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A Letter from Liz



Remembering

As we enter November beginning with All Saint's Day we come to a time of remembering which is continued on the 11th with Remembrance Day.

As the leaves fall off the trees and 2019 starts to draw to a close, we enter what my dad calls the 'back end' and it seems appropriate that we have a time of reflection and preparation.

In our church calendar too we are coming to the end of our lectionary year as we begin a new lectionary year as we enter Advent. (Oh no I hear you cry – we already have to cope with the calendar year and the academic year!)

However we in the modern world are often guilty of trying to put a positive spin on everything and rushing past difficult emotions. Perhaps we should allow the weather and the season to influence us to pause and take stock and face some of those difficult emotions that we would sometimes prefer to ignore or rush past.

Life, as we know all too well, is challenging for many and this can be a time when we decide to be gentler with each other and ourselves and let go of our stiff upper lip and acknowledge the pain and regrets and loss that we carry with us as a very normal part of life.

But we don't have to carry it alone but can bring it to God who is willing to hear our deepest thoughts and emotions; our grief, our sorrow and our 'remembering's. And as we do perhaps we can draw on memories of good times to give us hope and strength to continue.

So please take time to be gentle with each other and share those memories with each other.

We may also reflect that the world seems a very complicated and conflicted place which also needs our gentleness and our compassionate prayers.

Wishing you friends and support as we spend time reflecting and perhaps this will prompt us to look out for those who live alone as the nights draw in. God Bless.

Rev Liz Hull

The Two Minute Silence



Schoolgirls in 1918 were warned that they might never be married. So many prospective husbands had been killed in World War 1, that their chances could be slim. It's hard for us to imagine the slaughter. The total number of both civilian and military casualties is estimated at around 37 million people, ending only when the Armistice took effect on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month in 1918.

The idea of a 'Two Minute Silence' originated in South Africa. The first minute was to be a time of thanksgiving for those who had returned alive, and the second minute was to remember the fallen. It was taken up by King George V, writing, "it is my desire and hope that at the hour when the Armistice came into force, there may be for the brief space of two minutes a complete suspension of all our normal activities."

It had an immediate impact. An observer wrote, "The whole World Stands to Attention. From the Indian jungles to Alaska, on the trains, on the ships at sea, in every part of the globe where a few British were gathered together, the Two-Minute pause was observed."

The Great War was said to be 'the war to end all wars'. But it wasn't. About three per cent of the world population were to die in World War 2. Today's 11th November commemoration, repeated on the nearest Sunday, now incorporates all wars.

The Royal British Legion describes the Act of Remembrance as a deeply personal act available to everyone, acknowledging the service and sacrifice of the Armed Forces and their families, across all conflicts.

In keeping the Two Minute Silence, many will long for the day when, in the words of the prophet Isaiah, "They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain: for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea."

Parish Pump

Expectant

The rector of a church had just made the happy announcement that a member of the congregation was with child. Then he reminisced a bit: 'As far as I know, there have been no pregnancies in this church for years - until I arrived!'

Ladies Working Party – St Mary's



Harvest Thanksgiving was a joyous occasion, the church was beautifully decorated and Bishop Michael Burrows was an inspiring preacher, with a great sense of humour. The Faith lunch was a friendly time of fellowship and good food, and the following day, 28 lovely bunches of flowers were assembled and distributed throughout the parish, jars of jam and honey went to the auction at St Peter's, Cregneash, and Mike Kewley took the groceries to the Foodbank. Thank you very much to all who helped.

Both Liz Hull's Ordination and the Faith tea which followed were lovely, happy occasions. Our very best wishes for your future ministry, Liz. We are also delighted to see so many children at morning service, and the recent All Age Service was a delight, with so many willing children involved in the dramatisations, and responding so well to Vicar Joe's sermon.

Our Tuesday afternoon meetings continue to be well attended, and we are pleased to welcome Anne Alcock who has recently joined us. Our Pre-Christmas Coffee Morning plans are taking shape and we would like to thank David Bowman for printing posters and tickets for us – it is much appreciated. This will be on Friday 15th November in St Mary's Church Hall from 10 – 11.30am. Tickets are available now, £2 each, to include mince pies and shortbread. We shall have a Cake Stall, Bran Tub, Fancy Goods and Raffles and as always, we do warmly invite everyone to come and support us in this fund-raising effort.

We send our love and prayers to everyone, in particular those who are unable to get about as once they might, those who are at a low point in their lives, those who are recovering from surgery, those who are facing it in the near future, and all who care for them.

With very best wishes from us all.

Pat Thomson

Continuing with Inger Perkins church bulletins:

'Low Self-Esteem Group will meet Thursday at 7pm. Please use the back door.'

'The ladies of the Church have cast off clothing of every kind. They may be seen in the basement of Friday afternoon.'

'Miss Charlene Masan sang 'I will not pass this way again', giving obvious pleasure to the congregation.'

ADVENT



The Way I See It - the future in safe hands?

Canon David Winter looks forward to Advent.

The Advent calendars, complete with chocolate, are already in the shops. The season actually begins at the end of this month, four weeks when Christians are meant to think seriously about the future. It's always been a human dilemma.

We know a lot about the past – ours and the history of our race. We know quite a lot about the present. But the fact is we know nothing about what might or will happen to us even five minutes ahead. In a few seconds our life can be turned upside down. We are introduced to a stranger who eventually becomes our life partner. The doctor tells us we are pregnant – or seriously ill. We get the sack or are offered a wonderful new job. Anything from a road traffic accident to a financial windfall to a leak in the kitchen ceiling can change everything in an instant.

So, it's not surprising that we are puzzled by the future. The past can be cherished – memories are precious. The present is to be lived to the best of our ability. But what can we do about the future? Our best laid plans are provisional, at best. No wonder soothsayers, fortune tellers and the rest have always done well.

For people who believe in God there is, however, a bit of help in his Name. In Hebrew it is 'Yahweh' (often wrongly transcribed as 'Jehovah'). It means, more or less, I AM. God simply *exists*, a kind of permanent present tense. So, while we see past, present and future, He is just the Existing One. Yes, I know that sounds baffling, but it makes sense that the Creator of everything can't be part of the time, space and matter that He created.

When I was a teenager we sang a gospel song that had a line I've never forgotten: 'We don't know what the future holds, but we know who holds the future'. It's a simple idea, but quite a profound thought for Advent!

Ketchup

A woman was trying hard to get the ketchup to come out of the bottle. During her struggle the phone rang so she asked her four-year old daughter to answer it. "It's the minister, Mum," the child said to her mother.

Then she told her caller: "Mummy can't come to the phone right now. She's hitting the bottle."



St Mary's Sunday School & Junior Church

The good news is: We are back!

After a period of uncertainty about the future of St Mary's Junior Church, we are very pleased that several new children have recently joined us and that Junior Church will be able to continue.

We were pleased to contribute to the joint Harvest Festival service at St Mary's with the 'Harvest Samba' song, which got some members of the congregation dancing to the beat! As always, this was a very enjoyable service of thanksgiving. The church had been beautifully decorated with many gifts brought for the Foodbank. Bishop Michael from Ireland gave a very interesting and thought-provoking talk about some of God's 'harvest' gifts that we take for granted for which we should give thanks: clean water, grass and clothes. After the service, many stayed to enjoy a delicious faith lunch in the hall. Special thanks to all who worked hard in the kitchen and to those who made and delivered flower bouquets to members of our congregations who can no longer attend our services.

Junior Church started again properly the following Sunday, and it was wonderful to welcome eight new children to the group. As well as playing a fun jumping game (thanks to Sam), time was spent preparing the October all-age service by singing, acting, learning about leprosy, and thinking about all the good things for which we thank God. During the service the children dramatised the story of the healing of Naaman the leper. Following this the congregation sang 'Our God is a great big God' with actions. The children also led the prayers and participated during the 'Learning Together' part of the service during which they responded to Joe's question about all the things for which we are thankful to God: our friends and families, food, clothes, good health, the health service, the internet and firetrucks! Joe had explained how isolated and unloved the lepers may have felt before they were healed, but how Jesus showed unconditional love to everybody, especially the 'unlovable' and marginalised, and transformed their lives. It is with thanks to the children who participated and showed such interest.

After many years as a Sunday School teacher at St Mary's, Carole Coole 'retired' in July, which meant that she can now regularly sing in the church choir again! We are very grateful to Carole for all her help and support with the children and young people over the years, and wish her every blessing. We also thank Margaret Moore for her continuing support and help with Junior Church.

We are really excited that we can once again go on sharing God's love and His word with the children and young people at St Mary's.

Claudia Köenig (Sunday School Leader)



News from St Catherine's & Kirk Christ



On 5th October Kirk Christ was the venue for the ordination of Rev Liz Hull to the priesthood. Liz has been in the parish for the past year as a deacon. I would like to thank all those of you who provided food and served tea and coffee at the Faith Tea held in St Catherine's Church Hall after the service. I would also like to thank the Manx Craft Guild who helped to prepare the hall for the tea after its function on that day. Also at Kirk Christ during the past month there has been a wedding and two baptisms. At St Catherine's Church there have been three baptisms. Details of these events will appear on page 16 in December's magazine. We welcome all of these people into our church family and our prayers are with them through the years ahead.

On 3rd October a very successful Soup Inn was held in St Catherine's Church Hall.

Gerry Callister

How Armistice Day began, 100 years ago

It was 100 years ago, on 11th November 1919, that the first Armistice Day (now Remembrance Day) was marked in the UK. King George V had issued a proclamation calling for a two-minute silence at 11:00am to remember the members of the armed forces who lost their lives in the line of duty.

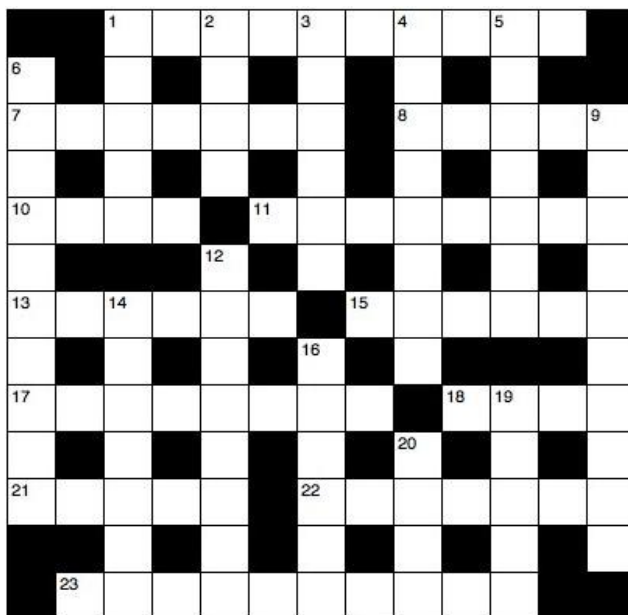
The two-minute silence was in fact adopted from a South African idea that had spread from Cape Town through the Commonwealth in 1919. The first minute was dedicated to those who died in the war, and the second to those left behind – families affected by bereavement and other effects of the conflict.

The Cenotaph was erected temporarily in Whitehall for a peace parade for Armistice Day in 1920. After a tremendous nationwide response, it became a permanent structure, and in the following years war memorials were created in other British towns and cities.

In 1939, the two-minute silence of Armistice Day was moved to the nearest Sunday to 11th November, so that it would not conflict with wartime production. This tradition continued after World War II – Remembrance Sunday is still marked with a national service, and by special services in most churches throughout the country and beyond. Americans mark Veterans Day instead.

Tim Lenton

November 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, (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

October Crossword Solution

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Once again I only received a few entries, four in all, which is one of the reasons why the competition will not be continued after the December issue. I asked a neighbour to draw the winning entry and she chose Douglas Couper as the winner. I have sent the £5 prize money to him through the post. If you would like to take part in this month's, and/or December's competition, let me have your entries by the last Friday of the month.

Put your garden nets away

Don't leave netting out in your garden over the winter – it is killing our hedgehogs. So warns the RSPCA, after reports of dozens of hedgehogs getting entangled in football, badminton and pond nets. Evie Button, a wildlife scientific officer, warns: "Netting can be a particular hazard for wild animals, as they can easily become entangled. As they thrash around trying to escape, the netting can tighten round them and cause terrible suffering." Since the 1950s, the number of hedgehogs in England has shrunk from 30 million to one million.

October Sudoku Solutions

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

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





They shall not grow old

They shall grow not old as we that are left grow old: age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn. At the going down of the sun and in the morning, we will remember them.

About 21 years ago I had been to the local war memorial on Remembrance Sunday and had been thinking about the names which had been read out. Our memorial just lists names and initials. So, I set out to discover more information about these men.

There are other memorials in the village including a roll of names in the church porch and these had more detail such as which unit the men served in. I published an appeal for information and people came forward with photographs, memories and letters. I also read local newspapers and found articles on the village and notices about the men.

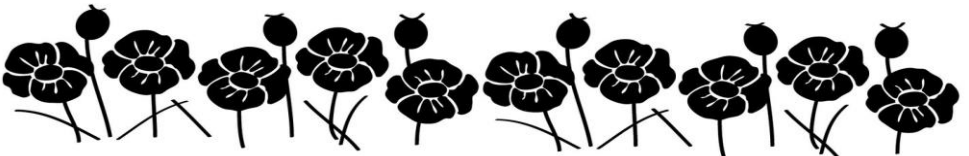
The Commonwealth Graves Commission has a lot of information on the casualties. I searched under the name of the local village. Sometimes it was difficult, as some surnames are commoner than others. In those days you had to pay a fee and send a request by letter but now the database is simple to use online.

Some of the local men had emigrated to the Empire before the war and had enlisted there. The war records held in Canada, Australia and New Zealand are much better preserved and accessible than in this country.

I enjoyed visiting people who proudly showed off their family treasures of medals, letters and memories. 20 years ago, there were people who remembered casualties from the Second World War and even someone who recalled a man who had been gassed in the First World War. A special shed was built for him, which rotated so he had access to fresh air. What was special for me was putting first names to men only known previously by an initial and then guessing they were known as Bill or Fred rather than William or Frederick.

In the time leading up to Remembrance Sunday why not visit your local memorial? If it is well looked after and free of litter and weeds, then why not write to whoever looks after it and thank them? If not, then find out who is responsible and ask some questions.

David Pickup



Jobs for the November garden and allotment

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The garden might not seem so appealing now November's here, what with damp days, dark nights and a chill in the air. But once you find a little enthusiasm for outdoor tasks, you'll reap huge rewards. The message for the month is 'don't sit on your laurels'. Hibernating is for tortoises, snakes and frogs. We humans need to remain active in order to produce adrenaline and with this comes a feel-good factor that provides a welcome boost.

Here are some seasonal tasks to help raise the spirits:

- Plant bare rooted trees and shrubs whilst they are dormant and there's still warmth in the soil. Add some mycorrhizal fungi to the planting hole so that the roots will romp away.
- Prune your apple trees, medlars, grape vines and currant bushes.
- Consider applying barrier grease bands or glues on fruit tree trunks. These help to prevent the activity of female fruit moths that emerge wingless. They climb tree trunks and lay their eggs on branches so that the caterpillars will have plenty of fruit buds on which to feast.
- Cover your winter brassicas with netting so that birds can't eat the fruits of your labour.
- You might be able to sow hardy peas and broad beans, provided the ground isn't too waterlogged.
- You can also sow salad leaves if they are under glass.
- Sow herbs indoors and grow them on a windowsill for use in the kitchen.
- Lift carrots before the ground becomes frozen and store them in the cool.

- Leave parsnips in the ground to experience a frost as they taste better after chilling.
- Check your stored produce including apples, pears and potatoes. Take out anything that looks blemished or bruised and make chutneys, juices and other delights.
- Rake leaves off lawns to prevent the grass turning yellow. Leave them on beds to improve biodiversity.
- Apply mulch to flowerbeds (after weeding). It keeps the soil warm and prevents new weeds from taking hold. Take care to keep the mulch away from flower stems.
- Make your own compost – you can add all sorts of organic waste include shredded paper, coffee grounds, leaves, grass, soft stems and spent flowers. Don't include food waste as it will attract rats.
- If you need to recycle cooked food leftovers, consider investing in a hotbin. These compost bins reach temperatures of up to 60 degrees C and can easily turn your waste into compost within just two months.
- Enjoy the fireworks of the month – including the fiery reds, oranges and golds of the autumn leaves!

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“Small Things”

Pause and remember the small things
About people you've loved or known –
Think of the many aspects,
Where significance has grown:
The guiding hand; the wisdom taught –
Gently offered when life seemed fraught.

Pause and remember the small things
Enacted by people we know –
The offer of a car-lift;
A smile setting all aglow;
The friendly chat and cup of tea,
Presented unexpectedly.

Pause and remember the small things
Jesus recognised while on Earth.
His attitude towards them –
Was one of intrinsic worth;
The story of the widow's mite,
Brings this fact strongly into light.

Pause, be aware of the small things
Appearing daily on life's screen –
Attention to such detail,
Helps reveal the larger scene:
In child, in sparrow, seed or tree,
Wonderful teaching aids we see.

Even the hairs on your head have been counted. (NRSV) Luke 12 v 7

Margaret Couper



All in the Month of November

200 years ago, on 22nd Nov 1819, George Eliot (pen name of Mary Anne Evans) was born. This British novelist became one of the leading writers of the Victorian era, best known for *Adam Bede*, *The Mill on the Floss*, *Silas Marner*, *Middlemarch* and *Daniel Dronda*.

150 years ago, on 17th Nov 1869, the Suez Canal was officially opened.

Also 150 years ago on 22nd Nov 1869 the British clipper ship Cutty Sark was launched in Scotland. It was one of the last tea clippers to be built, and it is now on permanent display at Greenwich in London.

100 years ago, on 11th Nov 1919, the first Armistice Day (now Remembrance Day) was marked in the UK, after King George V issued a proclamation calling for a two-minute silence at 11:00am on 11th November. The event remembers the members of the armed forces who lost their lives in the line of duty.

90 years ago, on 21st Nov 1929, Spanish Surrealist artist Salvador Dali held his first solo exhibition, in Paris.

75 years ago, on 12th Nov 1944, the RAF bombed and sank the German battleship Tirpitz, sister ship of the Bismarck, off Norway. The Tirpitz was the last of the major German battleships and this was the RAF's ninth attempt to sink her.

60 years ago, on 1st Nov 1959, the first stretch of the M1 motorway opened in Britain. The first motorway service station (Watford Gap) also opened.

50 years ago, on 16th Nov 1969, the first episode of the children's TV series *The Clangers* was broadcast in the UK. It ran for two series and was revived in 2015.

40 years ago, on 4th Nov 1979, militant Iranian students stormed the US Embassy in Teheran, taking 90 staff and US marines as hostage. Their actions were condoned by Ayatollah Khomeini, who denounced the USA as "the great Satan".

30 years ago, on 9th Nov 1989, the Berlin Wall fell. East Germany reopened its border with West Germany, allowing its citizens to pass freely through the checkpoints. Workers began demolishing the 28-year-old wall the next day. **Also on 21st Nov 1989** the televising of proceedings from Britain's House of Commons began.

25 years ago, on 14th Nov 1994, the first fare-paying passengers travelled through the Channel Tunnel linking England and France. **Also on 19th Nov 1994** the first National Lottery draw was held in Britain.

20 years ago, on 11th Nov 1999 the House of Lords Act was passed in Britain. It removed the right of hereditary peers to sit in the House. Most members are now life peers.



The Beatitudes: 'Blessed are the merciful'

'One difference between grace and mercy is that grace is getting what we don't deserve (favour), and mercy is not getting what we do deserve (justice).' (R.T. Kendall). Jesus calls us to show mercy in our everyday relationships: *'Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.'* (Matthew 5:7).

How are we to show mercy to others?

Firstly, we are to ***be merciful to those in need***, as illustrated by the parable of the Good Samaritan. Jesus uses this parable to challenge the lawyer about who showed mercy to the man, who was mugged on the road. *'The expert in the law replied, 'The one who had mercy on him.'* Jesus told him, *'Go and do likewise.'* (Luke 10:37). Our mercy will be demonstrated as we look out for those who are hungry, sick, outcast or lonely and show them practical love in meeting their needs.

Secondly, we are to ***be merciful to those who have wronged us***. The natural response, when somebody upsets or hurts us, is to get our own back and seek revenge. We feel justified when we see things going wrong in their lives. However, we are called to demonstrate the same mercy and compassion that God shows us, leaving the situation in his hands: *'Do not take revenge, my dear friends...if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink.'* (Romans 12:19,20).

The promise of this beatitude is that those who show mercy who will also receive mercy, for it is a divine quality of God himself.

'The quality of mercy is not strain'd. It droppeth as the gentle rain from heaven Upon the place beneath: it is twice bless'd...it is an attribute to God Himself' (William Shakespeare: The Merchant of Venice).

*This article by the **Rev Paul Hardingham** continues his series on the Beatitudes which will conclude in February 2020.*

Lead us not...

I had been teaching my three-year old daughter the Lord's Prayer. For several evenings at bedtime, she would repeat after me the lines from the prayer. Finally, she decided to go solo. I listened with pride as she carefully enunciated each word, right up to the end of the prayer: "Lead us not into temptation," she prayed, "but deliver us some e-mail. Amen"

From the Registers

Funeral (September 2019)

Thursday 12th September

Susan Mary Camarda
Kirk Christ @ 10.00am

Funerals (October 2019)

Wednesday 2nd October

Jennifer Ann Branden
Kirk Christ

Wednesday 16th October

Thelma Law
St Catherine's Church

Weddings (September 2019)

Saturday 7th September

Sarah Joanne Heap & Geoffrey Andrew Callister
St Peter's Church @ 4pm

Saturday 14th September

Joanne Mary Otty & Stephen Thomas A McHugh
Kirk Christ @ 2.00pm

Weddings (October 2019)

Saturday 12th October

Hannah Rachel Crawford & Mark Derek Young
Kirk Christ @ 2pm

Friday 18th October

Natalie Paula Brennan & Isaac Rhys Heaton
St Peter's Church @ 3.30pm

Safeguarding

The Parish of Rushen is committed to the safeguarding, nurture and care of **everyone** within our church community. If you, or someone you know, are concerned that a child or vulnerable adult is at risk or has been harmed, or are concerned about the behaviour of someone towards children or vulnerable adults, please contact:

Rushen Parish Safeguarding Officer, Claire Jennings (Tel. 830850)

The **Diocesan Safeguarding Adviser** has now been appointed. For more details contact the diocese.

A copy of the Diocesan Safeguarding Policy is available on the Diocesan website: http://www.sodorandman.im/safeguarding_inclusion



"It's a devil to start on these damp November Sunday mornings – luckily we have a sidesman who works for the AA"

Rushen Mothers' Union



It was a lovely afternoon for our well attended meeting in St Mary's Hall on Monday 14th October, and a warm welcome was given to all members, guests, speaker Mrs Brenda Kinnish, and to our new Diocesan Secretary, Mrs Danni Bradshaw, whose husband Fr. Ben, our new MU chaplain, will be ordained on 19th October. Our short service included very apt hymns chosen and played by Mrs Margaret Couper,

prayers led by Pat, and beautiful readings chosen and given by Mrs Sue Bould.

We were saddened to hear the news of the death of one of our long-standing members, Mrs Thelma Law and arrangements were put in place for our Rushen MU banner to be placed in St Catherine's church for her funeral on 16th October. Mrs Valerie Vaughan had attended a service on 13th October to celebrate 120 years of St Thomas's Mothers' Union and had kindly brought the order of service for us to see. All were able to sign a card to be sent to them with our very best wishes. Mrs Jane Gunn updated us on the sum, £730, raised for MU from Mrs Caroline Kneen's cycle run in London, and Danni explained about the reordering of contents in our new Constitution.

We were all eager to hear Brenda's talk. For many years she had been a Salvation Army Officer working with alcoholics, drug abusers and the homeless, and also working as a prison chaplain. She had many amusing and also poignant stories to tell which gave an insight into her work within the Salvation Army, and which we found very moving and thought provoking. A line which she quoted in relation to the hungry and homeless will stay with me; "Feed him first and he will see the Love of God in action". Truly Faith in Action.

Mrs Sue Maddrell gave a most appreciative vote of thanks and a gift, and after our closing hymn followed by the Grace, we all enjoyed tea and biscuits while browsing through some of the literature and photos which Brenda had brought to illustrate her work.

Mrs Elizabeth Sheen had very kindly gifted special MU cloth, brought back from a visit to a MU branch in Nairobi, (with which we are linked) and which Mrs Audrey Hubbard has hemmed so we now have a lovely new cloth for our central table. Thank you, ladies.

Future dates: Pat will attend the next meeting of the JMP South and West committee on 13th Nov. The MU Advent service will be at 7pm on Dec 3rd in St Catherine's Church, at which we are invited to donate to the MU charity for the year, "Monitors4Kids", an island wide campaign run by the Manx Diabetic Group which seeks to raise money to provide 24 hr Continuous Glucose Monitors for children with type 1 diabetes. Envelopes will be available at our next meeting for those who might not be able to attend the service.

Our next branch meeting on Mon 11th Nov, at 2pm, in St Catherine's hall, will be led by Mrs Sue Maddrell when Jim and Anne Cottier will talk about the Royal British Legion. All welcome. With our love and best wishes to everyone,

Pat Thomson

God in the Arts

‘The Virgin and Child with Saints’ by Giovanni Martini da Udine

*The National Gallery at Trafalgar Square in London houses one of the finest collections of European paintings in the world, with some 2,300 works spanning the centuries. During this year, with the help of the **Rev’d Michael Burgess**, we are journeying through the gallery to explore one of those treasures each month. (Editor)*



The National Gallery in London is a remarkable treasure house of art, founded in 1824 and home to over 2,300 paintings. Much work goes on behind the scenes to maintain this collection, and in August after a seven-year restoration project, a particular painting went on display for the first time in over a hundred years.

It is the work of an Italian Renaissance artist, Giovanni Martini da Udine, who died in 1535 - an altarpiece depicting ‘The Virgin and Child with Saints.’ Restoring the painting was complex and demanding work for the staff had to remove the varnish, repaint some areas and treat the woodworm. Thanks to the skill of those workers, we can now see the painting in all its beauty and grace. On the right St George has vanquished the dragon and is turned in prayer to the Christ-Child. On the left St James,

the brother of John, has his hand on the shoulder of the patron. But he looks out at us and invites us into this scene in what is known as a ‘sacra conversazione’ – a holy conversation.

On the 1st of this month we celebrate the great feast of All Saints – that rich communion of saints like James and George, whose lives we know, and also the many thousands known only to God: all who have offered their lives in His service. Just as specialists worked for seven years to restore this painting after the ravages of time, so on this day we give thanks for God working in the lives of His saints. Men and women like us: a mixture of hopes and ideals, of frailty and weakness, but ready to open their lives to be raised up and restored. These holy ones call us to travel in their company with our eyes set on God, who seeks to restore all of us to be channels of His grace.

Children's Page

Bible Bite

It can be read in the Bible in
Matthew 7:7-11, Luke 11:5-13

A short story from the Bible

To teach about praying, and God's good gifts, Jesus told this story - 'If you have a visitor arrive in the middle of the night..'

Oh no! I have no bread to feed him! I am so ashamed! What can I do?.. I know!



'You would go round to a friend's house.'



I really, really need some bread for a visitor.



I need that bread!



He's not going to go away, is he?



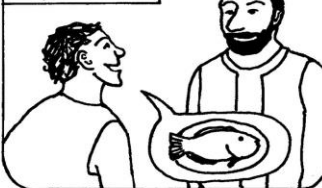
Jesus concluded...

So keep on asking and it will be given, seeking and you will find, knocking and it will be opened. ... And parents, if your hungry child asks for bread,

'..would you give them a stone?'



'And if they asked for a fish...'



'..would you give them a snake?'



'Or if they asked for an egg...'



'you'd give a scorpion?'



If you, who aren't perfect parents, give good gifts to your children, then don't you think that gifts from your perfect Father, God, will be even better?

The Story Behind the Hymn



God is Love His the Care

God is love: his the care,
tending each, ev'rywhere,
God is love, all is there!
Jesus came to show him,
that we all might know him!

Refrain:

Sing aloud, loud, loud!
sing aloud, loud, loud!
God is good! God is truth!
God is beauty! Praise him!

None can see God above;
we can share life and love;
thus may we Godward move,
finding him in creation,
holding ev'ry nation. [Refrain]

Jesus lived on the earth,
hope and life brought to birth
and affirmed human worth,
for he came to save us
by the truth he gave us. [Refrain]

To our Lord praise we sing,
light and life, friend and King,
coming down, love to bring,
pattern for our duty,
showing God in beauty. [Refrain]

Some time ago, in schools across the British Isles, schools held morning assembly which were very similar to a church service. There was usually a story with a moral, followed by a few hymns and some prayers. It was like this in all schools, until the country became more secular and more multi-cultural. Some of the hymns were rather dirge-like but, generally, in school, the teachers chose some nice, lively tunes for the youngsters. One often sung hymn was '*God is Love His the Care*'. The story which accompanied it was probably the one about how God cares for everyone, and even notices the smallest sparrow fall. Both the story and the hymn are uplifting, and assure us that God loves, and cares for, every single one of us.

Percival Dearmer, who wrote it, was an English priest, author and lyricist who was born in Middlesex in February 1867. In his youth, he attended Westminster School and later Christ Church College, Oxford, where he attained his BA and MA degrees. Though his works date back several decades into history, the songs are still sung and the ideas behind them are still relevant to many. He wrote, or translated, a number of hymns, and was also responsible for the 'Parson's Handbook' ~ an Anglican clerical manual. He was very influential in the field of church music. His wife, Mabel, died in Serbia, in 1915, while serving with a first world war ambulance unit, where Percy was chaplain. Mabel and Percy's two sons also served in the Great War. One, Geoffrey, survived, and lived to the age of 103, but the other, Christopher, died of wounds incurred in battle.

Percy Dearmer suffered personal loss, and must have seen many horrors during the First World War, yet he still wrote 'God is love'. He married again and fathered three more children, one of whom was killed in the Second World War. Percy died in May 1936 and is buried in Westminster Abbey.

Rushen Parish Prayer Diary



*Help me to live each day, quietly, easily,
To lean on your great strength
Trustfully, restfully,
To await the unfolding of Your will
Patiently, joyously,
To face tomorrow
Confidently, courageously Amen*



November 2019

This is your invitation to pray day by day for:

- 1st All saints, known or unknown, now in heaven
- 2nd People we have known and loved, but no longer see
- 3rd Christians around the world
- 4th Those who intercede at our services throughout the parish
- 5th Safety for all those involved in firework and bonfire celebrations
- 6th The Ladies Working Party and the wonderful work it does for the parish
- 7th The work of the British Legion in preparation for Remembrance Sunday
- 8th Older people who need warmth as winter approaches
- 9th The refugees seeking better opportunities for themselves
- 10th Babies born today and the families into which they are born
- 11th The Armistice which is remembered today
- 12th The work of charities both at home and overseas
- 13th Those who died in two world wars and subsequent conflicts to give us freedom
- 14th Fishermen who risk their lives to provide us with food to eat
- 15th The Coffee Morning taking place in St Mary's Church Hall this morning
- 16th Those who are ill, or in hospital, and the people who look after them
- 17th The importance of the Bible as a teaching aid for all Christians
- 18th Our congregations throughout Rushen which meet in fellowship and faith each Sunday
- 19th The PCC meeting taking place in St Catherine's Church Hall this evening
- 20th Preparations for Christmas in shops and other retail outlets
- 21st People in prison seeking to improve their lives
- 22nd Couples who are preparing for marriage at some point in the future
- 23rd Preparations throughout the parish for our Christmas services
- 24th Christ the King – the last Sunday of the church year
- 25th People who are suffering hardship through loss of earnings
- 26th Children who are affected when families break up
- 27th Those recovering from operations, or medical procedures, at Noble's Hospital
- 28th Our PCC Treasurer, Stephen Curtis, for the work he does in maintaining our finances
- 29th Voluntary helpers in schools who give their time to help the children
- 30th Saint Andrew, Patron Saint of Scotland, and brother of St Peter the Apostle

Services November 2019

3 rd November (Trinity 20)	8am	St Catherine's Holy Communion (BCP)
	9.30am	Kirk Christ Holy Communion (CW)
	11am	St Mary's Holy Communion (CW)
	11am	St Catherine's Morning Prayer (CW)
	3.15pm	St Peter's Evening Prayer (BCP)
6 th November	11.15am	Southlands Holy Communion (CW)
	2pm	St Mary's Play & Praise
10 th November (Remembrance)	10.45am	Kirk Christ Remembrance Service
	10.55am	St Mary's Holy Communion (CW)
	3.15pm	St Peter's Evening Prayer (BCP)
17 th November (Trinity 22)	8am	St Catherine's Holy Communion (BCP)
	9.30am	Kirk Christ Morning Prayer (CW)
	11am	St Mary's Holy Communion (CW)
	11am	St Catherine's All-Age Service (CW)
	3.15pm	St Peter's Holy Communion (BCP)
24 th November (Christ the King)	9.30am	Kirk Christ Morning Prayer (CW)
	11am	St Mary's Morning Prayer (CW)
	11am	St Catherine's Holy Communion (CW)
	3.15pm	St Peter's Evening Prayer (BCP)
1 st December (Advent 1)	8am	St Catherine's Holy Communion (BCP)
	9.30am	Kirk Christ Holy Communion (CW)
	11am	St Mary's Holy Communion (CW)
	11am	St Catherine's Morning Prayer (CW)
	3.15pm	St Peter's Evening Prayer (BCP)
4 th December	11.15am	Southlands Holy Communion (CW)
	2pm	St Mary's Play & Praise

*The dates and times of these services have been based on the usual format.
Details of baptisms were not to hand.*

(CW) Common Worship

(BCP) Book of Common Prayer

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November Sudoku Competition

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This will be the penultimate sudoku competition so do have a go if you can. It has been really interesting hearing the comments of those of you who have taken part over the years it has been running. Some have said they're too hard, some have said that they're too easy. I suppose you can't please everyone! The usual rules apply with your entries having to be with me by Friday 29th November. The winner will be drawn by someone who doesn't take part, and notified by post early in December. The £5 prize still applies. Good luck! (Editor)