

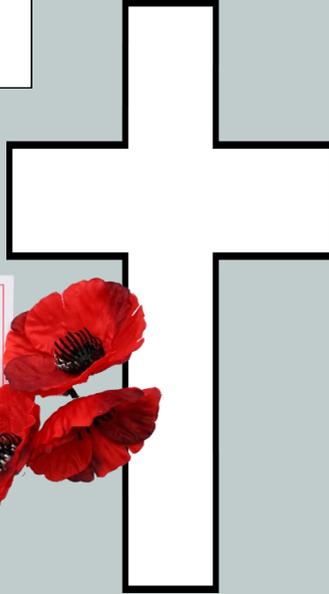


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**November
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THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

November 2024

War and Peace

John Lennon wrote: *'Imagine there's no countries, It isn't hard to do, Nothing to kill or die for, And no religion too. Imagine all the people living life in peace.'* But on Remembrance Sunday, we should reflect on war past and present, and consider the real way to peace.

The way of war: *'What causes fights and quarrels among you? Don't they come from your desires that battle within you? You desire but do not have, so you kill.'* (James 4:1-2). James reminds us that war has its basis in our own hearts, with the selfish desires that exploit, bully and kill others to get our own way. Sadly, when nations allow these inner selfish attitudes to determine their policy the result is war. Only God can establish true peace.

The way of peace: Isaiah, 2,700 years before John Lennon, also imagined a future of peace without any war: *'They will beat their swords into ploughshares and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation will not take up sword against nation, nor will they train for war anymore.'* (Isaiah 2:4).

Only Jesus, the Prince of Peace, can bring true peace to our lives and world. Jesus did not experience the horror of battle, but He did die an horrific death at the hand of the Romans. He gave His life sacrificially, as He took God's anger at our sin on Himself and went on to conquer death in His resurrection. He did this out of love for us, and calls us to love others in the same way: *'Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends.'* (John 15:13).

How can we demonstrate such love ourselves? We can be confident in God's plan to bring an end to all wars when Jesus returns.

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Dorel and Joanne's Romanian night at the Eccles Hall.







Everyone thoroughly enjoyed this special evening provided by Joanne and Dorel.

It was a little bit different, with so many people dressed up in Romanian attire, as you can see.



I wonder what the Romanian food was like, but by all accounts it was very well appreciated and all plates were emptied.

Well done
Dorel and Joanne, and of course all of your helpers!



Weather for the month of November.

Direct from the Captain's Charts.

Monday 4th to Thursday 14th November 2024.

High pressure is likely to dominate the weather across many parts of the UK during this period, courtesy of the high-altitude Jet Stream positioned to the north of the British Isles. This will result in plenty of dry and settled weather for most, although it may be fairly cloudy at times. Where the skies are clear overnight, some areas of fog and frost are likely to develop. Southern areas of the UK are expected to be mainly dry during this period, while more unsettled conditions and periods of rain are more likely to affect the north in particularly the north and northwest of Scotland. Winds will likely be light in the south, but there could be some spells of strong winds across the north, northeast including westerly regions later towards the end of the forecasted period.

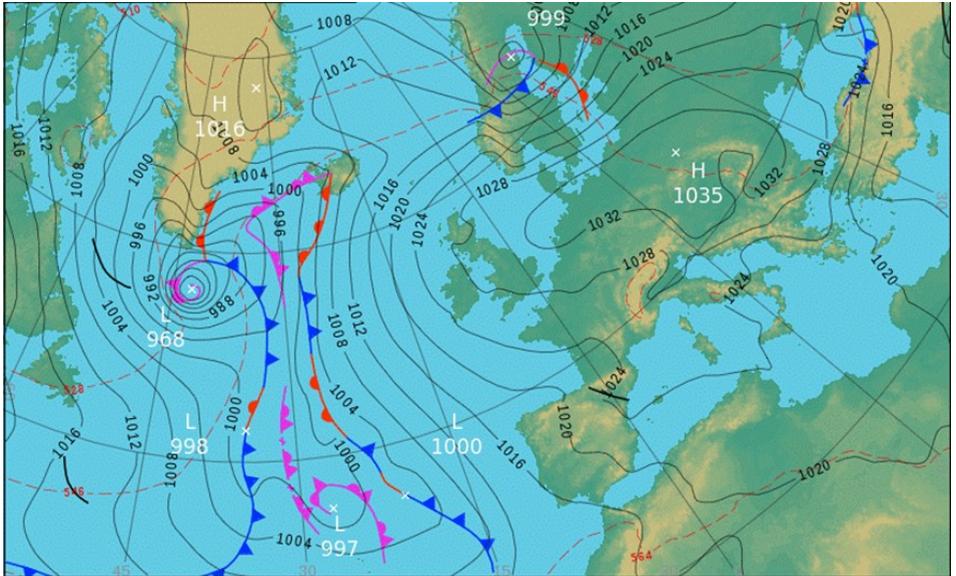
Air temperatures will probably be close to normal overall, although some cold nights are likely at times.

Friday 15th to Saturday 30th November 2024.

After a relatively settled start to November, around mid-month there will probably be a change toward more unsettled conditions for a time. This means an increased chance of wet and windy weather for many parts of the UK, perhaps more so in the south. However, there is low forecasting confidence, in determining the duration and timings of the unsettled periods of wetter or drier weather.

More settled conditions are expected to dominate by the end of the month. Air temperatures will probably be close to average overall, although some colder interludes are very possible. UV and Air Pollution values are likely to remain low throughout the forecasted period.

North Atlantic Surface Pressure Chart Prediction for 12:00 hrs (UTC) on Sunday 3rd November 2024.



David Gibson

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News from Our Lady Star of the Sea



On this Remembrance Sunday we will recall those who gave their lives in the wars that so destructively marked the passage of the 20th Century and particularly those on the parish Memorials. We should also remember those who survived, every one of them changed by their time in uniform, who came back to spend the rest of their lives serving our communities. This year I would like to pay a tribute to two very brave men who survived the Great War, and then served us as priests in our local parishes.

Fr Charles Aloysius Marshall, MC and Bar

2nd Lt Marshall of the Durham Light Infantry was awarded the Military Cross for ‘conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty leading a daylight raid on the enemy’s position’. When a Captain, he was awarded a second MC for leading an attack ‘over 1000 yards.. capturing many prisoners, machine guns and two field guns...setting a splendid example of courage’. A splendid example indeed, and enough to change his direction. Upon discharge he entered Ushaw College seminary and was ordained as a priest on 2nd April 1923. In 1935 he was appointed parish priest at St Edmund’s in Backworth where he celebrated his silver jubilee in 1943. The parish gift of £400 to mark the occasion was a measure of the love and respect in which he was held. He died in the presbytery, while still serving as parish priest. He was only 55 years old.



Fr Edmund Kane MC

Fr Edmund was ordained in 1910 and served with the Army Chaplains Department and was awarded the Military Cross for gallantry and devotion to duty going out to help the wounded and anointing the dying and the dead while under heavy machine gun and artillery fire. He



‘moved from shell hole to shell hole with a complete disregard for his own safety’.

He was appointed parish priest at St Aidan’s in Benton in 1928 and opened the current church in 1960 shortly before his sudden death while about to celebrate his Golden Jubilee. He took on the role of chaplain again during World War II, although this time unofficially. He was certainly regarded as that by the Polish airmen of E Flight, 950 Squadron, based at RAF Longbenton. He made sure that they were welcome to attend Mass and receive the sacraments. Equally important to these men in a foreign land, he ensured they were welcomed into homes in the parish and were invited to the popular parish dances. In a final and touching gesture of thanks, on leaving in 1944, they presented him with their plaque of Our Lady of Czestochowa, which they had carried all over the UK during their service. It is still displayed in St Aidan’s.



This picture shows Polish airmen praying before a temporary altar in a hangar ‘somewhere in England’, possibly Longbenton. The plaque is visible above the altar.

We are blessed to have been served by two such exceptional men.

Gerry Latimer, Parish of Our Lady star of the Sea

Parish Mass Times

St Edward’s: Sunday 9.30am, Tuesday & Friday 9.30am

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

St Mary’s: Sunday 11.00am, Thursday 10.00am, Saturday 10.00am

From Rev'd Tim Mayfield

THE NETTY PROJECT CONTINUES!

What's become of the porch?



From inside
the Media
Room,
22 October
2024. →



The kitchen skeleton



And now the kitchen is plasterboarded ...



From inside the kitchen, looking through the hatch!



And the demolished wall behind the font.



Julie Andrews Turning 79.

To commemorate her birthday, actress/vocalist, Julie Andrews made a special appearance at Manhattan's Radio City Music Hall. One of the musical numbers she performed was 'My Favourite Things' from the legendary movie 'Sound Of Music'. Here are the lyrics she used:

(This is even better if you sing it.)

Botox and nose drops and needles for knitting,
Walkers and handrails and new dental fittings,
Bundles of magazines tied up in string,
These are a few of my favourite things.

Cadillacs and cataracts, hearing aids and glasses,
Polident and Fixodent and false teeth in glasses,
Pacemakers, golf carts and porches with swings,
These are a few of my favourite things.

When the pipes leak, When the bones creak,
When the knees go bad,
I simply remember my favourite things,
And then I don't feel so bad.

Hot tea and crumpets and corn pads for bunions,
No spicy hot food or food cooked with onions,
Bathrobes and heating pads and hot meals they bring,
These are a few of my favourite things.

Back pain, confused brains and no need for sinnin',
Thin bones and fractures and hair that is thinnin',
And we won't mention our short shrunken frames,
When we remember our favourite things.

When the joints ache, When the hips break,
When the eyes grow dim,
Then I remember the great life I've had,
And then I don't feel so bad.

Thanks Joan, for finding this absolute gem.

Just to keep you smiling during a generally miserable month, here are a few actual comments made on students' reports by teachers in the New York City public school system.
(All teachers were reprimanded.)

Since my last report, your child has reached rock bottom and has started to dig.

I would not allow this student to breed.

Your child has delusions of adequacy.

Your son is depriving a village somewhere of an idiot.

Your son sets low personal standards and then consistently fails to achieve them.

He has a "full six-pack" but lacks the plastic thing to hold it all together.

Music at No. 27

Our thanks to David Stannard for an exhilarating recital that he gave us on Saturday 12th October. David's playing can be sensitive or strong, powerful or very fast, but always played with such feeling. Playing works from Mozart, Beethoven, Chopin and Liszt without sheet music is a wonder to see. Such an accomplished pianist, we are so lucky to have him playing for us.

Thank you to those who came and donated to the Netty Fund.



(Many thanks, Joan.)

St. Alban's and St. John's

Diary Page for November 2024

Sunday	3rd	<u>Fourth Sunday before Advent</u>	
		Reformation Day	
		9.00am	Holy Communion St John's
		10.30am	Holy Communion St Alban's
		6pm	Memorial Service St Alban's
Wednesday	6th	9.30am	Holy Communion St John's
Sunday	10th	<u>Remembrance Sunday</u>	
<i>Please meet in the Eccles Hall for 10.30am before processing to Earsdon War Memorial.</i>			
Thursday	14th	No weekday service	
Sunday	17th	<u>Second Sunday before Advent</u>	
		9.00am	Holy Communion St John's
		10.30am	Holy Communion St Alban's
Thursday	21st	9.30am	Holy Communion St John's
Sunday	24th	<u>Christ The King</u>	
		9.00am	Holy Communion St John's
		10.30am	Holy Communion St Alban's
Wednesday	27th	9.30am	Holy Communion St John's
Sunday	1st Dec	<u>Advent Sunday</u>	
		9.00am	Holy Communion St John's
		10.30am	Holy Communion St Alban's
		6.00pm	Advent Carol Service St Alban's

St. Alban's and St. John's

Sunday Gospel Readings for November 2024 :

3rd	17th	24th
Mark 12. 28-34	Mark 13. 1-8	John 18. 33-37

1st December

Luke 21. 25-36

Please note: while there are building works at St Alban's church, all of the weekday morning services will be at St John's.

The Sunday services will continue to take place as before.

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Please note - all material for next month's magazine (December) will need to be in before Wednesday 27th November. Thank you.

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All in the Month of November

It was ...

250 years ago, on 22 Nov 1774 that Robert Clive, 1st Baron Clive (Clive of India), died. He was the British general who helped found the British Empire in India.

150 years ago, on 23rd Nov 1874 that Thomas Hardy's novel *Far from the Maddening Crowd* was published. It was his first major success.

125 years ago, from 2nd Nov 1899 to 28 Feb 1900 that the Siege of Ladysmith, a British Colony, took place. The Boers surrounded the town and cut off the rail link, starving the British defenders. A relief party, which included future British Prime Minister Winston Churchill, arrived on 28th Feb. British victory.

100 years ago, on 2nd Nov 1924 that the first crossword puzzle to appear in a British newspaper was published in the Sunday Express.

Also 100 years ago, on 29th Nov 1924 that Giacomo Puccini, Italian composer, died. Known for his operas, including *La Boheme*, *Tosca* and *Madame Butterfly*.

65 years ago, on 1st Nov 1959 that the first stretch of the M1 motorway

opened in Britain. Britain's first motorway service station also opened at Watford Gap.

60 years ago, on 23rd Nov 1964 that the Second Vatican Council allowed the use of vernacular languages (such as English) in Roman Catholic sacraments and rituals, including the Mass. It had insisted on using only Latin for several hundred years. Most people welcomed the change, and the use of Latin quickly dwindled.

50 years ago, on 8th Nov 1974 that British aristocrat Lord Lucan disappeared from his home in London after his children's nanny was bludgeoned to death and his wife was attacked. There were hundreds of claims of sightings around the world in the following years, but none were substantiated. He was never found and is presumed dead.

40 years ago, on 25th Nov 1984 that 36 musicians gathered in London to record the Band Aid single *Do They Know It's Christmas* to raise money for famine relief in Ethiopia.

10 years ago, on 3rd Nov 2014 that the One World Trade Center officially opened in New York City. It replaced the World Trade Center that was destroyed in the 9/11 terrorist attacks in 2001.

WORDSEARCH

Remembrance Day this year has a special significance – it was 80 years ago this June that the D-Day Landings of the Second World War took place.

Those D-Day Landings and the Battle of Normandy led to the liberation of France and Europe. And this year the Normandy region has been celebrating – with events including synchronized fireworks at the major D-Day sites, a giant picnic on Omaha Beach, Liberation balls, bagpipe parades, and international parachuting of hundreds of soldiers above Sainte-Mère-Église.

It has been estimated that between 15 and 20 million people died in Europe alone during the Second World War. Worldwide, an estimated 75 million people died.

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