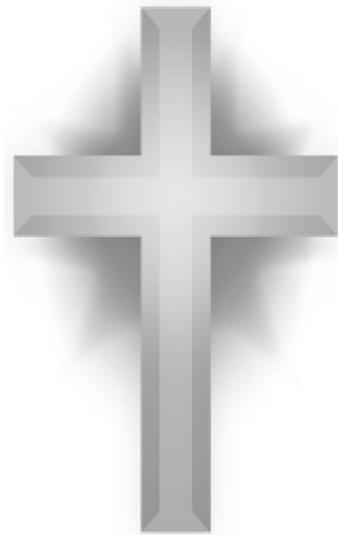
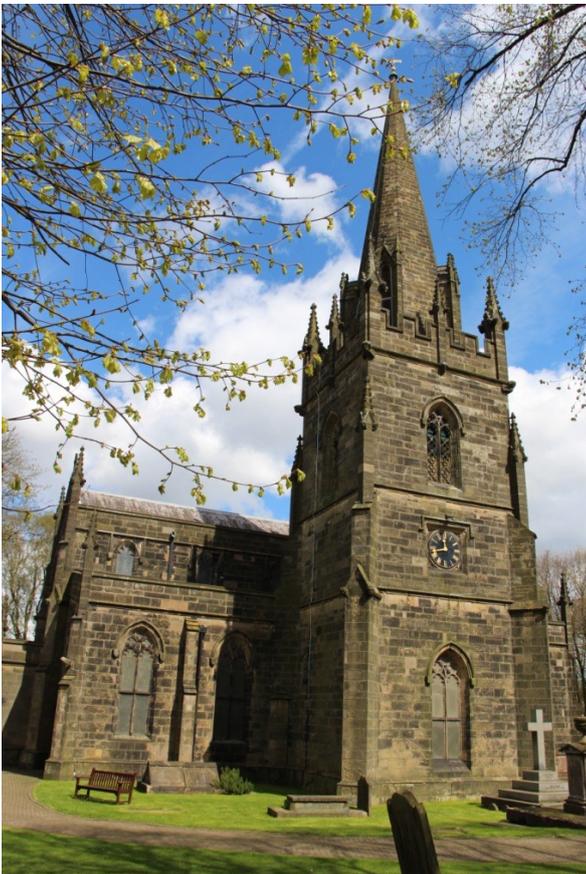
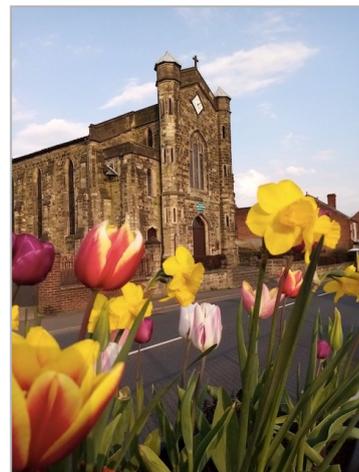


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## **Funerals**

### **Funerals in October**

14<sup>th</sup> Thomas Ronald Reeves – Gornal Wood

15<sup>th</sup> Richard Victor Beadle – Beacon Hill

18<sup>th</sup> Ronald Davies – Gornal Wood

18<sup>th</sup> John Desmond Round – Gornal Wood

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## **Advent Gift Week**

At our DCC meeting last month it was decided we would not hold a Christmas Fair this year due to the ongoing situation.

Instead All Saints' Church are having an '**Advent Gift Week**' from **Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> November** to **Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> December**.

All donations will be gratefully received and will be equally shared between '**Crisis at Christmas**' and **All Saints' Church**.

Donations, in an envelope marked 'Gift Week', can be given to the churchwardens, or handed in at the Friday Coffee Morning on 3<sup>rd</sup> December, or to Gail at the Parish Office.

## **‘Remembering’, from Guy Hewlett**

The autumn is here, and the leaves are falling fast from the trees and our garden is full of them! Each leaf falls as an individual having done its work on the tree. The trunk and branches begin to be bare and a little stark. But in them we can see the strength of the tree. In the Spring the trees will be renewed, and new leaves will grow, and the cycle of life will continue – it is good to remember the Spring in November!

We can rush through November, with its cold reminders that winter is arriving, perhaps in the hope that the cold will not get to us before our Christmas celebrations!

But November can be a precious month – a month of remembering before we move to Advent when we remember the coming of Christ into the world, and remind ourselves that he will return one day to bring a time when there is no more crying or pain.

In November we celebrate All Saints Day. The Church has recognised as its foundation stones those heroes of the faith whose lives have ‘excited others to holiness and have assumed a communion with the Church on earth and the Church in heaven’. We celebrate All Souls Day, the Commemoration of the Faithful Departed. It has been written ‘The believer’s pilgrimage of faith is lived out with the mutual support of all the people of God. In Christ all the faithful, both living and departed, are bound together in a communion of prayer’. This can bring many of us a huge emotional warmth and comfort. It is good to remember that in loss there is always the sure and firm hope of resurrection.

On the 11<sup>th</sup> November we remember Armistice Day and all who have given their lives in conflict; marked in church particularly on Remembrance Sunday. This helps us remember not only the total sacrifice others have given for us but also that it is incumbent on us to strive for peace at all levels of life.

Remembering matters for us as individuals, as family, as church and as society because it helps us understand how the past impacts our present and our future. Remembering gives us a context to help us understand who we are.

Noticing the changing seasons helps us look forward to Spring and Summer with real hope. Remembering those who have died and gone before us helps us realise that we are part of a much greater community of faith than we currently physically live with. It is helpful to remember that one day the struggles of this life will end, and we will be part of the great host of witnesses in the presence of God where there is eternal painless life and joy.

Remembering helps us live well today.

‘Give thanks to the God of heaven, for his steadfast love endures forever – Psalm 136:26

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## **Dogs and people**

Dogs really are in tune with human emotions like no other species, and they are born with this ability.

Such is the finding of a recent study at Duke University in North Carolina, which compared the interaction of wolf cubs with humans, and of puppies with humans. In test after test the puppies came top in their innate ability to understand human instructions.

As one researcher explained: “Dogs are born with this innate ability to understand that we’re communicating with them, and we’re trying to co-operate with them.” The study concluded that the social genius of dogs with humans is a product of thousands of years of domestication.

# ADVENT FELLOWSHIP

After the stress and isolation many of us experienced last Christmas, our Advent course is a healing and hopeful way to prepare for Christmas this year. Our Thursday evening fellowship will be meeting on Zoom for 4 evenings from mid-November to mid-December. The dates are: 18<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> November and 2<sup>nd</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> December, 7.30 -9 pm.

‘Travelling Light’ is a 4-part course designed by “Lights for Christ” from the Diocese of Sheffield. Each session lasts about 90 minutes on Zoom but can be looked at individually online – link below. The course consists of a worship hymn or song or poem. A bible reading. A video showing an enactment of the reading and some reflective questions and a discussion. We will close with a prayer.

The bible is full of stories of journeys and each week we come alongside some of the travellers on those journeys. As we journey with them, we hope to understand more about our own journeys finding inspiration, direction, and hope. Above all we will hope to reflect on our walk with Jesus Christ and discover more of the light and healing he brings and ways to share that light with others.

Everyone is welcome to join.

For more information or to join the group and receive our zoom link please email Guy Hewlett:

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if you would like to do the course individually it can be found on the Lights for Christ Website:

<https://www.lightsforchrist.uk/travellinglight>

## Back2Gather Café Church

On 17th October we hosted our first Café style church at All Saints. The theme for the service was the Parable of the Mustard seed, where we heard about how the smallest of all seeds can grow into a great tree, big enough for the birds of the air to nest, and how the story describes the Kingdom of God. From small beginnings how the knowledge of God through Jesus, started with a small number of followers, and grew and spread across the world. The service attracted 28 adults (including the team) and 13 children. This is an amazing start, and which we praise God for!

We started the service with a welcome, after which we invited people to visit the different “stations”, including Crafts, Prayer, Talk, Sing and Refreshments.

One of the activities was to take one of the foam cut out “people” and draw on then a picture of yourself or someone you know; we used these people in the prayers to illustrate how we, from small steps of faith, can take our part in the kingdom of God, by joining them together. You can see the fruits of this prayer at All Saints in the corner where the font is located, do take a look when you visit All Saints.

We also had a time of worship using the new songs we had learnt in the sing station.

The team worked really hard preparing the resources for the service, and “manning” the stations. We were also joined by Helen, our Mission Enabler and her husband Jaimie, who led the worship singing and playing the guitar, and I used the opportunity to join in with playing the Djembe (African drum)!

There was a lovely atmosphere and those who attended really enjoyed it, and appreciated the relaxed atmosphere.

If you missed this first café church, why not come along to the next one on **5th December at 4:00 at All Saints.**



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## Mothers' Union

What an enjoyable and entertaining afternoon we spent last month when Barbara Price came and shared her 'Box of Poetry' with us.

I first knew of Barbara's talents as a poet when a past curate, Father Philip, held a poetry competition and her poems appeared in print. (How many of us have, on a bookshelf, the poetry books which were produced as a result of the competition?). Barbara had put together a PowerPoint presentation to accompany her poems which covered many topics including 'The Sermon', 'Our Harvest' and one about 'Father Philip'. Her love of poetry, begun at an early age at school, was evident to us all as she shared some of her favourite verses, as well as her own wonderful poems.

Congratulations to Mary Davenport who was presented with her Long Service Award for 20 years membership of the Mothers' Union.

Our lunchtime Communion service was well attended, thank you to Revd Guy for his address and for blessing some knitted baby clothes and crocheted blankets. We stayed after the service for refreshments and fellowship.

I took the blankets to The Firs residential home who were delighted to receive them.

### 16 Days of Activism

Members will have received the Mothers' Union 'Connected' magazine which includes a Prayer Diary for the 16 Days of Activism. For those reading this article who may not have heard of this, it is a United Nations' campaign against Gender-Based Violence and Abuse. It takes place from 25<sup>th</sup> November (International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women) until 10<sup>th</sup> December (International Human Rights Day). The Mothers' Union joins with organisations across the world to raise awareness and call for the prevention and elimination of violence against women and girls.

It is stated that 1 in 3 women will experience some form of violence and abuse in their lives and thus on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> November members (and non-members) are asked to mark a 3 minute silence at 1.03pm.

## **Remember our visit to Highgrove in 2006?**

...Well last month I was treated to a surprise tour of the gardens at Highgrove. We had an excellent guide who took us around the series of interlinked gardens which have been created with imagination and passion over some 40 years by HRH Prince Charles, and his team of gardeners. It was a joy to see the acers in their autumnal colours and feel the peacefulness of the Stumpery with its many varieties of ferns. Jonathan was very envious of the 40,000 snowdrops planted in the woodland to celebrate the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Prince's Trust! As we walked through the wooded areas of the garden we noticed hazel hurdles edging the pathways and were told that Prince Charles had made these during the pandemic. A truly wonderful garden managed organically and sustainably and providing a peaceful haven from a very public life.

...Oh, and of course the Cream Tea in the Orchard Tea Room was also most enjoyable!

### **Dates**

2 <sup>nd</sup> November 2.30pm	Mary Zielonka
7 <sup>th</sup> December 2.30pm	Christmas Memories

Both of these meetings are in the Church Hall and all are welcome.

Take care

**Liz**

### **Macmillan Coffee Morning**

Thank you to all who came to the coffee morning. We raised £292 for this worthy cause.

## **In memory of a great Russian novelist**

Two hundred years ago this month, on 11<sup>th</sup> November 1821, Fyodor Dostoevsky, the Russian novelist, short story writer and journalist was born. He is best known for his novel *Crime and Punishment*, and many critics rate him one of the greatest novelists in all of world literature. His mother used the Bible to teach him to read and write at the age of four, and this – together with a nanny who read him fairy tales from an even earlier age – led him to a lifelong devotion to literature.

He was brought up as an Orthodox Christian and maintained his belief throughout his life, though he had doubts about certain Church practices – especially those of the Catholic Church and Pope Pius IX. But he viewed Christ with great love.

He narrowly escaped death in his mid-twenties when he became involved with a group that criticised the Tsar and the political system. He was condemned to death but reprieved at the last moment and sentenced to hard labour in Siberia. This probably aggravated his epilepsy, which led to his death many years later.

He was married twice and had several affairs. On his deathbed he requested that the Parable of the Prodigal Son be read to his children.

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## **Tribute to two All Saints' stalwarts**

John Donne the 16<sup>th</sup> century poet wrote the famous words “*any man's death diminishes me*”. However the passing of two men within days of each other, both stalwart supporters of the Christian faith and members of All Saints' Sedgley, comes as a double blow. When they are men of the quality of Ken Slater and Des Round the blow is even sharper. Tributes to both of them follow.

**Tony Hart**

## **John Desmond (Des) Round**

Des Round who passed away on 8th September was a born in Tipton on 6<sup>th</sup> February 1932. He was a lifelong member of the Church of England and a long term member of All Saints' Church serving for 32 years in the Church Choir. He was educated at Princes End Junior School and Mount Pleasant School Coseley.

Des served his National Service with the R.E.M.E. where he developed a strong background in mechanical and electrical engineering. This served him well on return to Civvy Street when he completed formal training at Dudley Technical College. His background served him so well, in fact, that he finished his career as Quality and Works Study Manager Manager at Neweys in Tipton, the company he joined when he left school.

Music in general and singing in particular were very important parts of Des's life. He started at the age of 7 as a choirboy at St. John's Church Tipton remaining part of the choir for many years firstly as a treble and then as a tenor. Following a number of years as a chorister at St. Chad's Church, Coseley he joined All Saints' Church Choir in 1981, serving for 32 years until finally retiring 2013. Following this he remained a regular member of the congregation until physical disability overcame him.

Des had a remakkably good tenor voice which he could adapt either to singing in a choir or to solo performance. The quality of his voice and musicianship was such that from 1973 until 1985 as a member of the CBSO Choir and regularly sang in concerts, accompanied by the CBSO under a number of highly distinguished conductors.

Des had a great depth of Christian faith that sustained him and his wife Jean during his final years.

## **Kennedy (Ken) Slater**

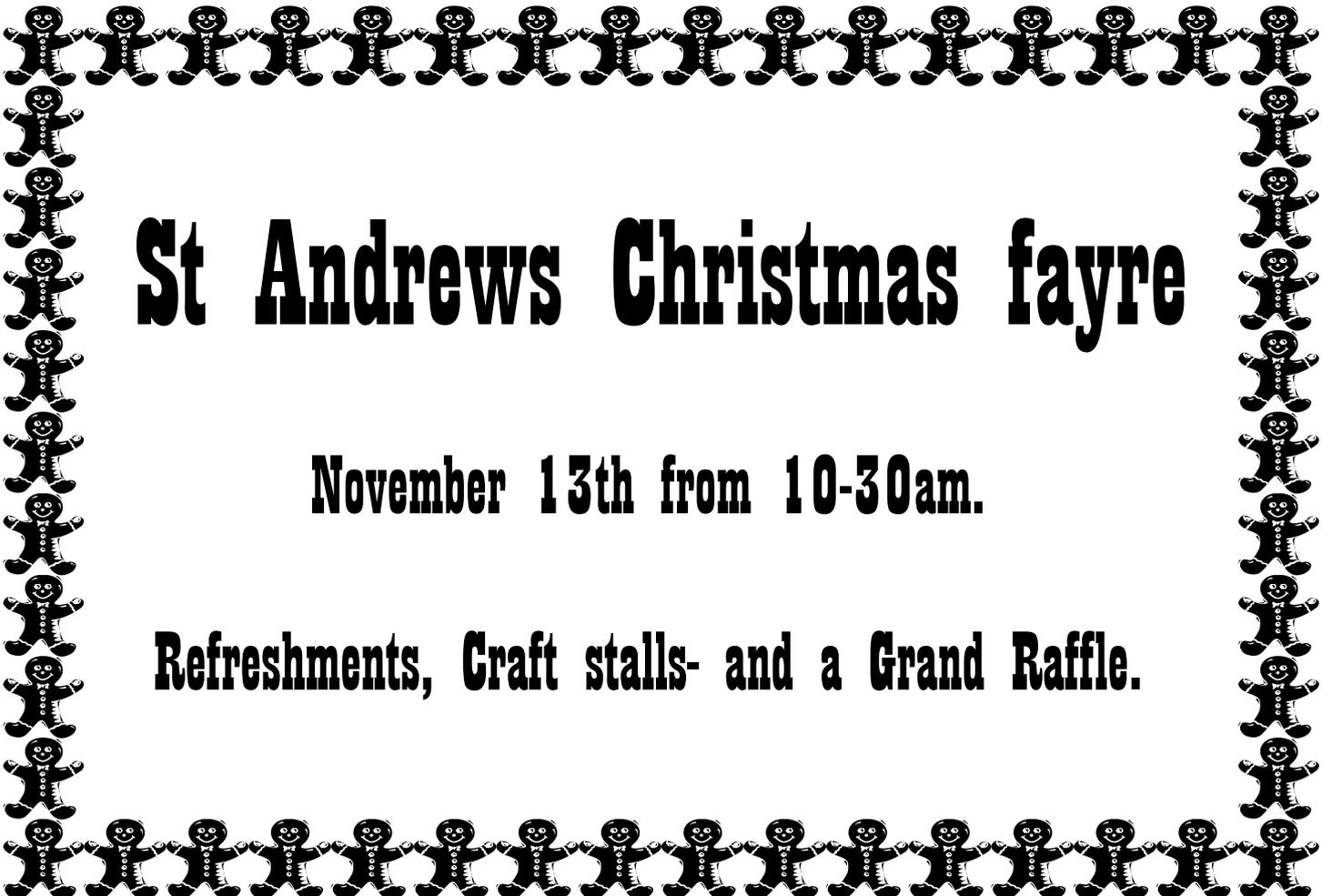
Ken Slater who passed away on 13th September was a born and bred Sedgley man whose ancestry in the village could be traced back to the 1600s. He was born on 12<sup>th</sup> November 1937 at No 29 Bath Street, Sedgley where he was the youngest member of a family of 10 children. Naturally he was educated in Sedgley at Queen Victoria School in Bilston Street subsequently moving to Tipton Grammar School at age 11.

He trained as a draftsman at Sabre Designs in Sedgley and returned there following his National Service in the RAF. He had a meticulous nature and ultimately became the key person who final proof-read other drawings to ensure complete accuracy.

For the whole of his life Ken was an active Christian and loyal member of All Saints' Church. His most important involvement, by far, was his membership of the Church Choir which he joined 1948 when he was 11 years old. Starting obviously as a treble he matured into an alto in his teenage years and this remained his normal singing voice although his voice was remarkably versatile since he could also sing tenor and bass. However, it was the quality of his alto voice together with his high level of musicianship that marked him out as an outstanding chorister.

Ken was naturally something of a perfectionist so when the quality of his voice started to fade he retired from the Church Choir in 2012 whilst remaining a regular member of the congregation until moving to the Tywyn on the mid-Welsh coast for the remainder of his life.

He was devoted husband, father and grandfather and it is impossible to think about Ken without mentioning Ivy, his wife. They were together from their early teen years until his sad passing. He was a quiet person, but with firm convictions, and most amiable companion with a host of close friends who, like his family, will miss him sorely.



# St Andrews Christmas fayre

November 13th from 10-30am.

Refreshments, Craft stalls- and a Grand Raffle.

## The congregation

A minister was considering a move to a busy town-centre church, and wanted to know what the congregation were like, and especially the church council. So, he rang the minister who had just retired from that church.

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## **Are any of your friends 'flakes'?**

If so, you will know the scenario: they happily agree a plan with you to do something, and then at the last minute, they cancel and don't show. As one sufferer of flaky friends put it: "Flakes are on a rise of epidemic proportions. People are becoming less reliable... the younger the generation, the worse it gets."

Of course, it is easier to flake in the digital age. It is easier to text a cancellation than to tell someone face to face that you are letting them down.

But if you are a flake, and you do it too often, beware: your friends may begin to distance themselves from you. Who wants to be friends with someone who is unreliable?"



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*‘The wolf will live with the lamb, the leopard will lie down with the goat, the calf and the lion and the yearling together; and a little child will lead them. ... They will neither harm nor destroy on all my holy mountain, for the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.’ (From Isaiah 11)*

When pain, conflict, stress, and sorrow flood our lives we can lose sight of God’s promise of a different kind of future. Isaiah was living in desperate times. The leaders had made treaties with evil nations because they thought it would bring them security and riches – but disaster loomed. Isaiah knew that his nation was sleepwalking into war and destruction. God gave Isaiah a picture of hope: the distant future, which is also our future. The wolf will no longer devour the lamb but lie alongside it. A child can plunge their hand into a viper’s nest and not fear. There is safety and unity on God’s holy mountain: a picture of eternal rest with our Creator.

We are built for heaven, and occasionally we remember that. However comfortable we are right now, evil and pain can render us powerless. Our souls groan along with the Holy Spirit, longing to live with Christ in a renewed and perfect world. Whether we’re conscious of it or not, we’re all waiting for Christ to return and make this world right.

This week, challenge yourself to take time out each day, amid the pre-Christmas chaos. Pray the final prayer of the Bible: ‘Come, Lord Jesus.’ Remember the temporary nature of life in this world and Christ’s promise to return and bring true peace. If you’re despairing, it will be a prayer of comfort for you. If you’re comfortable in this life, it may stick in your throat.

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## Stewardship

Our church launched a new Stewardship Campaign, which instead of holding a series of events, decided to focus entirely on one big fund-raising event. The evening became known as “putting all our begs into one askit.”

## **Eritrea re-arrests another 15 Christians**

The Eritrean authorities have recently arrested 15 Christians in raids on their houses in the capital Asmara. All have previously been imprisoned for their faith.

The East African dictatorship shut down most of its churches in 2002, often detaining Christians indefinitely in harsh conditions. Some have been packed into shipping containers in the heat of the desert and tortured to try to force them to renounce their faith.

These latest arrests swept up men and women aged from their late 20s to their 60s. Some have already served up to 16 years behind bars. They have all been taken to Mai Serwa maximum-security prison in the capital. There are now some 160 Christian prisoners in Eritrea. UK-based Release International is supporting Christian refugees from Eritrea.

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## **Doctor Livingstone, I presume?**

It was 150 years ago, on 10<sup>th</sup> November 1871, that Welsh journalist and explorer Henry Morton Stanley located the missing missionary Dr David Livingstone near Lake Tanganyika, in present-day Tanzania. He may or may not have greeted him with the words: “Doctor Livingstone, I presume?” Stanley’s real name was John Rowlands. He was born in Denbigh to an unmarried 18-year-old who abandoned him. He ended up in a workhouse until he was 15, then went to America, where he changed his name and became an American citizen. When he found Livingstone, he was working for the *New York Herald*.

Known for his strength of will, Stanley also had an African name – Bula Matari – Breaker of Rocks. Much of his life was spent in Central Africa, and his reputation was mixed: he was said by some to be violent toward Africans, but by others to have treated them well. His feats as an explorer were impressive: he played a big part in locating the true source of both the Nile and the Congo, and he helped open up the Congo on behalf of King Leopold of Belgium.

Though not overtly religious, he felt he was engaged in a “sacred task”. He was re-naturalised a British subject in 1892, following his marriage

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 Romans 1:20

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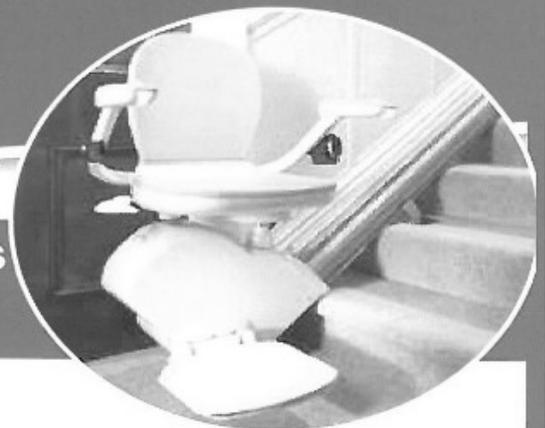
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# When someone you loved is dead

*Editor: Tony Horsfall lost his wife last year to cancer. He is a former missionary in East Malaysia and former retreat leader based in West Yorkshire. This is part one of a two-part series.*

Since my wife passed away in July 2020, I have often been asked, “What are you learning from your grief journey?” Here are a few standout lessons:

That grief takes longer than you think to work itself through, and it can't be rushed. It is a journey you must take slowly.

That when you lose your spouse, you lose not only the person you loved, but the person who loved you. This second loss leaves a hole in your heart, making you very vulnerable to new relationships.

That you will need to re-discover your identity as God's deeply loved child in this season of your life, as if you had never known it before.

That God can be trusted to help you rebuild your life, but trust may not come easily. It is better to focus on God's trustworthiness than on your ability to trust, which may be shaky.

That your experience of grief and your response to loss is unique and personal, so don't compare your journey to that of others.

That good friends can make the journey so much easier. Be prepared to ask for help.

That you will be ambushed by grief. Some things will take you by surprise, especially the little things.

That the loss of a spouse will leave you feeling very lonely, even when you are surrounded by family and friends. This is not a weakness, just a sign of what you have lost.

That loneliness is not a mental illness, just a natural response to being bereaved, and it will get better.

That moving forward is not a sign that you didn't care, but that there is still a life to be lived and not wasted.

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My dear Nephew Darren

You really should not worry about having reversed your car into the bishop's gatepost, knocking it over and destroying his rose-beds. It gives him an opportunity to exercise Christian forgiveness. Your real mistake was scribbling a note of apology and pushing it through his letterbox. Far better would have been to have sent an anonymous letter (and to have written it on lined notepaper in capital letters, preferably in green ink, to make it look truly authentic) saying that you had seen the archdeacon do it, and then you had watched him drive off without stopping. That would have taken the minds of the senior clergy away from parish matters for quite some time.

No, never worry about the wrath of bishops; dangers lurk much nearer home. For a start, never incur the displeasure of your flower arrangers. I only crossed their path once – and arrived in church the following Sunday, to see a ten-foot-high floral arrangement at the front of church. I assumed it was by way of making amends, until I discovered it had been placed in front of the pulpit. I was obliged to preach, hidden behind a large multicoloured hedge, while the congregation listened to what were apparently talking chrysanthemums.

A colleague offended his own ladies and arrived to find that the contents of the safe had been removed and replaced with all those exotic pieces of equipment that seem to be indispensable for arranging flowers. He was obliged to administer Communion using a small vase until peace was re-established and his chalice returned to him.

Similarly, organists are a delicate breed. Congratulate him on the anthem, and if it happened to be unaccompanied, he would assume you were implying that the services were better without his playing. Offend your organist and you can be guaranteed that hymns will be played at either half or double speed, stopping one verse short and that the final piece of music as you process out will stop, leaving you and the choir stranded halfway down the aisle.

And finally, never, ever upset your vergers. One forgotten Christmas present and you can be sure you will get half-way through a baptism to find he hasn't put water in the font; at marriage services, the sheets for last week's funeral will have been accidentally put out and when you sit in your stall you will discover where he now stores the mop and bucket. No, bishops are warm, fluffy bunnies; real dangers lurks much nearer home.

Your loving uncle,

**Eustace**

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## **Boys unhappy about their looks**

Boys have become as unhappy about their looks as girls over the past decade. So warns the Children's Society, which has found a "deeply distressing" downward trend in the wellbeing of children, as it carried out its 10<sup>th</sup> annual review of data collected as part of the Office for National Statistics' Understanding Society survey.

The charity YoungMinds adds: "The last year has been incredibly difficult for lots of young people, with many struggling to cope with social isolation, loneliness and worries about the future."

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## **Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> November**

8am – Communion – All Saints

9.30am – Communion – St Andrews

10.30am – Communion – St Peters

10.30am – Worship Together – All Saints

2.30pm – Memorial Service – All Saints also on zoom

6.30pm – Memorial Service – All Saints also on zoom

**NO COMPLINE**

**Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> November** – St Peters – 10am – Communion

**Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> November** – Armistice Day – 10.50am – Act Of Remembrance – All Saints

**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> November** – Baptism – 12.30pm – All Saints

## **Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> November – Remembrance Sunday**

8am – Communion – All Saints

9.30am – Remembrance Service – St Andrews

**10.15am** – Remembrance Service – St Peters

**10.15am** – Remembrance Service – All Saints

6.30pm – Compline on zoom

**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> November** – St Peters – 10am – Communion

## **Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> November**

8am Communion – All Saints

**10.30am – Team Service at All Saints with AD Nikki Groake**

2.30pm – Memorial Service All Saints - also on zoom

6.30pm – Memorial Service All Saints – also on zoom

**No compline**

**Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> November** – St Peters – 10am – Communion

**Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> November** – All Saints – Wedding – 1pm

## **Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> November**

8am – Communion – All Saints

9.30am – Communion – St Andrews

10.30am – Worship Together – St Peters

10.30am – Communion – All Saints

12.30pm – Baptism – All Saints

6.30pm – Compline on zoom

**Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> November** – St Andrews – 9.30am - Communion