Plant out winter bedding
- 6 Cover brassicas with netting if pigeons are a problem
- 7 Insulate outdoor containers from frost - bubble wrap works well
- 8 Stop winter moth damage to fruit trees using grease bands around the trunks
- 9 Put out bird food to encourage winter birds into the garden
- 10 Use a seasonal bonfire - where this is allowed - to dispose of excess debris unfit for composting

We are currently finalising our plans for 2023 and a list of the talks and shows we have planned will appear in next month's issue.

**Looking for ideas for the Christmas Stocking?** Why not give 2023 membership of Cobham Gardeners? A years membership costs just £8 and includes free entry to all our talks, £3 for non-members, the chance to exhibit in our 3 shows, advice from the RHS and discount at local garden centres and nurseries. For full details of how to join email [cobhamgs@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:cobhamgs@hotmail.co.uk)

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## A WONDERFUL VIEW

The exhibition, “The View where I am”, raised £875 for The Friends of Cobham Church. The Friends were very fortunate to have been given access to the late Nigel Haig’s photographic archive – thank you, Margaret - and to the new digital record captured by drone so ably piloted by Mike and Martha Hyde. We were also delighted to be able to exhibit the postcard sketches made by the pupils at the Primary School. I think that is “show-casing new talent”! The de Cobhams and the Brookes would have been proud of you all, if somewhat bemused by the miraculous sight of a drone flying down the nave.

It was great to welcome so many, young and old, to the church and to hear the constant buzz of enthusiastic conversation around the pictures. Thank you so much to everyone who supported us. Why not become a Friend?

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Tuesday 1 November 7:30pm -  
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There will not be a public meeting in  
December

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21 November Full Council Mtg.

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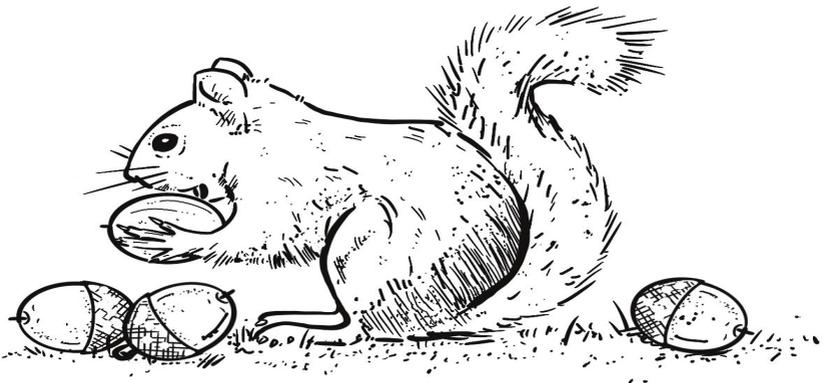
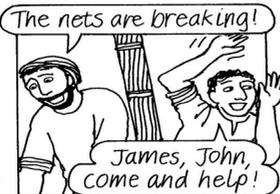
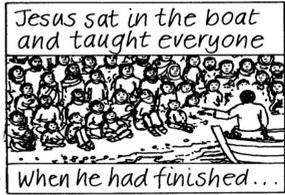
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A short story from the Bible

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November is a wistful month, tinged with sadness and good-byes. The last of the leaves are falling, as the trees go to sleep for winter. It is a month of Remembrance, of poppies, of remembering lost loved ones, and of letting go. It is a month of bonfires for the 'Guy', and Thanksgiving for Americans. It is a month of remembering Saints and looking forward to triumph - the church year ends with the joyful Sunday of Christ the King. And then Advent begins...looking forward to a very special Baby!

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