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CHURCH VIEWS

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THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

November 2022

I'm writing this during the half-term school holiday. My daughters and I spent yesterday in the small city of Ripon, in North Yorkshire. We were there because I thought it would be good to see the cathedral, which I couldn't remember ever having visited before.

On entering the building, we were welcomed by a lovely guide who was keen to tell us a bit about the place, giving us leaflets and a floor plan. My older daughter walked around with her floor plan, and remarked to me that she'd noticed the cathedral was built in the shape of a cross. I replied immediately "of course – churches are always built in the shape of a cross". She was surprised, and really fascinated by this fact . *

It's funny: I had assumed she knew this. We often just presume that everyone has the same set of knowledge that we have, don't we? And we often seek out people who are similar to us, who know similar things to us, don't we? That's natural human behaviour – seeking connection to others. But I think it's also really important to remember that not everyone knows the same things we know, believes the same things we believe, or experiences the world in the way we do. I think that it's of real value to learn more about what makes people tick – especially people whose world view is different from ours.

Often, it's all too easy to be drawn in by stereotypes. For example, many people think all Muslims are violent, not least because the media often portrays that view. But if you look deeper into Islam, you realise that, in its purest form, it's actually a religion of peace, and it has more in common with Christianity than you might think.

Christians are also often misunderstood. People can think that we're boring do-gooders, who never put a foot wrong. Or that we live in the clouds and have no concept of what the world is really like. Or that you can't be a Christian unless you're perfect. But we can let people know that Christians are very much rooted in the real world, and that Christianity isn't all about getting everything right – it's about trying to follow the example of Christ but sometimes getting it wrong.

This month, let's try to learn more about others' world views, and break down stereotypical views about our own.

Best wishes,

Gillian France.

* of course, I wasn't actually right about this – **many** churches are built in the shape of a cross, but not all are.



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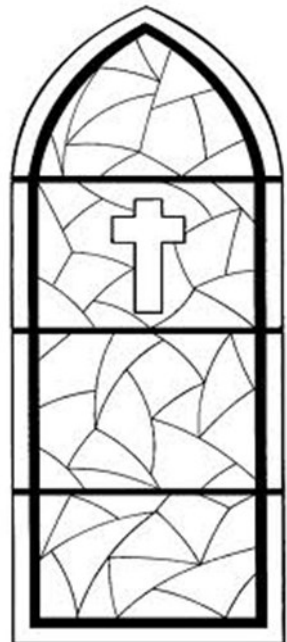


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COMMUNITY NEWS

Forthcoming events

The Parish of Earsdon and Backworth organises a number of social events throughout the year to raise funds and encourage fellowship.

St Alban's:

Our next event is a Curry and Bingo Night at 7.30pm on Saturday 12th November. We are serving Hot Beef Curry or Mild Chicken Curry: a sign up list is at the back of church. We are giving you bingo cards for 8 games but you can buy more cards at £1 each if you wish. Tickets are available in church for £10. Guess who the Bingo Caller is..... Can't? Well you'll need to come and see....

And an early notification from St Alban's & St John's churches' "Wednesday Group" ...

St Alban's and St John's Churches'
Wednesday Group invites you to a
Christmas Party!

Please come along and
celebrate the season, let's eat,
drink & Be Merry

Buffet lunch &
Christmas music.
Wednesday 14th
December at the Eccles
Hall 1.30 - 4.30

Tickets £5.00

RSVP to Ali on 07729 805 957 or Pat on 07561 187 669

Message from
Susan Goodchild:

Just letting everyone know that we raised the grand total of £2500 on Saturday 22nd October in The Eccles Hall.

My heartfelt thanks to everyone who contributed on line, those who came along and supported the event, and a special thanks to all the volunteers who gave their time to help. We couldn't have managed without you all! The photo shows Tim and me raffling a delicious novelty cake on the day.

Thank you,
Susan Goodchild



Sunday 27th November 6.00pm, Advent Carol Service at St Alban's.





What can you do on a Saturday night? We could have stayed in and watched Strictly but with TV recorders set, we preferred to be fed, entertained and to socialise at the St Alban's **Harvest Supper.**

The Great Ayton pies travelled up to Earsdon well and also lived up to expectations, while the delicious Blackberry and Apple Meringue was light and fruity.

Tim organised and compared the evening with his usual expertise, gathering in the volunteers (no pressed men or women here) and put them into order.

Our grateful thanks go to everyone who plucked up the courage to come forward and "do" something to entertain us.

The photographs illustrate just how many people were involved with the show and a good night was had by all.

*Thank you very much,
Joan Armstrong.*









Harvest Supper event by St Alban's church.

Many thanks to Jill Armstrong for the photographs .



BITS 'N' PIECES

It was...

175 years ago, on 4th November 1847 that Scottish obstetrician James Young Simpson discovered the anaesthetic properties of chloroform. He helped popularise its use in medicine.

125 years ago, on 15th November 1897 that Aneurin 'Nye' Bevan, British politician was born. He was the Minister of Health 1945-51 who led the establishment of the National Health Service.

80 years ago, on 5th November 1942 that the WW2 Second Battle of El-Alamein ended. British troops led by Generals Alexander and Montgomery defeated Rommel's German forces in Egypt. On 10th November, Winston Churchill announced: "This is not the end. It is not even

the beginning of the end. But it is, perhaps, the end of the beginning."

75 years ago, on 20th November 1947 that the marriage of Princess Elizabeth and Philip Mountbatten, Duke of Edinburgh, took place at Westminster Abbey in London.

40 years ago, on 2nd November 1982 that Channel 4 Television was launched in the UK.

Also 40 years ago, on 30th November 1982 that Michael Jackson's album *Thriller* was released.

30 years ago, on 11th November 1992 that the Church of England voted to allow women to become priests. The first women were ordained in March 1994.


Also 30 years ago, on 20th November 1992

that the Windsor Castle fire broke out in a private chapel and spread to a large part of the building.

Damage was extensive and took five years to repair, at a cost of £40 million. Buckingham Palace was opened to the public for the first time to help raise the money.

20 years ago, on 11th November 2002 that Microsoft founder Bill Gates pledged \$100 million to help fight AIDS in India.

Also 20 years ago, on 15th November 2002 that Myra Hindley, one of the notorious 'Moors Murderers' (with Ian Brady) died.

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Parish War Memorial Panels, St Edward's Church

November always turns our thoughts to those who gave their lives in the 'War to end all Wars' and the second World War which sadly followed.

St Edward's Parish, as it was then, like so many others, suffered losses out of all proportion to its size. Headed "Blessed are they that mourn, for they shall be comforted", the 1914-18 memorial panel lists 17 soldiers and sailors. Unlike many memorials of the time, the list is alphabetical and not by rank, so it begins with a Private, John Barry of the New Zealand Rifle Brigade, and ends with a Captain, Herbert White of the Tyneside Irish. The panel ends with a commemoration of all those killed while serving with the Tyneside Irish.



The 103rd (Tyneside Irish) Infantry Brigade consisted of four 'Pals Battalions' incorporated into the North-umberland Fusiliers. 'Pals Battalions' were formed from volunteers with a common bond, like the 'Tyneside Scottish', and 'Tyneside Irish' sharing a common ancestral or religious heritage or the 'Tyneside Commercial' who were all office workers.

Like all such local battalions, losses hit their communities very hard. In 1916 on only the first day of the Battle of the Somme, 1100 men of the Tyneside Irish were killed and hundreds more wounded; its losses continued to mount right up to the Armistice in 1918. The Colour of the 27th Battalion NF (2nd Battalion Tyneside Irish) is laid up in St Mary's Cathedral.



The World War II memorial panel is mercifully shorter with 9 names, including one woman, Private Norienne Phoebe Quinn, marking the vital contribution made by women in that conflict.

May they and all their comrades rest in peace

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Luncheon Club



Luncheon Club has made a very welcome return after its pandemic absence, greatly cheering up a very rainy October day. A great lunchtime and a big thank you to everyone who made it possible. *GerryLatimer*

Parish Mass Times

St Edward's: Sunday 10.00am, Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday 9.30am

Immaculate Heart of Mary: Saturday 6.00pm, Wednesday, Friday 9.30am

Smile-lines

With the rugby in mind

The trouble with referees is that they just don't care which side wins. –
T. Canterbury

What happens then?

A little boy was taken Christmas shopping by his mother. He watched the escalator going down for several minutes, and then asked with concern: “What happens when the ground floor gets full of steps?”

Purring

Little George was visiting his aunt. He found the cat in a sunny window purring cheerfully. “Oh Auntie, come quick,” cried George. “The cat has gone to sleep and left his engine running.”

Quiet

A Sunday School teacher asked her children: “And why is it necessary to be quiet in church?” One little girl replied helpfully: “Because people are sleeping.”

Wife

A Sunday School teacher was teaching how God created everything, including human beings. One little boy seemed especially intent when she explained how Eve was created out of one of Adam's ribs. Later in the week his mother noticed him lying down as though he were ill. The little boy explained worriedly: “I have a pain in my side. I think I'm going to have a wife.”

Life and death

The vicar was preaching a powerful sermon concerning death and judgment. In the course of the sermon, he said: “Just think – all of you living in this parish will one day die.” At this, a man in the front pew began to laugh quietly. After the service the vicar demanded sternly what he had found so funny about his sermon. The man replied: “I was just happy that I don't live in this parish!”

With huge apologies to Ali Griffiths and all at St John's church, for forgetting to include this in the paper version of this magazine! *Jean.*
Sack the editor!

ST JOHN'S CHURCH,
BACKWORTH

AUTUMN FAYRE !

SATURDAY 19th NOVEMBER



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A message from Ali Griffiths, following his sponsored walk in aid of “March for Men - Prostate Cancer” that you may have read about in October’s Church Views magazine. Ali says:

I called into Morrison’s Tynemouth to say a big Thank You to Gaynor Drake-Browning and Simon Routledge for all their help and encouragement over the past few months, and especially for Match Funding my fundraising efforts. I raised £2,224.69 which was matched by Morrison’s, taking the total amount to a whopping £4449.38 !!! I want to say thank you to all who donated, and to all those who sponsored me, and thank you to everyone who has supported me throughout.

Ali xx



Earsdon Methodist Church

Preachers for November 2022

Thursday	3rd	Church Council Meeting - 2..00pm.
Sunday	6th	Rev'd. David Wynd - Holy Communion.
Sunday	13th	Service at the Cenotaph.
Sunday	20th	Mr. Roger Gordon.
Sunday	27th	(Advent 1) Rev'd. Tony Farrar.

It isn't because we like Church Council meetings that there is another meeting planned for 3rd November, it is because last month's meeting had to be cancelled. Anyone of our congregation who is interested in the business of the Church is welcome to the meeting.

We wish John Bowen a belated "Happy 80th Birthday". Although we haven't seen John and Sylvia for a while we hope they are soon well enough to get back to Church and we can have a good catch up.

Norman Bloomfield

PASSENGERS

Some time ago I saw a sign on the back of a bus which said, **“If you are not driving, be a good passenger.”** This was of course an attempt to encourage readers to take a journey on that particular bus. A little later after one particular journey I made giving someone a lift, I wondered if I get could get such a sign for my car. Most people are very polite about my driving, even when it is less than it should be, but on that occasion the person concerned became very jumpy after I had crunched my gears – only once mind you.

I could see the point of view of my passenger, but in spite of all my reassurances, nothing would change the passenger’s view.

Well, passengers come in all shapes, sizes and shades of opinion: ~ some are quite relaxed and good conversationalists. Some are good map readers and direction givers. Others never say a word and couldn’t tell a road map from a knitting pattern. But those I find the most difficult are those who are unnecessarily critical of my driving and give a running commentary of the road conditions; oncoming cyclists; speed restrictions and much more. I am not saying that sometimes I do need a gentle reminder of something I have missed, but a constant report about everything around can be quite tiring.

I was once told a story (believe it or not) about a car passenger who became more and more nervous as the journey went on; and at every opportunity told the driver not to talk, but to concentrate on the road. After watching the driver change gear once or twice, she eventually became so exasperated that she said, “Will you please keep both hands on the wheel and forget about that stick. I can stir the petrol for you while you drive if you like.”

Not everyone is a driver; in fact, we all spend most of our time sitting alongside others in all sorts of circumstances, not just in cars and busses, and it helps no-one if we are over anxious or extra critical.

So if you do see that sign anywhere **“If you are not driving, be a good passenger.”** – let me know and I will buy it.

For we all need to be encouraged to be good passengers.

Wes Blakey

St. Alban's and St. John's



Diary Page for November 2022

Wed	2nd	9.30am	Holy Communion	St Alban's
Sunday	6th		<u>Third before Advent</u>	
		8.30am	Holy Communion	St John's
		10.00am	Holy Communion	St Alban's
Thursday	10th	9.30am	Holy Communion	St John's
Sunday	13th		<u>Remembrance Sunday</u>	
		8.30am	Holy Communion	St John's
		10.00am	Holy Communion	St Alban's
Wed	16th	9.30am	Holy Communion	St Alban's
Sunday	20th		<u>Christ The King</u>	
		8.30am	Holy Communion	St John's
		10.00am	Holy Communion	St Alban's
Thursday	24th	9.30am	Holy Communion	St John's
Sunday	27th		<u>Advent Sunday</u>	
		8.30am	Holy Communion	St John's
		10.00am	Holy Communion	St Alban's
Wed	30th	9.30am	Holy Communion	St Alban's
Sunday	4th Dec		<u>Second Sunday in Advent</u>	
		8.30am	Holy Communion	St John's
		10.00am	Holy Communion	St Alban's

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St. Alban's and St. John's

Sunday Gospel Readings for November 2022 :

6th	13th	20th
Luke 20.27-38	To be advised	Luke 23.33-43
27th	4th December	
Matthew 24. 36-44	TBA	

Remembrance Sunday:

- * Sunday 13th November Holy Communion 8.30am at St John's
- * Sunday 13th November Act of Remembrance, starting in St Alban's and processing down to Earsdon War Memorial as per tradition. The church service in St Alban's, Front Street, Earsdon begins at 10.00am. The people then process down Front Street to the War Memorial outside the Red Lion, at about 10.45am. Everyone is welcome to attend.
- * There is also a War Memorial ceremony in Backworth at 12noon on Sunday November 13th.



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Please note - all material for next month's magazine (December 2022) will need to be in before Wednesday, 23rd November 2022. Thank you, *Jean*.

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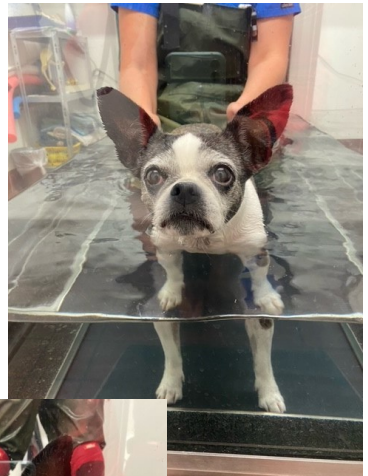
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Well I've been trying something new this month. I've been going to hydrotherapy sessions to help my dodgy knee and ageing joints. It's very strange. I go into this big glass box, it fills with water, and then the floor starts moving! It's not too bad as mum gives me treats just for walking. Mum has also started walking me in circles which is quite bizarre; personally I think she's going a bit mad.

I hear we will be getting another Prime Minister soon, nobody stays in that job very long. I think I will apply; my ideas are far better than most I have seen and they clearly need someone who can keep them all in line with a modicum of sense. Which is me! Votes for dogs!

It was lovely to see everyone at the harvest supper, what talented people we have in our congregation! I'm really looking forward to the bingo and curry night, I've been practicing spotting numbers so I can recognise them quickly. Must remember to bring my dabber so I know which is mine.

Lots of dabbings
Marti xxx



WORDSEARCH

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

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