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We have been living in a constant state of alertness due to the coronavirus pandemic, we have heard the messages to 'be



alert' time and time again. This of course can be quite wearisome at times because we never know what is going to happen next. We are warned by epidemiologists of what could potentially happen if we don't keep alert, that it is prudent to be in a state of readiness for whatever comes next if this virus gets out of control.

What we are living through requires a fine balancing act if we are to keep people's lives safe as possible and to protect the economy and people's jobs as best we can.

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For the Christian being in a state of preparedness is nothing new - this is the message of Advent which begins this month on Sunday 29th November. Our gospel reading from Mark for that day (Advent Sunday) tells us to be alert, to be prepared for the second coming of our Lord Jesus christ.

Warnings are given for our own good, our own well-being. St.Paul in 1 Corinthians Chapter 1 verse 7 warns the Corinthian Church not to lack any spiritual gift as they eagerly wait for the Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed. This applies to us today, we live in the shadow of eternity, we need not be fearful of the day when our Lord returns, just be alert. For the present we get on with our day to day work as faithful followers of Christ. Our life becomes a preparation to meet the King of Kings.

Advent is also about looking forward to the coming of the Christ-child, looking forward to the joy of Christmas. As we prepare to meet the Christ-child and to look for his return, may we do so by continuing to care and pray for the needs of others around us so that they can be encouraged by our Christian love and commitment. After all remember what Jesus said in Matthew Chapter 5 verse 16: "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven". Perhaps through our Advent preparations others may be alerted to the truth enshrined in the gospel.

It is important that we spend time in personal preparation from a spiritual aspect during Advent. This can be done by meditating on bible readings, taking time to pray and listen to what God is saying through the Holy Spirit. Advent also reminds us that God can meet with us at unexpected times and places and through unexpected people. We need to be alert and prepared when this happens. We wait upon the Lord and trust him to fulfil his promises.

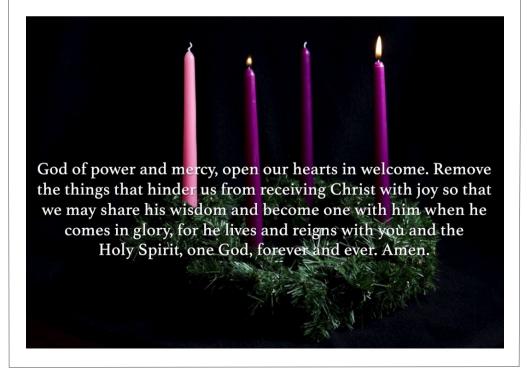
While society waits for a vaccine as a potential answer to Covid 19, Christians during Advent also wait, they wait for the Christ-child, the Saviour as the answer to their future, to eternal life.

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I pray that this season of Advent will be a time of spiritual refreshment and awareness for us all.

With every blessing,

Robert



ALL CHANGE! 1 of 2

An Autumn reflection from Nikki Lannon, wife of Joe our soon to be Rector.

Autumn is such a beautiful time of year. The trees really do put on a show for us. It is the season in which we switch gear. Our minds turn from bbq's a beach trips to preparing for the colder days and longer nights ahead (ordering fuel, replacing old worn boots, getting jumpers out of storage).

As we all make preparations for the changing season, Joe and I are also in a time of transition. Sorting out clutter



from our house so that we don't bring unneeded stuff with us to our new home, trying to figure out how our furniture will fit in their new rooms, looking for new colleges for our son and many other tasks ahead. It is a time of great busyness and preparation, but also a time of excitement as we wait to begin our new lives with you all in the Cluster.

Of course, we are not the only ones changing and preparing. You are also readying yourselves for us to arrive and I'm sure wondering what it will be like when we do.

Whilst, it is a very exciting time for us all, perhaps some of you may have concerns that things are going to change and change can be a little bit scary. We, as humans like the rhythms and patterns of familiarity. It is comfortable and feels safe. This is a totally natural feeling and runs deep in our DNA. After all, being fearful has alway been one of the ways we have survived as a species. However, what has enabled us to grow and thrive is the ability to adapt and change to whatever life throws at us and in the case of followers of Jesus, whatever He guides us to.

The advent of the Covid 19 pandemic has meant every single element of our lives was changed in an instant. It felt and continues to feel really uncomfortable and scary. We are in the unknown when everything feels unfamiliar and we yearn to have our old normal life back. We are having to change and adapt every day and Church as we knew it has changed beyond recognition. Churches have had to scramble to keep up with ever changing ways of 'doing' church. It has been painful and we lament the loss of the old, whilst trying to figure out what the new looks like.

I feel that the bible has something to say in this current environment and this scripture has particularly been speaking to me this week.

"The Lord had said to Abram, "Go from your country, your people and your father's household to the land I will show you. I will make you into a great nation, and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing."

Genesis 12:1-2

ALL CHANGE! 2 of 2

We are unsure why God asks him to do this. It may have been that his father worshipped other Gods (Joshua 24:2) and God wanted to start with a new man in a new land, a promised land. Abram faithfully does as God asks of him. He left his family, his security, his job, his friends and his comforting familiarity behind. God instructed him to get well and truly out of his comfort

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zone. He wasn't even told where this place was. He was simply told to go and he would be guided. But, he also sent him off with a promise to bless him and to prosper him. What this short piece of scripture doesn't tell you is the impact this instruction would have had on Abram. If you think about how worried you may be in the current climate, about jobs, health, welfare and the list goes on, imagine every single element of your lives changing and handing over all control to God. It sounds like a massive undertaking doesn't it? We all like to think that when the time came, we would in faith follow God's instruction on our lives, but in our humanness it's tempting to take the easy route. In faithfulness though, Abram does what is asked and God blesses him beyond his expectations.

So we see in this story that change is hard, it's painful and it's scary. We also see that change can bring with it prosperity and blessing. There is a saying that the Chinese written symbol for crisis can be broken down into two symbols. One meaning danger and the other meaning change point. It is true that in a time of crisis we do need to change things. However, I feel that God has something different in mind for us too. He doesn't want us to wait till we hit crisis points before we make changes. We say it all the time in the Lord's Prayer. 'Your kingdom come as it is in Heaven. God wants that for us. He wants us to partner with Him and each other in bringing His Kingdom here. Change is coming and will always come as we work with God to further His Kingdom.

If living in a pandemic has taught us anything, it is that stability can disappear like sand through our fingers. But, in all of this God wants to bless us. And if we trust in His faithfulness to us and listen to His voice, we can have a sense of peace that goes beyond our understanding. All we need to do is to be courageous and faithful.

Father God. As we come to terms with the losses in our lives, hear our lamenting and bring us comfort and peace. In our excitement for things new, help us to listen to your still small voice and be guided by your Holy Spirit. Help us to be brave in all you are asking of us. In faithfulness we ask for your partnership in bringing your Kingdom to Earth as it is in Heaven.

Amen

WE WILL REMEMBER - 80 YEARS ON

This year we've been remembering the Battle of Britain, described by Winston Churchill in August 1940 as 'one of the decisive battles of the war... never in the field of human conflict was so much owed by so many to so few.' It was a dramatic turning point in the history of the Second World War. The occasions for Remembrance this month will provide us times of gratitude for what was achieved in the darkest moments of war.

However, this year we are very aware of our own struggles with the worldwide Covid-19 pandemic. We face an unseen enemy, but the effects on our lives and society are almost as devastating as world war.

Remembering is not just about focusing on past events. It is also about making present past events, as we give thanks for all that took place. The Battle of Britain was fought by the Few and

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won in the skies over the Channel. In our battle with the virus, we can call to mind the victory of Jesus: 'Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, descended from David.' (2 Timothy 2:8). Jesus secured the victory of death by His cross and resurrection, so that we don't need to fear death, but trust in His loving purposes for our lives.

Currently we can't see clearly what the future holds for us; it may be very different from what we might expect. However, we can pray for God's will to be done and that we will play our part, just as each of those airmen did so many years ago.

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'Renewal' for Church is coming despite 'trauma' of pandemic Archbishops speak out

The Church will emerge "renewed and changed" from the crisis of the global coronavirus pandemic, the Archbishops of Canterbury and York have said.

In a recent joint address to members of the Church of England's General Synod, Archbishops Justin Welby and Stephen Cottrell said that amid a time of trauma, loss

and struggle in this country and around the world, Christians have proved to be a "people of hope". The address came at the start of special, one-day sitting of Synod in London, with reduced numbers, to make a rule change to enable it to meet remotely during pandemic restrictions.

Archbishop Justin acknowledged the multiple challenges and crises we are facing including hunger, poverty, domestic violence and climate change. He said churches have played a vital role serving their communities and bringing hope through the gospel. But the Church itself will, he said, emerge changed.



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"We do not know what kind of Church of England will emerge from this time except that it will be different" he said. "It will be changed by the reality that for the first time all churches have closed - first time in 800 years. It will be changed because for the first time we have worshipped virtually."

He continued: "Out of these times we will see renewal - not because we are clever but because God is faithful. We will see a renewed and changed Church emerging from the shocks of lockdown.

"It is a Church that at the most local has fed so many, been in touch with the isolated through the heroic efforts of all who take part in it, of clergy and laity and those who even weren't near the church before these times.

"It is a Church which has continued to pray and to offer worship through our Lord Jesus Christ, even if in new and unusual ways."

Archbishop Stephen spoke with emotion about the impact of pandemic. "I hate this Coronavirus," he said

"I hate it not only because so many people have died, but because so many people have died alone, unable to hold the hand of their beloved.

"I hate it because our health service has been stretched to the limit. I hate it because so many are bereaved and could not even sit next to a family member at a funeral. "I AM THANKFUL
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"I hate it because weddings and baptisms and ordinations have been postponed or have gone ahead without the parties that were meant to be with them.

"I hate it because children's schooling has been disrupted. I hate it because so many people are so ill, so many crying out in pain, so many isolated, lonely, fearful, depressed.

"I hate it because behind locked doors terrible things have happened. I hate it because the poor and the disadvantaged have been hit the hardest.

"I hate it because it has left so many people across the world feeling hopeless as if life itself has been taken from us."

But he said he was also thankful for the faithfulness of all who have served others during the crisis and risen to the challenge.

He added: "I am thankful that, despite all the horrors of a Covid world, we are learning a new commitment to Christ and how to be a humbler, simpler, church and we are putting Christ at the centre of our lives and learning very, very, very

painfully what it really means to be a church that is dependent on Christ alone.

"And I am filled for longing: I long for us to be a more Christ-centred and Jesus-shaped church witnessing to Christ and bringing the healing balm of the Gospel to our nation for this is our vocation."



The Church has a vital role to play in offering hope and comfort to the nation as we face an expected second wave of the coronavirus, the Archbishops of Canterbury and York have said.

In a joint letter to the bishops of the Church of England, Archbishops Justin Welby and Stephen Cottrell set out a stark assessment of the challenges facing the country amid the pandemic including hunger, homelessness, mental health pressures and domestic violence.

But, they say, the Church of England, through its presence in every community, can play a vital role in serving the nation - especially those most in need - and in bringing hope to all through the gospel.

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Churches are especially well placed, through networks and partnerships across the country, to help those most in need, who are hungry and homeless, they point out.

"Most of all we need to draw close to Christ and continue to offer the hope and stability of the Gospel," the Archbishops write.

"It is this gospel joy, even in the darkest times, that alone can help us through this crisis, bringing hope and an eternal

perspective to the very pressing trials of the moment."

The Archbishops also highlight the particular pressures faced by small businesses after months of restrictions and issue a challenge to banks to show the same mercy to those in difficulties now as banks themselves received during the financial crisis.

Referencing the parable of the unforgiving servant in Matthew 18, they add: "It will be for us and others to encourage the banks, who received such help in 2009, to be equally merciful to others as the nation was to them.



"St Matthew 18:23-35 seems highly relevant."

SERVICES FOR NOVEMBER

Important Notice: All churches follow strict Covid guidelines and face coverings need to be worn at all times whilst inside the building. We ask everyone attending to follow the guidance for seating and that you give your contact details on entry to the church, these will be kept for 21 days in line with the Governments Test and Trace Requirements. Please use the hand sanitisers provided. Unfortunately there can be no singing during Worship however there will be music. For services at South Hill, please take your own service sheets and common worship book.

Callington Services: Social Distancing rules means there are only 30 spaces within the building. You will be directed to one of the places. Toilets will be open. In order to manage services at this time anyone attending will need to fill in the on-line form at http://callingtoncluster.org.uk/whats-on/smc-services/register by 6pm on the Friday or ring Amy Wheeler 07984 199 930 by 6pm Thursday. Any in excess of 30 will be transferred to the following week's list. Only bookings by phone and via the website will be accepted.

Wk	Time	Callington	South Hill	
1st November	Mid Morning	10.00 Together@10 Family Service	11.15 Holy Communion Modern 11.15 Morning Worship Modern	
8th November	Mid Morning	10.00 Morning Worship Modern		
15th	Mid Morning	10.00 Morning Worship	11.15 Morning Worship	
November		Modern	Modern	
22nd	Mid Morning	10.00 Holy Communion	10.00 All Age Worship	
November		Modern	Modern	
29th	Mid Morning	10.00 Morning Worship	11.15 Morning Worship	
November		Modern	Modern	

SERVICES FOR NOVEMBER

Stoke Climsland

The church is also open for Private Prayer on Wednesdays from 1pm to 4pm.

A recording of the Sunday Service is also available for viewing on Facebook. https://www.facebook.com/StokeClimslandParishChurch.

To meet Covid guidelines, the Remembrance Service will be limited to those taking part (wreath bearers etc.) and a small number of worshippers (approx 30). However, the service will be recorded and available on the internet. It is also hoped that we will be able to livestream. To allow the organisers to arrange this special occasion service safely we have a booking system in place which you find at

https://forms.gle/mpSv6hrGYkZeapcAA. If you know of anyone who does not have access to the internet then please contact Rob Stewart on 01579 370943.

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	9.30 Informal Worship Modern	10.00 Morning Worship Modern	1st November
A short service of traditional	9.30 Informal Worship Modern	10.45 Service of Remembrance	8th November
Morning Prayer is held at St. Melor's on	9.30 Holy Communion Modern	10.00 Holy Communion Modern	15th November
Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 10.00 am.	9.30 Informal Worship Modern	10.00 Family Worship Modern	22nd November
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WHY DO WE NEED ADVENT?

Many people say: "I can understand God, but I can't see where Jesus fits into the picture."

A theologian called Athanasius, Egyptian by birth and Greek by education, gave the answer to your question 1600 years ago. He said: "The only system of thought into which Jesus Christ will fit is the one in which HE is the starting point!"

Once we try to begin with our own human-based attempt at understanding God and the meaning of life – let alone the place that Christ occupies – we'll be like the man who tries to do up his shirt buttons, beginning with the wrong button. He may hope that it will all work out, and that the shirt will eventually fit properly, but it never will.

You need to begin with Christ, if you want the picture to make sense. He is right there in the Bible, from the start. All Creation finds both its origin and its fulfilment in Him, its rightful heir (Colossians 1:15-17). You will notice from Colossians 1:17 that, far from Christ fitting into our system, we can only 'fit' – and thus find coherence and meaning – in His... or rather, in HIM.

It is through Christ alone that we can know the face of God, and His salvation in our lives. Jesus is fully God and fully human, Christ – the God-Man – is the perfect mediator. By His saving death He has bridged the gulf between heaven and earth (Philippians 2:5-11).

No one else will do. That was the blazing conviction of those first-century Christians. Beside Christ there was no other name (Acts 4:12). Historically, Christ's name claims supreme recognition in all the areas of life that matter most. It happened in the world of worship – where the Druids, ju-ju men, witch doctors, temple priests and the gigantic gods Mithras, Serapis, Diana, Jupiter and Venus were all swept away.

It also happened in the world of suffering. When we put the leaders of history and of thought together, it is quite clear that none of them suffered as Jesus did. In Him we see God incarnate, living among us, loving, suffering, dying and reclaiming. This fact alone is enough to explain the beginning of hospitals in our world. They were never begun by a state department. They owe their origin to the influence of Christ, and reflect His compassion.

It happened in the world of creativity. Christ has inspired symphonies, paintings, soaring architectures and enduring literature. Take Christ away, and the writings of Shakespeare would be meaningless. Atheism, by its very nature, could never have this impact, for atheism has no wings.

It happened in the world of eternity. The pre-Christian epitaphs say it all: 'I was not, I was born, I lived, I am not, that is all'. 'Guesswork is over all', Xenophanes had written. Into that world exploded the message of Christ, bodily raised from death, never to die again. That message alone is enough to change our view of the entire universe.

The universe itself only fits because of Christ.

By the Revd Richard Bewes, a former Rector of All Souls Langham Place, London.

PSALM 122 & ADVENT

'I rejoiced with those who said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the Lord. Our feet are standing in your gates, Jerusalem.'

(Psalm 122:1,2).

These words from Psalm 122 inspired Hubert Parry's great Coronation Anthem 'I was Glad.' As a Song of Ascent (Psalms 120-134), it was used by pilgrims going to the great festivals in Jerusalem. For the Jews this represented 'coming home' to worship at the Temple, the place of God's presence.

Our Worship of God:

As God's people today, we are also called to worship in praise and thanksgiving: 'That is where the tribes go up – to praise the name of the Lord' (4). Of course, currently our

coming together in church to sing our praise to God is greatly restricted. We are a scattered rather than a gathered community. However, as individuals, we can still offer God the worship of our lives using the resource of psalms like this one.

Our prayer to God:

The psalm encourages the pilgrims to pray for the peace of Jerusalem: 'Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: May those who love you be secure.' (6). The peace referred to here is more than simply an absence of conflict. Peace speak of wholeness of life in every aspect. This must be our prayer as we continue to struggle with the effects of the pandemic and as we seek the prosperity of the wider community: 'I will seek your prosperity' (9).

This month sees the beginning of Advent, the season when we affirm the hope of Jesus' return. As we pray for peace, we know that it is fulfilled in the coming of God's kingdom in Jesus. Despite living with so much uncertainty, we have the assurance of God's future purposes for our lives, churches and the world



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WHAT MAKES A FLOURISHING CHURCH?

A flourishing church is a fruitful church, it may not be a big church, or a perfect church, but is a church that has a vitality and a purpose about it.

There are four traits that mark out a flourishing church.

1. They know that all they have to offer that is of real value is God. They may do this in practical ways, they demonstrate both individually and as a body that faith in God through Jesus Christ makes a real difference to the way they live, think and



conduct their lives. They talk to God; they talk to others and they show a passion.

- 2. They know that every church cannot do everything. They also know that they have a purpose and are called and equipped by God to do something, they will be working in the power of God through the Holy Spirit in this area. It is not static but evolving and gives a focus, not set in stone but able to change. They do a few things and do them well.
- 3. They have quality in their relationships with each other and the community. Who they say they are and what they are perceived to be are the same. They listen to each other; they learn from each other. Listening is the basis of hospitality, welcome and mission. They attend to the quality of Community life and get involved.
- 4. They are a 7 day a week church. They are commissioned on a Sunday or whenever they gather together to go and serve the world; shaped, fed and empowered to be the church of those whom they encounter in their daily lives. Agents to bring God's peace, power and love in all situations.

Garry Morris

From a talk by by Bishop Revd. Hugh Nelson to the Deanery Synod on 22.10.2020



NOTICES

Christmas Cards that keep on giving

During these strange times, having the ability to send good wishes is even more important, so we will be doing our annual Christmas wishes for Compassion via this magazine.



Instead of sending a Christmas Card to those you know across the Cluster, you can have your name printed the magazine and give a donation to the work of Compassion in Honduras, so your greeting goes on giving.

To avoid the use of cash, this year we ask that your donation is paid in to the Stoke Climsland Church Account with the reference 'Compassion'. The money collected can then be transferred directly to the charity and the results will be printed in the February magazine.

Your donation can be paid in to the following account:

Account name: Stoke Climsland Parish PCC

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Account number 73533284 Please put 'Compassion' in the reference box

Sue Leonard-Williams has kindly offered to co-ordinate things so if you have any queries, please contact her at sue@leonard-williams.co.uk or call 01579 370638. Pauline Farr will be a point of contact at St. Mary's.

Compassion Christmas Carols

At a time when we're not sure how Christmas will look, Compassion is offering a free virtual carol concert to celebrate our unchanging God.

The hour-long carol service will be uplifting and faith-building and will celebrate the hope of the Christmas message with heart-warming Christmas carol singing and Bible readings in a



traditional church setting with a contemporary twist. Carols with Compassion will premiere Wednesday 2nd December, 7:30pm on TBN UK (Freeview channel 65). Then we're excited to share Carols with Compassion on Compassion UK social media channels Sunday 6 December, 8pm. Visit Compassion UK's Facebook, Instagram and YouTube.

Should an act of worship invoke thanks from others? And what is an act of worship?

Judith Ayers has been pondering these questions and shares her thought here:

point of view
Worship ['wa

Worship definition – show religious devotion to

We all offer and use our gifts to further God's

kingdom and for many, the tasks that we do could be considered an act of worship. But do we and should we, expect people to be grateful and say thank you? Saying thank you is a way of showing value to someone, it is an acknowledgement of someone's time and effort and lets' face it we all like to be thanked. We all like to feel that our efforts are appreciated, but why, when it is done as an act of worship? We do what we do to give to God.

The preacher does not get a round of applause, neither does the person who does the rota or cleans the church. These are all acts of worship.

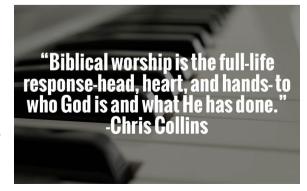
If the thing that is done as an act of worship helps others in turn to worship, then that is indeed cause for thanks. We are thanking the person or persons for the gift that God has given them and enabled them to share, to make our worship that much richer. For example; the joy that can be obtained from beautiful flower arrangements,

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helps us appreciate God's hand in nature. The emotions stirred up in us from hearing wonderful music, takes us further into God's presence. The challenge and response that arises out of a sermon, makes us act on the scripture. And the person that takes the minutes, or ensures that safeguarding is carried out, or keeps the church accounts, helps us all to function in our personal ministries.

The gifts we have are usually ones that bring us joy and satisfaction. So, in using our God given gifts we are bringing God into our own lives in a joyful way and using them to build up and encourage others.

Our generous God gives us everything, we in turn need to be generous, with our money, our time, our skills and our gifts.
And our thanks.



WORSHIP AND THANKS... continued

Maya Angelou, a black American poet and civil rights activist, wrote: "People will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel."

God's grace and peace allow us to grow in every area of our lives, including our love for others. We can glorify God when we live our lives to our very best, when we can give encouragement to others.

Prayer

God, there have been times of weariness or fear and times when we feel ready to give up, but always at the right time there came a note or a call from someone that you have lovingly placed in our lives.

Thank you that you are a God of encouragement, and that we have your Holy Spirit to help and to comfort in times of need. Show us how we can best be an encouragement to others. Amen.

Prayer is by Rev'd Sue Henderson, retired minister and member of Bradford on Avon United Church

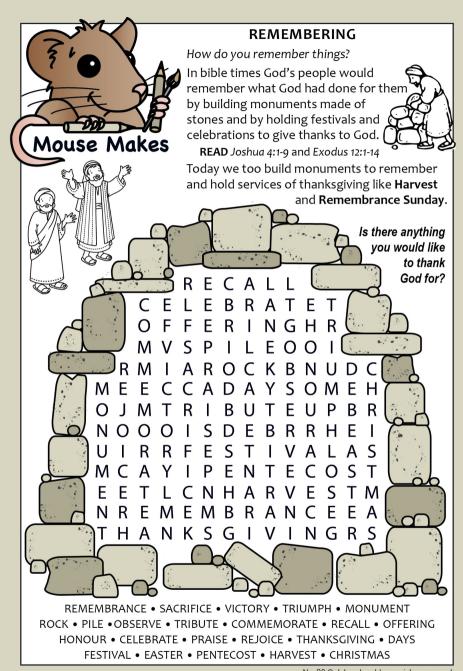
NOTICES - SOUTH HILL

Harvest 2020 at St Sampson's Church

Harvest at St Sampson's is always special. There may not have been the usual giant marrows and profusion of apples dripping from the windowsills, with no produce auction this year, but we celebrated Harvest Festival on Sunday October 4th in style. The church was beautifully decorated by our team of flower arrangers, many thanks to them for their efforts, it was much appreciated. The cash collection raised £116 for the Send a Cow charity and there was a generous collection of produce donated for Callington Food Bank. We couldn't sing our usual harvest songs, but were thrilled to welcome back Phillip who played the organ. I'm sure he blew out the dust that has accumulated over the last six months.

Many thanks to all who made this Joyful service happen and we look forward to many more harvest festivals in the future.





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